Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Owen County.

Emily C. Steger 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 follow:

1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.) Emily C. Steger. Owenton Owen County 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? Dec 28 1837 Grant County Ky. Emily C Greene

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.) May 14 1843 Owen County Ky Thos R Steger April 9 1868 John Theobald

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Aug 1861 Owenton Ky Co D 4th Ky Mounted Infantry

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? from Enlistment to discharge about one year,

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Never surrendered

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and 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? Mustered at Baton Rouge Aug 1862 Discharged on account of disability from wound,

10. When and where did your husband die? July 12 1878 Owen Co 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? None

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? No

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. C. N. Threlkeld or J. M. Henderson Owenton Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 19 day of April 1913

Emily C Steger

Walter Wetherree clerk

of Owen County.

Owenton Ky

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Owen County.

Gabriel R. Caldwell, *of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs.* Emily C. Steger *for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, upproved 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?* Gabriel R. Caldwell Owenton Ky R # 1

.2 *Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs.* Emily C. Steger *If so, how long have you known her?* Fifty years

3. *Where does she reside, and how long and since when h as she been a resident of this State?* Owenton Ky, All her life

4. *Were you ever acquainted with her husband?* I was

5. *Were either or both of you present at the marriage?* No

6. *How long did you know him?* Twenty five years

7. *When and where did* Thomas R. Steger *enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?* Owenton Ky I saw him at Camp Burnett Owen Aug 15. 1861. Co D. 4th Ky Infantry

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?* About one year

10. *When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?* At Washington Georgia May 1865

11. *Were you with the command when it surrendered?* I was

12. *Was* Thos R. Steger, *the husband of applicant, present?* No and was never able to serve any more during war. discharged on account of disability after Battle of Baton Rouge La

13. *If not present, where was he?* Discharged

14. *When and where did he leave his command?* After battle of Baton Rouge La *For what cause?* By wounds received in said battle

By whose authority did he leave? Authority of his Commanding Officer

How do you know all this? (*State fully and clearly.*) By being personally present

15. *When and where did* Thos R Steger *die?* July 12, 1878. 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?* In Owen County Ky, All his life

17. *Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of* Thos R Steger I do,

18. *Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow?* She has and 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 nothing. By knowing her for fifty years

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.

The witness Duncan R. Burk says that he served with the witness Caldwell from the time both of them entered the service until close of the war and he further states that he concurs in all the testimony of the said Caldwell.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th *day of* April 191.2

Walter Willhoite clerk
Owen county court

Gabriel R. Caldwell

Att. Gayle Barnes Duncan R. Burk

Witnesses.

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

I, W. P. Yancey *Judge of* Owen *County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs.* Emily C. Steger *the widow of* Thomas R. Steger *amounts to $* Nothing *real estate and $* No *personal*

W. P. Yancey Co. ~~Trustee~~ Judge

For Owen *County, Ky.*

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Owen *County.*

I, Walter Willhoite County Court *Clerk* ~~or Notary Public~~, *in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs.* Emily C. Steger *resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State* ~~since the~~ ever since ~~day of~~ I have known her 19..., which is more than 20 yrs. *and that the witnesses, Mr.* Gabriel R. Caldwell and Duncan R. Burk *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 20th *day of* April 191.2

(SEAL)

Walter Willhoite clerk

Owen County. Court

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.

No. 315

Widow's Indigent Pension

Name Emily C. Stegar

Filed JUN 17 1912

Widow of Thos. R. Stigar

Approved
W. J. Stone
Examiner

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

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.

Indorsement.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.,

MRS. EMILY C. STEGER.

Widow of Thomas R. Steger.

Enlisted Aug. 15th, 1861, Co.

D- 4th Kentucky Mounted Inf.

and was wounded at Baton Rouge,

La. and discharged because

unable to perform further mil-

itary duties. Proven by

records and comrades.

Indigent.

W J S

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

J. Gandy Ellis

Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board

James B. McCreary

Chairman

(A. G. O. 35.)

