

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Taylor County.

Synthia White Johnson of said State and County, desiring to avail herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, General Assembly, approved March 18, 1914, hereby submits her proofs, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

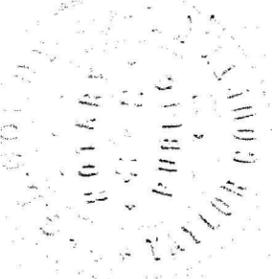
1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice) Synthia White Johnson Colsby, Taylor County, Kentucky
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? All my life
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? January 16th 1851 at Saloma Taylor County Kentucky
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. (A copy of the marriage license or affidavits of two or more persons who know when the applicant was married to her husband, must accompany the application) Born Saloma Taylor County Kentucky, name Jesse Johnson, married at Campsville Taylor Co. Ky
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. Company F 4th Reg.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? Something over two years so the best of my knowledge
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? January 5th 1863 at Murfreesboro Tenn
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? yes
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? March 30th 1912 Colsby Taylor 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? I have 4 Children 2 daughters and 2 Sons.

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 R. P. Webster Mac Taylor Co. Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 28 day of March, 1929  
G. L. Gandy Notary Public  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEBRUARY 1, 1930  
of Taylor County.

Synthia W. Johnson  
Watted Walter E. E. E.



# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Taylor County.

Green Gaddie & R. P. Webster, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Synthia White Johnson for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, approved March 18, 1914, 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. P. Webster and Green Gaddie Mae, Taylor Co Ky.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Synthia W. Johnson.  
If so, how long have you known her? All my life
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? She resided at Colsher Taylor Co Ky had been a 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 my life
7. When and where did \_\_\_\_\_ 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? I do not know

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? I do not know

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? no

12. Was \_\_\_\_\_, the husband of applicant, present?  
I do not know

13. If not present, where was he? \_\_\_\_\_

14. When and where did he leave his command? I do not know

For what cause? \_\_\_\_\_

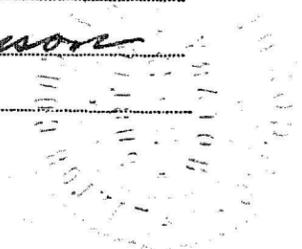
By whose authority did he leave? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) \_\_\_\_\_

15. When and where did Jesse Johnson die?  
1912 at Colsher Taylor Co, Ky

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Colsher Taylor Co Ky had been a resident of Ky all his life

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Jesse Johnson  
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? she has no property of any kind

20. Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any money, if so, what was it, and to whom? not that I know of

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.

I concur in all the questions answered by R. P. Webster but can not answer any questions not answered by him

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1929  
G. S. Gordy  
Notary Public  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEBRUARY 14, 1934

R. P. Webster  
G. B. Gaddie  
Witnesses.

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

I, W. J. Rice Judge of Taylor County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Septimia White Johnson the widow of Jesse Johnson amounts to \$ nothing real estate and \$ nothing personal  
W. J. Rice Trustee.  
For Taylor County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,  
Taylor County.

I, G. S. Gordy Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. Septimia White Johnson resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 1851, and that the witnesses, Mr. R. P. Webster and G. B. Gaddie 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 witnesses 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1929  
(SEAL) G. S. Gordy Notary Public  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEBRUARY 14, 1934.  
Taylor 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 at 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.

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**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name Sybil M Johnson

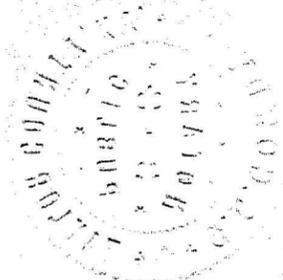
By office June 5: 1930

Widow of Jesse Johnson

Aug 22 - 1931 - the  
money set aside being all  
that was being to complete  
this application and it being  
pending to day & allow  
this Pension from to day

John M Lewis Lane

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



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CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Synthia W. Johnson, widow of  
Jesse Johnson who enlisted in  
Company, F, 4th Kentucky Infan-  
try and served until the close of  
the war.

Proven by the records.

Indigent,

*John M. Linn*  
Comm.

A COPY.

## \*\*\* Marriage Certificate \*\*\*

This is to Certify, That on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1867 ~~1868~~  
 the **RITES OF MATRIMONY** were legally solemnized by me  
 between Jesse Johnson  
 and Cyntha Gaddie  
 at Rebecca J. Gaddie in the County of Taylor  
 in the presence of Prechar Skaggs, Lewis Johnson and others.

