

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Fleming* County.

*Margaret Ann Saunders* 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.) .....  
*Margaret Ann Saunders, Riggs Mills, Fleming 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? .....  
*Margaret Ann Boyd, Born April 2, 1859, Fleming County, Kentucky.*
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.) .....  
*Fleming County, Ky., 1844, Austin Wisby Saunders, At my house in Fleming County, Preacher Kim Hunt.*
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? .....  
*Oct. 1861, Prestonsburg, Ky., Company E, Fifth Ky. Infantry.*
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? .....  
*Twelve months.*
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? .....  
*Disbanded at Hazel Green, Ky., year was out. Called in Marshall to discharge them. He refused. Regiment disbanded.*
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? .....  
*Never disembarked.*
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? .....  
*Term expired. Regiment disbanded by Col. Hawkins near Hazel Green in 1862.*
10. When and where did your husband die? .....  
*Fleming County, Riggs Mills Dec. 1906.*
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 Sir.*
13. What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value? .....  
*House and about 40 acres of mountain land worth one hundred and fifty dollars. This is all I own worth.*
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? .....  
*No 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. ....  
*James Newman, Riggs Mill, Fleming Co., Ky.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the }  
*24* day of *June*, 191*1* }  
*Chas. M. Lutz* }  
of *Fleming* County.

*Wit: R. J. Babbitt,*  
*Margaret Ann* <sup>by</sup> *Saunders*  
*quid*

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Fleming County.

Moses Saunders & James Newman of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Margaret Ann Saunders 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? Moses Saunders Orange City - Fleming County. James Newman Ringos Mills Fleming County.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Margaret Ann Saunders.  
If so, how long have you known her? Yes. All her Life.
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Ringos Mills, All her Life.
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes.
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? Moses Saunders No. James Newman, Yes.
6. How long did you know him? 35 years. (Newman says) Moses Saunders says All my Life.
7. When and where did Austin Risby Saunders enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? At Prestonsburg Oct. 1861, Company C. 5th Ky. Infantry. I was there and collected at same time says Moses Saunders.
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? I was at the close of its disbandment says Moses Saunders.
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? Four months.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? They did not surrender but were discharged near Hazel Grove Ky. in 1862, says Moses Saunders.
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? was with it when disbanded.
12. Was Austin Risby Saunders, the husband of applicant, present? Yes.
13. If not present, where was he?
14. When and where did he leave his command? At Hazel Grove in 1862 Oct, when disbanded.  
For what cause? Because the time of enlistment was out.  
By whose authority did he leave? By authority of Col. Hawkins - Col of the Regiment.  
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I was right there and thought it all says Moses Saunders.
15. When and where did Austin Risby Saunders die? Near Ringos Mills in Fleming Co. Ky. Dec. 1906.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Ringos Mills in Fleming County Ky. All his Life.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Austin Risby Saunders? Yes. Both witnesses.

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?  
*A piece of Mountain land about 200 acres worth about 150<sup>00</sup> We know the land and live near the place. She has no other property. Both witness.*

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

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.

*James Newman concurs in all above testimony except as to service in the army of Austin Kirby Saunders about which he knows nothing*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *24* day of *June* 191*2*  
*Wit, R. J. Babbitt his*  
*Moses X. Saunders,*  
*James Newman*  
Witnesses.

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

I, *J. New Courtney* Judge of *Heming* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Margaret Ann Saunders* the widow of *Austin R. Saunders* amounts to \$ *0.00* real estate and \$ *no* personal *not listed*  
For *J. New Courtney* Trustee.  
*Judge Heming* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,  
*Heming* County.

I, *Chas. W. Linn* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Margaret Ann Saunders* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *birth* day of *April* 18*69* and that the witnesses, *Mrs. Saunders & James Newman* 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 herem 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 *24* day of *June* 191*2*  
*Chas. W. Linn*  
*Heming* 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. 1889

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mary Ann Saunders.*

Filed *JUL 24 1912*

Widow of *Austin W. Saunders.*

*Approved*  
*W. J. Stone*  
*Examiner*

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

*Filed June 24-1912*  
*G. W. Clearney, J. F. C.*

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, July 26, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that Austin  
Saunders, private, 1st Company C, 5th  
Kentucky Infantry, Confederate States  
Army (later Mounted), enlisted Octo-  
ber 25, 1861, and that he was mustered  
out of service with his company Octo-  
ber 20, 1862.

*Henry P. Mc Cain*  
Adjutant General.

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Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. MARGARET A. SANDERS,  
WIDOW OF AUSTIN W. SANDERS, who  
enlisted Oct. 25, 1861, Co. C,  
5th Kentucky Inf'y. for 1 year  
and was mustered out of the  
service with his company Oct.  
20th, 1862. Proven by the  
record and comrades.

Property: \$150.00

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Allowed by the State  
Pension Board.

*J. Handy Ellis*  
Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State  
Pension Board.

*James B. McCrear*  
Chairman.

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

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

July 24, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Margaret Saunders,

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*

Examiner.

Matter of

Affidavit,

Margaret Ann Saunders.

Affiant Campbell Royce says that in the Civil War of 1861 to 65 he enlisted in 5th Ky Infantry at Prestonsburg Oct. 1861 and served a year in said regiment. Affiant was in Company H. Affiant states that he knew Austin Ribby Saunders before he went to the war and during his years service in the 5th Ky Infantry. He knows that said Saunders enlisted in Prestonsburg in Oct. 1861 and served therein for a year and over until said regiment was disbanded at Hazel Green Ky in 1862, and that the statements made as to his service in the application for Pension for his widow are true herein.

Witness: R. J. Robbitt.

Campbell <sup>his</sup> Royce.  
make

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1912.

Chas. W. Linn

State of Kentucky

Fleming County, -Sct.

I, Chas. M. Lee, Clerk of the Fleming County Court, do hereby certify that a copy of the marriage license of Austin R. Saunders and Margaret A. Boyd, is filed in my office, together with the return of the officiating Minister A. P. Hurst, as of date Nov. 6th 1881.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 23rd day of July, 1912.



*Chas. M. Lee*  
Clerk Fleming County Court,

By,

*A. P. Hurst*  
Deputy Clerk.

In the matter of Margaret Ann Saunders,

Application for Pension.

C.H. Saunders and Charles Saunders, whose post-office address is Ringo's Mills Fleming Co. Ky., appeared before the Judge of the Fleming County Court and after being duly sworn testifies to the following facts.

That the post-office address of Margaret Ann Saunders is Ringo's Mill Fleming Co. Ky., and that she has been a citizen and resident of Fleming County Ky., for more than twenty five years. That her husband Austin Saunders is dead and that she has not married again since his death. That she owns 40 acres of mountain land worth about \$100 and does not own any personal property. That she has no other income and is not able to labor for her support. These facts are reported to the department, with request that a pension be granted to the applicant.

*J. H. McCartney*  
Judge Fleming County Court.