

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Owen County.

Mrs. Mary Wright

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 Wright*

Owen Co. Ky. Sparta Ky. R. # 1,

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? *Born in Owen Co. Ky. April 15/1832*

Mary Noll

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.) *Born in*

Scott Co. Ky. Thomas Cropper performed the ceremony.

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *Born in Owen Co. Ky. He enlisted in Owen Co. Ky. Oct. 1862 in Company E. 5th Ky. Infantry.*

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *2 1/2 years*

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *at Washington Ga.*

After close of war

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? *He died in Owen Co. Ky. Feb. 1895*

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? *I have not*

13. What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value? *I have none at all*

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *I have one ^{single} daughter*

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. *J. W. Brock Sparta Ky*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the *22* day of *April*, 191*2* } att *John Conroy* *Mary Wright*

Walter Wilhoit
Clerk of *Owen* County.

By *Byron Coates D.C.*

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

..... Owen County.

Willis Smith

....., of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mary Wright 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? Willis Smith, Sparta, P.O. No. 1.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Mary Wright?
If so, how long have you known her? I am acquainted with her and have known her ever since the war 45 or 50 years.
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? She resides in Owen Co., Ky. and has been a resident of said county and state all her life.
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? I was.
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? I was not.
6. How long did you know him? I first knew him about 2 years ago, and know him until he died.
7. When and where did Benjamin Wright enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? He enlisted in Owen Co., Ky. in Oct., 1862. He enlisted in company E, 5th Ky. infantry. I was in the same Co. with him.
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? I was.
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? From Oct. 1862 until the close of the war, about two and one-half years.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? At Washington, Georgia, after the war closed.
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? I was.
12. Was Benjamin Wright, the husband of applicant, present? He was.
13. If not present, where was he?
14. When and where did he leave his command? When he was paroled at Washington, Georgia.
For what cause? The war was over and he was paroled with his command.
By whose authority did he leave? By authority of his commanding officer.
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I know all this because I was the same time as he was in the same company with him until the war closed, we were paroled and came home together.
15. When and where did Benjamin Wright die? He died in Owen Co., Ky. in Feb. 1865.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? He resided in Owen Co., Ky. where he died, and had been here all his life.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Benjamin Wright? I do. At least I know that they were together as man and wife from the time of the war until his death.

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? *She has remained unmarried ever since his death and she is now his widow.*

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge? *She has no property, neither plus nor in her husband's name, any land or any property, real or personal.*

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom? *She has not.*

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. *The witness, James Shelton, says that he joined the Confederate States Army at the same time the decedent, Benjamin Wright, joined the same army, and that he was with him until the witness, Willis Smith, joined the army; and that he saw him, James Wright, to the witness, James Shelton, states that he concurs in all the testimony of the said James Wright.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *22* day of *April* 191*2*.
Walter Wilhoite Clerk
Crown County Court.

Attest *Willis Smith*
James Shelton
Witnesses.

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

I, *W. P. Yancy* Judge of *Crown* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Mary Wright* the widow of *Benjamin* amounts to \$ *nothing* real estate and \$ *nothing* personal. *W. P. Yancy* Trustee Judge
For *Crown* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Crown County.

I, *Walter Wilhoite* Clerk of Court, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Mary Wright* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *22* day of *April* 19*12*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *Willis Smith and James Shelton* 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 *22* day of *April* 191*2*.

(SEAL)

Walter Wilhoite
Clerk *Crown* County.
By Byron Coates

- 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.

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No.....

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mrs. Mary Wright*

Filed **JUN 17 1912**

Widow of *Benjamin Wright*

Approved
W. J. Stone
Examiner

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

Owen County Court.

Regular May Term, held at Owenton, Ky., on the 27 day of May 1912,
County Judge, W. P. Yancey, present and presiding:-

The application of Mary Wright for pension under an act of the
General Assembly of Kentucky approved March 11th, 1912, granting pensions to indigent Confederate
Soldiers or their widows, having been filed in this Court on or before the regular April, 1912, term and
lain over until this, a subsequent regular term thereof; the following is a brief memorandum of the sub-
stance of the testimony of each witness heard by me touching said claim:-

Witnesses; J. J. Kueper and John Caldwell
P. O. Jonesville Ky. Each testify that
they have known the applicant for more than
25 years, and that she is a resident of Owen
County Ky.; that she owns no property of
any kind; dependant her children for support,
that by reason of old age and bodily infirmity
is unable to earn a living by manual
labor; that the applicant is not now, nor
never has drawn a pension from any State
or the Government of the United States

And I find from all the evidence adduced the following facts proven:-

That the applicant Mary Wright was the wife of one Benjamin Wright; that the said
Benjamin Wright joined the Confederate States Army at Old, 1862, and served in good
and continuous service until the war closed; that they were married before the war,
that she lived with him as his wife until his death; that he died in Feb. 1903; that she
is still his widow; that she is a resident and citizen of Owen County Kentucky
and has continuously been such resident and citizen for more than 25 years last
past; that she owns no property whatever and has no source of income or
support whatever except from charity; that she is unable to earn a sup-
port by manual labor; that she has not at any time drawn any pension from
any source whatever; I further certify that I am personally acquainted with all
the witnesses who have testified herein and that all of them are reputable and entitled to credit.

Wherefore upon the merits of the claim I recommend that the pension applied for by

Mary Wright be Granted

W. P. Yancey,
Judge of the Owen County Court.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 21, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that Benjamin Wright, private, 3d Company E, 5th Kentucky Infantry (Mounted), Confederate States Army, enlisted September 15, 1862; that he voluntarily surrendered himself May 6, 1865, at Washington, Georgia, and that he was released May 21, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee, on taking the oath of allegiance.

Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)

Indorsement.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.,

BENJAMIN WRIGHT.

Enlisted Sept. 15, 1862; Co. E

~~5th Ky. Mtd. Inf.~~ 5th Ky. Mtd. Inf.

surrendered May 6th 1865 at

Washington, Ga. and was re-

leased May 21st, 1865 at Nash-

ville, Tenn.

Indigent.

Proven by the record
and comrades.

W. J S

Approved by State
Pension Board.

James M. McCreary
Chairman.

(A. G. O. 35.)

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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

June 18th, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Mary Wright,

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband Benjamin Wright,
was a member of Company "E" Regiment 5th Ky. C. S. A.,
and was Infantry

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

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I, John H. Douglas, state that I have known the applicant for a pension, Mrs. Mary Wright, for more than forty years; that I was well acquainted with her husband, Benjamin Wright, deceased more than fifty years ago; that I have been to their home and played with their children more than fifty years ago; that from the time I first knew them until the death of the said Benjamin Wright, they lived together as man and wife.

John H. Douglas.

Sworn to before me by John H. Douglas, this the 22nd day of April, 1912.

Walter D. White clerk C.C.

I, W. P. Yancy, Judge of the Owen County Court, do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the witnesses, John H. Douglas, and know him to be reputable and entitled to credit.
Given under my hand this, the 22nd day of April, 1912.

W. P. Yancy J. C. C.