

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Graves County.

Mrs S A Drouns

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.) Sarah Angelina Drouns Farmington Ky R.F.D No 1
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? Since birth 1850
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? May 28<sup>th</sup> 1850 in Calloway County Kentucky name Sarah A Darnell
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.) about the year 1843 in Calloway County Kentucky, his name was Pinkney Drouns, we were married 1873 in Calloway County by <sup>showed</sup> ~~showed~~
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? I dont know
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? I dont know
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? I dont know
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? I dont know
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? May 7<sup>th</sup> 1885 in Calloway Co. Ky
11. At the time of your husband's death, were you living with him as his lawful wife? yes Sir.
12. Have you married since the death of your soldier husband? No Sir.
13. What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value? none except ordinary wearing apparel
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? I have no family, I live with my son
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. James Singleton Browns Groe Calloway Co. Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1913

J. W. Curant  
of Graves County.

Attest

Sarah A Drouns  
her  
mark

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Graves County. }  
..... William J. Drown ..... of said State and County, having  
been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. S. A. Drown  
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? William J. Drown
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. S. A. Drown? Yes  
If so, how long have you known her? thirty six years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Lives with  
her son Mr. Ronnie Drown in Boone Co Ky
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? all his life
7. When and where did H. P. Drown enlist in the war between the  
States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Company "H"  
7th Ky, in May 1863. I was in the same Company with him
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? Something near 2 1/2 years
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Columbus Miss  
on the 10th day May 1865
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? Yes
12. Was H. P. Drown, the husband of applicant, present?  
Yes
13. If not present, where was he? Yes
14. When and where did he leave his command? He did not leave. Was Surrendered  
For what cause? Ending of war  
By whose authority did he leave? of Command  
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) Because I was Present all  
the time of the Surrender and was in the  
same Regiment
15. When and where did H. P. Drown die? at  
or near Browns Grove Callaway Co Ky
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Near  
Browns Grove Ky. is now Located. all his life
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Yes

Subscribed and sworn to before me by  
W. H. Thurmond May 17, 1913  
W. H. Thurmond

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?  
*Nothing from my own Personal Knowledge*

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?  
*None as she had nothing to give*

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, W. H. Thurmond was a member of the same Company & Regiment with H. P. Trauske, he continued in the service to the end of the war 1865 - W. H. Thurmond*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *17th* day of *April* 191*3*.  
*W. H. Thurmond* Notary Public  
*William J. Drown* Witness  
*W. H. Thurmond* Witness

*my commission expires Jan 1st 1914*

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

I, *J. W. Monroe* Judge of *Graues* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Sarah A. Drown* the widow of *Samuel Drown* amounts to \$ *no* real estate and \$ *no* personal  
*J. W. Monroe* Trustee.  
For *J. W. Monroe* Judge, Graues County, Ky.

### Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Graues* County.  
I, *W. H. Thurmond* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Sarah A. Drown* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *28th* day of *May* 18*60*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *William J. Drown* 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 herem 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 *17* day of *April* 191*3*.  
(SEAL) *W. H. Thurmond* Notary Public  
*Jan 1st 1913* Graues 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 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. 2950.

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name . . . S. A. DROWNS

Filed . . . JUNE 4, 1913.

Widow of . . . FINKNEY DROWNS

Received Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1914  
W. J. Stone,  
Commissioner  
Filed Apr. 21, 1913  
W. Mason/Clery  
By L. L. Martin, C. J.

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

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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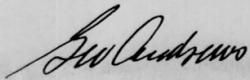
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

2045517 WASHINGTON. June 7, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that H. P. Drowns (not found as Pinkney Drowns), private, Company H, 7th Kentucky Infantry, C.S. A., enlisted April 27, 1864. On the company muster roll dated June 30, 1864, last on file, he was reported present. No later record of him has been found.



The Adjutant General.

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Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

SARAH A. DROWNS  
WIDOW OF  
H. P. DROWNS

Enlisted Apr. 27, 1864, in Co. H, 7th Kentucky Inf'y. There is record proof of service to June 30, 1864. Comrades testify that he served till the close of the war, and was surrendered and paroled at Col mbus, Miss. May 16, 1865.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

State of Kentucky,

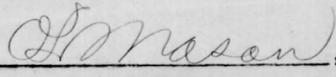
Graves County Court. Regular Term, Monday, May 19, 1913.

