

(DUPLICATE)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Menifee County.

Francis Elisabeth Basford 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.)
Francis Elisabeth Basford, I live at Stanton Menifee Co Ky.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? *have lived in Ky all my life*
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? *I was born in Morgan County Ky about 50 years ago, my maiden name was Francis Elisabeth Goss daughter of Stephen Goss*
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.)
my husband John Basford was born in Bath County Ky in 1824. we were married in Bath County Ky on the 5th day of Dec 1862 by Rev John P. Brown
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *he enlisted at near Mt. Sterling Ky in 1862 in Co F 2 Ky Mounted Rifles*
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *until May 2nd 1865*
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *At Mt. Sterling Ky on May 2nd 1865; he was paroled then and then in his parole attached and made part of this application*
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? *He was with his Command*
10. When and where did your husband die? *In Menifee County in 1910*
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? *No personal property, a small mountain farm about 35 acres worth about \$400⁰⁰ the rental value not exceed \$50⁰⁰ per annum*
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... *J. F. Osborn Frenchburg Menifee Co Ky*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the
6th day of *Sept* 1912
W. H. Lamb Notary Public
of *Menifee* County.
my Comm exp Feby 16th 1918

Francis Elisabeth Basford

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Menifee County.

Thomas Greenwald and Martha Greenwald of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. *Francis Elizabeth Barford* 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? *Frankburg Menifee County Ky*
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. *Francis Elizabeth Barford*?
If so, how long have you known her? *We have known her for more than 20 years*
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?
She lives near Seranton Menifee Co Ky and has lived there for more than 30 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? *For thirty years or more*
7. When and where did *John Barford* enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? *We do not know*
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? *We do not know*
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? *At Mt Sterling Ky about 1st of May 1865*
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? *No*
12. Was *John Barford*, the husband of applicant, present?
We do not know
13. If not present, where was he? *We do not know*
14. When and where did he leave his command? *We do not know*
For what cause? *We do not know*
By whose authority did he leave? *We do not know*
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) *We only know what we have stated in the affiramation, by living as a neighbor of said John Barford and his wife Francis Elizabeth Barford*
15. When and where did *John Barford* die?
in Menifee County Ky about 1910
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?
He resided near Seranton Menifee Co Ky, and had lived in Ky for 30 years
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of *John Barford*?
Yes

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? *She has not*
remarried & is still 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 no property or income. Save she has a life estate in about
35 acres of poor Mountain land worth about \$400.00 the annual rents are worth
not exceeding \$50.00

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *6th*
day of *Sept* 191*5*.
H. D. Coombs Notary
Public *Meigs Co. Ky*
My Comm. Exp. Feby 16th 1918

Thos Greenwood
Martha Greenwood
Witnesses.

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

I, *Alex. Tate* Judge of *Meigs* County, Kentucky,
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Francis Elizabeth Bashford*
the widow of *John Bashford* amounts to \$ *4.00* real estate and
\$..... personal
A. Tate Trustee.
For *Meigs* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Meigs County.
I, *M. E. Myrshier* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby
certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Francis Elizabeth Bashford* resides in said county, and has been
a bona fide resident of this State since the *11th* day of 19...., and that the wit-
nesses, Mr. *Mrs. Greenwood* and *Mr. Tom Greenwood*
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 *9th* day of *December* 191*5*.
(SEAL) *M. E. Myrshier* clk.
Meigs 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. 3483

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name of Applicant... *Charlotte Basford*

JAN 5 - 1916

Filed Sept. 6th 1915

M. E. Myerhues, clk

Greene County

Widow of

John Basford

Allowed Oct 18 1916
W. J. Stone
Commissioner

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

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

FRANCES E. BASFORD
widow of
JOHN BASFORD,

Who it is claimed enlisted in 1862 in Co. F, 2nd Ky. Mtd. Rifles, and the parole filed with the application shows that as a private of said organization he was paroled May 2d, '65 at Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Property: \$400.00.

by:

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8, 1916.

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

There are no rolls on file in this office of Co. F, 2d Reg't Kentucky Mounted Rifles, C.S.A., nor has any record been found of service, capture or parole of a man named John Bashford as a member of said organization.

