

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Jefferson County.

Mrs. Mary J. Duckwall 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.) Mary J. Duckwall No. 2624 Duncan S' Louisville Ky
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? All of my life
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Oct. 28, 1847 Louisville Ky. Maiden name No. J.
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.) Feb. 8, 1837 in Morgan County Va. Isaac Duckwall married in Jeffersonville Ind April 16, 1879 Herman Preeper J. P.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Enlisted at Louisville about 18 Co. H. 9th Reg. Ky. Inf. Vol.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? U. S. Army May 1865
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Washington Ga. May 10, 1865
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? Yes. I think he was
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 captured at Whippoorwill Bridge but was exchanged and returned to his command
10. When and where did your husband die? April 11, 1888 at Louisville 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? Town & Cottage of five rooms No. 2624 Duncan S' would probably rent for \$12 per month (this would be gross income)
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? I have married children but live with a son in my house
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. Mr. George Schmeis 280 Madison S' Dr. E. H. Koch 269 7th

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

3 day of May 1912

My Commission Expires Feb. 24, 1914

W. P. J. Coffey

905 W. Jefferson St. Louisville, Ky.

Mary J. Duckwall

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Jefferson

County.

William Dyke aged *62* years *Mrs. Elizabeth Napier* of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of *Mrs. Mary J. Duckwall* 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? *William Dyke 2616 W. Madison St. Louisville Ky*
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. *Mrs. Mary J. Duckwall* and if so, how long have you known her? *from her girlhood & all of her life respectively*
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? *2624 Union St. Louisville Ky she has lived in Louisville Ky all of her life*
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? *Yes he was much of applicant Dyke's father*
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? *No*
6. How long did you know him? *all of the life of applicant Dyke all of applicant Napier's life*
7. When and where did *Isaac Duckwall* enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? *he left Louisville Ky to go to the Confederate Army in 1861 Co. H 9th Ky Cav. Vol*
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? *until the close of the war*
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? *Washington Ga. May 10 1865*
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? *No*
12. Was *Isaac Duckwall*, the husband of applicant, present? *I think he was*
13. If not present, where was he?
14. When and where did he leave his command? *he was captured at Whippoorwill Bridge*
For what cause? *but was exchanged*
By whose authority did he leave?
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) *from conversation with him*
15. When and where did *Isaac Duckwall* die? *April 11 1888 at Louisville Ky*
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? *he had lived in Louisville Ky the greater part of his life was a resident of Kentucky at his death*
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of *Isaac Duckwall* - *we do*

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 owns a Cottage where she resides 2624 Dunson St worth about \$1000.00 per month rent.

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom? *No*
She has nothing but this Cottage and has no income and no one is legally bound to contribute to her support

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.

Affiant Dyke has personal knowledge of all but the service of the Soldier. Affiant Napier the same

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *3* day of *May* 191*2*

My Commission Expires Feb. 24, 1914

W. H. Bechtel
Notary Public

N. P. O. Ky. 905 W. Jefferson St. Louisville, Ky.

Wm Dyke
Elizabeth Napier
Witnesses.

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

I, *Miss H. Messinger* Judge of *Jefferson* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Mary J. Duckwall* the widow of *Isaac Duckwall* amounts to \$ *1000.00* real estate and \$ *0.00* personal. *Miss H. Messinger* Trustee. For *Jefferson* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Jefferson County

I, *W. H. Bechtel* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Mary J. Duckwall* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *19* day of *July* 19*12*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *William Dyke* and *Elizabeth Napier* 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 *3* day of *May* 191*2*

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires Feb. 24, 1914

W. H. Bechtel
Notary Public
N. P. O. Ky. 905 W. Jefferson St. Louisville, Ky. 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. 2006

No.

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mary J. Duckwall.*

Filed *AUG 1 - 1912*

Widow of *Isaac C. Duckwall.*

Approved Nov 23 1912
W. J. Stone
Examiner

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

1912 May 20
Filed and Paid Over.

Attest P. S. Ray est

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

AUG-5

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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, August 6, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that Isaac Duck-
wall, private, Company H, 9th Kentucky
Mounted Infantry, Confederate States
Army, enlisted October 7, 1861; that
he surrendered at Washington, Georgia,
May 6, 1865, and was released on oath
of allegiance at Nashville, Tennessee,
May 20, 1865.

