(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Daviess County.

Mary J. Bell, 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 J. Bell R. F. D. No 1 Stanley, Daviess County Kentucky.

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 Daviess County Kentucky. May 24th 1840. - Mary J. McDaniel.

4. When and where was your husband born—state his full name, and when 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.) Gabriel E. Bell (was just Gabriel Bell in Army) Married as G. E. Bell. Born in Daviess County Ky March 16th 1837. Married at St. Lawrence Catholic Church Daviess County Ky. by Rev Argement. January 21st 1870.

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? August 15th 1862. - Co E. 10th Ky Calvary.

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? Until on or about — 1862 or 1863. He was discharged for Disability

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

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? No.

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? He was at Home - At least had been Discharged on account of Disability

10. When and where did your husband die? In Daviess County Ky December 19th 1919.

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? House & Lot ($600.00 Assessed Value) Worth about $700.00 or $800.00

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? No.

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 Zack Higdon or Charles McKay. R. F. D. No 1. Stanley Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 1st day of January, 1920

Nora Adams - Notary Public of Daviess County. Ky.

X Mary J Bell

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Daviess County.

Chas. Mc Kay and Jack Higdon, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mary J. Bell, 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? Chas. Mc Kay and Jack Higdon R. F. D. No. 1. Stanley Ky.

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Mary J. Bell. If so, how long have you known her? every since her marriage to Soldier

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? R. F. D. No. 1. Stanley Daviess County Ky. "All her life". Every since we have known her.

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? All our lives.

7. When and where did Gabriel Bell enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? August – 1862 Daviess County Ky. – Co E. 10th Regiment Kentucky Cav. (on information)

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? August 1862 to – 1862 or 1863." This is on information,

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? —

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No

12. Was Gabriel Bell, the husband of applicant, present? Understand he was not.

13. If not present, where was he? Had been Discharged for Disability. # Information, #

14. When and where did he leave his command? In 1862 or 1863. # Information #

For what cause? Disability. #

By whose authority did he leave? Regular discharge. #

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly) Personally – except where marked # and written Information.

15. When and where did Gabriel Bell die? December 19th 1919. Daviess County Ky.

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? R. F. D. No 1. Stanley Ky. – All his life.

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Gabriel Bell. – Yes.

18. *Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow?* No. — Yes. She is his widow now.

19. *What property effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?* House & lot worth $700.00 or $800.00 and few house hold effects just sufficient for family use.

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 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. We both know the foregoing facts, and know that The. G. E. Bell who married Claiment, was the same person who served as Gabriel Bell in C.S.A. and drew a pension as Gabriel Bell by Certificate No 1607. was one and the same, Identical person who died December 19th 1919.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st *day of* January, 1920
Nora Adams - Notary Public
Daviess County Ky.

x Chas. McKay
x Jack Higdon
Witnesses.

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

I, C. W. Wells *Judge of* Daviess *County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to* Gabriel Bell husband of *Mrs.* Mary J. Bell *the widow of* Gabriel Bell *amounts to $* 600.00 *real estate and $* 150.00 *personal.* + $300 intangible.

C. W. Wells Judge ~~Trustee.~~
For Daviess *County, Ky.*

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,
Daviess *County.*

I, Nora Adams ~~Clerk~~ *or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs.* Mary J. Bell *resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the* Birth *day of* ~~1912~~, *and that the witnesses, Mr.* Chas. McKay and Jack Higdon *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 1st *day of* January, 1920

(SEAL)

Nora Adams - Notary Public
Daviess *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. 3972

Indigent Widow's Pension

Name Mary J. Bell

Filed FEB 20 1920.

Widow of Gabriel Bell

Co. E, 10th Ky. Cav. C. S. A.

#1607

Filed January 2nd 1920

John Will Bell

Attorney

Attorney for Applicant

Apr. 15-1920

W. L. Stone

Commissioner.

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

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

MARY J. BELL
widow of
GABRIEL BELL

Who enlisted Aug.15th, 1862, in Co.A, 10th Ky.Cav. and was discharged Dec.31,1 1862, on account of disability which rendered him unfit for further service. Proven by the record and comrades.

Property: $800.00.

Approved:

W J Stone.

CEREMONY

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*

G. E. Bell

AND

Mary J. McDaniel

the requirements of the law having been complied with.

Witness *my signature as Clerk of* Daviess *County Court,*

this 10 *day of* January ~~1911~~ 1878

M. B. Mattingly CLERK.

DEPUTY CLERK.

MESSENGER JOB PTG. CO., OWENSBORO, KY.

Marriage Certificate

This is to Certify, *That on the* 22d *day of* January ~~1911~~ 1878

the Rites of Marriage were legally solemnized by me between

G. E. Bell *and* Mary J. McDaniel

at St Lawrence Church *in the County of* Daviess

in the presence of James Stinnett *and* Martha Hazel

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

(Signed)

Chas Eggermont, P.C.

