

(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Ballard County.

Martha R Chapman 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 follow:

1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.) Martha R Chapman Keokuk Kentucky
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? All my life (or 28 years)
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? April 3rd 1847, Union County Kentucky, Martha Ray
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). July 22nd 1845 in Union County Ky, Ben Chapman Married in Union Co. Ky. in 1868 by Bro. Wolf
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Oct 1862 in 1st Ky Reg.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? About three years
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? April 1865 at Washington Ga.
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? Could
10. When and where did your husband die? at Keokuk Ky. April 9th 1924
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? One half interest in 29 acres of Land Value \$1800.00 And income from same is less than \$200.00 per year
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? Yes I live on same farm with my son-in-law. who owns one half of same
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 Ed Peeson Bandana Ky or John Poyos Keokuk Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 13 day of May, 1924
Ed Peeson

Martha R Chapman

NOTARY PUBLIC, BALLARD COUNTY, KY.
My Commission Expires Jan. 23, 1926

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Ballard County.

Ed Reesor

of said State and County, having

been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Martha R Chapman 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? Ed Reesor Ballard Ky
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Martha R Chapman yes
If so, how long have you known her? about 22 years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? at Keokuk Kentucky
all her life. (or for more than 22 years to my knowledge)
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 about 22 years
7. When and where did Ben J Chapman enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Union Army
Ky in 1862
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? no (see other affidavits)
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? about 3 years
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? in Texas April 1865
(see other affidavits)
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? no
12. Was Ben J Chapman, the husband of applicant, present?
see affidavits of R.T. Gandy & John McCree attached
13. If not present, where was he? see same affidavits
14. When and where did he leave his command? see same
For what cause? Paroled
By whose authority did he leave? see same affidavits and Pledge Chapman Union Army
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) we have known both parties for more than 20 years. And from the papers Ben J. Chapman Pension Book
15. When and where did Ben J Chapman die? at Keokuk Kentucky April 9th 1924
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? at Keokuk Ky
and had resided in the State all his life
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of and Ben J Chapman?
yes. (see papers)

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 one half interest in 79 acres of land & valued about \$2000.00 I am well acquainted with the family

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom? No, she has the title to the whole tract. But one half of same belongs to C. L. Brittain her son-in-law

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 16 day of May 1924
J. H. Roland
Notary Public, Ballard County, Ky.
My Commission Expires July 3, 1925

Ed Reeson
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,

Ballard County.

I, Hank Owens Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. Martha R. Chapman resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the entire of life, and that the witnesses, Mr. Ed Reeson, C. L. Brittain & James R. Burnley 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 16 day of June 1924

(SEAL)

Hank Owens
Clerk Ballard 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. 4295-

Widow's
Indigent Pension

Name *Martha R. Chapman*

Filed *June 18, 1924*

Widow of *Benj. Chapman*

*Allowed June 18
1924
Filed P. S. Hooper
Com*

May 19, 1924

*Frank Owens
Clerk*

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

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Martha R. Chapman, widow of
B. J. Chapman, who enlisted
in Company "C" 10th, Ky.
Cov. August 14th, 1862.
Captured May 6th, 1863 and
surrendered at Washington
Ga. May 1865.
Proven by Comrades.

Property \$ 1800.00

J. T. George
Com

This is to certify that on the 25th day of November, 1868
the rites of Marriage were legally solemnized by me between Benjamin
J. Chapman and Martha Ray at Goodlett Rays in the county of Union
and in the presence of Vaughn Cromwell, Henry Bruce and others.

Signed

Peterson Wall

Recorded in Marriage Bond Book C. page 193. Union County Clerks office.

A copy attest:

J. C. Kerney clerk

By *Margaret Suedtson* D.C.

State of Kentucky)
 : SS
County of McCracken)

In the matter of the pension of Ben H. Chapman, and for amended affidavit or proof, I, R. T. Young, will say further that after the surrender of my company and after the surrender of the command in which said Chapman was a member of, in the month of April, 1865, while on my way home I met up with said Ben J. Chapman about one hundred miles south of Nashville, Tenn., and came with him back to our homes in Union County, Kentucky. And will say further that there was several Kentucky soldiers* in each party when we came together and we came on home together. It was then and is still now my understanding that both commands had been surrendered about the same time in which I served and in which said Chapman served.

