

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Darress* County.

*Josephine J. Melton* of said State and County, desiring to avail herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, General Assembly, approved March 11, 1912, 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.) *Josephine Emma Melton. In Knottsville, Precinct. My post-office address is Philpot, Ky. P. O. 2*
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? *All my life*
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? *In Nelson County, Kentucky, On October 29, 1846. Josephine J. Roby*
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. (If possible, attach certified copy marriage license in every case.) *In Darress County, Kentucky, in the year, 1840. James Melton. We were married in Nelson County, Kentucky, by Rev. Father DeFrance*
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *In Company "H" in the 8th and 12th Regiment of Kentucky in January 1862*
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *Until the close of the war*
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *Selma Alabama in April, 1865*
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? *His Company was captured at Selma Alabama*
10. When and where did your husband die? *On August 2, 1912, near Knottsville, 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? *I have a life estate in a farm valued at \$1000.00 and personal property of the value of \$200.00. My annual income is about \$150.00*
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *Two sons and one daughter, Lou Melton, William, and Bernard Melton*
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. *H. F. Coomes, Knottsville, Ky.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the *29* day of *Aug*, 191*2*  
*E. P. Taylor*  
of *Darress* County.

*Josephine J. Melton*

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Davess County.  
Anselm Higdon of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Josephine Melton for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, approved March 11, 1912, 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? Anselm Higdon,  
Owensboro, Ky.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Josephine Melton  
If so, how long have you known her? Yes. I have known her 47 years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? She resides  
in Davess County, Ky. She has lived in this state all
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? Anselm Higdon stood up  
with them at their marriages.
6. How long did you know him? About sixty years
7. When and where did James Melton enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? In January, 1865  
at Knottsville, Ky. in Company "H" and "8th" Regiment
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? Yes
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? From the time he enlisted  
until the close of the war.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? On April 2, 1865  
at Selma, Alabama
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No.
12. Was James Melton, the husband of applicant, present?  
Yes.
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.) James Melton was captured  
at Selma, Alabama and taken to Columbus  
Georgia where he was paroled
15. When and where did James Melton die? Near  
Knottsville, Ky. on August 2, 1912
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? He resided  
at Knottsville, Ky. where he had lived all his life
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of James Melton  
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?

*I know where they lived, the farm is worth about \$1200.00 and the personal property is worth \$300.00 I don't know what her income is.*

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?

*No*

NOTE.—Let the witness who can answer the greatest number of the 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *8th* day of *Oct* 191*2*

*E. P. Taylor, Clerk, D. Co. Ct.*  
By *R. L. Lancaster, J. D.*

*Anselm Heydon*  
*O. J. Miller*  
Witnesses.

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

I, *R. L. Lancaster* Judge of *Daviess* County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Josephine Melton* the widow of *James Melton* amounts to \$ *1065.00* real estate and \$ *na* personal

*R. L. Lancaster, County Judge*  
For *Daviess* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Daviess* County.

I, *E. P. Taylor* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Josephine J. Melton* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *8th* day of *Oct* 18*65*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *Anselm Heydon & O. J. Miller* 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 witness 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 *8th* day of *Oct* 191*2*

(SEAL)

*E. P. Taylor, Clk*  
By *Provisional Seal* 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.

No. **300.1**.....

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Jas. Spence J. Melton*  
NGV 8-1912

Filed ... *Oct. 5th. 1912*.....

Widow of *James Melton*.....

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*Allowed Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1914*  
*W. J. Stone*  
*Commissioner*

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

*File with 1517360*

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
2195498 WASHINGTON, August 13, 1914.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

There are no rolls on file in this office of the 8th & 12th, Consolidated, Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A., and the name James Melton has not been found on such rolls as are on file of any company of the 8th Kentucky Mounted Infantry, C.S.A., or the 12th Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A., nor has any record been found of the service, capture or parole of a man of this name as a member of any of the organizations named, the first named having been formed by the consolidation of the latter two.

