

(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Graves County.

Lucy E. Hillingham 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.)

Lucy E. Hillingham, Mingo, Graves Co. Kentucky, R.F.D. # 2

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? *70 yrs. since birth, Nov. 1, 1847*

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name?

Nov. 1, 1847, Tazewell Co. Ky. Lucy E. Tolson.

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.)

Mar. 7, 1841, Graves Co. Ky. Benton Polk Hillingham, near Mt. Zion Church, near Cuba Graves Co. Ky. Rev. James Pittle.

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *Old. Foliciana 1861. sworn in at Columbus Ky. Sept. 12, 1861. "A" Reg. 7th Ky. Infy.*

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *from enlistment 1861 to May 1865*

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *Columbus Miss April 11, 1865*

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when, his Company and Regiment surrendered? *Yes. he had been captured but escaped from Selma, but reorganized and marched*

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? *Surrendered at Columbus Miss and paroled.*

10. When and where did your husband die? *Dec. 11, 1917, at his home near Mingo, Ky. # 2*

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? *50.00*

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *No. my children are all away with 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. *Col. T. S. Hale, Mayfield, Ky.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the *8* day of *Jan* 191*8*
Notary Public
of *Graves* County.

My commission expires Jan 13, 1918.

Lucy E. Hillingham

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Greene County.

R. H. Edwards & J. L. Hillingham of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Lucy E. Hillingham 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? R. H. Edwards, Wingo, Ky.
J. L. Hillingham, Wingo, Ky. # 2
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Lucy E. Hillingham?
If so, how long have you known her? about 50 and 50 yrs respectively
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?
Wingo, Ky. # 2 all her life
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? R. H. Edwards was
J. L. Hillingham was not
6. How long did you know him? about 55 and 60 yrs respectively
7. When and where did Benton P. Hillingham enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?
at Columbus, Ga. in Co. Columbus Ky. Sept. 1861. A. Reg. 7th Ky. Inf.
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? 1861 to May 1865
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Columbus, Miss. 1865
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? Yes
12. Was Benton P. Hillingham, the husband of applicant, present?
Yes
13. If not present, where was he? ✓
14. When and where did he leave his command? did not leave.
For what cause? ✓
By whose authority did he leave? ✓
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) We were members of same Co. & Reg. and was present at said surrender.
15. When and where did Benton P. Hillingham die?
Dec. 11, 1917
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?
near Wingo, Ky. # 2. all his life
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Benton P. Hillingham?
Yes.

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? .. *No, is* ..
but his widow ..

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?
not much, as the farm belongs to children and very little ..
personal property ..

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 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.

He concurs in answers to all questions. ..

Sworn to and subscribed before me this .. *8* ..
day of .. *Jan* .. 191*8* ..

J. H. Anderson ..
Notary Public ..
My commission expires Jan 13, 1918.

R. W. Edwards ..
J. L. Hellingham ..
Witnesses.

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

I, *W. V. Ferguson* .. Judge of *Grant County Court* .. County, Kentucky,
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Lucy E. Hellingham* ..
the widow of *Robert P. Hellingham* .. amounts to \$ *15.50* .. real estate and
\$ *8.91* .. personal *Wm. Hellingham lists whole farm, but she in reality owns half* ..
For .. *W. V. Ferguson* .. County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Grant .. County.

I, *J. H. Anderson* .. Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby
certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Lucy E. Hellingham* .. resides in said county, and has been
a bona fide resident of this State since the .. *1st* .. day of .. *Jan* .. 19*07*, and that the wit-
nesses, Mr. *R. W. Edwards & J. L. Hellingham* ..
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 herere 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 .. *8* .. day of .. *Jan* .. 191*8* ..

(SEAL)

J. H. Anderson Notary Public ..
Grant .. County.
My commission expires Jan 13, 1918.

- 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. 3887.....

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Lacey, E. Willingham*

JAN 24 1919

Filed *Jan 27* " 1919

Widow of *P. C. Willingham*

Allowed Jan 27th 1919
W. J. Stone

Commissioner

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

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Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE.

FRANKFORT, KY.

LUCY E. WILLINGHAM .
widow of
BENTON P. WILLINGHAM

Enlisted Sept. 12, 1861, in
Co. A, 7th Kentucky Inf'y.,
and 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 Columbus, Miss.
April 17, 1865.

Property: \$2385.00.