H. P. McLean
The Adjutant General.

Form No. 74-A. G. O.
Ed. Mar. 17-15-75,000.

Received A.G.O. JAN 7 1916

Mount Sterling, Ky., May 2^d 1865.
Pr. John Bashford Co. F 2^d Ky. M. R. I solemnly swear that I
will not take up arms against the United States, or give information to the enemies thereof,
until I am regularly engaged as a prisoner of war, and that I will conduct myself as an
honorable soldier.
John Bashford
Co. F 2^d Ky. M. R.
Subscribed and sworn before me this *2^d* day of *May* 1865
M. J. Hall
C. S. A.

No. W

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

January 5th 1915

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

Dear Sir :

Mrs. Frances E. Bashford

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband John Bashford

was a member of Company "F" Regiment 2nd Ky. C. S. A.,
Mtd. Rifles

and was

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

THOMAS GREENWADE

Jailer Menefee County

Frenchburg, Ky.

April 12 1917

Hon. W. J. Stone, Commissioner
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir,

I agree with you that only
Soldiers & their Widows, ought
to draw Bounties, but the
one that wrote you that
John W. Bashford was not
a Soldier, did not know what
they were talking about, or
they were an Army.

I was a young man at the
beginning of the War, but it
was my understanding that
he was a Soldier & that he
was at the all starting fight
as my father & brother was

THOMAS GREENWADE

Jailer Menefee County

Frenchburg, Ky.

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There at that time, & John W
Bashford was a good man
& in my judgment would
not misrepresent the matter. His
Widow is an honest woman
& deserving your sympathy.
Thos. Greenwade

State of Kentucky
Bath County Tset.

It is hereby certified, that under
and virtue of the within License.
I did on the 5 day of December
1883, at the house of Stephen Gose
in said County, celebrate the
rites of matrimony between the
within named John Basford and
Elizabeth F. Gose and that James
Highley & Jeff Highley were
present and witnessed the
celebration.

Given under my hand, this 5 day of
December 1883.

Allen Purvis
Minister of the Christian Church,
State of Kentucky
Bath County Tset.

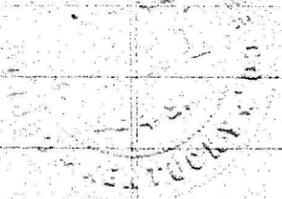
I Leslie Shroat Clerk of the
Bath County Court for the
County aforesaid, do certify that
the foregoing is a true and
correct copy of the Marriage
between John Basford and Elizabeth
F. Gose as shown by the records
in my Office. Given under my hand
this 30th day of December 1915.
Leslie Shroat, Clerk.
By Cole Barnes D.C.

State of Kentucky
Municipal Council

In the matter of
claim for possession of Mrs.
Frances E. Rashford, widow
of John W. Rashford, I hereby
state that I had the application
of the same, and that it had
attached to it the parole
of said Rashford, which by
some means has been
lost or misplaced and can
not be found.

Given under my hand
this 3rd day of January
1916
J. F. Debon County
Municipal Council.

Subscribed and sworn to before
me by J. F. Debon County
Municipal Council
this January 3rd 1916
M. E. Myrthier, clk.



A regular term of the Menifee County Court was begun
and held in the Court house in the Town of Frenchburg
Menifee County Kentucky on Monday January 2nd. 1910

Present Hon. H. Sexton Judge

Francis Elizabeth Bashford Elff.

Vs. application for pension

Menifee County Deft.

on the within application of Francis Elizabeth Bashford
widow of the late John W. Bashford deceased for pension.

on farther proff being heard in open Court relative to
the marriage of claimant to said Bashford and her

financial condition and it is the opinion of the Court
that she is the widow of said Bashford and entitled to
pension as the widow of said Bashford which facts are
hereby ordered certified to the commissioner of pensions
at Frankfort Kentucky.

