

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Carlisle, \_\_\_\_\_ County.

Catherine C. Mason, \_\_\_\_\_

of said State and County, desiring to avail

herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, General Assembly, approved March 18, 1914, hereby submits her proofs, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.)

Catherine C. Mason, Bardwell, Carlisle County, Kentucky.

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? Seventy eight years, since birth.

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Born in Hickman, County, Kentucky, lived here all of my life. --- maiden name, --- Catherine C. Oneal.

4. When and where was your husband born—state his full name, and where were you and he married, and who performed the marriage ceremony. (A copy of the marriage license or affidavits of two or more persons who know when the applicant was married to her husband, must accompany the application) Born in 1841, in Ballard County, Kentucky.

W. T. Mason, Married in Ballard County, in 1861, married by Curly Denton, Christian Minister.

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?

Enlisted in 1861 at Columbus, Kentucky. First enlisted in 22nd, Tenn. Col. Freeman and Capt. Stewart, transferred to Company M. 3rd, Kentucky, A.P. Thomson, Col. J. Cloy Horn, Capt. General Forrest, in 1865.

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? From June, 1861, to the surrender of

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender?

Disbanded in Mississippi, probably at Tupelo.

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? yes.

9. If not with his command at surrender, state clearly and specifically where he was, when he left command, for what cause and by what authority?

10. When and where did your husband die? June, 23rd, 1928. near Bardwell, in Carlisle County, Ky.

11. At the time of your husband's death, were you living with him as his lawful wife? yes.

12. Have you married since the death of your soldier husband? no.

13. What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value? Owns life interest in 30 Acres of land, which interest has a very small rental value. No personal property of any value.

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? Have no family; live with my son Avery Mason, Bardwell, Kentucky.

15. Name some friend, giving his name and postoffice address, who will be willing to have us write to him about your case if necessary F. S. Petrie, Bardwell, Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

2nd day of July, 1928  
C. F. Coil, County Clerk  
of Carlisle, County.

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Catherine C. Mason  
mark.

Attest C. F. Coil,

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Carlise, }  
County.

T. H. Coil and R. M. Rowland, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Catherine C. Mason for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, approved March 18, 1914, after being duly sworn, true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and what is your postoffice address? T. H. Coil and R. M. Rowland, Bardwell, Kentucky.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Catherine C. Mason, yes. If so, how long have you known her? Fifty years or longer.
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Resides near Bardwell, Ky, and has all of her life.
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? yes.
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? no.
6. How long did you know him? for at least 50 years.
7. When and where did W. J. Mason enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Enlisted at Columbus, Kentucky, in 1861, first enlisted in 22nd Tenn, later transferred to Company M, 3rd Kentucky Col, U.S. Thompson.
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? No.
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? from 1861 to 1865.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? In Mississippi, probably at Tupelo, with Gen. Forrest.
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? no.
12. Was W. J. Mason, the husband of applicant, present? yes.
13. If not present, where was he? \_\_\_\_\_
14. When and where did he leave his command? \_\_\_\_\_
- For what causes? \_\_\_\_\_
- By whose authority did he leave? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) We know this, partly of our own knowledge and from the records that we know or believe to be correct.
15. When and where did W. J. Mason die? near Bardwell, in Carlise Co. Kentucky, June 23rd 1928.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? near Bardwell in Carlise Co, Ky, and had resided in Kentucky all of life.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of W. J. Mason? yes.

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? yes,  
has never married,

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?  
She has a life time dower in 30 acres of land, which will bring in a very small income. No personal property of any value. By being well acquainted with the facts.

20. Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any money, if so, what was it, and to whom?  
no,

NOTE.—Let the witness who can answer the greatest number of questions do so; then let the other witness state in the space below how much of the testimony of the first witness he concurs in, and whether or not he can answer any of the questions not answered by the first witness.

Both witnesses concur with each other in all of the foregoing questions.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 130th  
day of June, 1928.  
C. H. Coil, County  
Clerk of Carlisle Co. Ky.

R. H. Rowland  
T. H. Coil  
Witnesses.

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE MUST BE FILLED OUT WHETHER THE APPLICANT OWNS ANY TAXABLE PROPERTY OR NOT.

