

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Elliot* County.

*Caroline Mays*

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.) *Caroline Mays Little Sandy Ky Elliott Co*
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 Morgan County Ky in 1848*
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.) *Wiley Mays born 1844 in Morgan County Ky*
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *In Company B 51st Reg*
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *14 months*
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *Disbanded above Salzersville Ky in fall of 1862*
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? *Disbanded 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? *In Elliott County Ky in 1873*
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? *none*
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *none*
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. *Wiley Mays*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the *17* day of *April*, 191*2*,  
*Wm. Mays* Notary Public of *Elliott* County, Ky.  
 attested *Caroline Mays* her mark  
*Joseph Duvall*  
 my commission expires *Feb. 13, 1916*

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Elliott County, William Mays & David Stratig, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Caroline Mays 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? William Mays  
5th Spungler Ky
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Caroline Mays?  
If so, how long have you known her? Yes have known her from 40 to 50 years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? at Little Sandy Ky in Elliott Co has resided in Ky all her life
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? for 15 years or longer
7. When and where did Piley Mays enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?  
In 1861 in Morgan now Elliott County Ky in Co 'B' 1st Reg
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? No was disbanded in fall of 1862 Yes when disbanded
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? 14 months
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Disbanded about Solizensville Ky in fall of 1862
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? Yes when it disbanded
12. Was Caroline Mays Piley Mays the husband of applicant, present?  
Yes
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.) I was present
15. When and where did Piley Mays die?  
in Elliott County 1873
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?  
near Sandy Hook Elliott County Ky, all his life
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Piley Mays?  
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?

*none*

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 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *17* day of *April* 191*2*

*W.M. Mays*  
Notary Public

my commission expires *Feb. 13, 1916*

attested *William Mays* *his mark*  
*Sinza Mays* *mark*  
*D. A. Fealey*  
Witnesses.

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

I, *J. M. Gamm* Judge of *Calliott* County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Caroline Mays* the widow of *Riley Mays* amounts to \$ *to nothing* real estate and \$ *no property* personal *J. M. Gamm* County Judge

For *Calliott* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Calliott* County.

I, *W.M. Mays* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Caroline Mays* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *Jan* day of *1860* 19*12*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *William Mays & David A. Fealey* 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 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 *17* day of *April* 191*2*

(SEAL)

*W.M. Mays* Notary Public

my commission expires *Feb. 13, 1916* *Calliott* 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. 838

No. ....

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Cornelia Mays*

Filed *JUL 12 1912*

Widow of *Riley Mays*

*Approved Sept 12 1913*  
*W. J. Stone Examiner*

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



*Filed Sept 18 1912*  
*G. H. Young out comm*  
*By C. H. Young out comm*

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
JUL 15 1912  
1934884  
WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

1934884  
WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, July 17, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name Riley Mays has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company B of any 5th Kentucky organization, Confederate States Army, and no record has been found of the capture or parole of a man of this name as a member of any such organization.

*Henry P. Ham*  
Adjutant General.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. CAROLINE MAYS,  
widow of  
RILEY MAYS,

Who enlisted in Oct. 1861, in Company B, 5th Kentucky Infantry for 1 year and was mustered out with his Company in Oct. 1862. Proven by his comrades.

Indigent.

W. C. Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

*J. Sandy Ellis*  
Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board.

*James B. McCreary*  
Chairman.

Name Caroline Mays.

February, 1926

VOUCHER

\$36.00

RETURN TO  
**J. T. GEORGE,**  
COMMISSIONER OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS  
FRANKFORT, KY.

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.
5. Vouchers must be returned to the Pension Department, by February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, or November 1st, following the execution of the vouchers in order that checks may be paid promptly each quarter.

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 of 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.

No. .... W. ....

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

JUL 12 1912

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

Dear Sir :

Mrs. Caroline Mays.

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,

claims that her husband Riley Mays.

was a member of Company B Regiment 5<sup>th</sup> Ky. C. S. A.,

and was 1<sup>st</sup> Old

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone  
Examiner.

# VOUCHER

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Make oath that I am the identical person named in pension Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, 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 1, 1925, to FEBRUARY 1, 1926.

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

If pensioner signs by mark or illegibly, two witnesses who write must sign here.

Pensioner's signature must be written here in full as name appears in the head of this voucher  
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 \_\_\_\_\_, 1924, 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, or her

(L. S.)

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.)

Came Amyt Mays of Little  
Sandy Ky. and Lindsey Mays  
of Spanglin. Ky. witnesses.  
for the applicant Caroline  
Mays and appeared in open  
Court. and made oath to the  
following. viz: That she has  
been a resident of this State  
for more than thirty years.  
she owns no property what-  
ever. she possesses no income.  
and is dependent on the  
mercies of her relations for  
her subsistence. I hereby certify  
that the above named witnesses  
are reputable and that their  
statements are entitled to full  
faith and credit. also that  
I consider this claim  
a just one and that same  
should be allowed.

Given under my hand,  
this July 8. th. 1912.

J. M. Hamlin  
Judge Elliott County Court.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

State Board of Health  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Elliot

Vot. Pct. Worlebury

Inc. Town

City

Registration District No.

Primary Registration District No.

(No. St. Ward)

File No.

Registered No.

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

2 FULL NAME Caroline Mays

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX F 4 COLOR OR RACE white 5 Single widowed  
Married  
Widowed  
or Divorced  
(Write the word)

16 DATE OF DEATH Jan 2, 1926  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH D. Know  
(Month) (Day)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased  
from Dec 20, 1925, to Jan 2, 1926,  
that I last saw her alive on Jan 2, 1926,  
and that death occurred on the date stated above at 11.9 a.m.

7 AGE 84(?)  
yrs. mos. ds. IF LESS than 1 day hrs. or min.

The CAUSE OF DEATH<sup>2</sup> was as follows:  
Cerebral Hemorrhage

8 OCCUPATION  
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work at Home  
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)

(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
Contributory (Secondary) Bright's Disease  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Wisconsin (?)

(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) A.M. Lynn M. D.  
Jan 3, 1926 (Address) Sandy Hook

10 NAME OF FATHER William Adkins

(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) A.M. Lynn M. D.  
Jan 3, 1926 (Address) Sandy Hook

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) D.C.

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Alsie White

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Kentucky

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Wm Mays

(Address) Sandy Hook

15 Filed Jan 4, 1926 Wm A M Lynn Registrar

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents)  
at place \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Cox Adkins P.B. Co DATE OF BURIAL Jan 4, 1926

23 UNDERTAKER Oscar Brown ADDRESS Sandy Hook

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.

Sandy Hook Ky

Feb. 3 1926

Hon. J.T. George, Commissioner of Pensions  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

My Mother, Pension claimant #838 died on Jan. 2 1926 as you will see from certified copy of death certificate, also you will find herein enclosed an order of the Elliott County Court that I have been appointed administrator. Also there is the voucher not touched and I am waiting for a reply from you to take other steps that I may collect the balance due her during her life-time.

Respectfully Yours

-1 Miles ways