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Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Meade County.

Mr Harrett Riley Widow of T. J. Riley 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.) Harrett Riley
Wolf Creek Kentucky County Meade Wolf Creek
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? All of my life
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Wolf Creek Meade County
Kentucky Harrett Finch
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.) Mauchport Indiana
Harrison County Thomas Jefferson Riley Married at
Wolf Creek Ky Rev John McIlhenny
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Company E in the 12th Mounted Infantry
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? February 1864 surrendered April 25th
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Louisville Ky 1865
to General Palmer
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered?
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 there and took the oath
10. When and where did your husband die? Jan 28th 1918 at Wolf Creek 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? about 60 acres
Land about 30 acres tillable Value \$4000 with \$14000 Personal Property
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? One Daughter and two grand
Children
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 Mr George Bullock, Wolf Creek Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

15th day of February, 1918

J. R. Bennett Notary Public
of Meade County, Kentucky
My Commission expires July 18th 1927

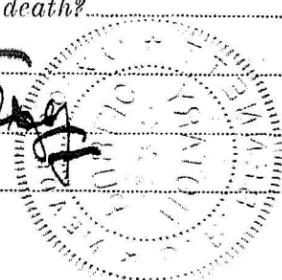
Harrett Riley

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Made
County. }
Mr. Etherton and J. D. Chism, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. *Harriet Riley* widow of *T. J. Riley* 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? *Mr. Etherton and J. D. Chism Post Office of both Moy Creek Ky*
 2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. *Harriet Riley*? *Yes*
If so, how long have you known her? *All of her life*
 3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? *Moy Creek Ky All of her life*
 4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? *Yes*
 5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage of *Mr. Etherton* was a witness of their marriage?
 6. How long did you know him? *All of my life*
 7. When and where did *you have that on file* 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? *No*
 9. How long did he perform regular military duty? *you have that on file*
 10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? *you have that on file*
 11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? *No*
 12. Was *you have that on file*, the husband of applicant, present?
 13. If not present, where was he? *you have that on file*
 14. When and where did he leave his command? *you have that on file*
- For what cause? *you have that on file*
- By whose authority did he leave? *you have that on file*
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly) *you have all these questions from 7 to 14 on file*
15. When and where did *T. J. Riley* die? *at Moy Creek Made County Kentucky*
 16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? *Moy Creek Ky resident of Kentucky 74 years*
 17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of *T. J. Riley*? *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?

Income is very small I know by the situation of her surroundings

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

I dont know of any thing

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.

I, J. D. Chisum can't ad any thing to Mr Etherton question except the widow Mrs Harriett Riley is in need of the Puncton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th

day of February, 1918

J. R. Bennett Notary Public Meade County Kentucky

Mr Etherton & J. D. Chisum



My Commission Expires July 18th 1921

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

I, S. L. Morgan Judge of Meade County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Harriett Riley

the widow of Thos J Riley amounts to \$ nothing real estate and

\$ nothing personal. S. L. Morgan Judge, Trustee.

For Meade County, Ky.

Certificate of ~~Clerk of Court~~ or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Meade County.

I, J. R. Bennett Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. Harriett Riley resides in said county, and has been

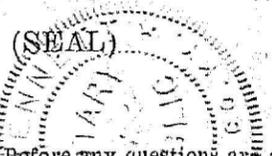
a bona fide resident of this State since the all of her life, 19 , and that the wit-

nesses, Mr. Mr Etherton and J. D. Chisum

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 15th day of February, 1918



J. R. Bennett Notary Public

My Commission Expires July 18th 1921 Meade County Kentucky

- 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.

1918 March 4th

Filed
Attest: Arthur Binger, Clerk
Meads County Court

No. 3799

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name: *Narrict Riley*

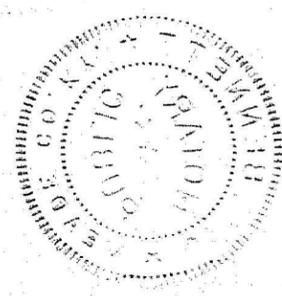
Filed: **APR 5 - 1918**

Widow of: *Thos J Riley*

Allowed Apr 15th 1918

W. J. Stone
Commissioner.

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



Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

HARRIET RILEY
widow of
THOS. J. RILEY

Who enlisted Nov. 1, '62
in Company E, 12th Kentucky
Cav., and his company roll
for June 30, 1864, shows him a
absent captured December 20, 1
1863. Comrades testify that
about April, 1864, he became
a member of Captain Taylor's
Company of Cheneworth's Reg-
iment of Kentucky Cavalry.
Enlistment and service to
December 20th, 1863, is proven
by the records. Further ser-
vice and surrender proven by
comrades and oath of alle-
giance filed with application,
which shows that he was sur-
rendered and released Apr. 27,
1865.

Property: \$540.00

Approved:

W J Stone.

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 **Thos J. Riley**

and **Harriet A. Finch**

the requirements of the law having been complied with.

Witness my signature, as Clerk of the **Meade** County Court,

this **18th** day of **January 1875** **###**

W. H. Gough

Clerk.

D. C.

PARAGON PTC. WKS. BEAVER DAM, KY.

Marriage Certificate.

