

ORIGINAL

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Owen County.

Mary Frances Edelman

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 Frances Edelman, and I reside in Owen County, about three miles east of Owenton, Ky.*
- 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 on April 16<sup>th</sup> 1842, in Grant County, Kentucky; and my maiden name was Duvall.*
- 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.)

- 5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?
- 6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment?
- 7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender?
- 8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company Regiment surrendered?
- 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?

*The funeral papers of my husband, A. L. Edelman, now in the hands of the funeral director, are in the hands of the funeral director, and I have no other proof of his death.*

- 10. When and where did your husband die? *He died on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1915, in Owen County, Ky.*
- 11. At the time of your husband's death, were you living with him as his lawful wife? *I was.*
- 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? *I own household and kitchen furniture worth not more than \$100.00. I own no other property whatever. I have no income of any kind or character, excepting what is given me by charity.*
- 14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *I have no family excepting a son 45 years of age who is in bad health, has property worth not more than \$200.00, and is barely able to support himself.*
- 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. *Emmett Harris, Owenton, Ky; R. F. D. No. 4.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 26 day of July, 1915 at Owenton, Ky.  
*Walter McWhorter, Co. Clerk of Owen County.*  
*Wm. John M. Douglas.*  
*Mary Frances Edelman*

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Owen County,

Robert Edelman

of said State and County, having

been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mary Frances Edelman 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? Robert Edelman; and my Post Office address is Owen, Ky. P. O. No. 47
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Mary Frances Edelman? If so, how long have you known her? She is my mother, and I can recollect her for more than forty years.
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? She resides with me in Owen County, Kentucky and she has resided in Owen County, Kentucky, ever since I can remember, which is more than 40 years.
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes; he was my father.
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No; but I can remember that they lived together as man and wife for more than 40 years before my father died.
6. How long did you know him? I could remember him for more than 40 years before his death.
7. When and where did he enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?

8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war?
9. How long did he perform regular military duty?
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered?
12. Was \_\_\_\_\_ the husband of applicant, present?
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 refer to the war record of my father, A. J. Edelman, and in the office of the Confederate Department at Frankfort, Ky., and make it a part of this record.

15. When and where did A. J. Edelman die? On July 16th, 1915, in Owen County, Ky.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? He resided in Owen County, Kentucky, at his death, and I can remember of his residing in said county and State for at least 40 years before his death.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of A. J. Edelman? I do.

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? *She has remained unmarried ever since his death, and she is now 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 whatever, excepting household and kitchen furniture worth not exceeding \$100.00, and she has no income whatever. I have lived with her all the time and am now living with her.*

*Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?*  
*She has conveyed no property whatever in the last two years, and she has owned none to convey*

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. *The witness, Cyrus W. Shrelbeld, says he has known the applicant, Mary Frances Edelman, ever since she was a little child; that he knows the statements of Robert Edelman are true, in addition thereto, he says he knows that A. J. Edelman and the applicant were deputed to have married soon after the Civil War; that he knows they lived together as man and wife until his death, and that applicant is now his widow. He says she had no property except her few household goods.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26  
 day of July, 1915  
Walter Willhoite,  
Clerk Owen

Robert Edelman  
Cyrus W. Shrelbeld  
 Witnesses.

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

I, J. O. Prather, Judge of Owen County, Kentucky,  
 hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this county to Mrs. Mary Frances Edelman  
 the widow of A. J. Edelman amounts to \$ no real estate and  
 \$ no personal. J. O. Prather Judge.  
 For Owen County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Owen County.  
 I, Walter Willhoite Clerk of ~~Notary Public~~, in and for said county, hereby  
 certify that the applicant, Mrs. Mary Frances Edelman resides in said county, and has been  
 a bona fide resident of this State ~~since the~~ for more than 31 years, and that the wit-  
 nesses, Mr. Robert Edelman and Cyrus W. Shrelbeld  
 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 26 day of July, 1915  
 (SEAL) Walter Willhoite County.  
Clerk Owen

- 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. 3388

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name Mary Francis Edelman

SEP 27 - 1915

Filed Sept 26 - 1915  
Walter Wilhoite Can

Widow of A. J. Edelman

Allowed Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1915  
W. J. Stone  
Commissioner

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

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

MARY F. EDELMAN  
widow of  
A. J. EDELMAN,

Who enlisted Sept. 15, 1862,  
in Co. A, 3rd Bat. Ky. Mtd. Rif.  
and rendered service up to  
June 12, 1864.

Proof shows that on June  
12, he received a wound in  
the battle at Cynthiana, Ky.  
and that he later took the  
oath of allegiance to the  
U. S. Government in Mch. 1865.

