

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Ballard County.

Judy Goodman 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.) Baswell, Ky.
Judy Goodman, Carlisle 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? Nov. 12, 1849, Ionia, Ballard County, Ky.
Judy Florence Turk
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.)
In Bourbon County, Ky. 1839, Elijah Goodman
In Harrison Co., Copy Marriage Certificate attached.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? The latter part of 1861, or early in 1862 at Paris, Ky. Co. C, 9th Ky. Cavalry
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? About 18 months
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Don't know of
my personal knowledge.
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?
10. When and where did your husband die? In Carlisle County, Ky. about 1896
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?
Two (2) acres worth \$200-
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? None
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.
Judge J. T. Gardner, Baswell, Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the }
... 10... day of June 1912. }
Ab. Hobbs County Judge
of Carlisle County.

Judith J. Goodman

Questions for Witnesses

Iowa
STATE OF ~~KENTUCKY~~,

Washington County.

Jos. H. Myall

....., of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Judy Goodman 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? Jos. H. Myall, Washington, Washington Co. Iowa

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Judy Goodman?
If so, how long have you known her? I do not know her

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?
In Ballard County Ky as I am informed

4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes

5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? I was not.

6. How long did you know him? Nearly his whole life we were schoolmates

7. When and where did Elijah Goodman enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? At Paris Ky in Co. D. 9th Ky. Battery because we both enlisted same date in said Co.

8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? Yes as far as I know.

9. How long did he perform regular military duty? From Sept. 1862 to about June 1865, but was more than a year of that time a prisoner with me at Rock Island Ills.

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? The Co. and Regiment were with Jeff Davis at the time of his surrender and surrendered with him at that time

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? I was not

12. Was Elijah Goodman, the husband of applicant, present?
I think he was not.

13. If not present, where was he? We had been sent home from Rock Island Prison

14. When and where did he leave his command? When captured in December 1863

For what cause? He with others of the Co. were captured in the line of duty.

By whose authority did he leave? He was captured with myself and others

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) Because I was his comrade in said command up to the time of capture, was captured with him and in same prison with him nearly whole time of his imprisonment for about 13 months.

15. When and where did Elijah Goodman die? Do not know

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? In Ballard County Ky. Had been a resident of Kentucky all his life.

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Elijah Goodman?
I do not.

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow?
I do not know

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?
.....
Do not know

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?
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Do not know

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.

Witness C. H. Mery says that he was in the same Camp with Elijah Goodman, and knows that he served at least 2 years, and thinks he served throughout the war, that he does not remember whether Goodman was present at the surrender or not; that all other questions are answered correctly.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *16th* day of *May* 191*2*. Sign here *Jos. H. Myall*

S. J. Keecogg
Notary Public
and for Washington Iowa

C. H. Mery
Witnesses.

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

I, *Ab. Hobbs* Judge of *Charles* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Judy Gooderman* the widow of *Elijah Gooderman* amounts to \$ *75* real estate and \$ *Nothing* personal. *Ab. Hobbs J.C.C.* Trustee. For *Charles* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

..... County.

I, Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the day of 19...., and that the witnesses, Mr. 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 day of 191...

(SEAL)

..... 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. 3491

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Grady Gooden*

Filed *JUL 15 1912*
FEB 1 - 1915

Widow of *Eliza Goodman*

Allowed Apr 15th 1916
W. J. Stone,
Commissioner

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

Filed June 10th 1912

W. J. Stone

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

JUDY GOODMAN
widow of
ELIJAH GOODMAN

Enlisted Sept. 10, 1862
in Co. C, 9th Ky. Cav. Captured
Dec. 28, 1863, and imprisoned
at Rock Island, Ills. and
took the oath of allegiance
to the U.S. Government Jan. 18,
1865. Under the law approved
Mch. 11, 1912, she could not
have been allowed a pension.

Proof filed Feb. 1, 1915
brings her within the pro-
visions of the pension law
approved Mch. 18, 1914.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Address: "The

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ment, Washington, D. C."

