

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Jefferson County.

Mary Bland 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.) Mary Bland Bennett  
226 E. College St., Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? Since 1868
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Born in Edgfield S.C. -  
Mary E. Bland
4. When and where was your husband born—state his full name, and when 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.) Bernard Scott Bennett was born  
in Spencer County, Ky., on January 14, 1844. He was married in Charleston, S.C.  
by Rev. Morris — on July 20, 1865
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Co. A, 6th Ky. Reg. Lewis' Brigade, Bates Div. Hardee's Corps Army of Tennessee  
on Sept = 1861
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? all during war
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? at Camden, S.C.
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? at his residence 226 E. College, Louisville, Ky.
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? Small amount of household  
furniture of practically no value and cash of about \$100.00 - no income
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? I have four daughters and one son,  
all of whom have been married and have families of their own
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. Robt. G. Gordon, 524 Main & Taylor Bldg., Louisville, Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the  
27th day of February, 1921  
M. S. Howard  
of Jefferson County.

Mary Bland Bennett

My commission will expire  
January 27, 1924.

# Questions for Witnesses

*New York*  
STATE OF ~~KENTUCKY~~,

County.

*Thos. D. Osborne*

of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. *May Bland 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? *Thos. D. Osborne*  
*Aptment #77 No 450 Riverside Drive New York City New York*
  2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. *May Bland Bennett*?  
If so, how long have you known her? *Twenty years or more - many more*
  3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?  
*226 E. College Street Louisville, Ky. Jefferson County* *came to Kentucky after the war*
  4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? *yes*
  5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? *I was not*
  6. How long did you know him? *nearly sixty years*
  7. When and where did *Bernard Scott Bennett* enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? *September 1861*  
*Company "A" 6th Ky Infantry, Lewis Brigade, 13th Division, Hardus Corp, Army of Penn*
  8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? *I was a member of Company "A" 6th Ky Infantry until wounded and discharged disabled 1865*
  9. How long did he perform regular military duty? *Throughout the war*
  10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?  
*Anderson SC as I was informed*
  11. Were you with the command when it surrendered?
  12. Was *Bernard Scott Bennett*, 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? *-*
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly) *I was a member of his Company and under medical attention was kept in touch with the movements of our Command*
15. When and where did *Bernard Scott Bennett* die?  
*January 27, 1921*
  16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?  
*226 E College Street, Louisville Ky. He had lived in Louisville forty years or more*
  17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of *Bernard Scott Bennett*?  
*yes I was at their Golden Wedding*

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?

*Household goods. No real estate*

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 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 *28*

day of *February*, 19*21*.

*John M. Robinson*  
Notary Public for \_\_\_\_\_ County  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

*Thos. S. Osborne*  
*Elijah Basye*  
Witnesses.

Ky.

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

I, *William Kueger* Judge of *Jefferson County Court* County, Kentucky,  
hereby certify that *no* property <sup>is</sup> assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Mary Blant Bennett*  
the widow of *Bernard Scott Bennett*; ~~amounts to \$~~ *that is* *no* real estate and  
*no* personally assessed *William Kueger* Trustee.  
For *Jefferson County Court* County, Ky. *Judge*

### Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

County. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby  
certify that the applicant, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ resides in said county, and has been  
a bona fide resident of this State since the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and that the wit-  
nesses, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 witnesses 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 sub-  
scribed.

Witness my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

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. 4049

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mary Elward Bennett*

APR 13 1921

Filed MAR 7 1921

Widow of *B. Scott Bennett*

#527

*Alward*

*Apr 20 1921*

*W. J. [Signature]*

Commissioner.

All blanks to be filed by the Pension Board.

*I served in the Virginia Army but I know that  
 you Bennett the applicant is the wife of B. Scott Bennett  
 [Signature]  
 [Signature]*

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

MARY BLAND BENNETT  
widow of  
B. SCOTT BENNETT

Who enlisted Oct. 8, 1861,  
in Co. A, 6th Ky. Mtd. Inf.  
Captured Sept. 1, 1864, and  
exchanged Sept. 22, 1864.  
Proven by the records. Two  
witnesses testify that he  
served till the close of the  
war.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

STATE OF KENTUCKY  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
4th day of March, 1921, by Elijah Basye.  
My commission will expire January 27, 1924.

