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Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Owen County.

Jane Francis Sparks 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.) Jane Francis Sparks
Mounton, Owen Co., 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? Henry Co., Ky., Oct. 23 1848
My maiden name was Jane Francis Edliver
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.) Born 8th day
of June 1833, Name John Sparks, Married in
Chautau Ky. by Co. Judge Heulbrook, (Marriage Certificate (Copy))
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? 4th Ky. Inf., Fall 1861 (as shown by his application) then transferred
in Owen Co.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment?
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender?
Served until war closed
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company Regiment surrendered? Can't say
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? He was in prison 8 months + was exchanged just at
close of war + after war closed was required to take oath - Don't know
about his surrender
10. When and where did your husband die? Sept. 25th 1912 in 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? None dependent on me

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. J. C. Sparks

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the
23rd day of August 1917
Walter McWhorter clerk
of Owen County.

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Queen County.

J. C. Sparks and of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Jane Francis Sparks 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? J. C. Sparks Menton, Ky,
J. M. Herndon, Orienton, Ky

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Jane Francis Sparks
If so, how long have you known her? over 40 years

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? She lives
in Queen Co., Ky., has been resident of Ky. all her 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? All his life nearly

7. When and where did John Sparks enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? 4th Co Ky Rifles
Capt. Miles Roberts Company, Fall 1861 - J. M. Herndon
same command

8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? No - J. M.
Herndon was transferred to Cavalry, Caldwellson Co.

9. How long did he perform regular military duty? From his statement, statement of H. R. Caldwell
who was with him & men who knew him, he performed regular
duty until the war closed Captured & money, etc. etc.

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? yes

12. Was yes, got out of prison, exchanged the husband of applicant, present?

13. If not present, where was he?

14. When and where did he leave his command? Surrendered at close of war
For what cause? ?

By whose authority did he leave?

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I was in same command
Regiment & company

15. When and where did John Sparks die? April 25th 1917 in Queen Co., Ky

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? in
Queen Co., Ky. ever since the war

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of John Sparks
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 - G. C. Sparks has been intimately acquainted with affairs of John Sparks + wife ever since they were married

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.

G. C. Sparks gives the information as to present and past condition of the widow + her husband, G. R. Caldwell the war record

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22

day of Oct 1917

Walter Wilburt Clerk
Queen County Court

G. C. Sparks
G. R. Caldwell

Witnesses.

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

I, J. O. Prother, Judge of Queen County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this county to Mrs. Jane Francis Sparks the widow of John Sparks amounts to \$ none real estate and \$ none personal.

J. O. Prother, County Judge.
For Queen County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Queen County.

I, Walter Wilburt, Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. Jane Francis Sparks resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the more than 30 years last past day of , 19, and that the witnesses, Mr. G. C. Sparks and G. R. Caldwell 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 22 day of Oct, 1917

(SEAL)

Walter Wilburt Clerk
Queen County Court
Queen 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 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. 3783

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name Jane Francis Sparks

DEC 17 1917

Filed Oct 22 - 1917

Widow of John Sparks

Filed Oct 22 - 1917

Made out by clerk
Carr county court

#347

Allowed Jan 15th 1918
W. J. Stone
Commissioner

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

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

JANE F.SPARKS
widow of
JOHN SPARKS

Who enlisted Sept.10,
1861, in Co.D, 4th Ky.Inf'y.
Was captured May 16, 1864, at
Reseca, Ga. and exchanged Mch.
9, 1865. Proven by the record
and comrades.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

A COPY.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE



This is to Certify, That on the 24 day of July, 1870
 the RITES OF MATRIMONY were legally solemnized by me
 between John Sparks
 and Jane Francis Eddings
 at Quitman in the County of Owen
 in the presence of Red Chourning and J. C. Strother

Signed Jesse Holbrook Judge
J.C.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 White 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 24 day of August 1907

Walter White clerk
Owen county court
Quitman Ky

L.S.

Owen County Court.
REG. November Term 1917.

In the matter of Jane Francis Sparks
Application for Confederate Pension.

Mrs. Jane Francis Sparks having heretofore on the 22 day of October 1917, filed in this court an application for a pension under the Confederate Pension Act, and said application having lain over until this a subsequent regular term of this court, and no exception or objection having been made to the application, now comes Levi Kemper and being duly sworn testified in substance as follows: I have known Mrs. Jane Francis Sparks for over 25 years and lived in the same precinct with her, she is the widow of John Sparks who drew a Confederate Pension until the time of his death; Applicant was his wife and had been living with him as such in Owen County Ky. from the time I first knew either of them, continuously until his death; she has not remarried, and for more than twenty five years has been and is now a citizen and resident of Owen County Ky. She has no means of support whatever except her daily manual labor, having no property and no one to support her.

It is therefore adjudged by the Court that Said Jane Francis Sparks is now the widow of John Sparks Decd., who was drawing a Confederate Pension at the time of his death; that both the applicant and her husband have been continuous residents of Owen County for more than twenty five years; that said John Sparks was a worthy Confederate soldier; and that the applicant his widow has no means of her own, and no one is obligated to support her, and in her old age she is compelled to get her living by hard labor. It is therefor adjudged that the applicant Jane Francis Sparks is entitled to receive a Confederate Pension under the laws of Kentucky, and this court recommends that same by granted to her.

J. O. Prather,

Judge Owen County Court.