The records show, however, that one J. A. Melton, sergeant, Company F, 12th Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A., enlisted July 1, 1863, in West Tennessee. On the company muster roll dated June 30, 1864, last on file, he was reported present. No later record of him has been found.

The records also show that one J. F. Melton served as 2d lieutenant in Company C, 9th Alabama Infantry, C.S.A., and that a man of the same name served as captain in Company G, 12th Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A., but from data furnished it cannot be determined which, if either, is the subject of inquiry.

*Geo. Andrews*  
The Adjutant General.

Form No. 70, A. G. O. *mk*  
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Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

JOSEPHINE J. MELTON  
WIDOW OF  
JAMES MELTON,

Who enlisted Jan. 1, 1865, in Co. H, 8th and 12th Ky. Cav. and was surrendered and paroled at Selma, Ala. about May 1, 1865. Proven by his comrades.

Property: \$1200.00.

Approved:

W J Stone.

No. .... W .....

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

August 5th 1914

GEN. W. P. HALL,  
Adjutant General, U. S. A.,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

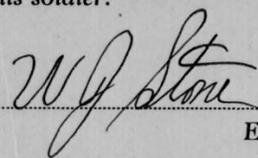
Dear Sir:

Mrs. Josephine J. Melton

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,  
claims that her husband James Melton  
was a member of Company "H" Regiment 8th & 12th C. S. A.,  
and was Kentucky Cav.

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,  
  
Examiner.



# MARRIAGE LICENSE,

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,

To any Minister of the Gospel, or other person legally authorized to solemnize Matrimony:

*You are permitted to solemnize the RITES OF MATRIMONY*

between James Melton

and Josephine Robey

*the requirements of the law having been complied with.*

Witness my signature as Clerk of the Nelson County Court,

this 2nd day of February 1867. 49 Attest, Edwin Turner Clerk.

By W.J. Dalmazzo *D.C.*

JOHN P. MORTON & CO., PRINTERS, LOUISVILLE, KY.

# MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.



This is to Certify That on the Fourth day of February 1867

19 the **Rites of Marriage** were legally solemnized by me between

James Melton and

Josephine Robey

at Nazareth Chapel in the County of Nelson

in the presence of Anselm Higdon Isabell Tims

NOTE.—The Statute requires the names of at least two witnesses to be inserted in the foregoing Certificate.

SIGNED, Rev P De Fraine

*A copy attested by me  
Wm Robey*

State of Kentucky.

Daviess County Court.

Josephine J. Melton

On

Finding of Facts and Evidence.

Application for Pension.

The undersigned Ex Judge of the Daviess County Court reports that the above styled application for a pension was filed on the ~~8th~~ <sup>8th</sup> day of ~~September~~ <sup>October</sup>, 1912, and before the regular September term of said court, and was laid over until the November term, 1913, of said court, at which time it came up for a hearing before the court, both the applicant and the County Attorney being present and announcing ready.

The applicant being sick and unable to appear in court introduced as witnesses, H. F. Coomes and Anselm Higdon, both of Owensboro, Kentucky, who were duly sworn by me before testifying:

The witnesses, H. F. Coomes and Anselm Higdon, stated that each of them and the applicant's husband, James Melton, were members of Company "H" in the 8th and 12th Regiment of Kentucky, having enlisted in the Confederate Army in January, 1865; that they served in the Confederate Army until the month of April, 1865, at which time they together with applicant's husband, James Melton, were captured at Selma, Alabama; that they each have known the applicant and her deceased husband since the Civil War and that the applicant and her husband have continuously resided in Daviess County, Kentucky, since the close of the Civil War; that applicant's husband, James Melton, died on August 2, 1912, near Knottsville, Kentucky, and that applicant is still his widow and has not married since his death. They stated that the decedent, James Melton, left real estate of the value of about \$1000.00 and personal property of the value of \$200.00; that applicant owns no estate of any kind except what she received as the widow of James Melton and she is old, decrepted, feeble and has no means of support.

The Commonwealth introduced no witnesses.

After hearing the above statements of facts and evidence I recommend the pension be granted.

W. W. Owen  
County Judge of Daviess County.