

(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Floyd }
County. }
Millie Letitia Steel

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.) *Millie Letitia Steel - of Allen, P.O. Floyd County, Kentucky.*
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? *July 21st 1876*
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? *Nov. 26th 1852 - Five Oaks P.O. Lagwell County, Virginia - Millie Letitia Hawthorn*
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.) *June 9th 1842 in Giles County, Virginia - Henderson Trench Steel - in Lagwell Co. Va June 6th 1866 - Tyler Frazier -*
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *1861 Scott C.H. 37th Va Regiment - Capt Woods Co., Col Sam Henderson Commander*
- * 6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *During the war*
- * 7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *Do not know. My husband was a prisoner at Ft. Delaware at time Lee's army was in Fort Delaware*
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? *when Lee surrendered*
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? *Was a prisoner at Fort Delaware when General R.E. Lee surrounded*
10. When and where did your husband die? *April 1908 at Prestonsburg Ky*
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 at all*
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *I have 1 son 31 years old not married*
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... *A. J. Davidson Prestonsburg Ky*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the }
..14.. day of June.....1912. }

NOTARY PUBLIC, FLOYD COUNTY, KY.
My commission expires February 8th, 1914.
J. M. Davidson



Millie Letitia Steel

E. G. Neel

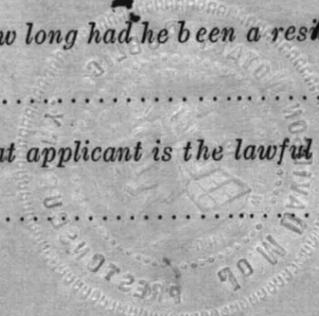
Questions for Witnesses

Virginia
STATE OF ~~KENTUCKY~~

A. P. Henderson
State of Tennessee
..... County.

....., of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Millie Letitia Neel 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? E. G. Neel and A. P. Henderson
Neel's address Bloomingdale Tenn Henderson Johnson City Tenn
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Millie Letitia Neel
If so, how long have you known her? Neel is Henderson is not
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Allen Ky
since 1876 Feb'y
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? Neel was - Henderson was not
6. How long did you know him? During his life
7. When and where did H. F. Neel enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Eastville Va in 1861 Co D (Woods) 37th Va Infantry - was present
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? from time he enlisted until captured - do not know at what battle
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? We do not know
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No
12. Was H. F. Neel, the husband of applicant, present?
No - was in prison
13. If not present, where was he? In prison at Ft. DeLaware
14. When and where did he leave his command? do not know where captured
For what cause? captured
By whose authority did he leave? could not help it
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) Henderson was in same Co first year of war - he enlisted in Cavalry - Neel being a brother kept track of his brother
15. When and where did H. F. Neel die?
April 1908 Prestonsburg Ky
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Prestonsburg
about 32 years
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of H. F. Neel yes



18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? *she has*
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?
We do not know

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?
We do not know

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *18th*
day of *June* 191*2*
J. H. Peters
Notary Public

B. G. Neel
A. P. Henderson
Witnesses.

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

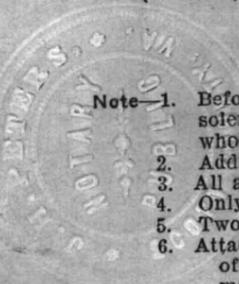
I, *Malone Hall* Judge of *Floyd* County, Kentucky,
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Mellie S. Neal*
the widow of *H. H. Neal* amounts to \$ *00* real estate and
\$ *00* personal *Trustee.*
For *Malone Hall* es Judge County, Ky.

Virginia Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public
STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Scott County.
I, *J. H. Peters* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby
certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Mellie S. Neal* resides in said county, and has been
a bona fide resident of this State since the *18th* day of *June* 19*12* and that the wit-
nesses, Mr. *B. G. Neel & A. P. Henderson*
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 *18th* day of *June* 191*2*
(SEAL) *My Commission expires May 7, 1915*
J. H. Peters N.P.
Scott Co. Va 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 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. 903

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *M. L. Neal*

Filed *OCT 1 - 1912*

Widow of *N. A. Neal*

Approved Mar 10th 1913
W. J. Stone Examiner

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



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, October 5, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that one Henry Frank Neel, private, Henry C. Wood's Company D (not found as of Company H), 37th Virginia Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted September 1, 1861, at Estillsville, Virginia. On the company roll for March and April, 1862 (dated August 15, 1862), he was reported "Died of wounds."

The records also show that one Henderson F. Neel, private, said company and regiment (not found as of Company H), enlisted May 20, year not stated, at Estillsville; that he was captured May 12, 1864, at Spottsylvania Court House, and was released June 20, 1865, at Fort Delaware, Delaware, on taking the oath of allegiance.



