

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

..... Clark County.

..... Mary A. Ragland

..... 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 A. Ragland, Winchester Kentucky, 134 Alabama St.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? all of my life.
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name?
..... Bourbon County Ky., Mary A. Irwin
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.)
..... Thomas Allen Ragland, born in Clark County Ky., Nov '9" 1847
Bourbon County Ky. by Rev. Jas W. Harding, Oct 12" 1869.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?
..... August 1862, in Clark Co, Ky. Co. A. 11 Ky. Col. Waller Chuaud's Reg.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment?
..... until captured in July 1863, in Ohio, near Cheshire Ohio.
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender?
..... In Ohio, in July 1863.
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?
..... in Clark Co Ky on May 10" 1904
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?
..... Own 1/2 undivided interest in house and lot on Alabama St. in Winchester Ky. Assessed at \$1400. Not worth over \$2000 and owe about \$1000 on it.
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family?
..... Yes, I have one
Mamie and Mamie John Ragland
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 Rutledge, Jr #215 College St Winchester Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

..... 17 day of April, 1912
..... J. A. Boony, Clerk
..... of Clark County.

..... Mary A. Ragland

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Clair County.

James Rutledge Sr of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mary A. Ragland 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?
James Rutledge Sr # 215 College St. Winchester Ky
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant Mrs. Mary A. Ragland - yes
If so, how long have you known her? Since 1875
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? at # 134 Alabama St. Winchester Ky. Resident of state since 1875
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? I knew him well since 1850
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No
6. How long did you know him? from 1850 to his death
7. When and where did Thomas Allen Ragland 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 August 1862. in Co. A. 11 Ky. Cal. because I enlisted a few days afterwards in same Co. and served with him
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war?
Yes Sir
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? Until captured by Union soldiers in Ohio in July 1863. & then taken to Camp Douglass as prisoner
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? In Ohio near Cheshire, in July 1863.
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? Yes
12. Was Thomas Allen Ragland, the husband of applicant, present?
Yes
13. If not present, where was he?
14. When and where did he leave his command? When taken to prison in July 1863 as stated
For what cause? Prisoner of war
By whose authority did he leave?
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I was a member of the same Co. and was captured about the same time, in what was and is commonly known as Morgan's Raid through Ohio
15. When and where did Thomas Allen Ragland die?
Clair County Ky. about the year 1904
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?
Clair County Ky. and was a resident of Ky. all his life
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Thomas Allen Ragland?
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?
No property effects or income, except 1/2 interest in house and lot in Winchester Ky. worth about \$2000. Know it as my own woods who has been here for over 60 years.
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.

William A. Oliver says he concurs in all the statements of James Rutledge Sr as to the war records of Thomas Allen Ragland (being in same Co) does not know personally about the marriage or property value of Mary A Ragland.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *17* day of *April* 191*2*
J. A. Boour
Clerk

James Rutledge Sr
William A Oliver
Witnesses.

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

I, *J. H. Evans* presiding Judge of *Clark* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Mary A Ragland* the widow of *Thomas Allen Ragland* amounts to \$ *N.D.* for *property* real estate and \$ *00* personal
For *J. H. Evans* County Trustee.
For *J. H. Evans* of *Clark* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Clark County.
I, *J. A. Boour* County Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Mary A Ragland* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the day of 19*12*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *James Rutledge Sr* and *William A. Oliver* 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 were signed and subscribed.

Witness my hand and official seal this *17* day of *April* 191*2*
(SEAL) *J. A. Boour*
Clerk *Clark* 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. 3158

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name: *Mary A. Ragland*

JUN 4 1912

Filed

Apr 22 - 1912

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Widow of

Thomas Allen

Ragland

Allowed Jan 15 1915
W. J. Stone
Commissioner

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

Indorsement.

STATE OF KENTUCKY
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, KY..

MARY A. RAGLAND.

Widow of Thomas A. Ragland.
Enlisted Sept. 10th, 1862
in Co. "A" 11th Kentucky
Cavalry; captured July 20,
1863 at Chesshire, O. and
released Mch. 28th, 1865
at Camp Douglass, Ill. on
taking the oath of allegi-
ance to the U.S.G.

Property \$2,000.00.

W.J.S.

(A. G. O. 35.)

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, KY.