I, B. P. Edgington Judge of Carlisle County, Kentucky,  
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Catherine C. Mason  
the widow of N. T. Mason amounts to \$ 1000.<sup>00</sup> real estate and  
\$ no, personal B. P. Edgington Co. Judge,  
For Carlisle County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

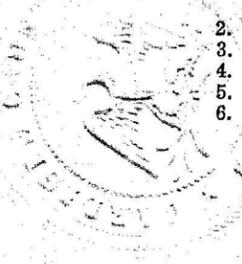
Carlisle County.

I, C. H. Coil Clerk ~~or Notary Public~~ in and for said county, hereby  
certify that the applicant, Mrs. Catherine C. Mason resides in said county, and has been  
a bona fide resident of this State since the day of all of her life 19    , and that the wit-  
nesses, Mr. R. H. Rowland and T. H. Coil  
are of trustworthy character, and that their statements are entitled to full faith and credit.

I do further certify that before answering the foregoing questions, the applicant and said witnesses took the oath herein prescribed,  
and the full text of the affidavits was read to the applicant and witnesses before the same was signed and subscribed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9th day of July, 1928.  
(SEAL) C. H. Coil, County Clerk  
of Carlisle County.

- Note—1. Before any questions are answered, the Clerk or Notary shall swear applicant and the witnesses in the following words: "You do solemnly swear that you will true answers make to each of the questions asked of you, and the evidence you shall give will be the whole truth; so help you God."  
2. Additional affidavits may be attached, if blank spaces are insufficient.  
3. All affidavits must be made before an officer using a seal.  
4. Only widows who were the wives of soldiers need apply—and are now widows. Those married since Jan. 1st, 1890, not entitled.  
5. Two witnesses are necessary to make out claims.  
6. Attach certified copy marriage license in every case, or certificate of County Court Clerk, under seal, that license is filed in his office duly certified by officiating minister, or the affidavit of the officiating minister, or the affidavit of a witness of the ceremony, or the affidavit of two witnesses who knew them as man and wife, prior to January 1, 1890, and knew that they were living together on the date of his death.



**NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.**

The Widows' Pension Law, passed by the Kentucky Legislature, provides for the widows of *soldiers only*, and they must have been residents of the State of Kentucky since January 1, 1907.

Widow must have married prior to 1890.

To be eligible the applicant must have remained a widow after the death of her soldier husband, and must be indigent.

Read the questions in the application carefully and answer them fully.

Read the law, and unless you come clearly under the laws it will be useless to file application.

*Original.*

No. *4519*

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Catherine C. Mason*

*Res in office -  
Aug 14 1928*

Widow of \_\_\_\_\_

*admitted Aug 27/1928  
B F Day Comr*

All blanks on this filing to be filled by the Pension Board.

*Filed in my office  
this July 9th 1928  
By C. F. Coile, Clerk  
By Ueraw Head, Sec*



CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Catherine C. Mason, widow of  
W. T. Mason, who enlisted in  
22nd Tenn. Inf~~ly~~ and trans-  
ferred to Company, "M,  
Tennessee Infantry, and  
served until close of the war.  
Proven by the records.

Indigent.

*B. J. Day  
Comm.*

C. F. COIL  
CLERK CARLISLE COUNTY COURT  
BARDWELL, KY.

August  
Thirteenth  
1928

Hon. B. F. Day,  
Confederate Pension Commissioner,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

My dear Sir;

Enclosed herewith you will find the pension applications of Mrs. A. F. Loudermilk, and Mrs. Catharine Mason.

Mrs. Loudermilk, is the widow of A. J. Loudermilk, deceased. Mr. Loudermilk never filed an application for pension due to that fact that at all times during his life he was ineligible for pension because he owned more property than allowed by the Pension Act.

Since Mr. Loudermilk's death a drainage tax and ditch has been established ~~tax~~ over the land of Mr. Loudermilk, and has rendered the same worthless and valueless.

Mrs. Mason, is the widow of W.T. Mason, already on the pension rolls, and the application is merely for a change of the pension as Uncle Billy died some weeks ago.

Both of these claims are meritorious, come within the plain provisions of the act, and I am confident that you will find no trouble in allowing both of these claims.

With the kindest of regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

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*C. F. Coil*  
Clerk, Carlisle County Court.