Approved:

W J Stone.

State of Kentucky,
Graves County Court

Regular Term, Nov. 18, 1918.

A Regular Term of the Graves County Court was this day begun and held in the Court House in the City of Mayfield, Kentucky, Present and Presiding Hon. W.V. Gregory, Judge.

In the matter of the application for a pension, of Lucy E. Willingham which has lain over one term and the Post Office Address of the said Lucy E. Willingham being Wingo, Kentucky, R.F.D. #2, the Court makes the following report of findings; From the personal knowledge of the Court and the sworn testimony of J.T. Daughaday and Harry George, of Wingo, Kentucky, two competent witnesses, it appears that the applicant is, and has been a resident of Graves County, Kentucky for more than fifty years, that she is seventy-one years of age, and is not able to labor in whole or in part for her support, that she owns a life interest in forty acres of land, said life interest being worth \$200.00, and that she has personal property worth \$150.00 and she owns no other property of any kind and has no income of any other source whatsoever, and that she was married to Benton Polk Willingham before the year 1890.

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

W.V. Gregory, Judge

State of Kentucky,
County of Graves, Sct.

I, H.A. Coulter, Clerk of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the order of the Graves County Court made in the application of Lucy E. Willingham for a pension.

Given under my hand this the 15 day of Jan. 1919.

H.A. Coulter Clerk
Graves Co. Court.



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THE BANK OF WINGOCAPITAL STOCK \$20,000.00
SURPLUS \$20,000.00

WINGO, KENTUCKY

August, 11th., 1932.

Hon. John M. Lucas, Commissioner,
Department of Confederate Pensions,
Frankfort, Ky.

My dear Sir:-

I am writing this letter at the request of the heirs of Mrs. Lucy E. Willingham, deceased, who died on July 28th. 1930. and who was drawing a Confederate Pension at the time of her death, the number of which certificate I am unable to give, as I do not have the instrument and do not know what became of it.

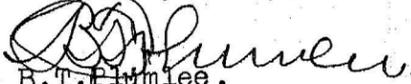
Mrs. Willingham received her usual check of \$60. about May 15th. or 16th. and as I understand it she, or her, heirs, would be entitled to the amount due from the May payment to the date of her death, July 28th., of the same year.

Mrs. Willingham died intestate and her children all being of age divided her estate and there was no administrator appointed to wind up her estate, as it was deemed unnecessary at that time.

This letter is to make inquiry if there is any money due these heirs on account of the above mentioned pension and if so how can they collect it and will it be necessary to have an administrator appointed to collect this money, or not.

Trusting you will give me a prompt answer in regard to this matter and thanking you in advance for same, I am,

Yours very truly,


B.T. Plumlee,
Cashier.

AULCY PLUMLEE, PRESIDENT



B. T. PLUMLEE, CASHIER

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WINGO, KENTUCKY

Sept. 9th., 1932.

Mr. J. M. Lucas, Commissioner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir;-

Referring to your letter of August 13th. in regard to the collection of \$60. check due Mrs. Lucy E. Willingham, deceased, wish to advise you that it is the desire of the heirs of this estate that we collect this amount and distribute it to the heirs, together with other funds which will come into our hands for distribution. We ask that you kindly furnish us with a form affidavit for this purpose, if you use a form for this, and if not prepare one for us to execute or advise us just how to prepare one that you will accept. Kindly forward this instrument to us together with any information necessary to collect this check at your very earliest convenience, as the heirs are anxious to get it cleared up as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

B.T. Plumlee,
Cashier.

September, 12, 1932-

Mr. V. T. Plumlee,
Wingo, Ky.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of September 9th received.

We have no forms for making affidavits. The heirs of Mrs. Lucy E. Willingham can make an affidavit, to the effect that they desire you or some other reputable person to collect this check, and distribute it as any other part of the estate. When we receive this copy we will forward the check to the person appointed to distribute it who may endorse it as Executor, and use as any other part of the estate. I inclose instructions as to how the check may be collected,

Very Truly,

Comm.

AULCY PLUMLEE, PRESIDENT



H. T. PLUMLEE, CASHIER

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WINGO, KENTUCKY

September 28th., 1932.