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, July 18, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that E. Goodman
(name not found as Eliza Goodman), pri-
vate, Company C, 9th Kentucky Cavalry,
Confederate States Army, enlisted Sep-
tember 10, 1862; that as Elijah Good-
man, he was captured December 28, 1863,
at Charleston, Tennessee, and that he
was released January 18, 1865, at Rock
Island Barracks, Illinois, upon taking
the oath of allegiance.

Henry P. Blair
Adjutant General.

Marriage Certificate

This is to Certify that on the 20th day of November 1867
the Rites of Marriage were legally solemnized by me
between Elijah Goodman
and Judy J. Juss
at Whitaker's in the County of Harrison
in the presence of Edward Garnett
James L. Lusk

A Copy of the Signed R. Lancaster

NOTE—THE STATUTE REQUIRES THE NAMES OF AT LEAST TWO WITNESSES TO BE INSERTED IN THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE

R. A. Chandler
Harrison County Court

No. 7

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

JUL 15 1912 191

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Judy Goodman

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

claims that her husband Elija Goodman

was a member of Company C Regiment 9th Ky. S. A.,

and was Car.

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

Carlisle County Court.
Regular Term, July 8th 1912.
Judge A.T. Hobbs, presiding.

County Attorney being present and representing the Commonwealth.

Mrs. Judy F. Goodman, applicant.

The court findings in this case is that the applicant, Mrs. Judy F. Goodman, is the widow of Elija Goodman, that she is and has been a resident of this Carlisle County, Ky. that she married prior to 1890 and has remained a widow; that she owns 2 acres of land worth about \$200. has no income nor personal property, and is unable to earn a support.

W.C. RAY, after being duly sworn, states that he has known the applicant for 40 years, that she is the widow of Lige Goodman and that they were married long before 1890; that she owns 2 acres of land worth about \$200. and has no income nor personal property, and is unable to earn a support and that he has no interest in the collection of this claim.

S.N. MOORE, after being sworn, states that he was magistrate of Carlisle County for 23 years, that he has known the applicant Mrs. Judy F. Goodman, for 15 or 20 years, that she is the widow of Lige Goodman, and does and has resided in Carlisle County Ky. all this time, and has no property except 2 acres of land worth about \$200. and is unable to labor for her support. That he has no interest directly nor indirectly in the collection of this claim.

These two witnesses are well known to us and are reputable.

R. H. ... J.C.C.C. A. T. Hobbs J.C.C.C.

CERTIFICATE NOTARY PUBLIC.

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

BOURBON COUNTY.

I, Anna C. Thornton, a Notary Public in and for said County, hereby certify that in the matter of the application of Mrs. Judy Goodman, widow of Elijah Goodman, for a pension, the witness, Mr. C.H. Meng, is a resident of Bourbon County, Kentucky, and is of trust worthy character, and that his statements are entitled to full faith and credit. I do further certify that before answering the foregoing questions said witness took the oath herein prescribed, and the full text of the affidavit was read to said witness before same was signed and subscribed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 3rd day of June, 1912.

Anna C. Thornton

Notary Public, Bourbon County, Ky.

My commission expires Feb. 2nd, 1914.

STATE OF KENTUCKY.
COUNTY OF BOURBON.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MRS. ELIJAH
GOODMAN FOR A WIDOW'S PENSION.

The affiant, Buckner Woodford, states that he is a resident of Bourbon County, Kentucky and that he was a member of Company C, 5th. Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A; that he was captured and confined in Rock Island prison from about July 1st. 1864 until March 6th. 1865, until he was exchanged. Affiant states that during the time he was in prison there were twelve thousand prisoners, and from those there were left twenty-two hundred dead. They retaliated on the prisoners in this prison for the way the prisoners who were confined and treated at Anderson. Affiant knows the condition was very bad and that all of the prisoners confined there had very meagre food and for that reason suffered in health and the above stated numbers of them died. Affiant states that he does not remember Elijah Goodman but he knows the general condition of all the prisoners that were confined at the prison during the date above stated.

Buckner Woodford

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Buckner Woodford, this
December 4th. 1914.

my com. expires Jan 28. 1915.

