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Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

.....Harlan.....County.

...Judah Belcher.... ....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 follow:

1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.) .....
My full name is Judah Belcher. I reside at White Leslie County Ky. with my son in Law M.D. Taylor

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? All my life about 74 years.....

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? ... I was born in Harlan County Ky,
.... My maiden name was Judah Middleton born about the year 1839.....

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.).....
My husband Stokely Belcher was born in the State of Tennessee, County I do not know. My husband and I was married some time before the civil war near the Tennessee line I think in Hancock County, my recollection is by a man named Fletcher

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? He enlisted in the Confederate army in Lee County Va. I do not recollect when nor in what Company and Regiment he enlisted. He served to the surrender.

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? I dont know how long, more than two years I believe

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? My husband said he surrendered
at Cumberland Gap Tenn.... I was not present.....

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? He said so...

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?.....
..... visit to our son at Dale Oklahoma when he died

10. When and where did your husband die? ..21st October 1912. at Dale, Oklahoma we was on a

11. At the time of your husband's death, were you living with him as his lawful wife?...I was.....

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? ..I own an undivided interest in my husbands land in which I have agreed to take a child's interest for my part land in the State of Oklahoma for which my husband paid $4865.00 and 3¼ acres in Harlan County worth $100.00 is all. I have no personal property.

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? My children are all over 21 years old and married as follows to wit;
Sarah Caldwell, Jonah Caldwell, R. H. Belcher, J. M. Belcher, William Belcher, Nibey Belcher, Daniel Belcher,
David Belcher, Matilda ~~Belcher~~ Saylor, James Belcher, Syntha Cooper.....

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 C. Wilson, Post Master at White, Leslie County Ky.....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the
..... day of .....191...

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of.....County.

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Judah + Belcher
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Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Harlan County. County.

Calvin Unthank, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Judah Belcher 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? Calvin Unthank is my name. my post office address is Mallins Creek, Harlan County Ky

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Judah Belcher,
If so, how long have you known her? I am acquainted with her and I have known her 45 or 50 years.

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?
I do not know where she now resides, She was raised in Harlan County Ky.

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? 50 years

7. When and where did Stokely Belcher enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? To best of my recollection he enlisted about 1862, Co. R. Ramsey Captain commanding, Col Caudel 10th Regiment I think commanding I was in the same Company and Regiment so how I know this

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? up to the Surrender in 1865

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? we was discharged at Roanoak River Va and our Col told us to go home and go to the nearest place selected to surrender

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No, but was when it disbanded and Soldier Stokely Belcher was present

12. Was Stokely Belcher, the husband of applicant, present?
He was. The Regiment then disbanded, separated and went to their different homes

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 do not know where Soldier Stokely Belcher surrendered, but he was disbanded with me

15. When and where did Stokely Belcher die?
I do not know

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? I do not know where he resided at his death. But resided in Kentucky all the time I knew him

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Stokely Belcher
I do

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

So far as I know she has remained unmarried and now the widow of her soldier husband

19. *What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?*

I do not know anything about that

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?

I dont know anything about that

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.

William Lankford states he was a Confederate soldier and served with soldier Stokeley Belcher in the same company and Regiment, and concur with all witness Calvin Unthank testified to in this application and that soldier Stokeley Belcher was a resident of Leslie County Ky. at his death.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th *day of* October 1913.

L. S. Skidmore
County Court Clerk

his
Calvin x Unthank
mark

his
William x Lankford
mark

Witnesses.

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

I, E. Mosley *Judge of* Leslie *County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs.* Judd Belcher *the widow of* Stokley Belcher *amounts to $* No *real estate and $* No *personal*

E. Mosley Judge ~~Trustee.~~

For Leslie *County, Ky.*

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Harlan *County.*

I, ~~L. S. Skidmore~~ C. J. Nolan Notary Public ~~*Clerk or Notary Public*~~*, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs.* Judd Belcher *resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the* year ~~*day of*~~ 1839 *and that the witnesses, Mr.* Calvin Unthank and William Lankford *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 28th *day of* October 1913.

(SEAL)

C. J. Nolan Notary Public
Harlan 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. 3791

Widow's Indigent Pension

Name Sarah Belcher

Filed MAY 18 1914

Widow of Stokely Belcher

Allowed Jan 15th 1915

W. J. Lane
Commissioner

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

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

MRS. JUDA BELCHER,
WIDOW OF
STOKELY BELCHER,

Who enlisted about 1862 in Co.K, 10th (Caudill's) Kentucky Infantry (which later became the 13th Ky. Cav) and was surrendered and paroled at Cumberland Gap, Ky. April 30,1865. Proven by the record.

Property: $ Indigent.

