

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Hancock County.

Mary J. Scifres

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.) Lewisport Post Office, Hancock County, Ky. Mary J. Scifres
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? I was born where I now live in Hancock County, Ky. on July 4, 1848 and maiden name was Richardson
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.) He was born in Hardin County, Ky. near Elizabethtown in 1840. His name was Joseph M. Scifres and he enlisted in Hardin County. We were married in 1866, Jan 22 at my home here by Rev. Robert Bruner.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? He enlisted in the fall of 1861. I don't know exact date at Gen. Buckner's headquarters at Mumfordsville, Ky. in Company of Maxwell.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? Until the end of the war in the Spring of 1865. I don't know the day.
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? In Spring of 1865, when war ended in Louisiana. I think he was discharged there.
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 captured when Atlanta fell and was brought up as far as Nashville on way to northern Union. I suppose it was, and was exchanged there and went back to his command.
10. When and where did your husband die? Nov. 12, 1913 after his application for a pension had been approved by Col. Stone.
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? My dower in a small farm left by my husband and a small tract of poor hill land in my own name worth in all about 500. I own a half interest in a poor old horse worth 15 and a few household articles worth
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? No, 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. Mr. N. H. Deuce, Lewisport, Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 28 day of December, 1913.

John W. Parson  
of Natary Public  
for Hancock Co Ky  
my commission will expire March 5 1916

Mary J. Scifres

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Hancock County.

W. H. Bruce

of said State and County, having

been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mary J. Scifus 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?  
W. H. Bruce Lewisport Ky. R.D. No 2
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Mary J. Scifus. I am  
If so, how long have you known her? Since she was a small girl.
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? at Lewisport Ky. She has lived here all her life.
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? I was.
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No.
6. How long did you know him? I knew him ever since the Civil War.
7. When and where did Joseph M. Scifus enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? He was in the 16th Ky Infantry but I do not know the letter of his Company but I think Maxwell was his Captain and he was with Cooper.
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? Through the whole of the war.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Some where in Louisiana or Georgia at end of war in 1865. He was under Breckinridge or what we called Breckinridge's division.
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No.
12. Was Joseph M. Scifus, the husband of applicant, present?  
He was.
13. If not present, where was he?
14. When and where did he leave his command? as above. He was a prisoner for a short time after the fall of Atlanta where he was captured but he was exchanged soon after and went back to his command.  
For what cause?  
By whose authority did he leave?  
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I have been his fellow citizen and neighbor since we came home at the end of the Civil War. I witnessed most of what I say and feel sure it is all correct and true.
15. When and where did Joseph M. Scifus die?  
Here in Hancock at his home some time last month.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?  
He resided here in Hancock County all time since war closed.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Joseph M. Scifus?  
Yes, I do. And they were living together when he died.

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 an old poor hill farm worth not more than \$500. I do not think she has any more. I live near her and she has a few household articles and an old horse worth about \$25.*

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?

*I know nothing of such and am sure she has no other property and has not had to give away or conceal.*

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.

*Joseph Scipes of Hawesville Ky. Says "I know the preceding state-  
ments to be true and also those of Mrs. Scipes the appli-  
cation. I saw Joseph M Scipes leave his home for the war and  
I know he was in it."*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *22*nd

day of *December* 1913.

*John D. Parson*

*Notary Public Hawesville*

*W. H. Pence*  
*(answered all of above)*

*M. Scipes*

Witnesses.

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

I, *W. W. Taber* Judge of *Hancock* County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Mary J. Scipes* the widow of *Joseph M. Scipes* amounts to \$ *0* real estate and \$ *0* personal

*W. W. Taber* Trustee.  
For *Judge Hancock* County, Ky.

### Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Hancock* County.

I, *John T. Parson* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Mary J. Scipes* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *4*th day of *July* 19*13* and that the witnesses, Mr. *W. H. Pence* and *M. Scipes* 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 *22* day of *December* 1913.

(SEAL)

*John T. Parson Notary Public*

*my commission expires March 8<sup>th</sup> 1916* 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.

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**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. **2796**

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mary J. Seifres*

Filed **JUN 28 1914**

Widow of *Jos. M. Seifres*

Allowed  
*W. J. Stone*  
*Comr.*

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

(If possible, the two witnesses as to character should have served with the applicant in the army, and if so, let them, or either, state it in their oath; also any other information regarding applicant's army service.)

