

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Henry* County.

*M<sup>rs</sup> Virginia Jenkins Bennett* 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.)

*M<sup>rs</sup> Virginia Jenkins Bennett, Campbellsburg, Henry 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? *Born in Henry Co. Ky.*

*March 25<sup>th</sup> 1863. Maiden name Virginia Jenkins.*

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.)

*James Heady Bennett, born in Spencer Co., Ky., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1842. Married in Eminence, Ky., by Dr. W. G. Poyester, of M. E. Church South.*

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *Enlisted at Bowling Green, Ky., Sept. 1861, Company A, 6<sup>th</sup> Ky. Regiment, Orphan Brigade.*

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *From Sept. 1861 till April 1865.*

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *Washington, Ga., April 1865.*

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? *Yes.*

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? *Eminence, Ky., March 27<sup>th</sup> 1891.*

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?

*House & lot valued at \$600.00 & personal property \$900.00 Income about \$100.00 per hundred dollars total value of property \$15.00 fifteen hundred dollars.*

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *None.*

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... *M<sup>r</sup> John S. Corbin, Campbellsburg, Ky.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

*3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *June* 191*2*

*J. T. Beuthett* Clerk

of *Henry* County.

*M<sup>rs</sup> Virginia Jenkins Bennett*

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Jefferson County.

Bernard Scott Bennett & Elijah Busye, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Virginia Bennett 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? Bernard Scott Bennett 237 E. 2nd St Louisville Ky. Elijah Busye 944 S. Brook St Louisville Ky
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Virginia Bennett - Yes - no  
If so, how long have you known her? Twenty years -
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Eminence Ky - All her life -
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes - Yes
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? no - no
6. How long did you know him? All his life - from 1861 -
7. When and where did J. Hardy Bennett enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Bowling Green Ky Sept 1861 - Both present & know from personal knowledge - Company A, 6th Ky. Regiment, Orphan Brigade.
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? Yes - Sept 1861 - Both present & know from personal knowledge -
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? from enlistment to close of war 1861 to 1865 -
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Warrenton, Ga May 1865 -
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? Yes - Busye was then Lt -
12. Was J. Hardy Bennett, the husband of applicant, present? Yes -
13. If not present, where was he? -
14. When and where did he leave his command? Whole Regiment surrendered 1865 -  
For what cause? War was over  
By whose authority did he leave? General Beauregard  
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) Both witnesses are present and from personal knowledge -
15. When and where did J. Hardy Bennett die? Mar 27<sup>th</sup> 1891 - Eminence Ky
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Eminence Ky - Ever since close of war -
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Virginia Bennett? Yes -

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?  
*None whatever that I know of*

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?  
*Nothing*

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.

*Basys makes same answer, except that he does not know Mrs. Bennett & he was transferred to Cavalry*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *31<sup>st</sup>*

day of *May* 191*2*

*J. C. Bennett*

*Not. Pub. Jeff. Co. Ky.*

*Bernard Scott Bennett*

*Elijah Basys*  
Witnesses.

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

I, *A. Basys* Judge of *Henry* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Virginia Jenkins* the widow of *J. H. Bennett* amounts to \$ *1,000.00* real estate and \$ *500.00* personal *S. Bennett Judge* Trustee. For *Henry* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Jefferson* County.

I, *J. C. Bennett* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Virginia Bennett* resides in *Henry* county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *31<sup>st</sup>* day of *May* 19*12*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *B. Scott Bennett & Elijah Basys*

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 *31<sup>st</sup>* day of *May* 191*2*

(SEAL)

*J. C. Bennett*  
*Not. Pub. Jeff. Co. Ky.* 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. 2035

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Virginia J. Bennett*

Filed **JUL 2 - 1912**

Widow of *James H. Bennett*

*Filed at 1912 June 3rd  
J. J. Baughman  
axaa*

*Approved  
W. J. Stone  
Examiner*

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

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
JUL - 5  
1931620  
WAR DEPARTMENT.

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."  
1931620

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, July 5, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that James H. Bennett, private, Company A, 6th Kentucky Infantry (later mounted), Confederate States Army, enlisted October 8, 1861, and that he surrendered voluntarily May 6, 1865, at Washington, Georgia, and took the oath of allegiance May 20, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee, and was released.

*Henry P. McLean*  
Adjutant General.

ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MRS. VIRGINIA J. BENNETT,  
WIDOW OF JAMES H. BENNETT, who  
enlisted Oct. 18, 1861, Co. A,  
5th Kentucky Inf. and surren-  
dered May 6, 1865 at Washington,  
Ga. and was released May 20,  
1865 at Nashville, Tenn.

