

(DUPLICATE)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Grayson ..... County.

I Marcella Portman ..... 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.) ..... Marcella Portman: Bigleafy Ky
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 Grayson Co Ky Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1843: Maiden name Mattingly
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 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 1843 in Grayson Co Ky: was married at St Asaphs Church Ky. Father Vandermungel, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1866
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? ..... Enlisted in Tenn. but was member Co A 13<sup>th</sup> Ky Inf of Cavalry
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? ..... About one year
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? ..... Don't know
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? ..... No
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? ..... Don't know how he or where he was captured but was captured and a prisoner of war at Camp Lebanon Ohio + was released from Ohio prison by Powell Wiley 1<sup>st</sup> 1865
10. When and where did your husband die? ..... He died at Home Grayson Co Ky Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1890
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? ..... I own a tract of land in 60 acres of land its value all total \$400
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? ..... I have children all of age but no immediate family and live with my son
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 Belant New Neighbor Bigleafy Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 18 day of July 1912  
N.C. [Signature]  
of Grayson County Ky

Marcella Portman

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Guyson County. Basil Portman, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Marcela Portman 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? Basil Portman  
Age 31 PO address Big Luffy Ky
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Marcela Portman? Yes  
If so, how long have you known her? all my life
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Resides in Guyson Co Ky. Been a resident all her life
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? All my life
7. When and where did Portman enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Co. A. 13 conf  
Early thru by copy of Discharge
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? No
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? Conf. Army about 1 year  
or more I think about 16 months
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Portman
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No
12. Was Joseph L Portman, the husband of applicant, present? No
13. If not present, where was he? He was at Camp Chase Ohio (Prison)
14. When and where did he leave his command? Conf. Army was captured  
For what cause? at Camp Chase Ohio  
By whose authority did he leave? By authority of Union and at Camp Chase  
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) By the record of said release  
and being a son of said Joseph L Portman  
Joseph L Portman die
15. When and where did Portman die? Guyson Co Ky Aug 7 1890
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Guyson Co Ky  
all his life
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Joseph L  
Portman - I do

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? *She has not and 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 Dacey interest in 60 acre land with no other income what ever I know it from personal knowledge*

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.

*I a Stirling a neighbor all his life corroborates Basil Portman with Captain of marines*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of *18th July* 191*2*  
*H. C. Tilford*  
*H. P. Lecky*

*Basil Portman*  
*J. A. Stirling*  
Witnesses.

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

I, *W. M. Laggett* Judge of *Grayson* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Marcella Portman* the widow of *Joseph L. Portman* amounts to \$ *400.00* real estate and \$ *2.20* personal *W. M. Laggett - County Judge - Trustee* For *Grayson* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Grayson* County. I, *H. C. Tilford* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Marcella Portman* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *All her life* day of *1912*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *Basil Portman & J. A. Stirling* 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 *18* day of *July* 191*2*  
*H. C. Tilford*  
*Grayson* 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. 1841

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mary Ellen Portman*

Filed *AUG 22 1912*

Widow of *Joseph L. Portman*

*Biggs*

*Approved Apr 29 1913*  
*W. J. Stone, Examiner*

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, April 3, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name Joseph L. Portman has not been found on the rolls on file in this office of Company A, 13th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army. There are no rolls on file in this office of said organization subsequent to December 31, 1863.

The Union records show Joseph L. Portman, Company A, 13th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, captured at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, December 16, 1864, and released on oath at Camp Chase, Ohio, May 15, 1865.

*W. J. Stone*

The Adjutant General.

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Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. MARCELLA PORTMAN,  
widow of  
JOSEPH L. PORTMAN,

Who was a member of Company A, 13th Kentucky Cav. date of enlistment not given. He was released May 15, 1865 at Camp Chase, O. upon taking the oath of allegiance. Proven by the record and oath of allegiance filed with application.

Property: \$400.00.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

*J. Sandy Ellis*  
Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State Pension Board.

*James B. McCreary*  
Chairman.

1866

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> I performed the rites of matrimony between Louis Portman and Marcella Maltinsy.  
J. B. Vandermeyel.

The above is a true copy of the Matrimonial Register of St. Augustine's Church and mission.  
Rev. W. Shelling.  
10.1.13. Pastor.

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

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

March 31, 191<sup>3</sup>

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Marcella Portman,

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,  
claims that her husband Joseph L. Portman  
was a member of Company "A" Regiment 13th Ky. C. S. A.,  
and was Cavalry.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

Records of Mrs. Marsella Postman  
Declaration for his pension  
out granting Pensions to Confederate  
soldiers & widows

also copy of discharge  
from Camp Chase Ohio  
of Joseph Y Postman  
of A. 13<sup>th</sup> Conf'd Cavalry

Please take care of  
discharge papers and  
return to me at my camp  
By Marsella Postman  
By Capt. Gregory

# RELEASE.

(IN DUPLICATE.)