Will state further that after talking over matters with Mr. Chapman that I was mistaken in my affidavit made on Sept. 8th, 1915 when I said that "Ben Chapman came home a few days later than I did".

R. T. Young

Subscribed and sworn to by R. T. Young before me this June 7th, 1916.

Leah M. Garrison
Notary Public, McCracken County, Ky.

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
 ; SS.
COUNTY OF McCracken)

In the matter of the person of Ben J. Chapman, this day came John McCreery and for his amended affidavit or proof, states that he was discharged from prison at Atlanta, Ga., on or about the 25th day of April, 1865, and started on his way home and that at Chattanooga, Tenn., the very last days of April, 1865, he fell in company with Ben J. Chapman, the applicant herein, it only being a few days after his (Chapman's) company's surrendered at Washington, Ga., and journeyed together back to their home in Union County, Kentucky, reaching hom during the month of May, 1865. He further says that Roger T. Young fell in company with said Ben J. Chapman and myself between Chattanooga and Nashville Tenn. and the three together journeyed home and that he then understood ~~xxx~~ from Mr. Chapman and other members of his company, that they had surrendered about the 20th day of April 1865 at Washington, Ga.

John McCreery

Subscribed and sworn to before me by John McCreery,
this June 7th, 1916.

My commission as Notary Public expires Jan. 23, 1918.

Leat M. Garrison
Notary Public, McCracken Co. Ky.

Ballard County Court,

Regular Term June 16th. 1924,

I Ben B. Morris Judge in and for Ballard County Kentucky, hereby certify, that in the matter, of Mrs. Martha R. Chapman, (Widow of Ben J. Chapman), applicant for a pension, under an act of the general assembly of Kentucky, Entitled an act granting pensions to disabled and indigent Confederate Soldiers, and their Widows.

Said application coming on for hearing, and the County Attorney being present, and the applicant introduced, and had sworn on her behalf C.L. Brittain, James R. Burnley, both of Ballard County, who has been acquainted with the applicant for several years, and that applicant has resided in Ballard County, for more than fifteen years, and that she owns Real Estate of the value of about Two thousand Dollars, to wit "a one half interest in seventy acres of land, situated in Ballard County, and that her income from said land is less than one Hundred dollars from said land, and that she has no other property, or means of support, and that her age is seventy seven years of age, and that she is not able to perform any labor to earn her support,

I further certify that I am well acquainted with C.L. Brittain and James R. Burnley, and that I know them both to be entitled to credit when sworn, and now after hearing all the evidence, I hereby recommend that the pension be allowed as provided by law.

Ben B. Morris
Judge Ballard County Court,

ED REESOR
Attorney-at-Law

Bandana, Ky.,

June 16th. 1924

Hon J.T.George, Com. of Pensions.

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear sir:-

Application of Martha R.Chapman.

Please find application of Mrs Chapman, widow of Bon J.
Chapman. and who held Certificate for a Pension, No. 3579 and who
departed this life on April 9th. 1924.

Please file same and let me know if any thing is wanted to
make same compleet. as this lady is geting old and can not collect
but very little from the State at best.

Please let me hear from you along this line.

Yours very truly.

Ed. Reesor

C. LILLARD BRITTAIN, D.D.S.
KEVIL, KY.

Feb. 20th - 1930.

Confederate Pension Bureau.
Frankfort.

Gentlemen:
My mother - Mrs. Martha Ray
Chapman died February 7th 1930.

Very truly yours.

(Mrs. C. L.)

Gale Chapman Brittain

John Lucas.

Feb. 24, 1930-

Mrs. C. L. Britton,
Kevil, Ky.

My dear Madam:

Your letter of February 20th informing us of the death of your mother, Mrs. Martha Ray Chapman on February 7th has been received. Our records show a check for \$60.00 was mailed to her address about February 12th, as the check has not been returned to this office, I presume it was received. There is a small amount of \$4.65 due the estate of Mrs. Chapman being accrued pension from February 1st, to February 7th inclusive, and I inclose information as to how the check and this amount may be collected.

Very Truly,

Comm.