The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 74)

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. MILLIE L. NEEL,
widow of
HENDERSON F. NEEL,

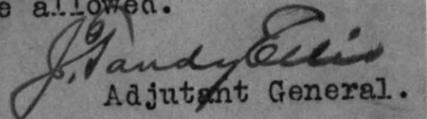
Who enlisted May 20, 1861, in Company D, 37th Va. Inf'y., and was captured May 12, 1864, and released June 20, 1865, at Ft. Delaware, upon taking the oath of allegiance.

Proven by the record and comrades.

Indigent.

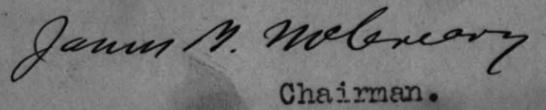
W J Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.



Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board.



Chairman.

Received A.G.O., OCT 3 1912

No. _____ W _____

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

OCT 1 - 1912 191 _____

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Millie L Neel

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband H. F. Neel

was a member of Company H Regiment 37th Va. C. S. A.,

and was Capt Christ Woods' Co.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

MARRIAGE LICENSE



Virginia to-wit:

To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religion, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Under my hand, as Clerk of the Court
this day of 191.....

Clerk

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE.

TO BE ANNEXED TO THE LICENSE, REQUIRED BY SECTION 2229 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF FEBRUARY 16, 1910.



Time of Marriage, <i>June 6, 1866</i>	Place of Husband's Birth, <i>Giles Co. Va.</i>
Place of Marriage, <i>Fogwell Co. Va.</i>	Place of Wife's Birth, <i>Fogwell Co. Va.</i>
Full Names of Parties Married, <i>Henderson F. Neil & Lettie Hawthorn</i>	Place of Husband's Residence, <i>Fogwell " "</i>
Race (white or colored), <i>White</i>	Place of Wife's Residence, <i>" " "</i>
Age of Husband, <i>23</i>	Names of Husband's Parents, <i>John M. T. Martha B. Neil</i>
Age of Wife, <i>14</i>	Names of Wife's Parents, <i>James T. Susan Hawthorn</i>
Condition of Husband, <i>Single</i> <small>Widowed or single or divorced</small>	Occupation of Husband, <i>School Teacher</i>
Condition of Wife, <i>Single</i> <small>Widowed or single or divorced</small>	

Given under my hand this day of 191.....

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage

I,, a of the
Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the day of
..... 191....., at, under authority of the
above License, I united in Marriage the persons named and described therein.
Given under my hand this day of 191.....

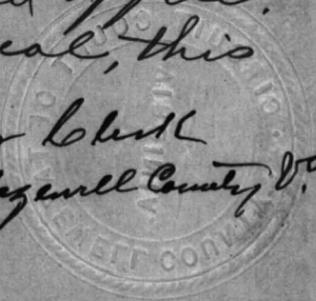
J. F. Fogwell

The Minister or other person celebrating a marriage is required, within thirty (30) days thereafter, to return the license and certificate of the Clerk and his certificate of the time and place at which the marriage was celebrated to the Clerk who issued the license; failure to comply with these requirements of the law makes the minister or other person celebrating the marriage liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars for each offense (See Section 2229 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, by Act approved February 16th, 1910, Acts 1910, chapter 28, pages 36 and 37.)

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Virginia: In the Clerk's Office of the
Circuit Court of Tazewell County,
I, G. H. Green, Clerk of said Court do
certify that the foregoing is a true
and correct copy of the marriage of
Anderson F. Neel and Lettie Hawthorn, as
appears of record in my said office.
Given under my hand and seal, this
June 4th, 1914.

G. H. Green Clerk
Circuit Court for Tazewell County, Va.



Floyd County Court

In the matter of application of Mrs Millie Lettia Neel, widow of Henderson French Neel for pension under the act of the Legislature of Kentucky granting pensions to Confederate soldiers Personally appeared before Alexander Pervett, whose post office is Brandy Keg, Ky, and being duly sworn says that he was acquainted with the husband of the claimant, that said soldier was a member of Company B. 37th Virginia Infy and that said soldier served in said Company and regiment for about three (3) years, that his Captains was Henry Clinton Wood, and Colonel was first Samuel Fulkison, and after he was killed at seven days fight at Richmond, Virginia, T.V. Williams was then Colonel of said Regiment the balance of the said war.

