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# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Breathitt County.

Casander Back

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.) Casander Back  
was born & I reside near Doctor Breathitt County 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? Perry County Kentucky  
July 29, 1848 Casander Davis
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.) in Breathitt  
County, Ky. William H. Back, December 4<sup>th</sup> 1840
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? September 1862 Breathitt Co., Ky. Co. D. A. C. Cope, Capt 5<sup>th</sup> Ky. Regt.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? About three years.
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1865  
at Louisa Lawrence Co. Ky.
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company Regiment surrendered? He was
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? February 9<sup>th</sup> 1892 Breathitt Co. Ky.
11. At the time of your husband's death, were you living with him as his lawful wife? I was
12. Have you married since the death of your soldier husband? No I have not
13. What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value? I have one milk cow  
only my husband owned 80 or 90 acres of land at his death worth \$3000.  
His two sons live with their family, I also live with my in-laws about \$100 per year
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. Harry C. Hornobell doctor Breathitt County Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

10 day of April 1915

Alfred Russell

Clerk of Breathitt County.

By Sanford Brown, J.C.

Casander Back  
her  
mark.

at St. Sanford Brown.

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Breathitt

County.

Lewis C. Back and Harvey W. Hounshell, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Casander Back

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? Lewis C. Back, Stephenson Breathitt County Kentucky, Harvey W. Hounshell Doctor Breathitt Ky.

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Casander Back  
If so, how long have you known her? Forty years and Fifty years

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? in Breathitt County Kentucky. She has lived in this state all her life

4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Never in his life time.

5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No.

6. How long did you know him? Ever since we can remember

7. When and where did William H. Back enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? He enlisted at Jackson, Ky. in September 1862 in Co. D. 5th Ky. Reg. Harvey W. Hounshell does not know

8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? Lewis C. Back says that he was a member of the same Regiment at the close of the war but not of the same Company.

9. How long did he perform regular military duty? Lewis C. Back says that he was in the service during the war and we were mustered out at the same time May 9, 1865 at Corinth Ky.

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? In the year 1865 in Georgia. He has been exchanged by some means and was in Capt. L. C. Keok's Company.

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? Capt. his Command

12. Was William H. Back, the husband of applicant, present? He was

13. If not present, where was he?

14. When and where did he leave his command?

For what cause?

By whose authority did he leave?

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.)

15. When and where did William H. Back die? He died February 9, 1892 in Breathitt County, Kentucky

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? He resided in Duck Creek in Breathitt Co. Ky. and has lived there all his life

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of William H. Back? Yes. They lived together as husband and wife from the time of their marriage until his death

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow?

*She has not remained 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 one cow and raises some corn, or gets it in the way of rent which is worth from \$50- to \$75. This is the only income she has, and she is not able to work. We had heard she had 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 *12<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March* 191*5*.  
*W. B. Cardwell*  
*W. B. C.*

*Lewis C. Back*  
*H. W. Hounshell*  
Witnesses.

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

I, *J. O. Crawford* Judge of *Breathitt* County, Kentucky,  
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this county to Mrs. *Casander Back*  
the widow of *W. H. Back* amounts to \$ ~~1000~~ *\$1500.* real estate and  
*\$185.00* personal.  
*J. O. Crawford* Judge.  
For *Breathitt* County, Ky.

### Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Breathitt* County.

I, *W. B. Cardwell* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby  
certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Casander Back* resides in said county, and has been  
a bona fide resident of this State since the *18<sup>th</sup>* day of *December*, 188*4*, and that the wit-  
nesses, Mr. *Lewis C. Back and H. W. Hounshell*  
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 *12<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*, 191*5*.  
(SEAL) *W. B. Cardwell Clerk*  
*Breathitt Circuit Court* 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. 4626

Widow's  
Indigent Pension

Name *Cassandra Back*

JUL 1 - 1915

Filed *Apr 14 1915*  
*by J. C. [unclear] Clerk*

Widow of *William A Back*

*This is the 22 of Dec  
1930 the Census being  
subject to the Census  
Law this Census*

*John M. Lucas*

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



Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

CASANDER BACK  
WIDOW OF  
WILLIAM H. BACK,

Who enlisted Sept. 20, 1862, in Co. D, 5th Ky. Mtd. Inf'y., and there is record proof of service to Aug. 22, 1863. One witness testifies that he served from the time he enlisted till the close of the war, but says that he- the witness- was not with the command when the war closed, and when asked how he knew his statements to be true he did not answer. One other witness says that he knows that William H. Back served as much as two years.