This is to Certify that on the **27** day of **January 1875** **###**

the **rites of Marriage** were legally solemnized by me

between **Thomas J. Riley**

and **Harriet A. Finch**

at **John Finches** in the County of **Mead**

in the presence of **Jobe Morgan William Ebberton**

Signed:

Eld John S. Willett

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

~~State of Kentucky)~~

County Of Meade) Sct.

I Arthur Bunger Clerk of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Marriage License of Thos J. Riley to Harriet A. Finch as shown from the original including the Minister's return, all of which is on file in this Office;

Given under my hand this the 9th day of February 1918.

Arthur Bunger
Clerk Meade County Court.



No. 1114

Clk Meade Crt.

To (Marriage License

Thos J. Riley

Recorded.

MEADE COUNTY

State of Kentucky

Regular Term,

County of Meade - Sct. Meade County Court.

April 1st, 1918.

Harriett Riley

vs.

Application for Confederate Widow's Indigent Pension,

The Application for a Confederate Pension of Harriett Riley was produced this day in Court and duplicate thereof which were filed in this Court on the 4th day of March 1918 it being the Regular Term of County Court and laid over until this Term of Court for testimony as to Applicant's citizenship, residence, means of support, wealth etc. and the following testimony and findings were made in the case by the testimony of W.R. Heavrin the present Sheriff of this County, C.A. Chism and R.L. Edmonds; That the Applicant is the Widow of Thos J. Riley deceased who was a Confederate Soldier and received a Pension at the time of his death, has been a resident of Kentucky for 30 or 40 years or ever since they have known her, about 75 or 80 years old, unable to labor or earn her support, has no means of support and no one to look to for support, receives no pension of any kind from the United States or any State, has no property except Dower in a few acres of land which land is not worth more than \$400.00 and the income from same could not be more than \$100.00 per year.

After hearing the testimony in behalf of the Applicant and each Witness being known to me and are known to be worthy of belief and knowing myself that all the testimony about the Applicant is true, I recommend to the Adjutant General that a Pension be granted the Applicant as she is in destitute circumstances.

Given under my hand this the 1st day of April 1918.

S. L. Morgan

Judge Meade County Court,
Brandenburg, Ky.

*Copy of original Death Certificate
Commonwealth of Kentucky on Record*

1 PLACE OF DEATH
 County Meade
 Vol. Pct. # 10 Wolf Creek
 Inc. Town Registration Dist. 6950
 City _____ (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____
 2 FULL NAME Mrs. Harriet Riley

File No. _____
 Registered No. 8
 [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 SEX <u>female</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>	5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>widow</u> <small>(Write the word)</small>	10 DATE OF DEATH <u>April 12, 1920</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>	
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>May 18, 1841</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Feb. 2, 1920</u> , to <u>April 12, 1920</u> , that I last saw her alive on <u>April 6, 1920</u> , and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>4 A.M.</u> The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>She had mental disease and died with britian, old age and inanition.</u> (Duration) <u>2 mos. 4 ds.</u>	
7 AGE <u>78 yrs. 11 mos. — ds.</u> If LESS than 1 day — hrs. or — min.?			Contributory (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.	
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>housekeeper</u>			(Signed) <u>C. A. Sherrill</u> , M. D. <u>April 12, 1920</u> (Address) <u>Battletown Ky</u>	
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Kentucky</u>			*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL	
PARENTS	10 NAME OF FATHER <u>John Finch</u>		(18) LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OR RECENT RESIDENTS) At place _____ In the _____ State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.	
	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Ky.</u>		Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence _____	
	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Francis Froman</u>		10 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Home Cemetery</u>	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>Ky.</u>			DATE OF BURIAL <u>April 12, 1920</u>	
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>R. L. Edmonds</u> (Address) <u>Wolf Creek Ky.</u>			20 UNDERTAKER <u>M. A. Bennett</u>	
15 Filed <u>April 17 1920</u> <u>Annie B. Wicket</u> REGISTRAR			ADDRESS <u>Battletown Ky</u>	

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.

Jan. 2, 1920 **J. R. Bennett's Famous Cash Store**
 General Merchandise
 Agency for All Kinds Farm Implements
 Wolf Creek, Ky.

*Wolf-creek
 129
 Mr. M. J. Stone
 Dear Sir
 I received 2 checks for Harriet Riley and I don't know what to do with the 1 for \$6.00 let me know what to do with it
 Yours
 R. L. Edmonds, Adm.*

June 4, 1920.

R. L. Edmonds,
Wolf Creek, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 3rd. The thing for you to do is to return the \$36.00 check at once to this office.

A voucher for the quarter ending May 1st was mailed to Harriet Riley on the 15th day of April. You filled out that voucher on the 19th day of April and returned it to this office. Later there was sent to this office the Certificate of the Registrar of your District showing that she had died on the 12th day of April, and of course her estate was not due \$36.00, and you should not have filled out that voucher.

Later when this office was notified of the date of her death a voucher was filled out and sent to you for the amount due her estate on the date of her death, which you also filled out and returned to this office, and by inadvertance both of these vouchers were sent to the Auditor and he issued his warrant for the amount, and the Treasurer ~~and~~ issued and mailed to you the checks. All of which was the result of your having filled out the voucher for the quarter ending May 1st after Mrs. Riley was dead.

So that it is absolutely necessary that you return the ~~\$36.00 at once.~~ I have notified the Treasurer of the situation. So that the \$36.00 check will not by any inadvertance be paid.

Yours truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C