STATE OF KENTUCKY

Hardin County } Personally appeared before me, J. D. Brown...  
a Notary Public of said County, the above named S. H. Bush

and A. M. Stith, two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing application, with whom I am personally acquainted, and known to me to be citizens of veracity and standing in this community, and who make oath that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in this application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim, and that said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And we

further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate army.

We know that "little" Joe Scifres was enlisted in Co. B, 6th Ky Reg of Infantry, that we enlisted in the same Co & Reg, that we were all sworn into the service in Sep 1861, that S. W. Maxson was our first Capt, that Joe H. Seur's was our first Col, He Hooper second Col, we further state the applicant remained in the Army S. H. Bush until the war closed. Subscribed & sworn, subscribed A. M. Stith

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 24 day of June, 1912

J. D. Brown, Notary Public for Hardin County Kentucky My Commission Expires July 12 1914

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON. October 29, 1912.

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

The records show that Joseph M. Scifres, jr., private, Company B (not found as of Company F), 6th Kentucky Mounted Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted September 26, 1861, at Green River, Kentucky. On the last company roll on file, dated October 31, 1864, he was reported present.

The records also show that J. M. Sciffen, private, same organization, was one of a number of prisoners captured September 1, 1864, at Jonesboro, Georgia, and exchanged September 19 and 22, 1864, at Rough and Ready, Georgia.

The records further show that J. M. Scifres (also borne as Joseph M. Scifres, sr.), private, said organization, enlisted October 1, 1861, at Green River, Kentucky, and that he died at Clinton, Louisiana, about November 7, 1862, -"date not certainly known".

*[Signature]*  
The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 74)

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,  
FRANKFORT, KY.

MRS. MARY J. SCIFRES  
WIDOW OF  
JOSEPH M. SCIFRES

Who enlisted Sept. 26, '61, in Company B, 6th Ky. Mtd. Inf. Captured Sept. 1, 1864; and exchanged Sept. 22, 1864, and served till the close of the war. Proven by the record and comrades.

Property: \$500.00.

Approved:  
W J Stone

Received: A. G. O. OCT 27 1912

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

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

October 25th, 1912

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

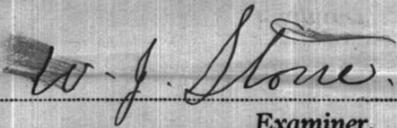
Dear Sir:

J. M. Scifres,

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

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,



Examiner.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE



The Commonwealth of Kentucky:

TO ANY MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL, OR ANY OTHER PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MATRIMONY:

You are permitted to solemnize the RITES OF MATRIMONY,

between Joseph M. Scipio

and Miss Mary J. Richardson

the requirements of the law having been complied with.

WITNESS my signature as Clerk of Hancock County

Court, this 21 day of Jan 1867

Attest: W. W. Badger Clerk,

By \_\_\_\_\_ D. C.

# MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE



This is to Certify, That on the 22 day of Jan 1867

the RITES OF MATRIMONY were legally solemnized by me

between Joseph M. Scipio

and Mary J. Richardson

at mission of Mr. Richardson in the County of Hancock

in the presence of Miss Richardson, Jas. K. Estes, and J. M. Brown

others

Signed Robert H. Brown  
M. U. C.

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

a copy at Edwards Clerk  
M. J. Richardson

Lewisport, Ky.  
April 15, 1912-

To whom it may concern:

This is to

Certify that we have this day Exam-  
ined Mr. Joe Scifres and find him  
suffering from loss of strength, swelling  
of the eye lids at times, shortness of  
breath, headache, some times, some  
dyspepsia, some times diarrhea, and  
the frequent passage of large quantities  
of light colored urine. Chronic diffuse  
Nephritis of the left kidney.

And a Cataract of forming in the  
right eye. He is unable to perform  
Manual labor.

A. Griffin M.D.

J.W. Griffin M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the  
15th, day of April, 1912, by A. Griffin and  
J.W. Griffin.

Sam T. McGee  
Notary Public, Hancock Co. Ky.

My commission expires Feby. 17, 1914

HANCOCK COUNTY COURT.

