

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Letcher County,

Jennie Holbrook 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.)

Jennie Holbrook, Biluria, Letcher Co. 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? Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1831

In Perry (now Letcher) County, Kentucky

4. When and where was your husband born—state his full name, and when 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.)

Randall or Roudolph Holbrooks, married on October 10<sup>th</sup> 1839  
Bottom Fork, In Letcher Co. Ky. Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1848 by Joseph Craft, Minister of the Gospel

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? In the year 1862 Under Capt E. A. Webb, Col. B. E. Candill, Gen. Humphrey Marshall

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? from 1862 to the time peace was made

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Don't know they were captured

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? He had come home on a furlough

and started back, and dodged the officers, and went to Louisa Ky and were mustered out

10. When and where did your husband die? August 26<sup>th</sup> 1895

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? None

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? No,

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 A. Webb, Whitesburg Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1918, at Biluria Ky. Attest George W. Holbrook, her Jennie X Holbrooks mark  
D. D. Day N.P. of Whitesburg Letcher County.

My Commission expires Jan, 25<sup>th</sup> 1920

Jennie Webb

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Letcher

County.

H. M. Webb

of said State and County, having

been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Jennie Holbrooks 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? H. M. Webb  
Bilvia, Ky
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Jennie Holbrooks  
If so, how long have you known her? all my life, she is my sister
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? at Bilvia  
in Letcher Co. Ky, all her life
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? yes
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? yes I was
6. How long did you know him? all his life
7. When and where did Randall Holbrooks enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? at Whitesburg  
Letcher Co. Ky, under Capt. E. A. Webb
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? yes
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? From 1862 until  
Peace was made
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? at Cumberland  
Gap Va, Tenn,
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? yes
12. Was Randall Holbrooks, the husband of applicant, present?  
No, he come home on furlough and there went to Louisa Ky and was mustered out
13. If not present, where was he? He come home on furlough and went to  
Louisa Ky
14. When and where did he leave his command? In Va, on furlough  
For what cause? To see his folks  
By whose authority did he leave? By furlough issued by Commanding  
officer  
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly) I was with him when he  
enlisted was with him in the service  
saw him all the time until we surrendered
15. When and where did Randall Holbrooks die? I do  
not remember the date but I was there when he died
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? at  
Bilvia Letcher Co. Ky, all his life only during the  
war we all had to go to Va but he did not move
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Randall Holbrooks  
yes I saw them married, saw him die  
and have lived by her ever since and know  
she never did marry any more.

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?

I know she has nothing, nor no income he had a little land when he died but it went to his heirs

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 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 17th day of Dec, 1918

H. M. Webb  
mark

D. B. Day  
Notary Public

Witnesses.

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

I, Sam Bevin Judge of Letcher County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Jessie Holbrooks the widow of Randall Holbrooks amounts to \$ nothing real estate and \$ nothing personal. W. C. Collins, Trustee. For Judge Letcher County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Letcher County.

I, John D. Whelms ~~Clerk~~ Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. Jessie Holbrooks resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the All day of her life, and that the witnesses, Mr. E. A. Craft & Sam alias Andrew Webb 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 witnesses 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 6th day of February, 1918

(SEAL)

John D. Whelms  
Notary Public Letcher 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. 3898

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name Jennie Halbrook

FEB 6 - 1919

Filed Dec. 18, 1918.

Widow of Randolph Halbrook

C. H. Beck Clerk & Co.

Allowed

Apr 15<sup>th</sup> 1919

W. J. Stone

Commissioner.

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

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,  
FRANKFORT, KY.

JENNIE HOLBROOK  
widow of  
RANDOLPH HOLBROOK

Who enlisted Oct. 4, 1862,  
in Co. D, 13th Kentucky Cav.  
(formerly 10th Kentucky Inf)  
and there is record proof of  
service to August 31, 1862.  
Comrades testify that he  
served till the close of the  
war.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

*Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1862*  
WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON, *Feb. 13, 1919.*

Respectfully returned to *the Confed-  
erate Pension Department  
Frankfort,  
Ky.*

with the information that *Randolph  
Holbrooke (also borne as  
Holdbrooke), private (Capt.  
E. A. Webb's) Co. D. (Col. Benj.  
E. Candill's) 13th Regt. Ky. Cav.  
(formerly 10th Regt. Ky. Infantry),  
C. S. A., enlisted Oct. 4, 1862,  
at Whitesburg, Ky., (wardened  
Letcher County, Ky.) was shown  
present on roll for Dec. 31,  
1862, to April 30, 1863, and on  
roll for Apr. 30 to Aug. 31,  
1863, last on file, without  
remark as to presence or absence.  
No later record of him has been found.*

*P. H. Keen*

The Adjutant General

Perk

Form No. 160-2--A. G. O.  
Ed. Feb. 15-18--20,000

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

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1919

~~Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1918~~

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Jennie Holbrooks

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,  
claims that her husband Randolph Holbrooks  
was a member of Company ..... Regiment ..... C. S. A.,  
and was a member of Capt. E. A. Webb's Company,  
Col. Ben E. Caudill, General Humphrey Marshall's  
Regiment.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*

Examiner.