W. H. Haskins
Notary Public, Bourbon County, Ky.

STATE OF KENTUCKY.

COUNTY OF BOURBON.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MRS. ELIJAH
GOODMAN FOR A WIDOW'S PENSION.

The affiant, Nathan Goodman states that he is a resident of Bourbon County, Kentucky and that he is the brother of Elijah Goodman, whose widow is now applying for a pension; affiant states that he knows that his brother was confined to Rock Island prison and that he saw him immediately after his return from said prison; that the said Elijah Goodman, at that time, was in a very weakened state of health having been starved and having suffered from sickness caused by confinement and bad food; that upon his return affiant asked the said Elijah Goodman why he had taken the oath and that in reply to said question the said Elijah Goodman stated that he did so to prevent starving to death and that this affiant believed that the said Elijah Goodman, if he had remained in said prison any longer, he would have died from starvation or sickness caused by lack of food.

Nathan Goodman

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Nathan Goodman,
this 4th. day of December 1914.

My commission expires Jan. 28th. 1918.

Grace Stashins.
Notary Public, Bourbon Co., Ky.

BEN S. ADAMS
COUNTY ATTORNEY OF CARLISLE COUNTY

BARDWELL, KY.

August 15th- 1914.

Hon W.J.Stone,
Frankfort,
Kentucky.

Dear Sir:- I wish you would take up the application of Jadic F.Goodman, a widow, and grant her a pension, as she is very needy, and I think under the law entitled to one.

This affidavit of J.F.Moore, is good, and Mr Moore is entitled to great credit, and belief, as he is a large property owner, and a splendid citizen, honest, and a highly respectable man, and there is no man standing higher in this State as a moral, truthful man.

Let me hear from you so I may tell this widow what she may expect.

Yours Very Truly,

Ben S. Adams.

January 6th, 1915.

Mrs. Judy Goodman,

Bardwell, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:-

Our mutual friend, Major J. W. Davis, has called at my office and requested me to write you giving you the status of your application for pension. I have examined the proof filed with your application and I find that the war records show that your husband, Elijah Goodman, enlisted Sept. 19, 1862, and was captured December 23, 1863, and released January 13, 1865, at Fort Island Barracks, Ills. upon taking the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government, which renders it impossible for the Pension Board to grant a pension on his military record.

Taking the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government by a Confederate soldier before the war closed, or before he had been honorably discharged, renders it impossible for the pension board to grant a pension on the soldier's military record.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-C

Bardwell, Kentucky.

August 15th- 1914.

Hon W.J. Stone,

Frankfort,
Kentucky.

Dear Sir:- In re of the application of Judie F. Goodman, a widow, of Elija Goodman, deceased, a confederate soldier., for a pension under the Kentucky confederate pension law, and the amendment thereof, of 1914.

I the undersigned wish to say that I was a confederate soldier and joined the confederate army in the year 1861, and went through, in the year of 1864 the early part thereof, I was captured with others, as a prisoner, of the Federals, and carried to Rock Island, ILL, on the Mississippi, River, in the State of Illinois, and while there I met and formed the acquaintance of Elija Goodman, husband of the applicant Judie F. Goodman, and I will say that he was a prisoner there when I got there, and I staid there about or more than Fifteen Months, and was transferred to Richmond, Va, and I left Elija Goodman there.

There was about Eight Thousand prisoner, old confederate boys in this Rock Island prison, and there was sickness of every description in that prison, Small pox, and every thing of disease.

It was a very unhealthy place, the prisoners were dying daily.

I will say that Elija Goodman, was in that prison within six months of the close of the war, yes within Four months of the close and if he took the oath of allegiance to the United State, he took it after I left, and that was within Four Months of the close of the War.

Mr Stone, I trust you will grant this widow her pension, as she needs it, and I think under the facts of her case she should be granted one; Under the new law, the amendment I am sure her case will come in, for this oath was taken if at all within the Six months as laid down in 1914, acts of Kentucky Legislature.

Please take up her claim, and allow her pension.

J. F. Moore
Subscribed and sworn to by J. F. Moore, to be true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief. This August 15th - 1914.