In the matter of the petition of Mary J. Scifres for a Confederate Pension and which was filed at the December term of this court and has remained on file since there was heard this day in open court the following testimony, in the presence of County Attorney for Hancock county:

Horace C. Smith, being first sworn, testified as follows: My name is Horace C. Smith. I am 68 years of age. I live on a farm near Lewisport. Yes, I know Mrs. Scifres, the petitioner. I have known her all her life. She was born and reared in this county. I know that she is the widow of Joseph M. Scifres who was a Confederate soldier through the war. I was also in the Confederate service but not with Mr. Scifres. He died at their home near Lewisport in November 1913. She has only her dower rights in a poor hill farm in this county. The land is not far from my farm and two years ago I offered them \$500. for it. It is not worth more now.

Cross Examined by County Attorney J. T. Parsons Mr. Smith said: "No, she has no income except whatever little rental she might get from that ground. No, she has no one to help her. Yes, I am sure she is his widow" I want to say that other heirs claim the little farm and have sued for it.

Sam Scifres first being duly sworn testified as follows: "My name is Sam Scifres. I am forty seven years old and I live in Hancock county, here in the Hawesville precinct. I knew Jos. M. Scifres. He lived here in Hancock county ever since the war. I was at his bedside when he died. He died last November. His wife was Mary Jane Richardson and she is the one who is now applying for a pension. Yes, I have known her all my life. She has always lived here in this county and her home is near Lewisport Ky. She has no property except a little farm but it is in a law suit now. Some of the kins people are trying to claim a part of it. I do not know what it is worth. I know where it is though and it is hilly. There is some bottom to it.

Cross Examined by County Attorney J. T. Parsons Mr. Scifres said: No she has n't anything else. Yes, I believe they have an old slow horse. He is not worth much. No, she has no other income.

As county judge I state that I knew Jos. M. Scifres and I also know the applicant to be his widow and being familiar with the facts as stated above and knowing also the two witnesses examined this day in open court and also William Pence and M. Scifres who signed the petitioner's petition and knowing them to be trustworthy I recommend the allowance of pension to her.

-----*W. W. Taber*-----

County Judge of Hancock county.

This January 26 1914.

All acts involved in the execution or correction of vouchers must be performed in the presence of the officiating officer who must certify to the corrections over his own signature on the face of the voucher in the space indicated.

1. Signature by mark should appear thus  
his  
John X Doe  
mark
2. Street and number, P. O. box number, R. F. D. route, or "General Delivery" must appear in P. O. Address in case of residence within carrier delivery. "General Delivery" addresses will be accepted in such case only if no other address as above is available.
3. Jurat must be dated.

- INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.**
1. This voucher may be executed before any officer authorized to administer an oath and having a seal.
  2. In every case the pension certificate must be carefully compared with the voucher by the officer who executes it.
  3. The officer will also see that post-office addresses are correctly inserted in the proper spaces in the voucher, particularly the address to which the check is to be mailed. He will also give his own postoffice address after his official title on the face of voucher.
  4. The officer will be held strictly responsible for the correctness of his certificate of identity in every particular. Vouchers must be returned to the pension Department, by February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, or November 1st, following the execution of the vouchers in order that checks may be paid promptly each quarter.

Name	<b>Mary J. Sciffres.</b>
Date	<b>November, 1930.</b>
<b>VOUCHER</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
RETURN TO <b>JOHN M. LUCAS,</b> COMMISSIONER OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS FRANKFORT, KY.	

# VOUCHER

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Make oath that I am the identical person named in pension Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, in my possession and now exhibited; that I come within the law upon which said certificate was issued; that I am entitled to and hereby make claim for the payment of SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60.00) pension now due, at the rate of twenty dollars per month, from AUGUST 1st, 1930, to NOVEMBER 1st, 1930.

and that my post-office address to which I desire the check in payment mailed is as follows:

If pensioner signs by mark or illegibly, two witnesses who write must sign here.

Pensioner's signature must be written here in full as name appears in the head of this voucher

Street and No. or R. F. D. route.

Post-office.

State.

State of Kentucky, County of \_\_\_\_\_, ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1930, and I certify that the pensioner, above named, has this day exhibited to me his pension certificate, above described, and was fully identified as the pensioner named herein or her

Magistrate's signature.

Official character.

Post-office address.

(IF ANY ERASURES OR ALTERATIONS APPEAR ON THIS VOUCHER, THE MAGISTRATE MUST CERTIFY ABOVE HIS SIGNATURE TO THE JURAT THAT THEY WERE MADE BEFORE ITS EXECUTION.)

1. That such be given.  
 2. If no other signature or mark is given, the signature will be accepted in full.  
 3. If the D. D. is given or otherwise, the signature will be accepted in full.  
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