That on or about the (12) twelfth of May 1864 said soldier Henderson F. Neel was captured by the Federal army at Spotsylvania Court House Virginia

The affiant further says that the claimant is a citizen of Floyd County, Kentucky and has been for ^{more} than twenty five years and that the claimant has not remarried since the death of her husband

Alexander Pervett

State of Kentucky
County of Floyd (set

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I, William Dingus, Notary Public in and for the County and State of aforesaid, certify that the affiant, Alexander Pervett signed the foregoing affidavit, and was duly sworn to before me by him, and further certify that the affiant is a credible person, and that the affidavit was read to him before executing the same and the contents were fully made known to him, and that I have no interest in case and not concerned in its prosecution

My Commission expires March 14th 1914
Given under my hand this July 4th 1912

William Dingus
Notary Public Floyd County, Ky

PRESTONSBURG, KY.

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State of Kentucky
Floyd County Court } Reg. May 20th term 1912

I Malone Hall Judge of said Court
certify that in the Pension Case of Miller Neal
here attached certify that. Mrs. Neal of Prestonsburg
Ky being sworn says she has lived here since 1876
widow of H. A. Neal has no property or income other
with her daughter

Also R. W. Harris ex Sheriff Floyd W. being sworn says she
is the widow of Dr. Neal has no property has no trade
or calling to make her support

I also say I am acquainted with Mrs. Neal who
has lived here in Prestonsburg for good many years
a kind old lady & now lives with her daughter
at Allen Ky. I don't think she owns any
property and I have no doubt her husband
was a loyal Confederate soldier & known
of no reason why she should not be
allowed this claim I am told her daughter only
supports her from the love & affection she has for
her mother

Malone Hall
ex. Judge

Allen Ky
Oct 21st, 1914

W. J. Stone Pension Com,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I now write to ask you in regard to the pension of my mother-in-law, Mrs M. L. Neel, who is drawing a pension under the Confederate pension act. Mrs Neel has been in Virginia for some months visiting her son and owing to circumstances in his family has been delayed longer than she expected, her home is in this state and she has only been over there temporarily, the last voucher she received was the one for Feb 1st the one for Nov come to day, the others have not been received or misplaced while she was away, I now write to ask if she can get the new voucher for the ones misplaced and if

this will in any way interfere with her drawing her money hoping to hear from you soon and thanking you in advance for this information, I remain,
Yours very truly
Sam. Statcher,

January 26th, 1915.

Sam Hatcher,

Allen (Floyd Co), Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I received a letter from you, dated Oct. 21, 1914, in which you told me that Mrs. Neel was in Virginia and had been there for some months, and asked me if her remaining out of the State would interfere with her drawing a pension. I replied to that letter on the 22nd of October and told you that the law provided that if a pensioner removed from this State, or was absent therefrom for a period of three months, the name shall then be dropped from the pension roll.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mrs. Neel had then been absent from the State for several months, a voucher was sent her and she was paid up to the 1st of November. Up to the time of mailing out the vouchers for the February payment no information had been received at this office as to whether she had returned or not, and consequently a voucher was not mailed to her, and this, notwithstanding the fact that notice was given as to the provisions of the law relative to absence from the State in October last.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

February 4th, 1915.

George P. Archer,

Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours without date relative to Mrs. Millie L. Neel.

On the 27th of January I wrote her son-in-law- Mr. Sam Hatcher- fully with regard to her case. I had a letter from him last October telling me that Mrs. Neel had been out of the State for several months, and she has been paid in Virginia the last two payments.

The pension law provides that when a pensioner removes from this State, or is absent therefrom for three months, the name shall be dropped from the pension roll. This information was given Mr. Hatcher last October. So that Mrs. Neel has or could have had this information from Mr. Hatcher several months ago.

The law is plain and positive, and due notice had been given in this case, but I note carefully what you say in this letter, and on account of what you say, and if further assurance is given that Mrs. Neel is going to remain in Kentucky, I will forward a voucher to her, but she cannot remain out of Kentucky, or practically out of Kentucky, and draw the pension under the law.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

ALL COAL IS SOLD F. O. B. MINES, MINE WEIGHTS TO GOVERN SETTLEMENTS. CONTRACTS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO STRIKES AND OTHER CAUSES
BEYOND OUR CONTROL. FREIGHT RATES NOT GUARANTEED.

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KNOXVILLE, TENN.

LOGMONT, KY., December 27, 1915.

Captain W. J. Stone, Pensioner Commissioner,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

My mother, Mrs. Millie L. Neel is a resident of this state again and has been since the 7th, of this month. She would like to have her pension re-instated. In fact it has been her understanding that when she returned to the state that this would be done. Please advise me if this can be done.

Yours very truly,

George F. Neel.

December 29th, 1915.

George F. Neel,
Logmont, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th inst.

There is no provision in the law for re-instating the name of a person who has been dropped from the pension roll. The law plainly provides that when a person who is on the pension roll removes from this State, or has been absent therefrom for a period of three months, he (or she) shall be dropped from the pension roll, and there is no provision in the law for re-instating the name under any circumstances.

Yours truly,

Commissioner.

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