MRS. MARY A. RAGLAND
WIDOW OF
THOMAS A. RAGLAND,

Who enlisted Sept. 10, 1862,
in Co. A, 11th Kentucky Cav.
Captured July 20, 1863, in Ohio
and released Mch. 28, 1865, at
Camp Douglass, Ills. upon
taking the oath of allegiance
to the U.S. Government.

Proof filed Nov. 19, 1914
brings her within the provis-
ions of the pension law approv-
ed Mch. 18, 1914.

Property: \$1,000.00.

Approved:

W J Stone.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
JUN 17 1912
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WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C." 1925047

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, June 18, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that Thomas A. Ragland, private, Company A, Cheshire, subsequently the 11th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted September 10, 1862; that he was captured July 20, 1863, at Cheshire, Ohio, and was released March 28, 1865, at Camp Douglas, Illinois, on taking the oath of allegiance.

Henry J. McLean
Adjutant General.

No. _____ W. _____

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

June 14th, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Mary A. Ragland,

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband Thos. Allen Ragland,
was a member of Company "A" Regiment 11th Ky. C. S. A.,
and was Col. Warren Chenault's Reg.

Served until captured in July 1863 in Ohio
near Cheshire

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

I, Pearce Paton, Clerk of the Bourbon County Court, do
certify that Mr Thomas A. Ragland and
Miss Mary A. Irvine were married on
the 12th day of October, 1869, by
Jas. M. Harding, in the presence of
J. P. Barnett and John A. Couchman,
as shown by the records in my office.

Given under my hand and official seal this 11th day
of April 1912

Pearce Paton Clerk.
By J. C. Elgin Jr D.C.B.C.C.

CLARK COUNTY COURT.

Mary A. Ragland,

PLAINTIFF,

To: FINAL ORDER.

APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

The application for pension herein, having been filed before the April term of the County Court and laid over until the May term thereof, was, on this the 27 day of May, 1912, it being the 1st day of the regular May term of said Court, heard by the Judge thereof, and the said Judge having heard the testimony of witnesses, to-wit: *Louis Woosley and*

William A. Oliver

in open Court as to applicant's citizenship, residence and means of support, is of the opinion, and so orders and adjudges that from the evidence so introduced, said applicant is entitled to a pension under the Act of the Legislature approved March 11, 1912. He finds that the evidence of said witnesses was that the applicant was a citizen and resident of Clark County, Kentucky, and that he was not possessed of means sufficient to enable him to earn a support; that the County Attorney was present during the hearing hereof, and this cause is ordered to be forwarded to the Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky, as is required by said Act.

August 29th, 1915.

Mrs. Mary A. Regland,

134 Alabama St.,

Winchester, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th relative to your application for pension. It has not yet been reached for consideration by the Pension Board, but I have examined the proof in your application and find that the war records show that your husband enlisted September 10, 1862, in Company A, 11th Kentucky Cavalry, and was captured July 20, 1863, and was released March 28, 1865, at Camp Douglass, Illinois, upon taking the oath of allegiance to the United States Government, which renders it impossible for the Pension Board to grant you a pension under the law.

Very truly,

Examiner.

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134 Alabama St.

Winchester, Ky.

Apr. 3, 1915

Col. J. W. Stone:

Dear Sir,

I have written you before about my pension, but have not heard from you since this last bill was passed, am I entitled to it now? if not will you

kindly inform me just what steps
to take to get it; for my husband,
Thomas A. Ragland, was enlisted and
served his time for his country and
I think he deserved it; he was sick
all the time he was in prison and
took the oath and came home about
twelve days before peace was declared
now can't I get the pension under
the last bill, I have witnesses that he
was sick.

Please inform me at your
earliest convenience. Receipt:
Mrs Mary A Ragland

April 27th, 1914.

~~Mrs. Mary A. Ragland,~~

134 Alabama St.,

Winchester, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

It has only just been possible this moment for me
to be able to reply to your letter of the 13th.

The amendment to the pension law passed at the
last session of the legislature provides that a soldier who was
compelled to take the oath of allegiance to the United States
Government any time within the last six months of the war to save
his life on account of sickness or starvation shall be entitled
to the benefits of the pension law, ~~provided the applicant comes~~
within its provisions otherwise, but of course proof will have to
be filed to establish the fact that it was necessary for the
soldier to take the oath in order to save his life and that proof
would have to be made by persons who know the facts.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

Commonwealth of Kentucky,)

:Sct.