A copy attest

M. E. Myrner elk

Memphis County Court.
January Term, January 3^d. 1915
Present, Hon. H. Sexton, Judge
In the matter of Claims for
pension of Francis Elizabeth Bushfort
widow of the late John W. Bushfort.
William Ingram was presented
in Court and stated that he was
present when said Plaintiff and
John W. Bushfort were married and that
she had ever owing from his
and that she owns a small farm
worth a few hundred dollars and no
personal property at all.

W. C. Muehler Family Court Clerk
was then known who stated that
he was personally acquainted
with Francis Elizabeth Bushfort
and that she owned a farm which
was listed at \$1000 and that
she owned no personal property
whatever. And he further states that
there was attached to Plaintiff's
Application for Pension a
Parcel of John W. Bushfort
from the Survey but by some
means the same was

lost or misplaced ^{and I further}
state said said widow has
never remarried, since
the death of her said husband
John W. Bushfoot.

Wm. E. Myhrer clerk
Murray County Court.

January 12, 1916.

J. S. Osbon,
Frenchburg, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am again in receipt of the application of Mrs. Frances E. Basford.

On the 11th of December last explaining to you that no proof of the date of marriage nor "Finding of Facts" by the County Judge, nor the parole mentioned in the application, accompanied it. When it reached the office this time I find that there is no "Findings" from the County Court, and only proof as to the date of her marriage to her husband. Your own statement that the parole had been lost and a statement by the Clerk of the Court showing that William Ingram was present at the marriage, and that the widow owned a small farm worth only \$200.00, and the further statement by the Clerk, M. E. Mynheir, that there was a parole attached to the application but had been lost.

The Finding of Facts and recommendation of the County Judge, as required by law, was not found with the application.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

January 18, 1916.

J. S. Osbon,
Frenchburg, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of the "Findings" of the County Judge of Menifee County in the case of Mrs. Frances E. Basford.

I had previously received the proof of the date of her marriage and statements from two persons that they had seen a parole in connection with this application, but there is nothing to show the date of this parole, nor by whom it was given, nor anything else in connection with it, which leaves this application without any proof at all as to the enlistment or service of her husband, John Basford, and ofcourse a pension cannot be allowed in this case or any other unless proof shall be filed with the application that will bring the applicant within the provisions of the pension law as to military service.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Mt Sterling Ky

Dec 20th 16

Mr W. J. Stone

Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir

Mrs Elizabeth
Bashford is the Woman
drawing the pension the
wife of John W. Bashford
of Menefee co
the first witness I give
is Bashfords own Son
living in Mt Sterling
that is Peter Greenwade
Montgomery co. that is
Thomas Greenwade his
brother of Menefee co
that is B. G. Powers of
of Montgomery co

I have give names of four
good witnesses all gentlemen
in every sense of the word
could give names of more
if necessary
yours Respectfully

J. C. Ingram

E. A. Bashford is the sons
name in Mt Sterling
he was with ^{his} father through
all the war at home

J. P. Sorrel of Scranton
Menefee co a minister in
the Christian Church for 35
years he lived neighbor to
Bashford all the way he
knows all about this matter

STATE OF KENTUCKY
CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT
FRANKFORT

W. J. STONE, COMMISSIONER

December 26th, 1916.

J. C. Ingram,

Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I received yours of the 20th in due time, giving me the names of persons whom you say know John W. Basford was not a soldier.

When his widow filed her application for pension the proof filed with it shows that he ^{had} enlisted in the army and that he was paroled at Mt. Sterling, Ky. on the 2nd day of May, 1865, and the original parole given to him on that date was filed with the application and is now on file with it. So that it would appear that the proof in the application, in connection with this parole, which was given him at the same time other soldiers were paroled after the close of the war at Mt. Sterling, establishes his military record and brings her within the provisions of the law. If he was not a soldier, it would be necessary for proof to be produced explaining how he came to be paroled or given a soldier's parole on the date above mentioned.

Very truly,

W. J. Stone
Commissioner.

WJS-C

January 9th, 1917.

E. A. Basford,

Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. Frances E. Basford, who is the widow of John Basford, has been for some months on the pension roll, and I am now in receipt of information that you are the son of John Basford, and that he was never a soldier.

