



# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Franklin County.

James M Harp and Harry Shew, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Margaret W Peyton 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? James M Harp. Frankfort Ky  
Harry Shew Frankfort Ky BB #3

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Margaret W Peyton  
If so, how long have you known her? fifty five years - forty five

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? all his  
life

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? ever since we were small boys - 45 years

7. When and where did Ransom Peyton enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? year 1862. Company "D" James Bullerton, Gen. George Bragg, Warren Morgan

8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? yes

9. How long did he perform regular military duty? his application refers to  
as he was a prisoner) something more than three years

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? do not know

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? his application refers to

12. Was Ransom Peyton, the husband of applicant, present?  
no

13. If not present, where was he? do not know

14. When and where did he leave his command? do not know

For what cause? X

By whose authority did he leave? X

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly) X

15. When and where did Ransom Peyton die?  
May 31st 1914. Ottisville Franklin County Ky

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

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Ransom Peyton  
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

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

None

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 30

day of June, 1919

O B Smith Judge  
Franklin County

James M. Clark  
Harry Shaw Jr  
Witnesses.

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

I, O B Smith Judge of Franklin County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Margaret W. Peyton the widow of Benjamin Peyton amounts to \$17220 = real estate and personal of \$1540 + 143

For Franklin County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Franklin County.

I, J B Nash Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. Margaret W. Peyton resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the day of Jan. 1st 1884 to my knowledge and that the witnesses, Mr. James M. Clark & Harry Shaw Jr 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 subscribed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 30 day of June, 1919

(SEAL)

J B Nash Clerk  
Franklin County. at

- 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. 3945

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name Margaret H. Poyter

Filed SEP 12 1919

Widow of Russford Poyter

1554

Appr'd

Oct 15 1919

W. J. [Signature]  
Commissioner.

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



Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

MARGARET W. PEYTON  
widow of  
RANSFORD PEYTON

Who enlisted in the 3rd Kentucky Cav. in 1862, in Co. A, and after having been captured and imprisoned and exchanged and returned to his command was again captured and in November, 1864, was imprisoned at Lexington and on two occasions his name was drawn by order of Gen. Burbridge as a member of a party ~~that Burbridge~~ who were later shot by order of Gen. Burbridge; consequently being under duress and fear of being shot he took the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Government in order to save his life which brings her within the provisions of the pension law.

Property: \$500.00.

Approved:

W J Stone.

Franklin County, to-wit:

It is hereby certified, that under and by virtue of the within License, I did, on the 20th day of Sept. 1865, at the Clerk's office of County Court in said county, celebrate the Rites of Matrimony between the within named Ransford Peyton and Margaret W. Pulliam and that W. Franklin, R. A. Bohannon, and A. H. Rennick were present and witnessed the celebration.

Given under my hand this 20th day of Sept. 1865.

G. W. Merritt.

Minister of the Methodist Church

State of Kentucky )  
County of Franklin ) Sct.

I, J. B. Nash, Clerk of the county court for the county and state aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Marriage Certificate of Ransford Peyton and Margaret W. Pulliam, which appears of record in Marriage Bond Book No. 2 at page 26, Franklin County Court Clerk's office.

Given under my hand this 30th day of June, 1919.

J. B. Nash, C.F.C.C.

By *Edah Deau* D.C.

State of Kentucky )  
 ) Set.  
Franklin County )

The affiant S.C.Chism being duly sworn states on oath that that he is a resident of Franklin County Kentucky and that his Post office address is Frankfort Kentucky, Route No 5, and that he was personally acquainted with Ramsford Peyton and Margaret W Paullian from their childhood and knows that they were married about the year 1865, and that they lived together as man and wife until the death of said Ramsford Peyton in the month of May 1919, and that said Margaret W. Peyton has not remarried since the death of her said husband Ramsford Peyton, and that said Margaret Peyton owned no estate of any kind in her own right to my knowledge.

*S. C. Chism*

Subscribed and sworn to before me by S.C.Chism this the 6th day of September 1919.

*W. B. Smith* Judge  
Franklin County Court.

I, N. B. Smith, Judge of the Franklin County Court, adjudge that Mrs. Margaret W. Peyton, is the Widow of Ransford Peyton, deceased, who was prior to his death a Confederate Pensioner, and it is the opinion of this Court that the said Mrs. Margaret W. Peyton should be placed on the roll of Confederate Pensioners.

That the said opinion is based upon the sworn statements of the said Mrs. Margaret W. Peyton, which is found with the records herein, and the further proof and evidence of James M. Harp, Harry Shaw and S. C.

~~Chism, which evidence appears as follows:-~~ The said James V. Harp and Harry Shaw state that they and each of them were well acquainted with the said Mrs. Margaret W. Peyton and that they have known her for many years, and that she resides in Franklin County, Kentucky and has lived in Franklin County, Kentucky, for many years; that they were acquainted with Ransford Peyton, her husband, before the war of 1861-65, and until his death, and they know that the said Ransford Peyton is dead, and that said Margaret W. Peyton is the widow of said Ransford Peyton, and that she has not received anything since his death; and the said other witness S. C. Chism states that he knows that the said Ransford Peyton was married in the year of 1865, and that marriage certificate is hereto attached and referred to as part of the records hereof, and said witness further states that Mrs. Margaret W. Peyton has no estate either real or personal in her own right, to their know-

ledge.

I now recommend that the said Mrs. Margaret W. Peyton be allowed a pension as provided by Acts approved 1915.

Given under my hand as Judge of the Franklin County Court, this the 6th., day of September 1919.



JUDGE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT.

The affiant Harry Shaw, being duly sworn in open Court, disposes and says that he was well acquainted with Hansford Peyton now deceased, and his wife Margaret W Peyton and knows that they lived together as man and wife until the death of said Hansford Peyton which was on the 31st day of May 1919, at ~~Ottisville~~ Franklin County, Kentucky.

Affiant further states that said Hansford Peyton served as a soldier in the rebellion of 1861-1865 and that he was a Pensioner of said war by the State of Kentucky under an act Granting pensions to disabled and indigent Confederate soldiers, and that the papers are now on file in said office and are referred to for a more full and particular description of the evidence in this action.

The affiant James M Harp, being duly sworn states on oath in open Court that he was a Confederate soldier, and that he served in the served in the war between the United States and the Confederate States and that he was well acquainted with Ransford Peyton who served in said war, and that the said Ransford Peyton married many years ago and that he lived together with Margaret W Peyton as man and wife until his death and that said Margaret W Peyton has not remarried since his death, and that she has no estate of any kind in her own right and no means of support and that she is now very old and not able to labor for her support, and that said Ransford Peyton her husband was a pensioner under An act granting pensions to disabled and indigent Confederate soldiers, and his application and papers are now in file in said office and are referred to for a more full and complete proof of the evidence in this case.