

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

... *Christian* ... County.

... *Elmyra Helen Bennett* ... 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.) *Elmyra Helen Bennett Hopkins Hill, Christian 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? *Was born at Montgomery, Trigg County, Kentucky, May 16th 1850 + Elmyra Helen Powell*
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.) *He was born in North Carolina, June 20th 1835, his full name was Creed Hopkins Bennett & we were married in Cadiz, Ky. December 29th 1870. Rev. O. T. Hardison performed ceremony*
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *He enlisted April 30 1861 at Larrant, Texas in Company D 11th Texas Cavalry Regiment*
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *Until Surrender April 26 1865*
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *Greensboro N. C. April 26 1865*
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? *Died May 4th 1900 at Montgomery Trigg County*
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? *Have no property whatever save clothing &c not exceeding \$100.00 in value*
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *Have no family*
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. L. Kennedy Hopkins Hill, Kentucky*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the }
24th day of *September* 191*2* }
Walter Van Dyke, Co. Judge
of *Christian* County.

Elmyra Helen Bennett

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Christian County, J. H. Pyle and J. E. Payne of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Elmira Helen Bennett 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. H. Pyle - Hopkinsville Kentucky - P. O. 5 - J. E. Payne Hopkinsville Ky
 2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Elmira Helen Bennett?
If so, how long have you known her? Yes - have known her about 75 years
 3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? She has been a resident of this State ever since I have known her -
 4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes
 5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No, but knew she and her husband prior to 1890 and they were living together as husband & wife
 6. How long did you know him? 30 or 35 years & up to the time of his death
 7. When and where did Creed Haskins Bennett enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Dont know
 8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? No
 9. How long did he perform regular military duty? Dont know
 10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Dont know
 11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No
 12. Was Creed Haskins Bennett, the husband of applicant, present? Dont know
 13. If not present, where was he? Dont know
 14. When and where did he leave his command? Dont 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 Creed Haskins Bennett die? May 4th 1908 or thereabouts at Montgomery in Tigg County Kentucky
 16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Tigg County, Kentucky, had been a resident of Kentucky for 30 or 35 years
 17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Creed Haskins Bennett? 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 except wearing apparel &c. Has no income

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *20th* day of *February*, 191*3*.

R. J. Stowe, Clerk
Christian County, Ky.

J. H. Pyle
J. E. Payne Witnesses.

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

I, *Walter Knight* Judge of *Christian* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Elmyra Helen Bennett* the widow of *Creed Hastings Bennett* amounts to \$ *nothing* real estate and \$ *none* personal
Walter Knight Co. Judge Trustee.
For *Christian* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Christian County.

I, *R. J. Stowe* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Elmyra Helen Bennett* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *for a day* of number of years *1913*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *J. H. Pyle* and *J. E. Payne* 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 *February*, 191*3*.

(SEAL)

R. J. Stowe, Clerk of
Christian 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.

July 14th 1913

No. ~~2346~~
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**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *E. M. ... A. ... Bennett*

Filed ... JUL 14 1913

Widow of *Creed ... Bennett*

FEB 20 1913

Filed in open Court,

Attest *R. T. Stone*, Clerk,

by *D. C.*

Allowed *Stone*
Eddie ...
Gyle

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

Hunter Wood & Son.
Attys

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

2060909 WASHINGTON, July 25, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that C. H. Bennett (name not found as Crede H. Bennett), private and sergeant, Company D, 11th Regiment Texas Cavalry, C. S. A., enlisted October 2, 1861. On the roll covering the period from October 31, 1863, to February 29, 1864, last on file, he was reported present. No later record of him has been found.

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Adjutant General.

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Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

ELMIRA H. BENNETT,
widow of
CREED H. BENNETT,

Who enlisted Oct. 2, 1861,
in Company D, 11th Texas Cav.
There is record proof of
service to Feb'y. 29, 1864.
Comrades testify to his ser-
vice to the close of the war
and he was surrendered and
paroled on the 26th of April,
1865.

Indigent.

