

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Carlisle

County.

--Belle Jennings, widow of Polk Jennings

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)

Belle Jennings, Bardwell, Carlisle County, Ky. R.F.D.#1

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? For 79 years, all life.

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Carlisle County (the Ballard Co.)

April 27th 1851.

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) Husband Polk Jennings was born in same county in 1844:

Was married to Polk Jennings, June 8th 1869, ceremony performed by Bro. Hedgeman Graves, now deceased.

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

Co. M. Third Ky, Regt. in August 1864.

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? Till close of war.

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? April 1865 near Selma, Alabama.

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? near Bardwell, Ky, August 6th 1928.

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? None

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? Have three children at home: Roland Jennings, age 34, Ben Jennings age 32 and Effie Jennings Rollins, age 36.

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

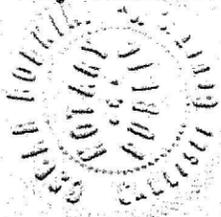
Oscar Bodkin, Bardwell, Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 27th day of August 1928, 192

Oscar Bodkin  
Notary Public of Carlisle County.

My Commission Expires April 26, 1930

Belle Jennings  
Witness Oscar Bodkin



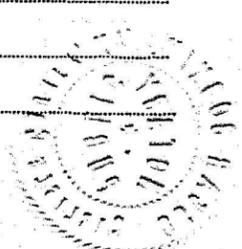
# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Carlisle  
County.

John D. Mason, and Joe W. Bishop, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Belle Jennings 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? John D. Mason, and J. W. Bishop
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Belle Jennings  
If so, how long have you known her? 35 years and 58 years respectively.
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? She resides in Carlisle County, near Bardwell, Ky., and she has so resided all 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? 35 years and 58 years respectively.
7. When and where did Polk Jennings enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Co. M. Third Kentucky Regiment. This statement is made from reputation and general understanding.
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? Till close of war. This statement is made from reputation and hearsay.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No
12. Was Polk Jennings, the husband of applicant, present?  
It is said by those that know that he was.
13. If not present, where was he?
14. When and where did he leave his command?  
For what cause?  
By whose authority did he leave?  
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.)
15. When and where did Polk Jennings die?  
August 6th 1928, near Bardwell, Ky.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?  
Resided in Carlisle County, Ky., near Bardwell, and for all his life.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Polk Jennings?  
Yes



18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? .....  
Yes

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?.....  
None

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.

Concur except where noted.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st  
day of September 1928

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public

*J. D. Mason*  
*J. W. Bishop*



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

I, *B. P. Edinger* Judge of *Carlisle* County, Kentucky,  
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Belle Jennings*  
the widow of *Bob Jennings* amounts to \$ *None* real estate and  
\$ *None* personal *B. P. Edinger* Trustee.  
For \_\_\_\_\_ County, Ky.

### Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Carlisle* County.

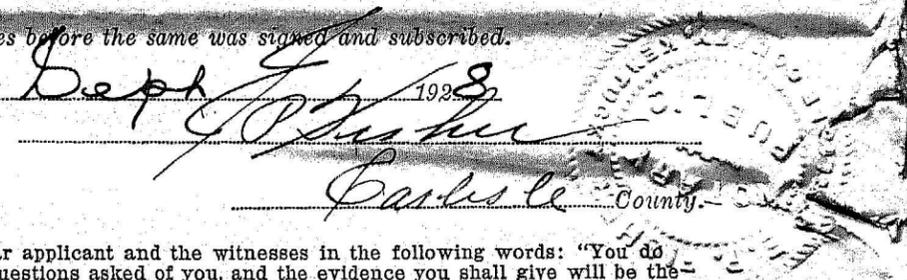
I, *E. P. Fisher* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby  
certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Belle Jennings* resides in said county, and has been  
a bona fide resident of this State since the *day of all her life* 19\_\_\_\_, and that the wit-  
nesses, Mr. *J. W. Bishop and J. D. Mason*  
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 *10* day of *Sept* 1928

(SEAL)

My Comm. expires  
March 22nd, 1930



- 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 at 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.

No. 4526-

Widow's  
Indigent Pension

Name Belle Jennings

Filed

Widow of Polk Jennings

Filed Oct 11 1928  
Day Court

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

Filed September 19, 1928  
By F. F. Coulter, Clerk.  
By Vera Head, D.C.

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Belle Jennings, widow of Polk

Jennings, who enlisted in  
Company, M, 3rd Ky. Inf., and  
served until the close of the  
war. proven by the records.

