

(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Graves County.

Belle Russell

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.)

Belle Russell, Wingo, Graves Co. Ky. R.F.D. #3

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? Since July 29, 1868

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? July 29, 1868

Near Farmington Graves Co. Ky. Belle Mills.

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.) Middle Tenn.

William Jasper Russell June 13, 1889, Mayfield Graves Co. Ky. Judge J. E. Robbins.

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Co. C. 12 Ky. Cav. on his application

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? on his application

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? First Cav. in Ala.

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? was sick in private home, felled Decatur May 16 1865. Gen. Meredith. on his application.

10. When and where did your husband die? June 21, 1918. near Wingo, 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? Owns on a small farm valued about \$1000. Personal about 200. no income

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? Helpless Son 21. one son 7 yrs. 1 Daughter 28.

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 R. H. Edwards, J. F. Doughaday, J. C. Myatt.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

6 day of July, 1918

of Notary Public Graves County.

Attest Belle Mark Russell
Ed. Mullins

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Graves

County.

H. J. Lawrence

, of said State and County, having

been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Belle Russell
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? H. J. Lawrence,
Wingo, Graves Co., Ky., R.F.D. #2.

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Belle Russell, Yes
If so, how long have you known her? about 30 yrs.

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?

Wingo Graves Co., Ky., R.F.D. #3 all her life

4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes, 60 yrs, were school mates

5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No

6. How long did you know him? since boyhood.

7. When and where did H. J. Russell enlist in the war between the
States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?

Tenn. 2nd Artillery

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? 2 yrs.

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Cal. April 1865.

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No, was at Franklin Tenn.

12. Was H. J. Russell, the husband of applicant, present?

No, was sick in a private home

13. If not present, where was he? "

14. When and where did he leave his command? in his officiator

For what cause? sickness

By whose authority did he leave? in his officiator, was left on field

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly) I was in same Co. and

knew him from boyhood

15. When and where did H. J. Russell die? June 21, 1918

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?

near Wingo, Ky., #3 about 68 years

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of H. J. Russell,

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?

Downy on a small farm, and about \$200 in stock.

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom? *No,*

I am and have been a neighbor to Mr. Russell Deed. 35 yrs. and his wife since their marriage and concur in all statements within date.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *6* day of *July*, 191*8*.
J. M. Andrews Notary Public.
W. H. Lawrence
A. M. Perry Witnesses.

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

I, _____ Judge of _____ County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. _____ the widow of _____ amounts to \$ _____ real estate and \$ _____ personal. _____, Trustee. For _____ County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Graves County.

I, *J. M. Andrews* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Belle Russell* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the _____ day of _____, 19*18*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *W. H. Lawrence* *A. M. Perry* 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 *6* day of *July*, 191*8*.
J. M. Andrews Notary Public. _____ County.
My Comm. expires Jan. 10, 1922.

- 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. 3876

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Belle Russell*

Filed **NOV 16 1918**

Widow of *M. J. Russell*

1880

Allowed

Jan 15th 1919

W. J. Stone

Commissioner.

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



Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

BELLE RUSSELL
widow of
W. J. RUSSELL

Who enlisted Dec. 1, 1863,
in Co. C, 12th Kentucky Cav.
and served till the close of
the war, and was paroled May
16, 1865, at Paducah, Ky.
Proven by comrades and copy
of parole filed with his
application.

Property: \$520.00.

Approved:

W J Stone.

STATE OF KENTUCKY,
GRAVES COUNTY COURT.

"THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that on the 13 day of June 1889, the RITES OF
MATRIMONY were legally solemnized by me between Wm. J. Russell and Millie
B Mills of Mayfield in the County of Graves in the presence of Clem J.
Whittemore and W. J. Webb.

Signed, J. E. Robbins, J.G.C.C."

State of Kentucky,
County of Graves, Sct.

I, H. A. Coulter, Clerk of the County Court in and for the
County and State aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing is a true and
correct copy of the marriage certificate of Wm. J. Russell and Millie
B Mills as appears of record in my office in Register No. 1 page 102,
this the 8 day of July 1918.

H. A. Coulter Clerk.