County of Clark.....)

I, *Robert Quisenberry*, do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Thomas A. Ragland for a number of years, that he was a member of my Company and a good honest, brave and faithful Soldier, and he was sick for some time, and was unable to attend to duty ^{laid in Prison two years before} taking when he was discharged. He having the proper oath.

Given under my hand this 30th day of April, 1914.

Robert Quisenberry
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me by *Robert Quisenberry*
this 30th day of April, 1914.

H. C. Skinner, Clerk,

By *Jackson* D. C.
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Commonwealth of Kentucky,)

:Sst.

County of Clark.....)

I, *J. S. Wills* do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Thomas A. Ragland for a number of years, that he was a member of my Company and a good honest, brave and faithful Soldier, and he was sick for some time, and was unable to attend to duty when he was discharged. He having ^{laid in Prison two years before taking} the proper oath.

Given under my hand this 30th day of April, 1914.

.....*J. S. Wills*.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me by *J. S. Wills*..... this 30th day of April, 1914.

H. C. Skinner, Clerk,

By *J. Jackson* D. C.

APR 30 1914

August 17th, 1914.

Mrs. Mary A. Ragland,
134 Alabama St.,
Winchester, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:-

Replying to yours of recent date, I have carefully examined the proof you sent in relative to the condition of your husband at the time he took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government. These affidavits simply state that your husband was sick and unable to attend to duty, but do not anywhere state that he was in a dying condition or that it was necessary for him to take the oath of allegiance to the United States Government in order to save his life.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

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STATE OF KENTUCKY

CLARK COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Claim of Mrs. Mary A. Ragland,
widow of Thomas A. Ragland, for a pension, I, Robert Lussenberg
the undersigned affiant, state that at the time that Thomas A.
Ragland took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government he
was in Federal Prison at Camp Douglas, that he had been very sick
for a long time before he took said oath; that the prison life and
food, in his sick condition, would have been, in my opinion, fatal
to him, if continued; that I believe he took said oath in order to
save his life and for no other reason. I have heretofore made
affidavit in this matter and this affidavit is made in order to
state more fully the facts.

Robert Lussenberg
Subscribed and sworn to before me by Robert Lussenberg this
23 day of September, 1914.

A. C. Skinner Clerk

STATE OF KENTUCKY
CLARK COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Claim of Mrs. Mary A. Ragland,
widow of Thomas A. Ragland, for a pension, I, J. A. Wills
~~the undersigned affiant, state that at the time that Thomas A.~~
Ragland took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government he
was in Federal Prison at Camp Douglas, that he had been very sick
for a long time before he took said oath; that the prison life and
food, in his sick condition, would have been, in my opinion, fatal
to him, if continued; that I believe he took said oath in order to
save his life and for no other reason. I have heretofore made
affidavit in this matter and this affidavit is made in order to
state more fully the facts.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by J. A. Wills this
28 day of September, 1914.

J. A. Wills
A. C. Skinner, Clerk,
D. S. Jackson, D. C.

October 2d, 1914.

N. T. Benton,

Winchester, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 30th ult. enclosing two affidavits to be filed with the application of Mrs. Mary A. Ragland. These two affidavits made by the same persons who made affidavits in this case on the 30th day of April, 1914, and reached this office on May 1, 1914, simply state an addition to what they said at that time that "the prison life and food in his sick condition would have been, in my opinion, fatal to him if continued", but they do not state in any case what their opportunities were for arriving at this conclusion.

Very truly,

WJS-C

Commissioner.

October 19, 1914.

G. F. Wycoff,

Winchester, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th. On the 2nd of October I wrote N. T. Benton, Winchester, Ky. that the affidavits filed with the application of Mary A. Ragland as to the condition of the health of her husband at the time he took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government did not show what opportunity the witnesses who testified had to know the condition of his health. Nothing has been filed with this application since then.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

STATE OF KENTUCKY

(Sct;

COUNTY OF CLARK

The affiant, J.A.Wills, states, under oath, that the physical condition of Thomas A. Ragland, a private soldier in the Confederate Army, a member of Company A. Eleventh Kentucky Cavalry, at the time he took the oath of allegiance to the United States Government, in March, 1865, was, in the opinion of the Affiant, so bad, caused from confinement in a Federal Prison and poorly prepared food, that it justified the said Thomas A. Ragland in the belief that he would loose his life if he remained in said prison until the end of the war.

