(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

*STATE OF KENTUCKY,*

GRAVES *County.*

Mrs. James E. Morgan, *of said State and County, desiring to avail herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, General Assembly, approved March 18, 1914, 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 FRANCIS SHELTON MORGAN, Wingo, Graves 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?* April 20th, 1860 - IN HICKMAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, MY NAME WAS MARY FRANCES SHELTON -

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. (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)* In 1845 O Graves County, Kentucky ~~O~~ James E. Morgan We were married near Wingo, Kentucky, in Graves County, Kentucky, by the Rev. John Yates -

5. *When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?* Some time about May 1864 O Company C. 12th Kentucky, Lyon's Brigade and Buford's Division.

6. *How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment?* About one year O Paroled in May 1865-~~O~~

7. *When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender?* May 1865 - Columbus, Mississippi.

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?*

10. *When and where did your husband die?* Near Beelerton, in Hickman County, Ky. June 14th, 1921 -

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?* Small house and lot in Wingo, Ky., worth about $500.00 - one cow, worth about $35.00, and notes amounting to ~~four hundred dollars O total nine hundred and thirty five dollars, with possibly~~ sixty five dollars worth of household goods, making grand total of about one thousand dollars. My total income is $32.00 per year from interest on the four hundred dollars.

14. *Have you a family? If so, who compose such family?* No - no family of any kind.

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* JOHN HOWARD HUMPHREYS, ~~O~~ Wingo, Kentucky, Graves County.

*Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the* 1st *day of* March, 192

Ethel Martin
Notary Public

of Hickman - *County*

My commission expires Sept. 13th, 1928.

Mrs. J. E. Morgan

# Questions for Witnesses

*STATE OF KENTUCKY,*

GRAVES *County.*

BABBARA SHELTON, *of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs.* JAMES E. MORGAN, and John B. Pharis, Hickman County, Kentucky Address - Fulton, Ky., R. R. 4 -

*for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, approved March 18, 1914, 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?* Barbbara Shelton, Wingo, Kentucky, Graves County, and John B. Pharis, address above -

2. *Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs.* JAMES E. MORGAN, - Yes, know her well.

*If so, how long have you known her?* Allof my life. About 20 years - J. B. Pharis .

3. *Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?* Wingo, Kentucky, All her life -----

4. *Were you ever acquainted with her husband?* Yes, knew him well.

5. *Were either or both of you present at the marriage?* Yes, I was. (Barbara Shelton ) I was not present at the marriage - J. B. Pharis.

6. *How long did you know him?* About forty or fifty years.

7. *When and where did* James E. Morgan, *enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?* About May 1864 Enlisted in Company C. Twelfth Kentucky ~~e~~ know this from war records and statements which I have often heard James E. Morgan and other soldiers make. I do not know about his military record - J. B. Pharis.

8. *Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war?* No, I was not in the army.

9. *How long did he perform regular military duty?* From time of enlistment until close of the war. (Barbara Shelton ) Do not know about hhis - J. B. Pharis.

10. *When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?* In May 1865 - at Columbus, Miss. Do not know about this - H. B. Pharis.

11. *Were you with the command when it surrendered?* No, I was not.

12. *Was* JAMES E. MORGAN, *the husband of applicant, present?* Yes ~~e~~ (Barbara Shelton ) Do not know about this - J. B. Pharis.

13. *If not present, where was he?*

14. *When and where did he leave his command?* When paroled at Columbus, Miss. in May 1865 .

*For what caues?* End of the war and command had surrendered.

*By whose authority did he leave?* By authority of commanding officers .

*How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.)* Because I knew James E. Morgan intimately and for long years, and have often heard him and others of his comrades discuss these things, and have also had occasion to learn these facts from a history giving the roll of the 12th Kentucky, and some of their noble exploits.

15. *When and where did* James E. Morgan *die?* Near Beelerton, In Hickman County, Kentucky, June 14th, ~~1926~~ 1921 -

16. *Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?* Near Beelerton, Hickman County, Kentucky, All his life.

17. *Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of* JAMES E. MORGAN? Yes - Saw them married, and know they lived together as husband and wife until the time of his death and that she has remained his widow ever since and is now unmarried.

I did not see them married, but I know they lived together as husband and wife until the time of his death and that she is now his widow. J. B. Pharis.

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?*
She has a little house and lot in Wingo, Kentucky, a few old household goods, a little cow and four hundred dollars in notes. ~~I know this because I know her well and know all about her affairs.~~ I do not know about her property or what little she has - J. B. PHARIS.

