

(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Hickman County.

Mary Jane Myers, of said State and County, desiring to avail

herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, General Assembly, approved March 18, 1914, hereby submits her proofs, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follow:

1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.)
Mary Jane Myers, Kentucky, Hickman County, -address- Wingo, R. R. 1.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? 48 years - since 1875.
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? June 13th, 1849 - Houston County, Georgia; Mary Jane Curr.
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. (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) October 12th, 1843 - in North Carolina - do not now recall name of county - Joseph Lawrence Myers; We married in Houston County, Georgia, December 21st, 1865 - By a Methodist Minister - I think his name was Brother Rice -
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? In July some time, 1861- Camp Boone, Tenn. Company D. 2nd Kentucky Inf.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? From date of enlistment until the close of the war.
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? At the close of the war - Salisbury, North Carolina, I think it was. Some time in 1865.
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? Yes 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? June 2nd, 1885 - At his home here in Hickman County, Kentucky.
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 have a dower interest in 90 acres - the whole tract is probably worth \$2000.00 or \$2200.00 - There are ten heirs - my life interest or dower at my age of 75 years is 10.57 per cent - I do not believe I could sell the place for as much as \$2000.00. ~~But~~ It is thin and badly cut up with gulleys. I only own a dower right.
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? I have two widowed daughters and two grand children living with me.
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 Al T Pullen, Mayfield, Kentucky. Soldier comrade of my husband.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 13th day of August, 1923.

Mary L. Richard
Notary Public
of Hickman County.

Mary Jane Myers
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Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

HICKMAN

County.

Lynn B. Weatherford and J. P. PUCKETT, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mary Jane Myers, for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, approved March 18, 1914, 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? Lynn B. Weatherford of Clinton, Kentucky, and J. P. Puckett of Hickman County, Kings, Ky., R. R. 1.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Mary Jane Myers? Yes - we both know her.
If so, how long have you known her? Ever since the war - Over forty years.
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?
She resides at the old home of her soldier husband and has lived here in this county since ever since 1875.
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes both of us.
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No-neither of us.
(Over forty years - J.P.Puckett)
6. How long did you know him? I knew him the day he was sworn in at Camp Boone about 10 miles N. of Clarksville, Tenn. Knew him through the war and known him ever since.
7. When and where did Joseph L. Myers, enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? I have just stated- he enlisted Camp Boone, Tenn., July 12th, 1861 - Company D. And Kentucky regiment/ Infantry- I know because I was there and sworn in at the same time.
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? I was up until the 22nd of July 1864, when I was captured at Atlanta, Ga.
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? Until the close of the War. He was included in the parole of Johnson's Army.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? In North Carolina - Do not recall the date.
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No.
12. Was Joseph L. Myers, the husband of applicant, present? Yes and was paroled there at the time.
I feel sure of this although I was not present.
13. If not present, where was he?
14. When and where did he leave his command? When did/where/did/he/leave/wit it surrendered.
For what cause? Because the war was over.
By whose authority did he leave? By authority of commanding officers.
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I know because I was with him at the time he enlisted and was with him in the same company and regiment until I was captured at Atlanta, Georgia, as above stated. I know the other facts from conversations with Joseph L. Myers, and other soldier comrades who remained in our Company and regiment until the close of the war.
15. When and where did Joseph L. Myers die?
June 2nd, 1923 - Here at his home in Hickman County, Kentucky. (Both)
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?
Here in Hickman County, Kentucky, - Was about two years old when brought to Kentucky and has lived here ever since, except the four years of army service.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Joseph L. Myers -
Yes we do. We have known them to live together as husband and wife right here in this county for nearly fifty years.

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

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?.....

She has a dower interest in a 90 acre farm, which is badly run down - cut up with gulleys and hardly saleable in its present condition. She also has one horse worth about forty or fifty dollars. She has no other income or property of any kind. We both know this because we have known both parties intimately for long years. Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?.....

None whatever.

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.

The witness J. P. Puckett concurs in all the testimony above except that with reference to the military service of Joseph L. Myers - and of that he said J. P. Puckett says he only knows by hearsay.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th, day of August, 1923.

Mary L. Pickard

Notary Public Hickman County, Ky.

L. B. Weatherford

J. P. Puckett

Witnesses.