MESSENGER JOB PTG. CO., OWENSBORO, KY.

Mary J.Bell, widow of Gabriel Bell who died December 19th 1919, and who was a confederate Pensioner, by Certificate No1607, he having served in Co E, 10th Regiment, Kentucky vol, Cavelry confederate Army,-"" Colonel Adam R.Johnsons Regiment""- and who is an applicant for widows pension, by application hereto attached, says that she was Married to said soldier January 21st 1878 in Daviess County Ky, that her Maiden name was, Mary J.McDaniel, and that her husband the above named soldier, was married under the name of, G.E.Bell, and she says that the Gabriel Bell who served in Co, E, 10th Ky Cavelry, and the G.E.Bell to whome she was married January 21st 1878 was one and the same, identical person, and that he was also pensioned as Gabriel Bell, by certificate No1607, as above set out, and she says that he was last paid, to November 1st 1919, and she makes application for the accrued pension due her said husband from date of last payment to december 19th 1919, date of his death. And she makes this sheet as a part of her application to which it is hereto attached, and she says the foregoing statements are true.

Mary J Bell

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above named affiant-""claimant ""- this the 1st day of January 1920-

Nora Adams,
Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 1st 1922.

My Postoffice address is 521 west 7th street Owensboro Ky.

J T Sanders
W T Lyons

Gabriel Bell

Name.

February, 1920

VOUCHER

$36.00

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

1. This voucher may be executed before any officer authorized to administer an oath and having a seal.
2. In every case the pension certificate must be carefully compared with the voucher by the officer who executes it.
3. The officer will also see that post-office addresses are correctly inserted in the proper spaces in the voucher, particularly the address to which the check is to be mailed. He will also give his own postoffice address after his official title on the face of voucher.
4. The officer will be held strictly responsible for the correctness of his certificate of identity in every particular.

☞All acts involved in the execution or correction of vouchers must be performed in the presence of the officiating officer who must certify to the corrections over his own signature on the face on the voucher in the space indicated

	1. Signature by mark should appear thus his John X Doe mark
	2. Street and number, P. O. box number, R. F. D. route, or "General Delivery" must appear in P. O. Address in case of residence within carrier delivery. "General Delivery" addresses will be accepted in such case only if no other address as above is available.
	3. Jurat must be dated.

VOUCHER

I, ...Make oath that I am the identical person named in pension Certificate No. ....., dated ....., 1....., in my possession and now exhibited; that I come within the law upon which said certificate was issued; that I am entitled to and hereby make claim for the payment of THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS ($36.00) pension now due, at the rate of twelve dollars per month, from NOVEMBER 1ST, 1919, to FEBRUARY 1ST, 1920.

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and that my post-office address to which I desire the check in payment mailed is as follows:

.....
Pensioner's signature must be written here in full as name appears in the head of this voucher

If pensioner signs by mark or illegibly, two witnesses who write must sign here. } .....
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Street and No. or R. F. D. route.

.....
Post-office.

.....
State.

State of Kentucky, County of....., *ss.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this..... day of....., 1920, and I certify that the pensioner, above named, has this day exhibited to me his pension certificate, above described, and was fully identified as the pensioner named herein.

(L. S.)

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Magistrate's signature.

.....
Official character.

.....
Post-office address.

(IF ANY ERASURES OR ALTERATIONS APPEAR ON THIS VOUCHER, THE MAGISTRATE MUST CERTIFY ABOVE HIS SIGNATURE TO THE JURAT THAT THEY WERE MADE BEFORE ITS EXECUTION.)

State of Kentucky, County of Daviess, Set-,

At a regular term of the Daviess county Court, held on this the 18th day of February 1920 at the Court House in Owensboro, Daviess County Ky, present, Hon, C.W. Wells Judge, presiding, and the Hon H. A. Birkhead County Attorney being present, the claim for confederate Pension of Mary J.Bell the widow of Gabriel Bell who served in Co, E, 10th Ky Cavelry in the Confederate service, and who was a pensioner himself, and died on December 19th 1919. J.T.Sauer and W.G.Lyons were presented as witnesses in said pension claim, and testified in substance as follows

W.G.Lyons says he has known claimant and her deceased husband ever since he can remember, says he now lives in the house with Mrs Bell the claimant, that he occupies, with his family, some of the rooms of her house, says claimant Mary J.Bell owns a house in village of griffith worth $700.00 or $800.00 which he says is full value of all the property she owns except perhaps about $75.00 or $100.00 worth of household effects- that she has no income, no one who is legally bound for her support, nor any contract with any one to care for her and support her, she has one son who is a prro man with a family of his own, and not able to care for his Mother the claimant Mary J. Bell- Witness says that said claimant has sold since her husbands death a small piece of property, for $320.00 which she is using for her support, and that she receives now $5.00 or $6.00 a month for rent of some of the rooms of her house, which is the only income she has, and this has only been so for about two weeks, and may not continue permenantly- The property she sold for $320.00 was a part of the property assessed by her husband for taxation, and I am told it was all assessed at $600 by the assessor, which is a fair assessment value.