Signed Charles Blevins.

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

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State of Kentucky //Sct.  
Taylor County

I, O.C. Spurling, Clerk of the Taylor  
County Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a  
true and correct copy of the marriage of Jesse Johnson and  
Cyntha Gaddie, which is duly recorded in Marriage Bond Book  
No 5 page 273, Taylor County Court Clerks office.

Witness my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1930.

*O. C. Spurling.* Clerk  
Taylor County Court.



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STATE OF KENTUCKY  
//Sct.  
TAYLOR COUNTY.

I, O.C. Spurling, Clerk of the Taylor County Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the marriage certificate of Jesse Johnson and Cynthia Gaddie, which is recorded in marriage Bond Book No 5 page 273, Taylor County Court Clerks office.

Witness my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1930.

*O. C. Spurling.* Clerk  
Taylor County Court.

## The Ellis Gift and Drapery Shoppe

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CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY.

June 4th, 1930.

Hon. Flem D. Sampson,  
Governor of Kentucky,  
Frankfort, Ky.

My Dear Governor Sampson:

I am enclosing herewith application for widows Indigent pension for Mrs. Cynthia Johnson, widow of Jesse Johnson, deceased, and I wish to enlist your valuable support in this matter.

This old lady is eighty years of age and in very poor circumstances. The enclosed application for pension does not bear the signatures of two soldiers that served in the army with him as required as it seems almost impossible to find two that served in the army with him. But the two witnesses who have signed the application have lived near Mr. Johnson all their life and are good reputable citizens. And I sincerely trust that the pension department will act upon the statement of these good men. And if they fail to do so I will appreciate if you will advise me if any further steps can be taken to secure a pension for this old lady.

I know to my personal knowledge that this old lady is very deserving and needy. And I know, no better christian act could be done than to grant this poor old lady a pension.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration shown in this matter and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours.

*Walter Ellis.*

June 5, 1930

Mr. Walter Ellis  
Campbellville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Your letter, enclosing the application for indigent pension for Mrs. Cynthia Johnson, widow of Jesse Johnson, reached this office this morning and I shall bring it to the attention of the Pension Commissioner at once, and I am sure he will give it every consideration.

Yours very truly,

Elon B. Simpson

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John Lucas.

June, 5, 1930-

Mrs. Sintha W. Johnson,  
Celsby, Ky.

My Dear Madam:

Your application for pension has been received in this office, and I am returning a duplicate application to you, and that should remain on file in the County Court Clerk's office, you failed to include a copy of your marriage certificate, and did not give the date of your marriage, it is necessary that we have this, and please forward the same to us,

Very Truly,

Comm.

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CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY.

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1930

Hon. Jno. M. Lucas,  
Com. of Confederate Veterans,  
Frankfort, Ky.,

My Dear Sir:

By request of Mrs. Cynthia  
Johnson I make reply to your  
letter of June 5<sup>th</sup> 1930. and as per  
your request I am enclosing  
marriage certificate properly  
certified by County Court Clerk.

Mr. Lucas, this old lady is  
very deserving also very needy and  
I trust that you can be able  
to grant her compensation.

Thanking you in advance  
for any consideration shown her,  
I am,  
Very truly yours,  
Walter Ellis.

United States Post Office

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Campbellsville, Ky.

August 20th. 1950.

Hon. Mr. Lucas, Commissioner,  
Of Confederate Pensions,  
Frankfort, Ky.,

My Dear Mr. Lucas:

As per your request I am enclosing herewith marriage certificate of Jesse Johnson, and Cynthia Gaddie.

Some time ago I mailed certificate to you but in some way it must have gotten lost in the mails.

If there is any thing further needed in this matter I would be glad if you would notify me, as Mrs. Johnson, is an old lady and in feeble health, and lives considerable distance in the country.

Thanking you for any consideration shown her, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Walter Ellis*

August, 22, 1930-

Mr. Walter Ellis.  
Campbellsville, Ky.

My dear Sir:

The marriage certificate of Mrs. Cynthia Johnson has been received in this office and, her pension allowed on this date August, 20th, a voucher and a certificate will be mailed to her August, 20th, which is the next regular time for allowing pensions,

Very Truly,

Comm.