Proof filed with his  
application on June 9, 1914,  
brought him within the  
provisions of the pension law  
approved Mch. 18, 1914.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

JUN 21 1912  
1927118  
WAR DEPARTMENT.

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C." 1927118

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. June 22, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that A. J. Edle-  
man, private, Captain Joseph Hard-  
ing's Company, 1st Battalion (latterly  
known as Company A, 3d Battalion),  
Kentucky Mounted Rifles, Confederate  
States Army, enlisted September 15,  
1862. On the company roll for the  
period from September 1 to November  
30, 1862, only roll on file, he was  
reported present. No later record  
found.

*Henry P. McLean*  
Adjutant General.

No. .... S .....

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY,

June 19th, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

A. J. Edelman,

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company "A" - 3rd Kentucky  
Regiment Bat. of Cavalry C. S. A., and to have been  
Capt. John B. Holliday, Major; N. T. Havens, Capt.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

Dear Capt

I write you about another  
Man. A. J. Edleman. I understand  
he has been turned down as  
never having been in the service.  
This I know to be untrue. I saw  
him with Col J. Blayo, Commandant  
in 1863, just after the battle in  
which the Col was wounded.  
He says that while acting in  
concert with our Hainwright  
and under instructions of  
Commissioner he was securing  
recruits for the cause. He  
was captured on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1865, by Col Starbuck  
and paroled not to take  
up arms until regularly exchanged  
and that was the only battle he ever  
took. Further than this I am  
ignorant of his record. Respectfully  
C. W. Shulke

January 10, 1915.

Mr. W. P. Yancey,  
Owenton, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th. The application of A. J. Edelman has not been considered by the Pension Board, as it has not been reached in the regular order, but I have examined the proof in this case and, to be candid with you, I do not think Mr. Edelman's application will be favorably passed upon when reached by the Board, as there is no proof that he was honorably discharged from the service or that he served till the close of the war, or was incapacitated for further service, but he states himself that he took the oath of allegiance in March 1865 in order to be released from prison. However, when the Board has passed upon his application I will notify you, or Mr. Edelman, of the result.

Yours very truly,

Examiner.

LCC

I, A. J. Edelman, do hereby state that I was under Gen. John H. Morgan, was in the battle of Cynthiana, and was shot in the ankle in that battle by a spent ball. It had force enough to carry it clear into my ankle where it remained for about fifty years; until the summer of 1913, when it worked out; my ankle is still swollen and discolored. From the time I was wounded until now I have never been able to be a soldier. In the same battle a mule fell with me and mashed my privates to such an extent that they were never well until after the war was over. After I was shot and injured as I have mentioned, I rode in agony until I got to Owen County, Kentucky. It was at least two years before my privates got well and my leg was badly swollen and running clear until after the war was over, and occasionally from that time until now. I lived in Owen County on charity and kept from being captured until about the last of March, 1865, when I was captured by a man by the name of Stanhope; I think it was Col. Stanhope. They told me if I didn't take the oath they would kill me. A short time before that, three of my comrades, <sup>and personal friends,</sup> Billy Link, John Link, and George Waincott, were captured here in Owen County and were carried to Williamstown and shot. I verily believed that unless I took such oath as they required me to take that they would murder me; and for that reason ~~they~~ I took the oath. At the time I took the oath, I thought it was a parole oath; but my memory is not as good as it used to be and it might have been an oath of allegiance to the United States Government. It is true I had lost all hope of success; but when I said that that caused me to take the oath I did not mean it that way; I took the oath to save my life as I believed them and as I believe now. I did not try to get back to my command any more after ~~like~~ I was wounded and injured as I have heretofore mentioned, because, as I have heretofore stated, I was not able to do duty as a soldier, on account of said wound and injury any more from that day to this. My leg is still sore and running and I never expect it to be any better.

Given under my hand, this, the 3rd day of June, 1914.

*A. J. Edelman*

Sworn to before me by A. J. Edelman, this, the 3rd day of June, 1914.

*Walter Wilhoite Clark*  
*By R. L. Hancock D.C.*

I B. F. Lusby, do hereby state that the first time I ever saw A. J. Edelman was just before the battle of Mount Sterling, Kentucky. We were both under General John H. Morgan. I also saw the said Edelman the next morning after the battle of Mt. Sterling. A few days after that I saw the said Edelman just before that battle of Cyathiana. We were both in that battle also. I saw the said Edelman the next morning after the battle of Cyathiana. He was wounded in the ankle. He could walk a little by using a cane or a stick. After that battle I went back toward the south and I never saw Edelman any more until just at the close of the war when I got home. He was then still very lame on account of the wound in his ankle. I have lived in the same neighborhood with him and have seen him frequently ever since the war closed. He has never gotten over that wound in his leg. I have seen the wound many times and saw it the last time a few minutes ago. It still looks swollen and red and inflamed as it has always looked every time I have ever seen it.