13 Received A G O. FEB 11 1919

Letcher County Court,  
January Term, January 6th, 1919.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JENNIE HOLBROOKS, applying for indignant pension:

Pursuant to the application filed in this Court on December 18th, 1918, and as required by law, Sec. 415a. Kentucky Statutes the evidence of H.A.Craft, taken before the Honorable Sam Collins Judge of the Letcher County Court, in open Court, on the first day of its January Term, 1919.

The witness being first duly sworn by the Judge thereof deposes and says:

Q-1. Please state your age and residence?

A- I am 76 year old reside at Craftsvill Letcher County Ky/

Q- 2 Were you ever acquainted with Randall Holbrook, some time known as Randolph Holbrook?

A- Yes Sir I know him,

Q-3 Is he living or dead?

A He is dead/

Q-4 Can you give about the date he died?

A- I cannot give the date but he has been dead 20 some odd years

Q-5 Please tell the court whether or not at the time of his death he was a married man?

A- Yes Sir he was,

Q-6 Did he leave a widdow?

A Yes Sir/

Q-7, What was her name?

A We always called her Jennie,

Q-8 Was he ever married except the one time to your knowledge?

A No Sir/

Q9 I notice a marriage certificate in the office of the clerk of the Letcher County court in bond book No 1 page 19 that Randall Holbrooks, and Jane Webb were married by Joseph Craft September 14th 1848,

is this Jane Webb referred to in that certificate the same person you refer to as Jennie Holbrooks?

A- Yes Sir/

Q10 Is Jennie Holbrooks now living or dead?

A Yes Sir.

Q11 Has she ever married any other person other than Randall Holbrooks?

A- No Sir.

Q-12 Where does she now reside?

A- At Bilva Post office Letcher County Kentucky,

Q-13, Please state whether or not the deceased Randall Holbrook was ever in service of the Southern Confederacy during the civil war?

A- Yes Sir.

Q-14 How do you know these facts?

A We gathered in Whitesburg in 1862 and volunteered our services and enlisted under Captain Enoch Webb, and our company was styled Co D, 10th Kentucky Infantry, we remained in Letcher ~~County~~ County after our enlistment until cold weather and the Captain Webb, moved to Lee County Virginia, and we all went with him,

Q- 15, Was Randall Holbrooks with you all this time?

A- Yes Sir/

Q16/ Was your Company ever engaged in any battles or skirmishes?

A- Yes Sir.

Q-17 What particular line of duty was Randall Holbrooks in, to your knowledge?

A- He was teamster.

Q-18 Can you say whether or not, he was with this company, up until the date of its surrender?

A- After Captain Webb moved to Virginia, I was transferred to another Company, under Captain Rogers, who was stationed at Newburn Virginia, and I was not with them when they surrendered, but after we all came home to Kentucky, we had to go to Louisa Kentucky to take the oath of allegiance.

Q-19, Was there ever issued to the Confederate soldiers to your knowledge and written discharges?

A- No Sir, not to my knowledge.

Q-20, Since the death of Randall Holbrooks, please tell the court where Jennine Holbrooks, has resided?

A- She has always lived in Letcher County, and with her son George Holbrooks.

Q-21, Has she any property or money to your knowledge, Mr Webb?

A- No Sir she has none,

Q-22 Do you know how she is cared for and maintained?

A So far as I know she lives with the son, and he takes care of her and maintains her.

Q-23 Did Randall Holbrooks, have and property at his death that would go to his widdor,

A- He owned a small farm, and after his death it was divide up among his children, share and share alike, and the widdow, just lives with one of her sons, as heretofore said.

Q-24, Was you present at the time they were married?

A No Sir, I was not there I was small.

Q-25 I notice in the marriage certificate that marriage licens was executer September 14th 1848, Randall Holbrooks, to Jas Webb, by Joseph Craft, a minister of the Baptise Church, did you know Joseph Craft in his life time?

A- Yes Sir, he foolowed marrying people in the country at thatt ~~Q-26~~ ~~time~~ time and was a minister of the Gospil.

Q-27 Will you please refer to an attester of the marriage certifi ificate and file same as part of your evidence as part her herein,

A- Yes Sir/

Further the deponent sayeth no/

E. A. Craft

LETCHER COUNTY COURT.

February Term, February 6th, 1919.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JENNIE HOLBROOKS, an applicant for indignant pension.