Approved:

W. J. S. e

No. W

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

July 22d 191 3

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Elyza H. Bennett

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,

claims that her husband Crede H. Bennett

was a member of Company "D" Regiment 11th Texas C. S. A.,

and was Cavalry

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

State of Texas,
Hopkins County, Not.

The affiant, L. Posey, states that he was well acquainted with Creed H. Bennett, and that affiant and said Bennett belonged to Company D 11th Texas Cavalry, Harrison's Brigade; that he and said Bennett enlisted in the Confederate army together at Tarrant, Texas, on or about the 30th day of *April*, 1861, and served together in the army until the 26th day of *April*, 1865, and that they surrendered with their Company and Regiment at *Greensboro, N.C.* on the 26th day of *April* 1865.

L. Posey

This day appeared before me L. Posey who is personally known to me, and who is a reliable citizen, and signed and swore to the above affidavit in my presence and before me. My commission as Notary Public expires on the 1st day of *June* 1913.

W. H. Dickerson
Notary Public Hopkins County
Texas,

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOPKINS Sect.

The affiant, H.S. Waller, states that he was well acquainted with Creed H. Bennett, and that affiant and said Bennett belonged to Company D 11th Texas Cavalry, Harrison's Brigade; that he and said Bennett enlisted in the Confederate army together at Tarrant, Texas, on or about the 30th day of April, 1861, and served together in the army until the 26th day of April, 1865, and that they surrendered with their company and regiment at Greensboro, N.C. on the 26th day of April 1865.

H S Waller

This day appeared before me H.S. Waller, who is personally known to me, and who is a reliable citizen and signed and swore to the above affidavit in my presence and before me. My commission as Notary Public expires the 1st day of June, 1913.

W. H. Dickinson
Notary Public, Hopkins county, Texas.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURT

April Term 1913.

The matter of the application of Elmyra Helen Bennett for a pension, under the Confederate Pension Bill of Kentucky, having come on for hearing, and the Court having heard the evidence of J. H. Pyle and J. E. Payne, on the matter of property and the Court being fully advised, adjudges that the applicant is entitled to a pension as applied for, and hereby approves of the application and directs the Clerk of the Christian County Court to make a certified copy of this order and attach it to the original application made herein, and forward said application and papers to Captain W. J. Stone, Commissioner of Confederate Pensions at Frankfort, Kentucky.

Walter Knight, Judge

STATE OF KENTUCKY, }
CHRISTIAN COUNTY, }^{Scd}

R. J. Stover, Clerk of the County Court within and for the aforesaid county and state, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing comprises a true and perfect copy of Order approving pension claim of Elmyra Helen Bennett as the same appears of record in my office in Order Book, No. 12 Page, No. _____

Given under my hand _____ at my office in the city of Hopkinsville, Ky., this 10 day of July 1913

R. J. Stover
Clerk Christian County Court, Ky.

By V. C. Barner, D.

February 14th, 1914.

Messrs. Hunter Wood & Son,

Hopkinsville, Ky.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inquiring for the status of the application of Mrs. Helen Bennett, widow of Steven H. Bennett.

There is no application on file here of the above description, but there is an application on file here for Mrs. Elmyra Helen Bennett, widow of Creed Haskins Bennett, of Hopkinsville. It has not been reached for consideration by the Pension Board, but I have examined the proof filed with the application and I find that J. H. Pyle and J. E. Payne testified for her in the county court, but they know nothing of her husband's army record. L. Posey and H. S. Waller testify to his enlistment and service to the 26th day of April, 1865.

The war records show his service to Feb'y. 29, 1864. This proof, is complete and brings her within the provisions of the pension law, and I will recommend the allowance of her claim, but just when it can be allowed I am unable to say.

The overwhelming amount of work in this office makes it impossible for my one assistant and myself to keep up with it as it should be, and the legislature does not seem disposed to put any more force at this work and consequently I am unable to say just when any particular case can be reached. However, I will do my best and secure the allowance of this claim as soon as possible.

Very truly,

Examiner.

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