Hon. John M. Lucas,
Commissioner of Confederate Pensions,
State of Kentucky,
Frankfort, Ky.
Dear Sir:-

The affiants,	<u>A. W. Willingham,</u>	of	<u>Dyersburg Tenn.</u>
	<u>W. P. Willingham</u>	of	<u>Sulton Ky</u>
	<u>Missie R. C. Cull</u>	of	<u>Hulbert Ky</u>
	<u>Flora Charlton</u>	of	<u>Houston Tex</u>
	<u>Viva Lucas</u>	of	<u>St Louis Mo.</u>

state upon oath they are the legal heirs of Mrs. Lucy E. Willingham, their mother, widow of B. P. Willingham, that there are no other heirs and that they are all of legal age and entitled to the check of \$60. due said Lucy E. Willingham at the time of her death, who died on July 28th. 1930, without leaving a will, that there has not been an Administrator appointed for her estate and that it is not necessary that one be appointed, and that they desire and instruct that the above mentioned check be paid to The Bank of Wingo, Wingo, Ky., to be distributed to the legal heirs together with any other funds which may hereafter come into its hands.
Given under our hands on date shown by certificates below attached.

(Kindly attach Certificate of Notary Public below)

A. W. Willingham
W. P. Willingham
Flora Charlton
Viva Lucas

State of Missouri,
City of St. Louis, SS.

On this 6th day of Jan. 1933
personally appeared before me Walter E. Koch a Notary Public in and
for said City Viva Lucus the within named bargainer, with whom I am
personally acquainted and acknowledged that she executed the within
instrument for the purpose herein contained.

Witness my hand and notarial seal at my office in St. Louis, Mo.,
this 6th day of January, 1933.

Walter E. Koch
Notary Public
My term expires Sep. 22, 1934

ACKNOWLEDGMENT—Printed and for sale at State Gazette Office, Dyersburg, Tenn.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

Dyer County

Notary Public in and for said county

Personally appeared before me O. J. Moore
J. U. Willingham

he within named bargainer, with whom I am personally acquainted and acknowledged that
he executed the within instrument for the purpose herein contained.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal at office in Dyersburg

Tenn., this 17 day of Nov 1932

O. J. Moore Notary Public.
My commission expires April 14, 1934

State of Kentucky)

Fulton County

a Notary Public in and for said county

Personally appeared before me W. D. Atkins
W. J. Willingham
the within named bargainer, with whom I am personally acquainted and
acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purpose herein
contained.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal at office in Fulton, Kentucky,
this 3rd day of December, 1932.

My commission expires April 21, 1934.

W. D. Atkins
Notary Public

State of Kentucky)

Fulton County

a Notary Public in and for said county

Personally appeared before me W. D. Atkins
Mrs Minnie L. Crede
the within named bargainer, with whom I am personally acquainted and
acknowledged that she executed the within instrument for the purpose herein
contained.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal at office in Fulton, Kentucky,
this 3rd day of December, 1932.

My commission expires April 21, 1934.

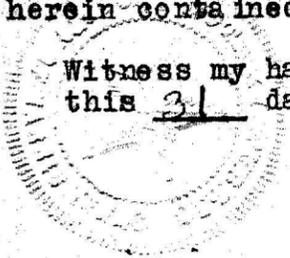
W. D. Atkins
Notary Public

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF HARRIS)

a Notary Public in and for said county

Personally appeared before me J. F. Huffman
Flora Charlton
the within named bargainer, with whom I am personally acquainted and
acknowledged that she executed the within instrument for the purpose
herein contained.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal at office in Harris County, Texas,
this 31 day of Dec. 1932.



J. F. Huffman
Notary Public

My commission expires June 1, 1933.

AUGY PLUMLEE, PRESIDENT



H. T. PLUMLEE, CASHIER

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WINGO, KENTUCKY

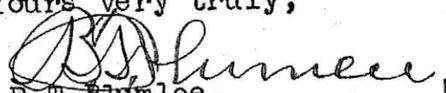
Jan. 16th., 1933.

Hon. John M. Lucas,
Commissioner of Confederate Pensions,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir;

Complying with your instructions in your letter of Sept. 12th. 1932 in regard to the collection of check due Mrs. Lucy E. Willingham at the time of her death I herewith enclose you an affidavit made by the heirs of this party instructing you to make payment to this bank for distribution. We trust this instrument will meet your requirements and that you will forward check to us by return mail if convenient. Thanking you for prompt attention in this matter I am,

Yours very truly,


B.T. Plumlee,
Cashier.