In the matter of application for pension of Mrs. Sarah A Drowns, whose post office address is Farmington, Graves County, Kentucky, R. F. D. No. 1, the court makes the following report of findings, viz:

That the applicant is 63 years of age and is the widow of Pinkney Drowns, who was a confederate soldier; that she has been a resident of Kentucky all her life; that she has no estate, nor has she disposed of any estate, and has no income, and that she does not now and has never received a pension from any State or Government. Then came W. J. Drowns whose post office address is Lynville, Kentucky, and Tommy Drowns, whose post office address is Farmington, Kentucky, who after having been duly sworn as witness herein, testified as follows, viz: "That they know the applicant Sarah A. Drowns to be the widow of Pinkney Drowns a confederate soldier; that she has not married since the death of her husband, Pinkney Drowns, that she is a citizen and resident of Graves County, Kentucky and has been a resident of Kentucky all her life; that she has no property or income, and is not able to earn her support.

Wherefore in view of the foregoing facts it is the judgment of the court that said applicant should be granted a pension and the court so recommends.

A copy-

Attest: , Clerk.

By , D. C.

No. .... W .....

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

June 4th, 1913

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. S. A. Drowns

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,  
claims that her husband Pinkney Drowns  
was a member of Company "H" Regiment 7th Kentucky U. S. A.,  
and was Infantry

Was surrendered at Columbus, Miss. May 10,  
1865.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

January 7th, 1914.

Mr. Marckham Ligon,

Farmington, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st. The application of Mrs. Sarah A. Drowns is on file here and I have examined the proof filed with it and I find that the war records show that he enlisted April 27, 1864, and that on June 30, 1864, he was present with his company, and no later record of him has been found.

I find that William J. Drowns testifies that he enlisted in May, 1863, which would have been 15 months before the record shows him enlisted, and he also testifies that the husband of Mrs. Drowns served two years and a half in the army; two years and a half from May, 1863, would have taken him to November, 1865, when the war closed on the 9th day of April, 1865. From which you will see that there is a conflict in the testimony that needs to be corrected to bring the application within the provisions of the pension law. There should be proof to show his service, if any, after June 30, 1864, and to show just when, where, and how he got out of the army.

Very truly,

WJS-C

Examiner.

Farmington, Ky.

Jan. 28, 1914

Hon. W. F. Stone,

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir,

I received your reply in regard to Mrs. Sara A. Drown's pension and am glad you told me what corrections you deemed necessary, and will say that owing to the fact that there is only four members of Company H, 7<sup>th</sup> Ky. now living that we can find and three

of same were not with the army at the close. Mr. William J. Drown being the only one that was there and knew of H. J. Drown at the close of the war. As to his statements you will see from his affidavit herein submitted, what he has to say; we also submit some more testimony for your consideration. I will say that

if there is anything further that we can do, that would be, in your opinion necessary I would be glad to hear from you.

Yours truly,  
Markham Ligon

The affiant, O. T. Foster states that he served in the army with H. P. Drowns in Company H Seventh Kentucky Infantry until the close of the war and that the said H. P. Drowns was released at Columbus Mississippi about the 10th day of May 1865, and that the said H. P. Drowns was paroled and left Columbus Mississippi on the 16th day of May 1865. And came home with him.

*O. T. Foster*  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by O. T. Foster, this July 8<sup>th</sup> 1914.

*H. C. Broach*  
.....  
Clerk Calloway County Court.

This certifies that I was in the same Regiment as H. P. Drowns during the civil war and that I saw him last just after the Brices' Cross Roads Battle and that he was then in prison.

*J. F. Maddox*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by J. F. Harris this the 28 day of July 1914.

*J. F. Maddox*

Notary Public, Graves Co. Ky,  
My Commission Expires 1/20/14.



I William J. Downs being duly sworn before a notary Public for Brown County Ky says & find by Examination of of a paper Recording Events that is a fact of date or "History and Roll of membership of Co. H. 7th Reg. Mounted Infantry". I find by Examination of said Record of said Roll of "I find you are correct and that I was mistaken as I was going from my best recollection".

Why I now remember the time of H. P. Downs' enlistment in the war that it was on Gen Forest Return back to South after the Battle of Paducah which was on march 23/1864 and it was on April following when we all went back to the Regular Army that H. P. Downs enlisted in said Army and I further know it being one of the command!

And as to how I see H. P. Downs got out of the war was when the Surrender was made at Columbus Miss. on May 10/1865  
At W. H. Howard  
William J. Downs  
notary

Subscribed and sworn to before this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1904  
my commission expires July 31/1904