20. *Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any money, if so, what was it, and to whom?*
NO - SHE HAD NONE TO CONVEY - AND NOTHING WHATEVER TO GIVE AWAY. (Barbara Shelton )
Do not know about this - J. B. Pharis.

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.

The witness J. B. Pharis concurs in the answers of Barbara Shelton to questions Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 15, 16 and 18 ~~set out above and has not made separate answers to~~ such ~~of the other questions~~ as he can answer or not as the case may be.

*Sworn to and subscribed before me this* 1st *day of* March 1926

Ethel Martin
Notary Public for Hickman County, Kentucky.

My commission ~~expires Sept. 13th, 1928.~~

Barbara Shelton
J. B. Pharis
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,*
HICKMAN *County.*

*I,* Ethel Martin, *Clerk of Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs.* James E. Morgan, *resides in said* Graves *county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the* 20th *day of* April, 1860 *, 19..., and that the witnesses, Mr.* Barbara Shelton, and J. B. Pharis, *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* March 1926

(SEAL)

Ethel Martin
Notary Public for Hickman *County.*

My commission expires Sept. 13th, 1928.

**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. 4406

**Widow's Indigent Pension**

Name Mrs Julia E. Morgan

Filed March 15 1926

Widow of Jas E. Morgan

allowed April 26, 1926
J. T. George Cour

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

Filed and ordered to lie over to next regular term of the Graves County Court for final adjudication.
This March 8th 1926.

Judge Graves Co. Court

Mrs Jas E. Morgan

Widow of J. E. Morgan

allowed April 26, 1926.
J. T. George Cour

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Mary Frances Morgan, widow
of James Morgan, who enlisted
in Company "C" I2th Ky. Cav.
May, I864- paroled at Columbus
Miss.
May, I865-

Proven by records.

Property $500

April, 26, I926.

Mrs. J. E. Morgan,
Wingo, Kentucky.

My dear Madam:

Your application for pension received. this morning, and I have allowed your claim for pension of this date. You will receive your first voucher and pension certificate about July, I5th, This is the best I can do for you,

Very respectfully,

T. W. Glenn
Com

GRAVES COUNTY COURT -

Regular April 1926 term -

His Honor, I. N. Hughes, County Judge, Presiding

In RE: APPLICATION OF MRS. JAMES E. MORGAN,
Widow of Jas. E. Morgan, deceased, FOR A PENSION ----------

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This cause coming on regularly for hearing, and the County Attorney, Hon. Seth Roaz, being present; the following witnesses were introduced on behalf of the claimant, Mrs. James E. Morgan, who having been duly sworn testified in substance as follows; towit:-

The first witness, being Jess Shelton, whose post office address is Mayfield, Kentucky, and who sta ted that he had known Mrs. James E. Morgan widow of Jas. E. Morgan deceased for a good many years, and that he himself had formerly lived at Wingo, Kentucky, where the said Mrs. Jas. E. Morgan now resides and tha t he knew her quite well, and knew her to be an American Citizen and for many years and now a resident of this the county of Graves , state of Kentucky, and that she was quite old and physically unable to earn a living for herself, and that she had no means of support known to him other than whatever little rent she might be getting for a little cottage she has there in Wingo.

The next witness introduced was J. R. Humphries , whose post - office address is Mayfield, Kentucky , and who stated inbrief as follows:- That he is well acquainted with Mrs. James E. Morgan and he known her to be an American citizen and for many years, and now a resident of Graves County Kentucky; that she is quite old and physically unable to earn a living; and that she has no means of support, known to him whatever, other than a little rent she might get for a little cottage that she owns in Wingo; that her little cottage and all other property that she owns does not exceed $600.00 in value, And the court after hearing the testimony of the above named witnesses which is set out above, I find the facts to be that Mrs. James E. Morgan, widow of James E. Morgan deceased, is a citizen of the United States and a resident of Graves County Kentucky, and for practically all her life, and that she has no means of support other than possibly some little rent income and a small amount in the way of interest, all of which income totals less than $100.00 per year. In view of these facts I very respectfully recommend the granting of a pension to this applicant, under existing laws.

The testimony of the foregoing witnesses closed the hearing on this matter.

-- FINDINGS OF THE COURT --

Having heard the testimony of the foregoing above named witnesses, which is set out briefly above , I find the facts to be that Mrs. James H. Morgan, widow of James H. Morgan , deceased, is a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Graves County , Kentucky, for practically all her life, and that she has no means of support other than possibly some rental income and a small amount in the way of interest, all of which totals less than one hundred dollars per year.

In view of these facts, I very respectfully recommend the granting of a pension to this applicant under existing law.

Respectfully submitted.

L. N. Hughes,
County Judge of Graves County, Kentucky