Carlisle County Court,  
Regular Term, August 13th, 1928.

Judge Ben P. Edrington, presiding.

Upon the sworn testimony of R.W. Rowland, Sheriff of Carlisle County, Kentucky, and Ed Yates, Clerk of the Carlisle County Circuit Court, it is found and adjudged as follows;

~~That Catharine Mason, is the widow of W. T. Mason, deceased, and that she has remained his widow.~~

That she is a resident and citizen of Carlisle County, Kentucky, and has been for the last fifty years.

That she owns no property save and except a dower right in and to thirty acres of land in Carlisle County, Ky. which does not have a value in excess of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

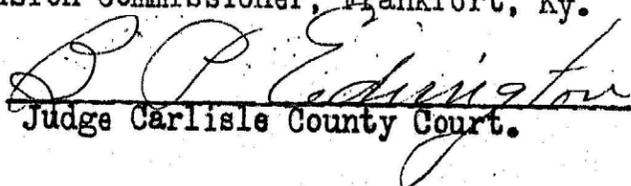
That she has no income, nor owns no other property.

That the said Cathrine C. Mason, is not able to labor in whole or in part for a livelihood on account of mature years .

That the said Cathrine C. Mason, is an invalid.

That R. O. Willingham, County Attorney, was present and represented the Commonwealth upon this hearing.

Whereofre the claim of said Cathrien C. Mason, is recommended, and the same is ordered certified to Hon. B. F. Day, Condeferate Pension Commissioner, Frankfort, Ky.

  
Judge Carlisle County Court.

August, 15th, 1928-

Mrs. Catherine C. Mason.  
Bardwell, Ky,

My dear Madam:

Your application for pension has been received in this office, but you failed to inclose a copy of the marriage license. If, for any reason the office has been destroyed with the records therein, and you cannot procure a copy, an affidavit from the County Clerk stating this fact may be sent, and the affidavit of two or more witnesses to the ceremony could be used. However, we consider a copy of the marriage license the best proof,

Very Truly,

Comm.

Affiants, J. D. Mason, age 67 years, and Marion Farrow, age 70 years, whose postoffice address and county of residence is Bardwell, Carlisle County, Kentucky, state that they and each of them were acquainted with William T. Mason during his lifetime and are personally and well acquainted with Catharine C. Mason, the surviving widow of William T. Mason, deceased.

Affiants state that they and each of them were personally present at the marriage of William T. Mason to Catharine C. Mason (nee O'Neal), which marriage occurred in Ballard (now Carlisle County), Kentucky, on the 12th day of March, 1866.

Affiants state that William T. Mason and Catharine C. Mason have lived continuously together as husband and wife since their marriage and have at all times resided in what is now Carlisle, but what was formerly a part of Ballard County,

Kentucky.

They state that Rev. Curley Denton, now deceased, was the minister of the gospel who performed the marriage ceremony between the said William T. Mason and Catharine C. Mason (nee O'Neal).

J. D. Mason  
Marion Farrow

Subscribed and sworn to before me by J. D. Mason and Marion Farrow, this 25th day of August, 1928.

Ed. F. Farrow  
Clerk Carlisle Circuit Court.



C. F. COIL  
CLERK CARLISLE COUNTY COURT  
BARDWELL, KY.

State of Kentucky,  
County of Carlisle, Sct;

The affiant, C. F. Coil, Clerk of the Carlisle County Court, upon oath, deposes and says that the record of the marriage of W. T. Mason and Catherine C. Oneal was a part of the records of the Ballard County Court, before the county was divided and Carlisle County made a part thereof; and that the records of said Ballard County were destroyed by fire about the year of 1880 or some time before the counties were divided, and that the record of this marriage was a part of the records destroyed.

C. F. Coil - County Court  
Clerk, Carlisle County.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th, day of August,  
1928.

Ed. Yates  
Clerk Carlisle Circuit Court.



August, 27, 1928-

Mrs. Catherine C. Mason.  
Bardwell, Ky,

My dear Madam:

The statement from the County Clerk regarding the marriage license has been received, and is satisfactory. Your pension is allowed from this date, August 27th, and a voucher and certificate will be mailed you October, 15th, which is the regular time for sending out vouchers.

Very Truly,

Comm.