HELD FOR PROOF.

W J Stone.

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Casander Back, widow of William H. Back, who enlisted in Com. B, 5th Ky, Inf., proof of his service was made by the affidavits of comrade who state he served until the close of the war,

Indigent.

*John M Lucas*  
*Com*

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, June 7, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the  
Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that William H. Back, private, Captain A.C. Cope's Company (3d Company D), 5th Kentucky Mounted Infantry, C.S.A., enlisted September 20, 1862. On the muster roll dated December 31, 1863, he was reported absent, sick at Emery & Henry Hospital, Virginia, August 22, 1863, by order of regimental surgeon. His name is not borne on any subsequent rolls of the company on file, which cover periods to October 31, 1864, inclusive, nor has any further record of him been found.

*H. J. H. Cain*  
The Adjutant General.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

June 4th \_\_\_\_\_ 191 5

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

Dear Sir:

William H. Back

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company \_\_\_\_\_ A. C. Cope's - 5th Ky.  
Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ Inf'y. \_\_\_\_\_ C. S. A., and to have been

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

Received A. G. O.,

JUN 6 1915

Jackson, Ky. June 30 1915.

Hon. W. J. Stone

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you the application of Casander Back for pension as the widow of William H. Back deceased with the affidavit of applicant & H. V. Back & the Certificate of J. O. Crawford County Judge

Respectfully

Jno. E. Patrick

State of Kentucky }  
County of Breathitt } set

The affiant Henry N. Back says  
that he is a brother of William  
H. Back and that William H. Back  
Enlisted in the confederate army  
in the month of September 1862  
Co. D, 5 Kentucky regiment under Captain  
Calaway Cope. and I know that he  
served as much as two years.

Henry N. Back  
Subscribed and sworn to before  
me by Henry N. Back this the 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1915

Alfred Russell Clerk B.C.C.  
By Sanford Brown, D.C.

State of Kentucky. }  
County of Breathitt } set.

The affiant Casander Back. says  
that she was born in Perry county  
Kentucky near the mouth of Balls  
fork of Troublesome creek on the  
29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1848 and that she  
was married to William H. Back  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1884 at the  
mouth of Holly on Truicksand  
creek in Breathitt County Kentucky  
by Rev. Stephen Carpenter. and that  
they lived together as man  
and wife until his death which  
occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1892

Casander <sup>the</sup> Back.  
Subscribed and sworn to <sup>before me</sup> by Casander  
Back. this 18 day of March 1905

Alfred Russell Clerk. B.C.C.  
By Sanford Brown. D.C.

State of Kentucky  
Breathitt County

I J. O. Crawford County Judge of  
Breathitt County, do hereby Certify that  
from the evidence introduced before me by  
Casander Back, widow of William H.  
Back the said Casander Back being an  
applicant for a pension under the Confeder-  
ate pension laws of Kentucky, that she is  
the widow of William H. Back, that <sup>she</sup> is  
still his widow and has never remarried  
that said William H. Back is now dead  
and left a tract of land of about 100 acres  
about twelve acres of it is bottom land  
and the balance is hill side land. That  
she rents out the Cleared land and it  
rents for from 50 to 300 bushels of Corn  
per year. That two of her sons who are  
the Children of William H. Back reside  
on this land and they are married and  
have families of their own. That the  
said Casander Back, has no personal  
property except a milk Cow and a  
hog and per horse tools plow &c.  
That her income does not exceed \$100  
per annum from the evidence  
introduced before me ~~and~~ The  
witnesses introduced before me were  
John Brown, H. W. Hunsshell and John  
Chapman whom I Certify to worthy of  
Credit when testifying. June 30, 1915.