When this information was first given me I informed a party who wrote me that a parole was filed with this application that was given to John Basford by the Federal authorities at Mt. Sterling, Ky. on the 2nd day of May, 1865, and that I could not understand how it was that if he had not been a soldier how he could obtain a parole such as was given to soldiers.

I am in receipt of a communication this morning from a party who says he was a witness to, or rather was present, when John Basford applied for and received a parole. The circumstances being that when the Confederates came to Mt. Sterling to surrender and be paroled, that John Basford heard of it, and at once decided to go with them and secure a soldier's parole to protect him from any indignities that the Federal soldiers or bushwhackers might offer him, and that he took you behind him on his horse and went to Mt. Sterling and secured the parole as above set out.

Both the persons who have communicated with me have said that you knew the facts and that you would willingly make affidavit that John Basford never was in the Confederate army and that he secured the parole in the manner described above. Ofcourse this information having come to me it becomes absolutely necessary that I investigate this matter, and I would be glad to have you write me what you know about it, or better still, put what you know about it in the form of an affidavit, and swear to it before an officer authorized to administer oaths and forward it to this office, and please attend to it at once.

Very truly,

WJS-C

Commissioner.

March 29th, 1917.

J. M. Brother,

Owingsville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Information has reached this Department that John W. Basford was never in the Confederate Army, but that when the Confederate Troops came to Mt. Sterling to surrender, about May 1st, 1865, that John W. Basford went to Mt. Sterling and represented himself as a soldier and received a parole stating to you and others that he did that in order to keep from being bothered by the Union soldiers.

I have been informed that you know this statement to be true, and if so, I want you to make an affidavit stating just what you know about it and forward to this office.

I hope you will not hesitate to do this, because the pension is only intended for soldiers and the widows of soldiers who made honorable record, and it is the duty of every one to do what they can to prevent fraud being practised upon the State.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJB-C

March 29th, 1917.

Thomas J. Lyons,

Lancaster, Ky.

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Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

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B. F. Powers,

Stepstone, Ky.

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Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-6

March 29th, 1917.

Peter Greenwade,

R. F. D. #4,

Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

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Very Truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-G

March 29, 1917.

John P. Sorrell,

Seranton, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

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Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

March 29th, 1917.

Thomas Greenwade,

Frenchburg, Ky.

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Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Mr. Sterling - 74 - R = 4
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Mr. W. J. Owen

Frankfort - Ky.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your
letter of the 29th I am
writing you that the one
John W. Casper was no
soldier for I lived close to
him about two and one half
miles and as to whether
he went to Mr. Sterling
or not I don't know.

I am truly,

Peter Greenwood

Candel & Day,
Attorneys-At-Law.

.....Plff.

VS.

.....Deft.

Wm W. J. Stone,
Frankfort Ky

Frenchburg, Ky., April 1867

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Francis E. Basford, widow of John Basford, has just informed me that you have notified her that you have information that her husband John Basford was not a soldier.

She also says that one of her husband's sons, who she says tried to get all she had has said that she should not get a pension.

Now Mr. Stone, personally I do not know of his being in the war, but I have been living close to him for 39 years and that long he has been in all the marches of the old Rebel soldiers, and all that knew him here during the war say he was a Rebel soldier. I wish you would let me know if further evidence is required, so I can look it up for the "Old Lady".

J. M. Candel

March April 22, 1917.

Mrs. Frances E. Basford,

Scranton, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of information which seems conclusive that your husband, John Basford, was never a soldier, but that he remained at home during the entire war, and at the close of the war when a part of the Confederate Army was surrendered at Mt. Sterling, Ky. that your husband went to Mt. Sterling and by some means secured a form of parole, as if he had been a soldier, when he had not.