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

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

June 18th, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Emily C. Steger,

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law, claims that her husband Thos. R. Steger, *was a member of Company* "D" *Regiment* 4th Ky. *C. S. A., and was* Mounted Infantry

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

Stamping Ground Ky
June 30, 1935

Pension Department
Capitol Bldg.
Frankfort, Ky.

This is to notify you of the death of Mrs. Emily C. Steger, in order that you may cancel her pension before date of the the next one. Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Most Sincerely,

Mrs. Leslie Wright.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 21, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that Thos. R. Steger, private, Company D, 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted August 15, 1861. On the roll of the company for September and October, 1864, last on file, he was reported: "Retired, sick."

The name T. R. Steger, as a private of the 4th Kentucky Infantry, Confederate States Army, appears on a register of prisoners of war, deserters from the Confederate Army, with remarks indicating that he took the oath of allegiance to the United States on or about May 3, 1865, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Henry P. McCain
Adjutant General.

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July, 2, 1935.

Mrs. Leslie Wright,
Stamping Ground, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Wright:

Your letter of June the 30th notifying us of the death of Mrs. Emily C. Steger has been received. There is due the estate of Mrs. Steger $57.00 being accrued pension from May the Ist, to June the 27th inclusive, I inclose information as to how this amount may be collected.

The State allows $100 for burial expense. The Undertaker should send his bill to this office, and a voucher and a check will be mailed direct to him,

Very Truly,

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Owen County Court.

Regular May Term, held at Owenton, Ky., on the 27 day of May 1912, County Judge, W. P. Yancey, present and presiding:-

The application of Emily E. Steger for pension under an act of the General Assembly of Kentucky approved March 11th, 1912, granting pensions to indigent Confederate Soldiers or their widows, having been filed in this Court on or before the regular April, 1912, term and lain over until this, a subsequent regular term thereof; the following is a brief memorandum of the substance of the testimony of each witness heard by me touching said claim:-

Veterans' - J. N. Settle and Wm Adams P. O. Owenton Ky, Each testify that they have known the applicant for more than 25 years; that she is the widow of Thomas R. Steger deceased; that she owns no property of any kind either real or personal; that she makes her home with her son; is wholly dependant on her children for her support; that by reason of old age and bodily infirmity is unable to earn living by manual labor; that she does not draw a pension from any State or the Government of the United States;

And I find from all the evidence adduced the following facts proven; That the afftiant Emily E. Steger was the wife of Thomas R. Steger who joined the Confederate States army in Aug. 1861; that he served in said army until Aug. 1862, when he was so severely wounded that he was never again fit for active service; that he remained within the confederate lines until after the war closed, and was never a prisoner and never took any oath. That afflicant married him on April 9, 1865, and was his lawful wife and living with him as his wife at the time of his death; that he died July 12th, 1878; that this is his only widow never married again, but is still his widow; that she is a citizen of Owen County Ky, and has been such citizen for more than 25 years last past; that she owns no property of any kind or character whatever; that she has no source of income whatever except what her son, Alvin, gives to her, and that she is not able to earn a support by manual labor. I further certify that I am personally acquainted with all the witnesses who have testified herein, and that all of them are reputable and entitled to

Wherefore upon the merits of the claim I recommend that the pension applied for by Emily E. Steger be Granted

W. P. Yancey

Judge of the Owen County Court.

A COPY.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

This is to Certify, *That on the* 9th *day of* April 1868 ~~190~~ *the* **RITES OF MATRIMONY** *were legally solemnized by me between* Thomas R. Steger Esq. *and* Miss Emily C. Green *at* the Brides father *in the County of* Owen *in the presence of* Mason Hampton, Samuel Cadwell John Green & others.

Stamps

Signed J. M. Theobald M.B.C.

NOTE.—The Statute requires the names of two witnesses to be inserted in the foregoing Certificate.

State of Kentucky,
County of Owen. } *Sct.*

I Walter Tribble *Clerk of the County Court, for the County and State aforesaid, certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as appears of record and on file in my office.*

Given under my hand this 18 *day of* May *19*02

Walter Tribble clerk
Owen county court
Owenton Ky

L.S.