

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Graves County.

M. E. Via

..... 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.)
Mary Eliza Via Reside in Mayfield, Kentucky
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? *Since birth: 1846*
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? *1846 in Fulton County Kentucky. Mary E. Myers was my maiden name.*
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 1843 in Hickman Co. Ky. James Smith Via, married October 25th 1866 Bro. Frances Bone married us.*
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *in November 1862 in Co. A 12th Ky. at Cottage Grove Tenn. (I am told)*
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *Served 18 months (I am told)*
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *I don't know*
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? *I don't know*
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? *I don't know except from hear-say.*
10. When and where did your husband die? *January 1st 1899 in Hickman Co. Kentucky*
11. At the time of your husband's death, were you living with him as his lawful wife? *Yes Sir,*
12. Have you married since the death of your soldier husband? *No Sir,*
13. What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value?
I have no property real or personal, except wearing apparel and household and kitchen furniture.
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *Only one boy and one girl.*
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. *Joe L. Myers Wings Kentucky - R. F. D. #1*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

15 day of *May* 191*2*

J. M. Wilson Circuit Court Clerk

of *Graves* County.

By *C. N. Wilson* Secy.

Mary E. Via

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

..... County.

....., of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. 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?
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs.
If so, how long have you known her?
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband?
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage?
6. How long did you know him?
7. When and where did enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war?
9. How long did he perform regular military duty?
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered?
12. Was, the husband of applicant, present?
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 die?
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of

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

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?

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

I know that Mrs. M. E. Via was the wife of James Via

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.

I know that Mrs. M. E. Via was the wife of James Via. I am then married

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *18th* day of *May* 191*2*

by Mrs. L. E. Myers
Mr. Wilson, Clerk Graves Circuit Court

L. E. Myers

Witnesses.

By *E. N. Wilson, Jr.*

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

I, *J. M. Mouse* Judge of *Graves* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *M. E. Via* the widow of *James Smith* Va. amounts to \$ *no property listed* real estate and \$ *personal* personal *J. M. Mouse Judge* Trustee. For *Graves* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Graves County.

I, *J. Mason* Clerk of *Graves* County Court, Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *M. E. Via* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *1846* day of *1846*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *J. L. Wood*, *R. J. Bugg* and *Mrs. L. E. Myers* 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, *as appears from certificates of officers* 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 *29* day of *July* 191*2*

(SEAL)

J. Mason, Clerk Graves County Court
By *J. Mason, Jr.* 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. **1124**.....

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mary E. Via*.....

Filed **SEP 5 - 1912**.....

Widow of *James S. Via*.....

Approved Feb 27th 1913
Dr. J. H. ALLEN Examiner.

MAY 20 1912

C. L. Mason
CLERK

By B. B. Laney Jr.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, September 9, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name James Smith Via has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company A, 12th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

The records show, however, that one J. L. Via, private, Company A, 12th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, was enlisted April 15, 1864. On the muster roll for May and June, 1864 (last on file), he was reported present.

The Union records of prisoners of war show that one James Via, private, Company C, 8th and 12th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama, in May, 1865, and was paroled at Columbus, Mississippi, May 16, 1865.

W. J. Stone

The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 74)

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. M. E. VIA,
widow of
JAMES S. VIA

Who enlisted Apr. 15, '64, in Company A, 12th Kentucky Cavalry, and he was surrendered at Citronelle, Ala. in May 1865, and was paroled at Columbus, Miss. May 16, 1865. Proven by the records.

Indigent.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

J. H. Sandys

Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board.

James B. McCreary
Chairman.

J. E. TAYLOR, M. D.

R. F. D. No. 4

DRESDEN, TENN.

I hereby certify, That I attended Mrs Mary Via who's death occurred on Jan. 10th 1923 near Ratham Weakley Co. Tenn.

J. E. Taylor, M.D.

No. W.

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

SEP 5 - 1912 191

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Mary E. Via

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband James Smith Via
was a member of Company A Regiment 12th Ky. C. S. A.,
and was

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

Jan 10th 1923.