I, the undersigned, Sam Collins, Judge of the Letcher County Court, state that as shown from the records of the Letcher County Court Clerk's Office, this application was filed in said office on the 18th day of December, 1918, that at the January Term, to-wit: January 6th, 1919, the evidence of E.A.Craft was taken before me by John D.W.Collins, a Notary Public, in which it is stated, as shown by a copy of said evidence, attached to a copy of the application, that he was acquainted with Randall Holbrooks in his life time, knew about when he died, that the applicant, Jennie Holbrooks is his widow, that she has lived and resided in this, Letcher County, since his death, that she has never married again, that the said Randall Holbrooks, was a soldier in the Confederate Army, that he was with him, when he enlisted, as shown in the application, that he served with him durin the war and until Peace was made, when they all surrendered. That the applicant has no property nor means of support, that she is old and feeble and not able to work nor perform manual labor.

Then on the 6th day of February, the witness, Sam Webb, alias Andrew Webb, testified, as shown by a copy of his evidence attached to the application, practically the same as that of E.A. Craft, and I have searched the Assessors Books of Letcher County, as shown in my certificate, and find that the applicant list no property of any kind or nature, and upon the whole case, I would recomend, under the law, that application be considered, and that pension be allowed her.

This February 6th, 1919.

*Sam Collins*  
Judge of the Letcher County Court.

A Copy Attest.

*C.H. Beck*  
Clerk Letcher County Court.

Order Book 10, page 218

Also the evidence of Sam Webb, Alias Andrew Webb, take beforeh  
the undersigned and in the presence of Sam Collins, on the 6th day  
of February, 1919,

The witness first being duely sworn deposes and says,

Q State your residence and ofcupation?

A I live in Thornton Creek Letcher County Kentucky, my age is 80  
I have been a farmer all my life/

Q Please tell the court whether or not if you were ever acquainted  
with Randal Holbrooks?

A Yes Sir.

Q Is he living or dead?

A He is dead.

Q Did he leave a widdow?

A Yes Sir.

Q Please give her name to the court?

A Jennie Holbrooks.

Q Es hshe still living?

A Yes Sir.

Q Give the court as near as you can her age?

A She as about 89 years old.

Q Has she ever married since the death of Randall Holbrooks?

A No Sir.

Q Has she any property of any kinde or nature to your knowledge?

A No Sir she has not.

Q Please tell the court whether of not Randall Holbrooks, in his life  
time was ever a Soldier, and did servace in the Southern Confedera  
cy?

A Yes Sir, I was with him and we enlisted at Whitesburg Ky, under  
Captain E.A. Webb, and was with him during the servace and we  
went to Virginia, and did servace together, until I was transfed  
to the Cmbary, but we were not together at the date of the Surr-  
ender, I staid with hin while in the servace about eighteen months

Q Where did Randall Holbrooks, and Jennie Holbrooks,

live at the time of his death?

A The liver on the heade of the Kentucky river in Letcher County  
Kentucky,

Q Where has his widdow Jennie Holbrooks, lived since the date of  
his death?

A At the same old place with her Son George Holbrooks.

Q What is her physicial condition?

A She is very olde, waak and feeble, not able to do any work for  
her support and maintenanc~~e~~?

Q Since the date of her husbands death, has she sold or disposed  
of any property belonging to her for any intent or purpos?

A No Sir, she has solde nothing, they had nothing except a little  
farm, and after it was divided among his children/

Further the deponent sayeth not/

Attest  
J. L. Day  
John W. Collins  
Ben<sup>his</sup> alias Andrew <sup>with</sup>  
mark

Jan. 4th 1918.

Marriage Bond Book 1,  
Page 197.

Randle Holbrooks to Marriage License Jane Webb  
Executed September the 14th 1848 by me Joseph Craft a minister  
of the Baptist Church.

A-Copy-Attest,

Ezekiel Brashears C. L. C. C.

A-Copy-Attest:

*Edw Back*  
Clerk Letcher County Court.

D. D. FIELDS

D. I. DAY

D. D. FIELDS & DAY

LAWYERS

WHITESBURG, KY.

Feb. 6th, 1919.

W.J. Stone, Esq.,  
Com'r of Pensions,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed, copy of Application, together with copy of proof taken, and an attested Copy of the Court's finding, in the Application of Jennie Holbrooks for indignant Pension.

When this can be acted upon, please let me know the result, and upon your examination of this Application, if there is anything yet to be done, or that you think should be done before it is acted on, I would be glad you would inform me. As this is my first effort in a matter like this, and I am doing it solely on account of the old lady, who it looks like, will not be here very long, but she asked me to make the application for her.

Awaiting your response, I am,

Yours truly,

*D. I. Day.*

D. D. FIELDS

D. I. DAY

D. D. FIELDS & DAY  
LAWYERS  
WHITESBURG, KY.

March 14th, 1919.

Confederate Pensions

c/o W.J. Stone, Commissioner,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Sir:-

Some time ago I sent you application for pension for Jennie Holbrooks of Bilvia, Ky. together with a transcript of the proof and the finding of the County Court and so far we have not heard of it, and we wonder if you ever received same, if so what action, if any has been taken.

Thanking you for this information, I am,

Yours truly,

*D. I. Day*