Indigent,

**SECTION 17 OF THE KENTUCKY PENSION LAW PROVIDES THAT**

*§ 445-b. No pension granted under this act while due or to become due to a pensioner, shall be liable to attachment or levy or seizure by, or under, any legal or equitable process whatever, whether same remains with the State, or in course of transmission to the pensioner entitled thereto.*

No. 4014

**PENSION CERTIFICATE OF**

*Polk Jennings*

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**Payable Quarterly**

by the

**Treasurer of Kentucky**

at

**Frankfort, Kentucky.**

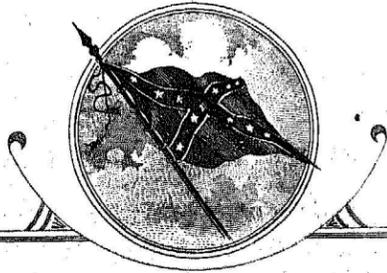
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No. 404



# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## DEPARTMENT OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

It is hereby certified

That in conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

Polk Jennings

who was a member of Company "M" Regiment 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kentucky Infantry

Confederate States Army, is entitled to a pension at the rate of Twenty  
dollars per month, to commence on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
March one thousand nine hundred and 28

Given at the office of the Commissioner of Pensions

this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April  
one thousand nine hundred and 28

M. F. Day  
Commissioner.

Carlisle County Court,  
Regular Term, Oct. 8th 1928

Judge Ben P. Edrington, presiding.

Re; Application of Belle Jennings, widow of Polk, Jennings,  
for Confederate Pension.

R.O. Willingham, County Attorney, present and representing the  
Commonwealth of Kentucky.

On this day came Roland Jennings, and Ben Jennings, and  
in open court gave testimony concerning the citizenship, resi-  
dence and means of support of their mother Belle Jennings,  
and from said proof it is adjudged and found as follows:

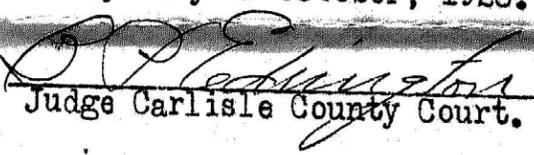
That the applicant Belle Jennings, is a citizen and  
resident of Carlisle County, Kentucky, and has been for her  
entire life.

That she owns no property and has no income, or means  
of support whatever.

That she is wholly unable to labor in whole or in part  
for a living.

The claim of said Belle Jennings is hereby allowed,  
recommended and so certified to Hon. B.F. Day, Confederate  
Pension Commissioner of Kentucky.

Witness my hand this the 8th day of October, 1928.

  
Judge Carlisle County Court.

State of Kentucky

County of Carlisle, Sct

Affiant Bettie Bishop, states that she is 82 years old: that she is the widow of Natus Bishop, deceased, and that she is a resident of Carlisle County, Kentucky, and has so resided for the past 82 years.

Affiant states that she was well acquainted with Polk Jennings, who died on the 6th day of August, 1928, in Carlisle County Kentucky, and that the said Polk Jennings had been a resident of Carlisle County, Kentucky all his life.

Affiant states that she is well acquainted with Belle Jennings, the surviving widow of the said Polk Jennings, has remained and is now unmarried since the death of her deceased husband, the said Polk Jennings.

Affiant states that she was present and witnessed the marriage ceremony making the said Polk Jennings and Belle Jennings, husband and wife, that said wedding ceremony was performed by Brother Hedgeman Graves, in what is now Carlisle County, Kentucky, on the 8th day of June, 1851, and that the said parties lived together as husband and wife in what is now Carlisle county, Kentucky till the death of Polk Jennings, which occurred on the 6th day of August, 1928.

Affiant states that Carlisle County was formed from Ballard county in the year 1886, and that the records of the county prior to the organization of Carlisle County, were kept at Blandville, Ky., the then county seat of Ballard County, and that a fire destroyed the court house and all the records therein at Blandville in the year 1880.

Witness my hand this the 8th day of October, 1928.

*Mrs. Bettie Bishop*

See other side for jurat.

State of Kentucky

County of Carlisle, Sct

I, C. F. Coil, Clerk of the Carlisle County Court, have and do hereby state that I am reliably informed that Carlisle County was formed from a part of Ballard County by an Act of the General Assembly in the year 1886, and I do certify.

That prior to 1886 and 1880 all records for what is now Carlisle County were kept at Blandville the then county seat of Ballard County, and that I am reliably informed that a fire consumed the court house at Blandville in the year 1880, and that all county records prior to the year 1880 were destroyed in said fire, and I do certify.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 8th day of October, 1928.



C. F. Coil  
Clerk, Carlisle County Court

By W. A. Head D.C.

ROBT. L. GEVEDEN  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
BARDWELL, KY.

Oct. 9th 1928

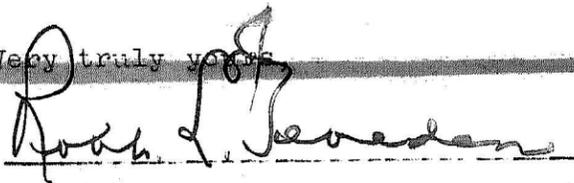
Hon B. F. Day  
Frankfort, Ky.

My dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith proof of Mrs. Belle Jennings,  
claim to Confederate Pension of her husband, Polk Jennings,  
which I am sure you will find correct in every detail.

I am,

Very truly yours,

  
Robt. L. Geveden