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

I, J. J. Flatt, Judge of Hickman County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Mary Jane Myers,

the widow of Joseph L. Myers, dec'd, amounts to \$ nothing real estate and

\$ none personal

J. J. Flatt
County Judge
Hickman

Trustee.

For Hickman County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

HICKMAN County.

I, Mary L. Pickard, Clerk Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. Mary Jane Myers, resides in said county, and has been

a bona fide resident of this State since the some day of 1885 - over 40 years, and that the wit-

nesses, Mr. Lynn R. Weatherford and J. P. Puckett, are both personally known to me and

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.

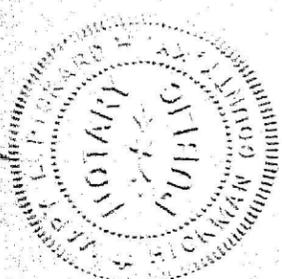
Witness my hand and official seal this 13th, day of August, 1923.

(SEAL)

Mary L. Pickard

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. 4243

Widow's
Indigent Pension

Name *Mary Jane Myers*

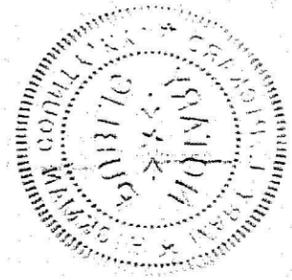
Filed *Sept 5, 1923*

Widow of *Joseph L. Myers*

Albany, Mo 1571923

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

*Filed in Hickman County
Court and ordered to
lie over to next day
near term for adjournment
This Aug. 13, 1923
Mrs. M. G. F. East, Clerk*



CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Mary Jane Myers.

Widow of Joseph L. Mye
Who enlisted July 24th, 1861, in
Co, " D " 2nd, Ky, Inft.
was captured Sept 1st, 1864,
and surrendered in North Carolina
at the close of the war.
Proven by Comrades.

(Property \$ 2,000)

J. T. George

(Comm)

No. 5

Marriage License



State of Georgia

Houston County

TO ANY JUDGE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL.

You are hereby authorized to join
Joseph L. Myers and Miss Mollie Gurr
in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the Constitution and
Laws of this State, and for so doing, this shall be your License.
And you are hereby required to return this License to me, with your
Certificate hereon, of the fact and date of the Marriage.

Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of
December 1865 W. J. Swift (L.S.)
Ordinary.

STATE OF GEORGIA CERTIFICATE HOUSTON COUNTY

I Certify that Joseph L. Myers and Miss Mollie Gurr
were joined in Matrimony by me this 21 day of Dec Eighteen
and Sixty Five Hundred

Recorded 19
Ordinary.

W. H. Rice, M. G.

MARSHALL & BRUCE CO. NASHVILLE, TENN.

PARTY PERFORMING CEREMONY, RETURN TO ORDINARY TO BE RECORDED.

STATE OF KENTUCKY,
COUNTY OF HICKMAN.

I, J. J. Flatt, County Judge in and for the County and State
aforesaid, state that the foregoing is a true and correct
transcript of the evidence given in my hearing on Monday September
3rd, 1923, same being regular term of the Hickman County Court
in the matter of the application of Mary Jane Myers for a pension
under existing law.

In view of this evidence and knowing this applicant and
her affairs, personally, I regard her claim as meritorious and
recommend that pension be granted her.

Witness my signature, on this the 3rd day of September, 1923.

J. J. Flatt
County Judge of Hickman County.

Georgia, Houston County. Ordinary's Office .

I hereby certify that the within is a true copy of the Marriage
License issued to Joseph L. Myers and Miss Mollie Gurr as of record
in Record of Marriage Licenses 1864 to 1875 in the Ordinary's ~~XXX~~
Office of Houston County Georgia,

Witness my official Signature and Seal of Court this Aug. 25, 1923.

Emmett Houser

Ordinary Houston Co. Ga.

IN THE MATTER:-

OF THE APPLICATION OF MARY JANE MYERS, WIDOW OF J. L. MYERS,
FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION.

Hearing before his Honor, J. J. Flatt, County Judge of Hickman
County.