W. J. Stone

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

2166478 WASHINGTON, May 22, 1914.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name Stokely Belcher, or similar name, has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company K, 10th Kentucky Infantry, C.S.A., and no record has been found of the service, capture or parole of a man of such a name as a member of this organization.

However, the name of one Stakely Belcher (not borne as Stokely Belcher) appears, as that of a private of Company K, 13th Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A., on a roll of prisoners of war paroled at Cumberland Gap, Kentucky, April 30, 1865, but no record of his capture has been found, nor anything additional relative to his connection with said organization.

Geo Andrews
The Adjutant General.

Form No. 70, A. G. O.
Ed. May 10-13—75,000.

WIDOW

Name Belcher, Juda (Harlan Co)

Address White (Leslie Co)

Filed May 18, 1914

Widow of Stokely Belcher

Company "K" Regiment Caudill's 10th Ky. Infantry

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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

May 18th 1914

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Juda Belcher

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law, claims that her husband Stokely Belcher was a member of Company "K" Regiment 10th Ky. C. S. A., and was Infantry

Later 13th Kentucky Cav.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

Virginia

Lee County to wit:

Affidavit of Matilda Roberts.

This day Dec 5th 1913. Appeared before me in my County aforesaid Matilda Roberts and made oath in the form of law that she was present at the marriage of Stokley Roberts and Freda Middleton.

Sworn to this Dec. 5th 1913.

E. S. McPherson

Notary Public

My Commission expires Apr 7th 1915.

(Seal)

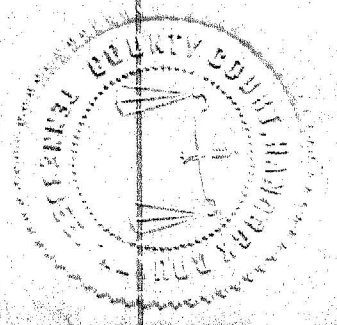
State of Tennessee))

Hancock County))))

I, John Livesay, Clerk of the County Court, in and for said state and county, do certify that all of the records of marriages for said county prior to the year 1871, was destroyed by fire, when the court house burned in the year 1885.

Witness, my hand and seal of office, at office in Sneedville, this the 6th day of December 1913.

John Livesay Clerk.



June 25, 1914.

John O. Wilson,

White (Letcher Co), Ky.

Dear Sir:-

The application of Mrs. Juda Belcher has been received here, but the findings of the County Judge as required by law has not been sent in with it. This must be done before the application can be taken up for consideration, and she gives me your name as the person to whom to write with regard to her application.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

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State of Kentucky }
} Set.
County of Leslie }

I, E.Mosley, Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that on this day personally appeared before me, Z.R.Coldwell, Esq., and Wm Belcher, persons well known to me to be reputable and entitled to full faith and credit and worthy to be believed on oath, states in relation to the claim of Mrs. Juda Belcher, who now has application for pension before the Confederation Pension Department at Frankfort, Kentucky, states in relation to said claim as follows:

That they are well acquainted with the said Juda Belcher, and have known her personally for the last thirty (35) years or more, and well acquainted with her financial conditions, and know of what pfoperty she is now possessed. That she only holds and possess about three acres and a quarter (3-1/4) acres of real estate with a small house on it in which she has a life interest, and which is worth something about One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars; that she has no personal property at all; that she some few articles of household furniture and goods worth about $25.00; that she has now in her possession about $10.00 in case and that she has no interest nor income known to the said affiants; that she has no means of support at all while she only stays and lives with M.S.Saylor, who furnishes and keeps her without pay or consideration.

Witness a to Wm Belch
J.M.Murray Hyden Ky.
M.S. Saylor Beckley for

Z.R.Coldwell
his
Wm x Belcher
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Z.R.Coldwell and Wm Belcher, this the 2nd day of February, A.D. 1915.

E. Mosley
Judge Leslie County Court.

No. 3191

State of Ky Co of Leslie
On this Aug 13 1923
Be Before me Samuel Caldwell
a Notary Public for the
Co and State aforesaid
Personal appeared the the under
Signed Wright Hilton of
Saylor Ky and Omon Brock
of Saylor Ky
and after Being Duely Sworn
according to law and Saise on
oath that they was Present
When Judy Belcher a Widow
of Stockley Belcher who was in
Co K Regiment 10th Ky. inf
When she Died and was
Buried on Date of July
5th 1923

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they further say that they
Dont Have any Interest
in the Prosecution of this
Claim that would Cause
them to make a false
Statement
Witness our Hand
W Wright Hilton
Saylor Ky
A B Brock Saylor Ky
Subscribed and Sworn to Before
me By Wright Hilton and
Omon Brock of Saylor Ky.
This the 13 Day of July 1923
Samuel Caldwell
Notary Public
My Com Exp Feb 3th 1925

NOTARY PUBLIC
LESLIE CO. KY.