Proven by record and comrades.  
Property: \$1500.00

W J S

I recommend that this  
claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State  
Pension Board.

Chairman.

Received A.S.O JUL 4 1912

# MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE



This is to Certify, That on the 18 day of Oct 1882  
the RITES OF MATRIMONY were legally solemnized by me  
between J. Heady Bennett  
and Virginia Jenkins  
at Eminence in the County of Henry  
in the presence of Jno. Bruce & W. O. Edwards

A Copy: Attest

D. J. Baugh

Signed M. O. Paynter

NOTE.—The Statute requires the names of two witnesses to be inserted in the foregoing Certificate.

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

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

JUL 2 - 1912 191

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. *Virginia J. Bennett*

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,  
claims that her husband *James H. Bennett*  
was a member of Company *A*, Regiment *6<sup>th</sup> Ky.* C. S. A.,  
and was *Inf.*

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.



THIRD DISTRICT  
WOMAN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

October 8th 1934.

Mr. John M. Lucas,  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir;

This is to notify you that Mrs. Virginia  
J. Bennett widow of J.H. Bennett died at Bloomfield  
Ky. September 20th. 1934.

I have been made Executrix of her affairs  
and would be glad for you to let me know what  
steps are necessary to get the part of her pension  
due.

Her pension was No. 2035.

Very truly

*Mrs. Grace Bennett Radford*

Puritan Apt's,  
Louisville. Ky.

October, 11, 1934.

Mrs. Grace Bennett Radford.  
Puritan Apts.,  
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Madam:

Your letter of October the 8th informing us of the death of Mrs. Virginia J. Bennett on September the 20th has been received. There is due her estate \$50.00 being accrued pension, from August the 1st to September the 20th inclusive, and I inclose information as to how this amount may be collected. The State allows \$100 for burial expenses, the Undertaker should send his bill to this Department, and a voucher for the amount will be mailed direct to him,

Very Truly,

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n Comm.

**The Courier-Journal**  
**THE LOUISVILLE TIMES**  
Thursday, October 18th, 1934.

Mr. John M. Lucas,  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Mr. Lucas;

Mrs. Virginia Bennett died at Bloomfield Ky Sep't 20th and her will was probated at Bardstown Ky. October 4th. and in her will she named me as Executrix.

I am enclosing the order of the Court at Bardstown appointing me as Executor.

I have also written to the Undertaker at Bardstown to send you a copy of his bill for her funeral expenses according to your directions so you can send him a voucher for \$100 of her funeral expenses.

Mrs. Bennett was buried at Eminence Ky. by the side of her husband J. Heady Bennett.

Please return this Court Order when you have used it for the authority for a voucher for \$50 that is due her estate as accrued pension according to your letter.

Very truly  
(J.M.L.) *Grace Bennett Radford*

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BARDSTOWN, KY. *Oct 19-1934.*

*Mr John M. Lucas, Commissioner of Pensions,  
Frankfort, Ky.,*

*Dear Sir:-*

*You will find inclosed,  
itemised, funeral, account of,  
Mrs Virginia Juncins Bennett, (decd.),  
which I have been informed the  
State would pay part of this account,*

*Kindly send us the necessary  
Vouchers for same.*

*Yours very truly,  
Modern Furn Co.,  
J R Smith.*

October, 19, 1934.

Mrs. Grace Bennett Radford.  
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Madam:

The copy of the Order of the Court appointing you Administratrix of the estate of Mrs. Virginia J. Bennett has been received. I inclose a voucher for \$50.00 due the estate. which, if you return properly filled out, will be paid about November the 15th. We cannot return the copy of the Order of Court, for the reason, it must be filed with the voucher in the Auditor's office, I should think you could secure a duplicate, if you desire it.

Very Truly,

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Comm.

Thursday October 25th 1934.

Mr. John M. Lucas,  
Frankfort. Ky.

Dear Mr. Lucas;

Enclosed please find the Voucher that you sent me to be filled out for the balance Pension due Mrs. Virginia Bennett.

I hope that I have fulfilled all requirements.

I wrote to the Undertaker at Bardstown Ky. to send you a copy of his bill and your letter saying that he would receive \$100 in partial payment of the funeral expenses of Mrs. Bennett. I hope that you will receive that alright.

Yours truly

*Grace Bennett Radford*  
*Executive*  
*Mrs. Virginia Bennett*