J. O. Crawford  
J. B. C.

To the Hon. Secy

Sept 15. 30

Mr. Gilman P. Carson

Dear Sir Will say

My Father was Soldier

in the Civil War in

the Confederate Army

My Mother 80 years old

blind is the only one

that is not drawing a

person Mrs Catherine Lang

will get it for her if

she can get a Record

of his Service I want

you to tell me <sup>where</sup> I can

get it his name is

W. H. B. 5th

over

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They ought to a receipt  
Some where so let  
at once please reply

Justin Back

P.P.  
his name is

W. H. Back went by  
the name of

Bill Back

September 16, 1930

Mr. Larkin Back  
Lothair, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 15, addressed to Governor Sampson, in which you desire to get information regarding the record of service in the Civil War of one W. H. Back.

Please be advised that I am today referring your letter to Hon. John M. Lucas, Commissioner of Confederate Pensions, who, I am sure, will give you this information.

If you do not hear from him within the next few days, I would suggest that you write him a personal letter in regard to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Bradley Combs,  
Secretary to the Governor

Crew

September, 17, 1930-

Mr. Larkin Back,  
Lothair, Ky.

My dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to Gov. Flem D. Sampson has been referred to this Department for reply; Our records show that your father and mother both applied for pensions, which are on file in this Department, and neither of which is granted, for the reason that the proof in each case, is not sufficient to bring them within provisions of the Confederate pension law, therefore, it would not be worth while for her to file another application for pension.

Very Truly,

Comm.

Jethair Key  
Nov 8. 1930

Mr. John M. Lucas

Dear Sir Will say I am sending  
you Mr Miles Backs affidavit  
We all been sick in a  
few days I will get you  
some more proof soon  
as my family get better so  
I can get out in the country  
My Mother sure needs it you  
will hear from me again  
in a few days at once

Yours truly

Jethair Back

November, 10, 1930-

Mr. Larkin Back,  
Lothair, Ky,

My dear Sir:

Your letter of November 8th received. Your letter and affidavit of Miles Bach have been received in this office. You state that William Bach may have served under Capt. W. T. B. South, if so, Captain South is living in Lexington, and might be able to give you further proof, I will wait until I hear from you again,

Very Truly,

Comm.

STATE OF KENTUCKY,  
BREATHITT COUNTY, Sct.

The affiant, G.T.Strong, states that he is now past 82 years of age, and has resided in Breathitt County, Kentucky all of his life or the principal part of his life; that he was acquainted with William Back or Bill Back in his life time; that the said Bill Back was the husband of Casander Back and the father of Wayne Back, Larkin Back and others.

Affiant states that during and before the Civil War he was a neighbor to the said Bill Back or William Back and that during the said Civil War he saw the said Bill Back serving under either Captain Calloway Cope or Captain Levi C. Kash in the confederate army; that at one time in particular he saw the said Bill Back so serving in said army on Quicksand Creek in Breathitt County, Kentucky, and near the mouth of Lovelace Branch a tributary of said creek, and that to the best of his knowledge the said Bill Back served for a considerable length of time in said confederate army. The affiant further states that he does not know the date when the said Bill Back was mustered into said army nor the date when he was mustered out of said army, that as affiant now recalls the time he saw the said Bill Back so serving in said army was during the year, 1862, to the best of affiant's knowledge the said Bill Back served all the rest of the war.

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*G. T. Strong*

Subscribed and sworn to before me by G.T.Strong this  
Nov., 17 1930.

*B. C. Seweece*

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NOTARY PUBLIC, BREATHITT CO. KY.  
My Commission Expires Jan. 17, 1932

To the Hon. Mr. Justice  
Nov 14. 1930

Mr. John M. Lucas  
Dear Sir will say I am  
sending you Mr. J. J. Strong's  
affidavit I got a officer to  
get Mr. J. on the affidavit  
I will send it to you soon  
as I get it so let me know  
a long what I need to do  
at once yours truly

Jarvis Backe

Larkin Ky  
Dec 5 1936

Mr John M Lucas

Dear Sir will say did you  
get Mr G. J. Strongs  
affidavit I sent two weeks  
ago and the money with it  
to Mr South and had never  
heard from him yet I am  
enclosing my address  
envelope so you send me  
Mr Souths address I will  
try to find out what is the  
matter with Mr South so let  
me hear from you at once

Your Friend

Larkin Back

December, 5, 1930-

Mr. Larkin Back,  
Lothair, Ky,

My dear Sir:

We have not received Mr. Strong's affidavit.