J. C. Hollingsworth
J. C. Hollingsworth

February 11th, 1915.

Mrs. Judy Goodman,

~~Bardwell, Kentucky.~~

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th.

I wrote you fully with regard to your application on January 6th, and since that no additional proof has been filed, and consequently the status of your application has not been changed.

The affidavits which you filed in December last only show that conditions were bad in the prison, or that is, that they were reported to be bad, and one of the witnesses only testifies what he heard, and the other one says that conditions were bad but he does not remember your husband.

This proof does not in any way show that your husband was in such condition as to justify him in believing that he was compelled to take the oath of allegiance to save his life.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Affidavit.

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In the matter of the Pension Claim of *Judith Goodman*
widow of Elijah Goodman deceased late of Co. G
Kentucky Cavalry

State of *Iowa*, County of *Washington* :S.S.

On this *16* day of *Feb.* A.D. *1905*, personally appeared
before me a *Clk of Ct. Ct.* in and for the County and State
aforesaid, duly, authorized to administer oaths *Joseph W. Myall*
aged *72* years, a resident of *Washington* County of *Washington*
State of *Iowa*, who being duly sworn on oath declares in relation
to the foregoing claim as follows:-

That he is an old comrade of Elijah Goodman dec'd
late of Co. G Ky Cav. Confederate Army, and was
a fellow prisoner with the said Goodman in Rock
Island Illinois during and in year 1864.

That when affiant took the oath and was liberated
he left the said Goodman still there in prison and
he afterwards took the oath and was liberated.

That when he left him in prison the said Goodman
was in moderately poor health. The prison was
not so bad but rations were poor. There was
some scurvy there amongst the prisoners.

That his Post Office Address is Washington

Iowa

J. W. Myall

Signature of the Affiant.

State of Iowa
Washington Co.

1915

Subscribed and sworn to by Joseph
No. My All. before me this 16th day of July 1915

W. H. Miller
Clerk District Court
Washington County Iowa

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Bardwell, Kentucky.

Feb 25th- 1915.

Captain W.J.Stone,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Capt:- Enclosed herein you will
find an amendment to the affidavit of Mr J..F.Meere, for
my benefit, and also an affidavit of Mr G.W.Halterman,
and one from J.H.Myall.

Capt, these men tell what condition the prison was in
at time of their departure.

J.H.Myall, left ^{just} before My Husband did.

I have been told that this covers the facts in this
case, and I do know that My Husband, told me that he took
the oath because he was afraid of death, and starvation.,
that sickness, and fever was very prevalent in said prison.

Trusting that you will grant me a pension, I remain
anxiously waiting to hear from you.

Yours very Respt,

Isidore Goodman

Commonwealth Of Kentucky.

VS (~~Application~~ Affidavit.

Mrs Judia F. Goodman,.

The affiant J. F. Moore, for an amendment to his affidavit hereto fore filed with the Hon W.J. Stone, for and on behalf of the applicant Mrs Judy F. Goodman, of Carlisle County for a pension under the Confederate pension laws of the Commonwealth, I wish to state to your Hon Capt, that at the time and before the time I was carried from the Reek Island prison of ILL, to Richmond, Va, that health conditions were very bad, that people the prisoners were very unhealthy, and dying from disease, and that many prisoners were taking the federal oath, and getting out of said Reek Island, ILL, prison to avoid sickness, and death, and that was the object of the prisoners at the times; The affiant further says that rations were poor, and sickness prevalent, and that was what caused the prisoners, to wit such men as Elijah Goodman to take the oath. Affiant says that his Widow, should be granted her pension, from the facts that he knows about Elijah Goodman as a prisoner.

J. F. Moore

Subscribed and sworn to by the affiant J.F. Moore, to be true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.
This February 25th- 1915.

R. O. Wainwright
JCC

The Commonwealth of Kentucky.

VS (Affidavit.

Mrs Judy F. Goodman.

The affiant personally appeared before me
G. W. Halterman, and after being sworn states as follows to wit:-

Says that he was a confederate soldier, and that he was captured and placed in the Reek Island, Ill, prison, and that he was released and took the oath to the federal government in the year of 1864, that he did so because he was afraid of death, from sickness, and poor rations.