Given under my hand this, the 3rd day of June, 1914.

Sworn to before me this, the 3rd day of June, 1914.

*Wm. H. Sturtevant*

*B. F. Lusby*  
mark

*Hattie K. Hoite Clerk*  
*By B. R. Hancock D.C.*



I, R. N. Skirvin, do hereby state that I was in the army with A. J. Edelman. I first saw him in the summer of 1862; We were both then under Gen-Humphrey Marshall for a short time. The last time I saw him in the army was in eastern Kentucky in the summer of 1863. I was at my father's home during several months in the year ~~ix~~ of 1864. I was at home under parol. During the time I was at home in 1864, I saw the said Edelman there many times. I also frequently saw his wounded ankle. My mother made salve for it but it not do it much good. I have frequently seen his ankle since that time, and the last time I saw it was to-day. It has always looked angry and red and swollen, and still looks that way to day; I have just examined it. He and I were in a fight together at West Liberty; I think that was in ~~ix~~ the latter part of 1863.

Given under my hand this, the 3rd day of June, 1914.

Attest B. R. Hancock

R. N. Skirvin  
his  
mark

Sworn to before me this, the 3rd day of June, 1914.

Walter H. White, Clerk  
By B. R. Hancock D.C.

J. T. G. Prather, do hereby certify that, on  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 1915, that being the  
first day of the regular August term, 1915,  
of the Owen County Court, Robert Edelman  
~~of Owen County~~ appeared before me in open court in the  
presence of the County Attorney of Owen County,  
Kentucky, and testified pertaining to the prop-  
erty owned by his mother, Mary Francis Edel-  
man. He stated in substance that his mother the  
said applicant for a pension, owned no property  
excepting household and kitchen furniture worth  
less than \$100.00; that he is her only child, that he  
is 49 years old; that he himself is in bad health,  
unable to do but little work of any kind; that  
he owns no property excepting two horses and  
a colt, all of them worth less than \$200.00, and  
that he is hardly able to support himself.  
Also, M. Poyner testified in substance that  
the applicant, Mary Francis Edelman, has no prop-  
erty of any kind or character excepting a few household  
goods, that her only child, Robert, has no property excepting  
two or three horses worth only about two or three hundred  
dollars; that Robert is weakly and hardly able to support him-  
self; that he (the said Poyner) was a resident of Owen County, Ken-  
tucky at the time she and the said decedent were reported to  
have been married, and knows they lived together as man and  
wife until his death, and that she is now his widow.  
I certify that I am well acquainted with the said Ed-  
elman and the said Poyner, and know that both of them  
are worthy of belief.  
(over) Wherefore, as I do hereby certify that I

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Shelby File No. ....  
Vol. Pot. Registration District No. ....  
Ino. Town ..... Primary Registration District No. ....  
City ..... St., ..... Ward .....  
2 FULL NAME Mary Coddewell

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX F 4 COLOR OR RACE W 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED Widow

16 DATE OF DEATH Mar 14, 1920  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH ..... 1 .....  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Mar 11, 1920, to Mar 13, 1920, that I last saw her alive on Mar 13, 1920, and that death occurred on the date stated above at 9 p.m. The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

7 AGE 77 yrs. 10 mos. 28 ds. IF LESS than 1 day . hrs. or . min.?

Serum

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work None  
(b) General nature of industry business or establishment in which employed (or employer) .....

..... (Duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. .... ds.

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Ky

Contributory (SECONDARY) .....

10 NAME OF FATHER W. D. Coddewell

..... (Duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. .... ds.  
(Signed) Marion Cassell, M. D.  
Mar 14, 1920 (Address) Covington Ky.

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Ky

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL.

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary Stegler

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OR RECENT RESIDENTS)  
At place of death ..... yrs. .... mos. .... ds. In the State ..... yrs. .... mos. .... ds.

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Ky

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? .....

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Former or usual residence .....

(Informant) Carl Coddewell

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Covington Ky DATE OF BURIAL Mar 15, 1920

(Address) Covington Ky

20 UNDERTAKER D. Wedding ADDRESS Covington

15 Filed ..... 1920 REGISTRAR

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK--THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD  
N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.