Mr. South's address is, W. T. B. South, Headley Ave.,  
Lexington, Kentucky, he may have been out of town when your  
letter came,

Very Truly,

Comm.

Lexington Ky 1415. 1930.  
Mr Larkin Back  
Lothair Ky.  
Near Larkin

I received your  
first letter but was waiting for  
an opportunity to go to Frankfort  
to make some investigations before  
making my affidavit.

I remember Will Basky will;  
son of John Back who lived  
across the creek opposite the  
Hound Bottom. This will be be-  
longed to Capt. A. C. Copsis, Co. D,  
5th Ky. Infantry. The last member  
of that co so far as I know G. W.  
(Bud) Sewell who died about  
two months ago.

I am the only living member  
of my company so far as I know  
I expect to visit Frankfort

This week unless the weather  
gets too severely cold, if I go  
I will investigate the records  
to refresh my memory con-  
cerning your matter.

I have passed my 88<sup>th</sup> mark  
consequently can't be too care-  
ful to protect myself during  
cold weather.

It appears to me that you  
should have sent me her  
(your mother's) application for  
a pension.

I will return the dollar if  
I can't make the affidavit  
for you.

I presume I know you  
as I think I have met you at  
Jackson. Will be glad to aid  
you in any way I can.

Your friend  
W. J. B. South

STATE OF KENTUCKY,  
BREATHITT COUNTY, Sct.,

The affiant, G.T.Strong, states on oath that he was acquainted with William (Bill) Back in his life time; that the said William Back, who was commonly called Bill Back lived on Quicksand Creek in Breathitt County, Kentucky; that the said William Back was the husband of Casander Back and the father of Wayne Back and Larkin Back and other children.

This affiant states that he, this affiant, is now 82 years of age and lives in Jackson, Breathitt County, Kentucky and has lived in said county practically all of his life.

Affiant further states with reference to the said William Back, that during the late Civil War that he saw the said William Back serving as a soldier in the confederate army and that he was serving under either Captain Calloway Cope or Captain Levi Kash, one or the other and which this affiant does not remember, and as affiant now remembers ~~this~~ this was in the year, 1862; that he saw him so serving in said army near ~~the~~ the mouth of Lovelace Branch in said county, and that to the best of affiant's belief the said William Back served in said confederate army to the end of said war.

G. T. Strong

Subscribed and sworn to before me by G.T.Strong this  
Dec., 17, 1930.

B. C. Sinner

NOTARY PUBLIC, BREATHITT CO. KY.  
My Commission Expires Jan. 17, 1932

Lothain Ky  
Dec 18. 1930

Mr John M Lucas

Dear Sir. Will say I am sending  
you Mr G. T. Strong's Affidavit I  
am Registering it so it won't get  
lost I am all so sending you the  
Reply I got from Mr W. J. B. South  
so you let me know what else if  
any thing I will have to do if  
Mr South dont come to

Frankfort and make his affidavit  
and give it to you or if he makes  
it at Lexington if he sends it  
to me I will mail it to you  
in the first mail I am enclosing  
Stamps write me at once

Yours Friend

Garth B. Back

L. Martin Back  
Dec 26, 1930

Mr John M. Lucas

Dear Mr Lucas did you  
receive Mr G. J. Strongs  
affidavit all right

& Registered it to you  
you have all ready got  
Uncle Miles Back

Mr South is going to  
send but please let  
me know what

Chances are at once  
poor old Mother is in  
need I sure will thank

you for your trouble  
Yours truly

L. Martin Back

December, 29, 1930-

Mr. Larkin Back,  
Lothair, Ky,

My dear Sir:

We have received the voucher of G. T. Strong's, but have not yet received Mr. South's affidavit. and, I think from Mr. South's affidavit Mrs. Beck's pension could possibly be allowed,

Yours Truly,

Comm.

P.S.

January, 5, 1930-

Mr. Larkin Back,  
Lothair, Ky,

My dear Sir:

The affidavit regarding the pension of your mother, Mrs. Casander Back were received in this office, December 22nd, 1930, and her pension was allowed on that date, a voucher and a certificate will be mailed to her the 15th of this month, and the check will be mailed the 15th of February,

Very Truly,

Comm.