J.T.Sauer, says-"" I have just heard W.G.Lyons make his statement, and know the facts stated by him are true, -"" I have known claimant Mary J.Bell, widow of Gabriel Bell who died December 19th 1919, knew her and her husband for 14 or 15 years before he the husband died and claimant ever since- Claimant has not remarried since the death of her said husband, is still his widow- the value of the property owned by her is well valued at $700.00, and she has no income now nor has had none since her husbands death, she sold a small part of her property in village of Griffith for $320.00 which she will have to, and is using for part of her support and will have to use it for that purpose, she has one son, a poor man, who has a family of his own-"" she has perhaps $100.00 of household effects just barely enough for her to keep house with, she is unable to and does not earn any income from her own labor, is not able to earn her own support or any part of it, is just barely able to keep house she is old, she must be about 80 years old now. I know she owns no other property nor has any income except as stated above, and by Mr Lyons also I know all the facts stated by W.G.Lyons to be true.

Mr Lyons reexamined says he knows claimant has not remarried since the death of her husband, Gabriel Bell who died December 19th 1919. And the property sold was just a part of the lot owned, which had a small house on it. Both Witnesses reexamined say that they know that the statements above are true, and that claimant has no one to look to for support, and that there is no one legally bound for her support or with whom she has any contract for her support, and that her son as stated, is not able nor in position to make support for her, he having a family of his own- We also state we are not of any kin to claimant nor her deceased husband, and have no interest in this claim.

Above is statement of facts as produced before me this day in my court, and I hereby approve same and recommend the allowance of pension to the claimant, Mary J.Bell as widow of Gabriel Bell. This February 18th 1920,

C W Wells Judge of the Daviess County Court.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Bureau of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Claiborne

Civil Dist. .....

OR

Village Fork Ridge / Registration District No. 41308 / Primary Registration District No. .....

OR

City ..... (No. ....., ... St.; ..... Ward)

File No. .....

Registered No. 7

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

2 FULL NAME R. F. Combs

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX: M.

4 COLOR OR RACE: W.

5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word): widowed

6 DATE OF BIRTH: ? (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE: About 85 years. yrs. ..... mos. ..... ds.

If LESS than 1 day, ... hrs. or ..... min.?

8 OCCUPATION

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: Miner

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer): .....

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country): ?

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER: ?

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER [State or country]: ?

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Dont Know

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER [State or country]: Dont Know

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

[Informant] .....

[Address] .....

15

Filed 4/24 1923 R. E. Ralston Jr. REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Nov. 27, 192 2 [Month] [Day] [Year]

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug. 192 2 to Nov 27, 192 2, that I last saw him alive on Nov 15, 192 2 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2 A.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: Paralysis

[Duration] ..... yrs. 3 mos. ..... ds.

Contributory [SECONDARY] .....

[Duration] ..... yrs. ..... mos. ..... ds.

Signed H. L. Gragg, M. D.

Nov. 27, 192 2 Address Middlesboro Ky

* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE [FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS]

At place of death ..... yrs. ..... mos. ..... ds. In the State ..... yrs. ..... mos. ..... ds.

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? .....

Former or usual residence .....

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL | DATE OF BURIAL ..... 192....

20 UNDERTAKER | ADDRESS

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

F. A. ROBY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
215½ WEST MAIN STREET
OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY

Dec. 28, 1922.

Hon. W. J. Stone,

Commissioner of pensions,

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Mary J. Bell, widow of Gabriel E. Bell, died on November 5, 1922. She, at the time of her death, was receiving a confederate pension under certificate #3972. Please send me proper papers to file in your office to draw the money now due her estate. R. E. Bell qualified as administrator of her estate.

Mr. Williary Coomes of Owensboro, Kentucky, died last week leaving a widow and children. Please send me proper forms to make application for widow's pension.

Thanking you in advance for your promptness in this matter, I am,

Yours truly,

F. A. Roby, Att'y.

January 2nd,1923.

F. A. Roby,
Owensboro, Ky.
215-1/2 W Main St.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 28th of Dec. informing me of the death of Mrs. Mary J. Bell as of Nov.5th,1922. That being true there is still due her estate $2.00, and I am enclosing you information as to how that may be collected, and I am also forwarding you under separate cover a widows' application blank to be used by the widow of Mr. Hillary Combs. You did not give me the date of his death and ofcourse I cannot tell what is due his estate.

The check that was issued to Mrs. Mary J. Bell for November payment was mailed to her address, this office not having been notified of her death, and the check was returned, and I am enclosing it to you herewith and it can be endorsed by the Administrator and used as he would use any other part of her estate.

Very truly,

Encls.
WJS-C

Commissioner.