It appearing to the Court that heretofore on August 13th, 1923,
there was filed in the office of the County Court Clerk of Hickman County,
Kentucky, the application of Mary J. Myers, widow of J. L. Myers, deceased,
for a pension and said application having ^{been} tendered the Court on this
the regular County Court day, being the 1st Monday in September, 1923.
There was introduced as witnesses, Jodie L. Myers, S.T. Hundley and
J. P. Puckett, who having been duly sworn and introduced as witnesses on
behalf of the claimant testifies in brief as follows:-

Jodie M. Myers being first examined testified in brief as
follows:*

Q. What is your name?

A. Jodie M. Myers.

Q. What relation are you to the claimant, Mary Jane Myers?

A. She is my mother.

Q. Where does she now live and how long has she so resided?

A. In the Eastern part of this County and has lived there 38 years.

Q. What County is she a citizen?

A. A. citizen of the United States.

Q. What was her husband's name?

A. J. L. Myers.

Q. Is he now living?

A. No sir.

Q. When did he die?

A. June 2nd, 1923.

Q. Where was he living at the time of his death?

A. At the old home here in Hickman County.

Q. What property, ~~was~~ if any, had your mother, Mary Jane Myers?

A. Well she has a dower interest in 90 acres of land, 1 horse and 2 cows. That is all she has.

Q. According to your best judgment what is her dower interest in this land worth?

A. Something like \$250.00 or \$300.00.

Q. What in your best judgment is the horse and two cows which she owns, worth?

A. This horse is worth about \$30.00 and the cows worth about \$25.00 a piece.

Q. Has she any other property of any kind?

A. No sir.

Q. Has she any income from any income from any other source whatever?

A. None at all.

(Signed) Jodie L. Myers.

S. T. HUNDLEY WAS NEXT INTRODUCED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:-

Q. What is your name?

A. S. T. Hundley.

Q. How old are you?

A. 65.

Q. Where do you live and where have you so resided?

A. Here in Hickman County, all my life.

Q. Do you know Mary Jane Myers and did you know her husband, J. L. Myers?

A. Yes.

Q. How long have you known them?

A. Nearly all my life, 40 or 50 years.

Q. Are you familiar with the tract of land owned by J. K. Myers at the time of his death?

A. Yes I am familiar with it.

Q. What would you consider a reasonable market value or reasonable price for that tract of land?

A. \$1500.00.

Q. In your best judgment what would you consider Mary Jane Myers' dower interest in that land be worth?

A. I couldn't tell it wouldn't be worth much. It is so cut up with gulleys. It would rent no how for over \$200.00.

Q. If I understand you, you consider her dower interest worth about \$200.00?

A. Yes sir.

(Signed) S. T. Hundley.

J. P. PUCKETT BEING NEXT INTRODUCED TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

Q. What is your name?

A. J. P. Puckett.

Q. Where do you live and how long have you so resided?

A. In Hickman County, all my life.

Q. Do you know Mary Jane Myers and her husband, J. L. Myers?

A. Yes.

Q. How long did you know them?

A. Might say all my life.

Q. How near do you live to the place where Mary Jane Myers lives and to her house?

A. About a quarter of a mile to her house but our farms join.

Q. How many acres of land in the tract owned by J. L. Myers?

A. About 90 acres.

Q. Do you think you know the condition of that land and it's reasonable market value?

A. I think I do.

Q. Describe it's condition and say what you think would be a reasonable valuation on the entire tract?

A. It is in very poor condition, hilly and full of gulleys. Somewhere from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00.

Q. Now Mr. Puckett knowing Mrs. Mary Jane Myers as you do and that farm as you do, what would you consider a reasonable value of her life estate in one third of that commonly known as a dower interest?

A. Well about \$200.00 or \$250.00

Q. Are you familiar with the horse and two cows owned by Mrs. Mary Jane Myers?

A. Yes I have seen them.

Q. Do you think you know what would be a reasonable value for this stock?

A. I consider about \$25.00 a piece for the cows and about \$30.00 for the horse.

Q. Mary Jane Myers is the widow of J. L. Myers, is she not?

A. Yes.

Q. Has Mary Jane Myers any means of support other than this dower interest in this farm?

A. None that I know of.

Q. Say whether or her annual income from all sources would exceed \$300.00?

A. No sir I think not.

(Signed) J. P. Puckett.