*m. S. Howard.*

Notary Public, Jefferson County,

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF AIKEN:

Affiants, Frank Henderson and Maggie Platt Henderson, state that they are and for many years have been residents of the City of Aiken, State of South Carolina; that they were acquainted with B. Scott Bennett in his life time and are acquainted with Mary Bland Bonnett, whose maiden name was ~~Mary E. Bland~~; that they have personally known the said ~~B. Scott Bennett and Mary Bland Bennett since the time prior to~~ their marriage; that they were present at the marriage ceremony and know that said two persons were married at the Johnson Hotel in the City of Graniteville, South Carolina, on the 20th day of July, 1865, and were witnesses to said marriage ceremony. They further know that said two persons from that date until the date of the death of B. Scott Bennett lived together continuously as man and wife.

Frank B. Henderson

Maggie Platt Henderson

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Frank Henderson and Maggie Platt Henderson this 28 day of February, 1921.

My commission will expire at pleasure of Governor

H. N. Schroder  
Notary Public, Aiken County, S.C.

STATE OF KENTUCKY  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT

At a Court held for Court aforesaid on April 14th 1921:

In re application for State Confederate Pension of MARY BLAND BENNETT  
widow of Bernard Scott Bennett Co.A, 6th Ky. &c.

This matter coming on to be heard and the Court hearing testimony  
in open Court and the County Attorney of this County being present;  
a brief substance of testimony of each witness heard is as follows:

Mary S.Howard, Witness- residing 226 E.College Louisville Ky.  
Robert G.Gordon " " 1337 S.Third St. " "

each testified that applicant is the widow of a Confederate Soldier viz:  
Bernard Scott Bennett- that she has resided in this State continuously  
since January 1st 1907 and has not removed from this State nor been  
absent therefrom for a period of three months- that she is unable to earn  
a support by manual labor or by reason of her knowledge, art or skill in  
any profession, trade or craft- that she does not receive a pension from  
the united States or any State or foreign Government, or any other source-  
that she does not possess property of the value of \$2500.00, nor any pro-  
perty whatever- that she does not possess an income to the amount of  
\$300.00 a year or any income equivalent to \$300.00 a year- that her  
support is not suitably provided for nor secured by reason of any contract  
or agreement with any person able to provide such support, and that she  
is not by reason of any combined or partial ability, income or property  
or by any combined circumstances able to obtain an income equivalent to  
\$300.00 per year.

That applicant resides with her daughter Mrs.Mary B.Howard who  
is a widow with two children and who is unable to contribute to her support.  
That applicant has only two other children both of whom are married women  
who have no estate of their own and who are not able to contribute to  
applicant's support- one of whom Mrs.Joey Bennett Covy resides in St.Louis  
Missouri and the other Mrs.J.Bank Helm resides in Louisville Kentucky.

I find that applicant has been a citizen and resident continuously  
since January 1, 1907 of Jefferson County and the State of Kentucky, and  
she has no means of support of any kind, and that witnesses are reputable  
witnesses entitled to credit.

I recommend that the application for pension be granted.

William M. Miller Judge

ROBERT G. GORDON  
JOSEPH S. LAURENT  
SQUIRE R. OGDEN  
T. M. GALPHIN, JR.

TELEPHONE  
CITY 2900

**GORDON, LAURENT & OGDEN**

MARION E. TAYLOR BUILDING  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

December 28, 1931

Department of Confederate Pensions,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that Mary B. Bennett,  
who has been receiving a pension under Pension Certificate  
No. 4049, dated April 15, 1928, died on November 30th,  
1931.

Yours very truly,

GORDON, LAURENT & OGDEN,

BY *M. S. Howard*

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