Affiant says that he was personally acquainted with said Thomas A. Ragland, having belonged to the same Regiment and that he is able to make the above statements from his personal knowledge of the physical condition of said Ragland.



J.A. Wills

Subscribed and sworn to before me by J.A.Wills,
this the 14th, day of November, 1914.

*My Commission expires at the end
of the next Session of the Senate.*

M.R. Radliff

Notary Public Clark County, Kentucky.

STATE OF KENTUCKY.

(Set;

COUNTY OF CLARK.

The affiant, Robert Quisenberry is, states, under oath, that the physical condition of Thomas A. Ragland, a private soldier in the Confederate Army, a member of Company, A- Eleventh Kentucky Cavalry, at the time he took the oath of allegiance to the United States Government, in March, 1865, was, in the opinion of the affiant, so bad, caused from confinement in a Federal Prison and poorly prepared food, that it justified the said Thomas A. Ragland in the belief that he would loose his life if he remained in said prison until the end of the war.

Affiant further says that he was a member of the same Company and Regiment as Thomas A. Ragland and that he is able to make the above statements from his personal knowledge of the physical condition of said Ragland.

Robert Quisenberry

Subscribed and sworn to before me by J.A. Wills,
this the 14th day of Nov. 1914.

W.R. Ratliff
Notary Public G.C.KY.

My Commission expires at the end
of the next Session of the Senate.

STATE OF KENTUCKY.
(Sct;
COUNTY OF SCOTT

The affiant, M.H.Haggard, states, under oath, that he was a member of Co.C. Eleventh Kentucky Cavalry in the Confederate Army; that he was well acquainted with Thomas A. Ragland, who was a member of Co. A. of said Regiment. Affiant says that he and said Thomas A. Ragland were captured in Ohio on what is known as Morgan's Raid and put in prison at the same time and place.

Affiant says that he left the prison at Camp Douglas Ill. in February, 1865 and that Thomas A. Ragland was in said prison at said time; he says that said Ragland was in poor health all of the time he was in said prison; that the food was poor and short.

Affiant says that he verily believes that if said Ragland had stayed in said prison until the end of the war that he would have died.

Affiant states that he was not present at the time Thomas A. Ragland took the oath of allegiance to the United States Government but that he is informed and believes that he took the same in March, 1865, and affiant further says that he verily believes that the said Ragland would not have taken said oath unless compelled to do so by sickness and starvation in prison or to save his own life.

Affiant says that the above statements are made from a personal recollection of the facts.

M.H.Haggard

Subscribed and sworn to before me by, M.H.Haggard, this
the 18 day of November, 1914.

W.H. Gattens Co. Clerk
Scott Co. Kentucky



W. H. GATEWOOD
CLERK OF SCOTT COUNTY COURT
J. W. HAMILTON, DEPUTY

GEORGETOWN, KY. Nov 18, 1864

Col W J Stone

Dear Sir Enclosed you

Will find Petition for Mrs Thomas Ragland
now come I do think if ever there was a
Woman that needed a Pension it is she
I was in Winchester a few weeks since and
seen her and she is in destitute circumstances
I would take it as great favor if you would
see to it that Mrs Raglands Petition has
your personal care and attention

I will always remember you
for this one kind act
very respectfully

W H Haffard

Georgetown Ky

G. FOLEY WYCOFF
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MS ELDOWNEY BUILDING
WINCHESTER, KY.

Nov, 19th, 1914

Colonel W. J. Stone,
Commissioner of Confederate Pensions,
Frankfort, Kentucky,

Dear Sir:--

Enclosed please find an affidavit of Colonel M. H. Haggard and also a letter addressed to you and handed to me by Colonel Haggard by mail today. Please file this letter and this affidavit with the claim of Mary A. Ragland for a pension.

Trusting that this affidavit and letter will be further evidence tending to hasten the allowance to Mrs. Ragland of a pension, *I am,*

Very truly yours,

G. F. Wycoff.