The affiant says that sickness, was very prevalent, and that prisoners were dying with small pox, and other disease.

The affiant says that, he awoke one morning, and his bed fellow was dead, that he had died in the night time with small pox, and that he at once took the oath and was liberated, and set free, from the fact that he was afraid, of sickness, and disease, and that other prisoners were taking the oath, and being liberated because they were afraid of death, and starvation.

The affiant further says that he is acquainted with the applicant Mrs Judy F. Goodman, and that she deserves this pension.

G. W. Halterman

Subscribed to and sworn to by the affiant to be true and correct, this
February 25th- 1915.

R. C. Nix
R. C. Nix

July 16th, 1915.

Mrs. Juda Goodman,

Bardwell, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of yours relative to your application.

I should be glad indeed to do anything for you within my power, but I can do nothing unless the proof filed with the application brings the applicant within the law.

The pension law provides that a soldier who was compelled to take the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government at any time within the last six months of the war, in order to save his life on account of sickness or starvation while in prison should not be considered a deserter, but should be entitled to the benefits of the pension law.

Now, as I wrote you on Feb. 11th, the proof does not show this in the case of your husband. It does show that he was in prison and that he took the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Government on the 18th day of January, 1865. One witness testified that ~~the conditions were bad in the prison, and that is true, but there is not one word of testimony filed with your application so far to show that your husband was in such condition physically as to make it necessary for him to take the oath of allegiance in order to save his life.~~

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C

Aug 15-1915

Bardwell

Capt W. J. Stone
Dear Sir

as you wrote me
about my pension
& did not say any
thing about my
last papers you said
one of the witnesses
testify that condition
was bad but you did
not say anything
about my last
witnesses I think that
they prove just what
you said was like

one of them says
 that my husband was
 in poor health & rashes
 was poor and there was
 diseases & the other two
 says that rashes was
 poor & diseases too I
 think that will be
 that my husband was
 justify in taking
 the oath
 you diden say one word
 about these witnesses
 you only referred back
 to Feb. 11. I received your letter
 with you wrote them
 but I have filed papers

send them with I am
 writing you about
 if you did not get
 them please let me
 know

And will be oblig
 to you

please write me if you
 got them or if you
 diden
 yours respectfully

Judah
 Goodman

Bardwell, Kentucky.

August 15th- 1914.

Hon W.J. Stone,
Frank Fort,
Kentucky.

Dear Friend:- Mrs Goodman, the applicant I have known from her Childhood, and was a school mate., and I knew her Husband Elija Goodman for many years and until his death.

From the time he came to Ballard County, which is now Carlise County, and he was a highly respected gentleman.

But he was not successful in business, and he left his widow without any thing, and under the circumstances and the evidence bears out her claim, I know Mr Moore, is a very respectful high tone gentleman, and that he gives the facts as he remembers them.

I have no interest in this whatever, except that I would desire that her claim be given due consideration., as soon as possible, because she is very much in need of this pension.

Hoping that you will do your duty in this case as you have always done.

We are all in fine spirits in this County, have received good rains, but at one time it looked like starve-ation when the drouth was on us.

But we can see our way clear for this County to make enough corn to do us.

Wishing you success in all your undertakings.

I Remain As Ever Yours,

L.B. Gail

August 19th, 1915.

Mrs. Juda Goodman,

Bardwell, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 15th, and have carefully re-examined your application and all the proof filed with it.

The pension law provides that any soldier who was compelled to take the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Government any time within the last six months of the war in order to save his life on account of sickness or starvation should not be considered a deserter, but should be entitled to the pension the same as if he had served till the close of the war or until he had been honorably discharged.

That provision of the law would bring you within the law provided the proof was produced that showed that your husband was compelled to take the oath in order to save his life, but there is no proof filed with your application showing this to have been the case.

~~My husband was in prison 20 days and was
only in the prison 20 days and was
captured at the time of the war.~~

The proof so far filed only shows that conditions were bad in the prison, and it does not show that your husband was in any immediate danger.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJS-C