Head Quarters, U. S. Forces,

Camp Chase, O., May 15 1865.

By virtue of an Order received from Commissary General Prisoners, dated at Washington City, D. C., May 8th 1865, for Joseph L. Postman, <sup>Pvt. Co. A. 18 N.Y. Cav.</sup> resident of Grayson county, and State of Ny., Prisoner at this Post; after having complied with the requirements of, and subscribed the following Oath and Declaration, is hereby released from confinement:

## DESCRIPTION.

Complexion.	Hair.	Height. Feet—Inches.	Eyes.	Age.
Florid	Brn	5-10 1/2	Blue	22

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I, Joseph L. Postman <sup>Resident</sup> of the County of Grayson State of Ny. do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign; that I will bear true faith, allegiance and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution, or laws of any State, Convention, or Legislature, to the contrary, notwithstanding; and, further, that I will faithfully perform all the duties which may be required of me by the laws of the United States; and I take this oath freely and voluntarily, without any mental reservation or evasion whatever.

Joseph L. Postman

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15 day of May A. D. 1865.

W. R. Richardson

Brev't Brig. Gen'l, Commanding Post.

Lieut. Col. 88th O. V. I., and Ass't Com'dt of Prisons.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The civil officer before whom this affidavit is executed should be careful to fill in all spaces, both in the caption and jurat.

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Kentucky County of Grayson ss.

In the matter of claim of Marcella Portman  
wid Joseph L Portman

ON THIS 22 day of July, A. D. 1912, personally appeared before me  
A Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer  
oaths O. F. Hughes aged 65 years, a resident of Letchfield  
in the County of Grayson, and State of Ky  
whose Post-office address is Letchfield Ky

well known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows.

Joseph L. Portman referred to  
in said claim is the  
identical Joseph L Portman  
former husband of Marcella  
Portman who died  
and that Marcella Portman  
is his widow and is now  
living & has been a resident  
of Grayson County all her  
life.

(NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)



..... further declares that..... no interest in said case and..... not concerned in its prosecution.

O. F. Hughes  
Signature of Affiant.

(If Affiants sign by mark two witnesses who can write sign here.)

Grayson County x Court. Oct August term 1912.

In RE

Marcella Portman widow of Joseph L. Portman Company A. 13th Ky. Infantry States as follows. Personally appeared in court Bert Lampton Of Big Clifty Ky. Fifty three years of age who being duly sworn states that he has known the claimant twenty seven years or more and that she resides near Big Clifty Ky. I also know that she is not able to earn a support by manual labor and has no income from any source what ever other than a dowery interest in a small tract of land sixty acres which is a nominal consideration and that she has no children. legally bound for her support or able to take care of her. My Post office Address is Big Clifty Ky.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 28 August 1912.

John Moman Sec  
By Wm Mangrove

STATE OF Idy COUNTY OF Byron ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words.....

.....erased, and the words ..... added, and acquainted.....

with its contents before..... executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant..... personally known to me and that..... credible person.

[L. S.]

N. C. Telford  
(Official Signature.)

N. P. G. G. G.  
(Official Character.)

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk, unless such certificate is already on file in the Pension Office, when such fact should be stated.

Division.....

Pension.....

No. ....

**ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE**

CLAIM OF

Manuel Botman  
wid. Joseph L. Botman  
Co. A. 13th Inf.  
Confed.

AFFIDAVIT OF

D. J. Hughes  
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FILED BY

GRAYSON COUNTY COURT, AUGUST TERM, 1912.

In Re Marcella Portman, Co A 13th Reg, Confederate Cavalry.

Personally appeared in open Court Basil Portman and L.A. Stribling whose post office address is Big Clifty, Kentucky, who being duly sworn says that Marcella Portman is the identical person she represents herself to be and is the widow of Joseph L. Portman, deceased, late of Company A 13th Regiment, Confederate Volunteer Cavalry. That she resides at Big Clifty, Kentucky, and has so resided for forty years or more, that she has not remarried since the death of said Joseph L. Portman, which was August 7th, 1890, and is now his widow. That she is unable to earn her support by manual labor and has no income of three hundred dollars or its equivalent, that she only owns a dower interest in a small farm or tract of land worth about four hundred dollars and about two hundred and twenty dollars worth of personal property, that she has no one legally bound for her support. Now therefore the Court being advised, and from evidence corroborative of above and the Soldiers parole which is on file showing him to have been a member as above described and having been discharged from Camp Chase, Ohio, as shown on said discharge. Therefore the Court recommends the granting of a pension of ten dollars per month to the said Marcella Portman in compliance with the laws governing the same.

(Copy)  
W. M. Magott, J. H. Cole

L. A. Stribling  
Basil Portman