

ORIGINAL

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Hardin County.

Mrs. Letitia E. Porter

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.)

Letitia E. Porter reside in Hardin Ky, Stithton 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? Letitia E. Laugherty

In Hardin County near Elizabethtown Jan. 17-1837

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.)

He was born on the 12 day of August 1844 in Seabree Co Ky. Louis H. Porter. We were married July 10, 1889

by J. N. Keith J. P. Mele
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? He was in Capt H. C. Hays Co, 1st Hardin Cavalry

Bat, Col. John Wood's Regt of Cavalry in Sept 1864, until war closed

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? 1864-1865

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? His Co & Bat surrendered about May 8, 1865 in Elizabethtown Ky

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company 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 was captured about April 12 1865, and was in prison in Louisville until Aug 1865. he was released

10. When and where did your husband die? June 29, 1917 in Hardin Co near Stithton 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? 50 acres of land and some household furniture & some other little things all not worth over \$5000.00

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? myself and one son

My husband had pension Certificate # 1839

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. Lon Pate Stithton Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

6 day of February 1917

E. J. Corries Notary Public

of Hardin County.

My Commission Expires Jan 23-1918

Mrs Letitia E. Porter
Hir
mark

Witness

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Hardin County. Ben G. Hill
H. C. Hays, Lee Hagan, of said State and County, having
been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Letitia E. Porter
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? Ben G. Hill
H. C. Hays, Vine Grove
Lee Hagan, Elizabethtown, Ky
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Letitia E. Porter. Yes
Lee Hagan no
If so, how long have you known her? Hagan has known her 2 years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? She
resides near Stinton, in Hardin Co Ky
and has been in this State all her life
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes, for over 40 years.
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? neither one
6. How long did you know him? Hill
Hays ever since Sep 1864
7. When and where did Lt. J. Porter 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 H. C. Hays Co in Sept 1864. This is the Hays,
Hill was in Co A Same Bat & Reg
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? H. C. Hays
was, Hill was in Co A, Same Bat & Reg
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? from Sep 1864
until he was taken a prisoner
in April 1865
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? in Elizabethtown
Ky, May 8, 1865.
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? Hays was, Hill was not
12. Was Lt. J. Porter, the husband of applicant, present?
No. He was in prison in Louisville Ky
13. If not present, where was he? in prison
14. When and where did he leave his command? he was captured about
April 1865
For what cause? He was captured.
By whose authority did he leave? did not leave
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) Hays does, Hill
know Porter was in same Bat &
Reg but does not recollect when he was
captured
15. When and where did Lt. J. Porter die?
Jan 29, 1917 on his little farm, near
Stinton in Hardin Co Ky
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?
He resided near Stinton, see his life in Ky
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Lt. J. Porter?
Yes we do Lee Hagan does,

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?

She owns 5 acres of land and some personal property worth about \$500.

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

day of

5 March 1917
S. H. Bush, Notary Public
My com. ex. Feb 3, 1918

Ben C. Hill
Lee Hagan
Witnesses.

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

I, Al Rieder

Judge of Hardin

County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this county to Mrs. Letitia E. Porter

the widow of J. D. Porter amounts to \$ real estate and

\$ personal.

Al Rieder
For Hardin

Judge.

County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Hardin County.

I, S. H. Bush

Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. Letitia E. Porter resides in said county, and has been

a bona fide resident of this State since the day of all her life, 19, and that the wit-

nesses, Mr. Ben C. Hill + Lee Hagan

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 5 day of

Mar 7, 1917
S. H. Bush
Notary Public
Hardin County.
My com. ex. Feb 3, 1918

(SEAL)

- 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. 3729

Widow's
Indigent Pension

Name Mrs. Letitia O. Porter

Filed APR 23 1917
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Widow of L. F. Porter

Allowed July 16th 1917
W. J. Stone
Comr.

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

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

LETITIA E. PORTER
widow of
LOUIS F. PORTER

Who enlisted Sept. 1, 1864,
in Captain Hays' Company of
Howsley's Battalion of Chene-
worth's Regiment Kentucky Cav.
and was captured April 1st,
1865, and released in August,
1865 at Louisville, Ky. on
taking the oath of allegiance.
Proven by the Captain of his
Company and two comrades.

Property: \$50.00.

Approved:

W J Stone.

Marriage License.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky,

To any Minister of the Gospel, or Other Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Matrimony:

You are permitted to solemnize the **rites of Matrimony**

between L. S. Porter

and Emaline Daugherty

the requirements of the law having been complied with.

Witness my signature, as Clerk of the Meade County Court,
this 10th day of January 1889 1889

R. H. Neyl Clerk.

D. C.

PARAGON PTG. WKS. BEAVER DAM, KY.

Marriage Certificate.

This is to Certify that on the 10th day of Jan 1889 1889

the **rites of Marriage** were legally solemnized by me

between L. S. Porter

and Emaline Daugherty

at Virgil McCrackens in the County of Meade

in the presence of Peter Brandenburg Willis McCracken

Signed: T. V. Keith J.P.M.C

NOTE—The Statute requires the names of at least TWO
Witnesses to be inserted in the foregoing Certificate.

State of Kentucky)

County of Meade) Set.