As it is only intended that widows of soldiers who made honorable record shall be pensioned your name will be dropped from the pension roll dating from the 1st day of May, 1917.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

April 27 1874
Frenchburg
Mr Stone I thought I would
write and tell you the
we has done this it is
my step son he got made
of P. 1 1 1
He died on the farm
and he had before this
under insured Tim and
got Tim in trouble buy lending
him money and he never
owned it back and it
took over the farm
to buy it all as after
my husband died he
tried to take the farm
and failed and when
this parture got up

and all the leading men
of the County if you
want to I hate to give
it up as I am not able
to witness knowing what
the why you wouldnt
see why it was done he
was a soldier 3 years in
the federal army I had this
Lager bought in order
I did I lost it some way
or other now you want
to see one you want to
and see if they want
I will have a going to
morning to see if they
oh I had a 3 week visit to
see my sister if you want

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he said tonight someone
 drew the 2 side draw
 he put this in the way
 you wrote it is what
 I want to do it but
 I can't do it because
 I don't have the money
 to pay it a tall you wrote
 to my grandmother and
 I can give you all the money
 you want for anything a
 house E. B. Basford how
 he has done the work for
 out you wrote to Jim
 and Tom and Tom and
 Tom and Tom and Tom

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to tell me every thing
 you wish you mail to
 my grandmother she
 please it and E. B.

and if you please
 let me hear from you
 it would

E. B. Basford

April 20th, 1917.

Mrs. Fannie L. Basford,

Frenchburg, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst., and note carefully what you say. Ofcourse I have nothing to do with any difficulty that may exist between you and your step-son. I know nothing about it, and will not be influenced by it in any way.

When the information reached this office that your husband had not been a soldier, and also telling how he managed to get a parole without having been in the army, I at once notified you of the fact that this information had reached here, and informed you that it would be absolutely necessary for you to produce proof showing that the information that had reached here was not correct, and that was necessary because the strongest evidence that was instrumental in getting your name on the pension roll was the parole filed with your application, and if that parole had have been obtained in the manner in which it was stated it had that you were not entitled to a pension, and if it had not have been obtained in that way, and your husband had really rendered service as a soldier till the close of the war, it would be necessary for you to produce proof.

Up to this time no proof of his service as a soldier or other proof which would contradict the information to which I have referred, has been filed here. I have received one letter from you before this, and I have also received a letter from another party, but he did not claim to know anything about your husband's service. Consequently no proof has been filed, and in compliance with my duty as laid down by the law I gave you notice and thirty days in which to produce the proof, and no proof having been produced there was nothing left for me to do but to drop your name from the roll.

There is no provision within the law for restoring the name of a person who has been dropped to the roll, but I have decided that in order that you have every chance to establish beyond question your husband's service that if you can furnish the proof by men who served with him and know the facts in the case, and themselves made honorable record, that he did serve three years as you say, that I will give you ample time to do it, and if the proof justifies it I will take the risk myself of restoring your name to the roll. Ofcourse that proof would have to be absolutely clear, because of the complications that have arisen in your case.

Very truly,

Hon. W. J. Stone

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Mr. Stone:-

The widow of John W. Bashford was in talking with me about her pension a few days ago, and if her statement is true, and she is considered a truthful lady, I can not understand why she is not drawing a pension. She says that she drew her pension about a year, and that you then notified her that more proof was necessary. She says that she made the proof, and filed with you his honorable discharge, and that you said that the proof was sufficient.

Personally, I did not know of his being in the war, as I was not at the time old enough to go in, but I have known him from the close of the war until his death, and at the Old Confederate re-unions, which was held often at this place, I have him (~~known~~) (John W. Bashford) and the old soldiers talk about their fighting &c.

I wish that you would let me know what the trouble is, and what is required to get her pension, as she seems to be a deserving lady.

Yours,

J. P. Caudel

August 28, 1922.

T. L. Caudill,

Frenchburg, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 17th, and the delay in replying was caused by a short absence from the office.

The widow of John W. Bashford was put on the roll because it was claimed that her husband had been a soldier and had been paroled at Mt. Sterling, Ky. at the close of the war. It was later proven that John W. Bashford had not been a soldier but that he did go to Mt. Sterling about the 1st of May, 1865, and claiming to have been a soldier received a parole stating ~~at the time that he did so to keep from being bothered or harassed~~ by the soldiers of the Union Army or persons who were claiming to be Union people, and thereupon her name was dropped from the roll.

Very truly,

Commissioner.