Hon W. J. Stone

Pension Commissioner,
Dear Sir, the relative of Mrs. Mary E. Via
ask me to write you in reference to
her payment as the Voucher will soon be here
and she died the 10th day of Jan 1923
and she have not enough money to pay the
burial expenses, and she wanted to know
what steps to take to get the fractional
part of the Quarter that is due to help
pay the burial expenses.
Thanking you.

P. J. Vaughan
Clinton Ky
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P. J. VAUGHAN

DEALER IN
DRY GOODS,
NOTIONS,
GROCERIES

General Merchandise

AND ALL KINDS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE

SHIPPING POINT
CLINTON, KY.

Clinton, Ky., R-1 Jan 27th 1923

I Mattie Vaughan hereby certify
that I was present when Mary
E. Via died who died near
Latham Tenn, on Jan 10th 1923
and I attended the funeral
services at the old cemetery
in Hickman County Ky on
Jan 11th 1923

Mattie Vaughan

Subscribed and sworn
to before me.

This Jan 27th 1923

P. J. Vaughan

Notary Public H. C. Ky

My Commission Expires

Sept 15 - 1925



State of ~~XXXX~~ Kentucky.

Hickman County,

Personally appeared before me, R.J. Bugg, with whom I am personally acquainted and known to me to be a citizen of viracity and standing in this community, who makes oath to the following facts, touching the applicant's husband service in the Confederate army, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Affiant states that Jim Via was a member of Company "A", Twelfth Kentucky Regiment and we joined this company together at Cottage Grove, Tenn, November, 1863.

Question 8th, in Pension Blank. Were you a member of same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? Yes.

9th, How long did he perform regular military duty? About 18 months.

10th, When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?

It was my understanding it was Columbus, Miss.

11th, Were you with the command when it surrendered?

At the time of surrender about fifteen of our company were detached from the main part of the company on a scouting expedition.

12th, Was Jim Via the husband of the applicant present?

Not in this small party of scouts.

13th, If not present, where was he?

Do not know, unless he was with main part of the company.

Jim Via was a true and ~~faithful~~ faithful soldier.

Dated at Clinton, Ky. May, 17th, 1912.

R. J. Bugg

Subscribed and sworn to before me by R.J. Bugg, this 17th day of May, 1912.

J. M. Kemp Notary Public.
My commission expires Feb'y, 1, 1914.

CLINTON, KY.,

Statement of T. L. Atwood.

I was a member of Company A. 12th Ky. cavalry, Confederate States, the same company to which J. S. Via belonged.

He joined the company in March or April, 1864 and according to my best recollection he was with the command until the close of the war.

I was not with the command when it surrendered, but I was with it until a few days before, but was left sick with measles on the road to Selma Ala. where Forest fought his last battle.

To the best of my recollection J. S. Via was with the command at the time I was left sick as before stated.

.....*T. L. Atwood*.....

Subscribed sworn to before by T. L. Atwood, this 26th day of July, 1912.

.....*J. B. Burman, Jr. J.H.C.*.....

State of Kentucky,

Graves County Court. Regular Term, Monday, August 19, 1912.

In the matter of application for pension of Mary E. Via, whose post office address is Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky, the court makes the following report of findings, viz:

That the applicant is the widow of James Smith Via; that she has been a resident of this State all her life; that she has no property; that she has no income or support and that she does not now and has never received a Pension from any State or Government.

Then came C. F. Long and E. L. Byrd, witnesses herein, whose Post office address' is Mayfield, Kentucky, who after having been sworn testified as follows: That they have known the applicant 8 years; that she is the widow of James S. Via; that she has no property of their knowledge; that she has no income nor means of support.

Wherefore in view of the foregoing facts it is the judgment of the court that said applicant should be granted a pension and the court so recommends.

A copy-

-Attest: O. L. Mason, Clerk.

By J. D. Morris, D. C.