

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Washington County.

Maria Graycroft

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.)  
Maria Graycroft Springfield Washington County Kentucky
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? All her life
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name?  
May 16th 1847 Glasgow Barron County Ky Maria Deekock
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.)  
Springfield Washington County Ky Oct 26th 1840 John P Graycroft  
Oct 26th 1860 Bloomfield Nelson Co Ky Pastor Elliott of Springfield Ky
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?  
Oct 1861 Co A 6th Kentucky Vol Inf
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? Four years
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender?  
Washington Georgia March 1865 after being surrounded by Genl Joseph E Johnston
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?  
Absent as a doctor
10. When and where did your husband die?  
Cincinnati Hamilton County Ohio Nov 27th 1913
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?  
will have \$1000 from husband's life insurance
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family?  
yes, have five children  
three sons & two daughters
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.  
W. C. Mitchell Springfield Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

20th day of Dec 1913

R. E. Foster

Notary Public, Washington Co., Ky.  
My commission expires January 18, 1916.

Maria Graycroft

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Washington* County.

*Arthur Jeffries*

of said State and County, having

been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. *Maria Gray Craft*

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? *Arthur Jeffries Springfield Ky*

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. *Maria Gray Craft*, *yes*

If so, how long have you known her? *For 4 years*

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? *To my entire knowledge for 4 years*

4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? *yes*

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

6. How long did you know him? *4 years*

7. When and where did *John J. Gray Craft* enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?

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? *Nearly four years*

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? *at Washington Georgia in 1865*

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? *no*

12. Was *John J. Gray Craft*, the husband of applicant, present? *yes*

13. If not present, where was he? *✓*

14. When and where did he leave his command? *✓*

For what cause? *✓*

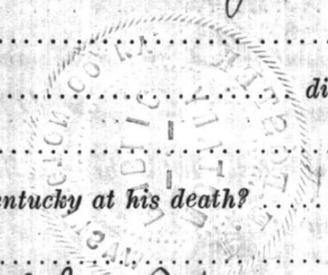
By whose authority did he leave? *Took out of allegiance to government and was pardoned*

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) *From my own knowledge and having discussed it with John J. Gray Craft from time to time since the war*

15. When and where did *John J. Gray Craft* die? at *Conamater Ohio Nov 29th 1863*

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? *all his life*

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of *John J. Gray Craft*? *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?  
*She has no property 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?  
*no*

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.

*I can vouch for all the above questions except as to just where he surrendered & he signed to his family papers*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* 191*4*.  
*Jawycoff Clerk W.C.C.*  
*By J. Conway D.C.* } attest *S. Mudd*  
*Shelton (X) Jeffries* } Witnesses.

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

I, *J. S. Hanky* Judge of *Washington* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Marial Graycroft* the widow of *John T. Graycroft* amounts to \$ *nothing* real estate and *nothing* personal. *The proof shows that she has \$1000.00 of proceeds of ins. policy on life of John T. Graycroft* For *Washington* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Washington* County.  
I, *Jawycoff* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Maria Graycroft* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *day of life (age 67)* 19*...*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *Sa Mudd and Shelton Jeffries* 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 *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* 191*4*.  
*Jawycoff Clerk*  
*Washington* County.  
*By J. Conway D.C.*

(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. 2511

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**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *M. M. Baycraft*

MAR 23 1914

Filed *Jan'y 26<sup>th</sup> 1914*

Widow of *John T. Baycraft*

*Approved  
W. J. Stone  
Commissioner*

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

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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War Department, Washington, D. C."

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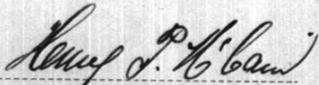
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 11, 1912.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that John T. Cray-  
croft, private, Companies B and A,  
6th Kentucky Mounted Infantry, Con-  
federate States Army, enlisted Octo-  
ber 8, 1861, and that he surrendered  
May 6, 1865, at Washington, Georgia,  
and took the oath of allegiance to  
the United States May 21, 1865, at  
Nashville, Tennessee.



Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)

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Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

MRS. MARIA B. CRAYCROFT  
widow of  
JOHN T. CRAYCROFT,

Who enlisted Oct. 8th, 1861,  
in Company A, 6th Kentucky  
Infantry, and was surrendered  
May 6, 1865, at Washington, Ga?  
and released May 21, 1865, at  
Nashville, Tenn. Proven by  
the record.

Property: \$1,000.00.

Approved:

W. J. Stone.

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HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

*June 7* 191*5*

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

Dear Sir:

*John I Craycroft*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company *A-6th Ky,*  
Regiment *Inf* C. S. A., and to have been

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

Washington County Court.

In the Matter of

Mrs. Maria Craycroft, widow of John T. Craycroft for Pension.  
I, J.S. Yankey, Judge of the Washington County Court hereby certify that the application of Mrs. Maria Craycroft, Widow of John T. Craycroft was filed at the regular January term of the Washington County Court, and continued until the regular February term of the Washington County Court when testimony was heard in open court by the Judge thereof as to the applicant's citizenship, residence and her means of support. I further certify that Hon. Joseph Polin, County Attorney of Washington County was present, representing the Commonwealth. The testimony of G.C. Wharton, whose post office address is Springfield, Washington County, Kentucky was heard in open court, and the said G. C. Wharton testified that he knew the applicant, Mrs. Maria Craycroft well, and knows that she is the widow of John T. Craycroft, deceased who was a soldier in the Confederate Army being a member of Company A. 6th. Ky. Vol. Inf. He testified that the applicant is a citizen and a resident of Washington County, Kentucky and the only property that she has is about \$1000.00, received from the proceeds of the Life Insurance policy on the life of her husband, John T. Craycroft: that she has no income and that she is not able to earn a support by manual labor, and that her support is not provided for, or secured by reason of a contract or agreement for a valuable consideration with a person able to provide such support, and that she is not able by reason of a combined partial ability to earn a support and income on property or any and all of these combined able to obtain an income equivalent to \$300.00 per year.

The testimony of W.D. McElroy was also heard in open court who testified to the same facts as G.C. Wharton. The residence and post office address of W.D. McElroy being Springfield, Washington County,

Kentucky, and I further certify that the said witnesses are reputable and entitled to credit and that the said Maria Craycroft is the widow of John T. Craycroft, who was granted a pension under the act of the legislature of Kentucky passed at the 1912 session, and I recommend that a pension be allowed her.

Witness my hand, this the 25 day of February 1914.

J. S. Gaubey  
County Judge

**McELROY & WHARTON**

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

JNO. S. McELROY { OFFICE  
G. C. WHARTON { PHONE 42 } IN PEOPLES BANK

SPRINGFIELD, KY., Mar. 21, 1914.

Judge J.P. Hobson,  
Frankfort, Ky.

My Dear Sir:

Mr. John T. Craycroft, my father in law, died last November while on a visit to his son in Cincinnati. He had been allowed a pension under the new Confederate Pension Law, and had just received his first check a few days prior to his death. I recall having heard him speak very kindly of you in expression of his appreciation of the assistance you gave in getting his claim just then. To you he gave the credit for the promptness with which it was allowed and paid. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Maria B. Craycroft, for whom we are now filing an application for the continuance of said pension, as she is now more than ever in need of same. If there is anything you can do towards seeing that this claim is allowed and put through with expediency, I assure you same will be greatly appreciated by both Mrs. Craycroft and her children.

Trusting you will be able to aid her without great inconvenience to yourself, and assuring you of our great appreciation of your past favors, I beg to remain

Yours very truly.

W. D. McElroy