I, Arthur Bunger Clerk of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Marriage License together with certificate of the the /Justices of the Peace's return to this office of L.S.Porter to ~~Emaline Daugherty as shown from the original license which is on file~~ in this Office.

I further certify that the records show that the above mentioned L.S.Porter signed his name to the Marriage Bond Book, "L.F.PORTER".

Given under my hand this the 9th day of February 1917.

Arthur Bunger
Clerk Meade County Court.



STITHTON, KY.,

Feb 16-1917

State of Kentucky
County of Hardin

H. C. Hays of the County
and State above named being duly
sworn states that he was in
Command of Company "C" of Howsleys
Battalion ~~Lewis~~ Command in
the War between the States and
recalls and states on oath ~~that he~~
~~recalls~~ that Lewis F. Porter enlisted
in his company but can not recall
where Lewis F. Porter was separated
from the company but knows that
Porter was in the Company as above

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 16-day of February 1917
My commission expires Jan. 23-1918

H. C. Hays
E. T. Carrico
Notary Public Hardin Co Ky

....Hardin County Court....

Regular Term, Monday April 16, 1917

Mr. Latta E. Porter
ON

PRESENT: HON. D. W. RIDER, JUDGE.

APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

It appearing of record that *Latta E. Porter* of Hardin County, Ky., filed his application for pension on *March 19,* 1917, it being a regular County Court, held for Hardin County, and the said application was laid over until the Regular Term *April 16,* 1917, of the Hardin County Court; and the matters coming on for proof, as required under the act passed by the Legislature on March 11, 1912, granting pensions to Confederate Soldiers.

Came *Tom Tate* of *Shelton* Ky.,
and *M. S. Allen* of *Same* Ky.,
and _____ of _____ Ky.,

who testified that *Latta E. Porter* has been a citizen and an actual bona-fide resident of the State of Kentucky continuously since January 1st, 1907, and now resides in Hardin County, Ky., and that the said *Latta E. Porter* and wife *L. S. Porter* own real and personal property in this State of value of \$*200.00*, and that he has not an income by reason of a contract or agreement for a valuable consideration with any person able to provide such support, or by reason of partial ability, to earn a support, an income, or property or all of these combined, is able to obtain an income of \$300 per year.

STATE OF KENTUCKY, } SCT:
HARDIN COUNTY. }

I, D. W. RIDER, Judge of the County Court, aforesaid, cer-

tify that _____, physician of _____ Ky.,
and *Ben C. Hill* of *Vine Grove* Ky.,
and *A. Hays* of *Vine Grove* Ky.,
are reputable citizens, and are entitled to credit on oath, and it appearing from the evidence heard, that *Latta E. Porter* is a citizen of Hardin County, Ky., and has not been absent therefrom, as a resident, for a period of one year, and that he has been a bonafide resident of the State of Kentucky since January 1st, 1907; and that he has not an income of \$300 per year, and see no cause why he should not be granted a pension.

This *April 16,* 1917 *D. W. Rider*
Judge Hardin County Court.

STATE OF KENTUCKY, } SCT:
HARDIN COUNTY. }

I, *R. C. Corley*, Clerk of the County Court, and State aforesaid, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of all orders, etc., in the Pension Application of *Latta E. Porter*, as it appears of record in this office.

Given under my hand this *21* day of *April* 1917
R. C. Corley Clerk.
By _____ D. C.



UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

LOUISVILLE, KY.

August 13, 1929.

OFFICE OF REGIONAL MANAGER

THIS LETTER REFERS TO
YOUR FILE NUMBER:

IN REPLY REFER TO: .8

Treasurer of the State of Kentucky,
State Capitol,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mrs. Emma Guy Cromwell.

Mrs. Martha C. Gilbert came to my office this afternoon and brought the attached check and envelope, which came to her sister, Mrs. Letitia E. Porter, 1536 Hemlock Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

This envelope was opened by mistake. Mrs. Letitia E. Porter died on the 19th of July, 1929, at Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Gilbert states that her sister wanted her to have the proceeds of this check in order to pay some small debts which she owed at the time of her death and to keep the balance remaining as her own, in order that she might go back to Cleveland, Ohio, which is her home. Mrs. Gilbert has been in Louisville nursing her sister nearly six months.

I could not advise Mrs. Gilbert as to any other procedure than to send this check back to you and state the circumstances of the envelope being opened, and also the wishes of her sister, Mrs. Letitia E. Porter.

Mrs. Gilbert wants to start back to Cleveland Friday morning, and if there is any way under the law by which you can re-issue this check payable to her, she would like to her about it as quickly as possible. She states that Mrs. Porter left no estate of any kind and consequently no administratrix was appointed. Mrs. Porter left no written will, but merely made the verbal request that Mrs. Gilbert was to have this \$60.00 check at her death, which would partially reimburse her for her expenses in being with her in her last illness.

I will appreciate it if you will advise Mrs. Gilbert as soon as you can, with regard to this matter.

*Mrs. Gilbert's address is:-
1536 Hemlock St.
Louisville, Ky.*

Yours very truly,

GEO. R. BROWN, Jr.
Regional Attorney,
Louisville, Kentucky.