Henry P. McCain
Adjutant General.

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Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. MARY J. DUCKWALL,
widow of
ISAAC DUCKWALL.

Who enlisted Oct. 7, '61
in Company H, 9th Kentucky Inf
and was surrendered at Wash-
ington, Ga. May 6, 1865 and
released May 20, 1865 at
Nashville, Tenn. upon taking
the oath of allegiance.

Proven by the record
and oath filed with appli-
cation.

Property: \$1500.00

W J Stone.

I recommend that this
claim be allowed.

Adjutant General.

No. _____ W _____

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER
FRANKFORT, KY.

AUG 1 - 1912 191

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. _____

Mary J. Duckwall

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband _____

Isaac Duckwall

was a member of Company _____ Regiment _____ C. S. A.,

A 9th Ky. Mtd Inf.

and was _____

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT
FRANKFORT, KY.
AUG 1 - 1912
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A 9th Ky. Mtd Inf.
and was _____

Allowed by the State
Pension Board.

Chairman.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

JEFFERSON COUNTY

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT

At a County Court held on the 18th day of July, 1912,

In Re application of Mary J. Duckwall for Confederate Pension,

This matter being called for hearing and the Court hearing testimony in open Court, the County Attorney being present, a brief substance of the testimony of each witness is as follows:

Mary J. Duckwall, 2624 Duncan St., Louisville, Ky., Applicant

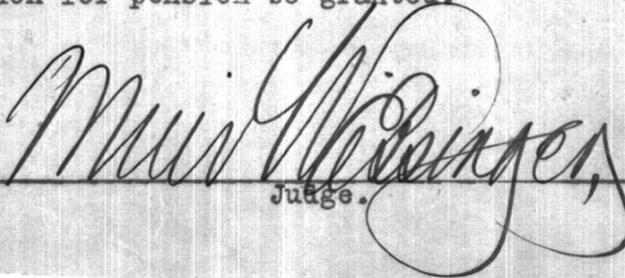
Mrs. Elizabeth Napier, 909 Canal St., Louisville, Ky., Witness

Chas. P. Johnson, 206 Ky. Title Building, Louisville, Ky., Witness

testified that the applicant is the widow of Isaac Duckwall, that she was living with him as his lawful wife at the time of his death, that she has resided in this Commonwealth continuously since January 1, 1907, that she is unable to earn a support by manual labor or otherwise, that she receives no pension from the United States or any Government, that she possesses no income or has no property whatever, that she has no agreement or contract with any one for her support that she is unable to earn a support by reason of combined partial ability or at all.

I find that the applicant has been a citizen and resident continuously since January 1, 1907, of Jefferson County and the State of Kentucky that she has no means of support of any kind and that the two lay witnesses are reputable witnesses entitled to credit.

I recommend that the application for pension be granted.


Judge.

Certificate No. 2096.
Mary J. Duckwall,
wid. Isaac Duckwall
Co. H, 9 Ky Inf.

January 8, 1920.

W. J. Stone,
Pension Commissioner,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

When I filed application for widow's Pension on account of my late husband, Isaac Duckwall's service in Co. H, 9 Ky Inf, which was allowed April 1, 1914, Certificate No. 2096, I filed in your office with said claim the Original Discharge of Isaac Duckwall, also my Marriage Certificate to said soldier.

I am required to produce said certificates at Jeffersonville Quartermasters Depot in order to get work as seamstress.

Will you therefore kindly send me my Marriage Certificate to Isaac Duckwall and also Discharge Certificate of Isaac Duckwall.

My residence and post office address is 2624 Duncan Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Yours truly, *Mary J. Duckwall*

Marriage license and original discharge of Isaac Duckwall returned to widow on January 9th, 1920.

W. J. Stone, Commissioner.

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Mar 18 - 1935

*We the following have
Rec'd. from J. Bolan the
amt opposite our names
H. C. Bolin 5.00 for Lumber
Nails & etc
Wallace Hamilton 5.00 for
making Coffin & Box
Harvey Bolin 5.00 for Team wages
& driver for hauling remains
15 miles to Cemetery.*

H. C. Bolin

Wallace Hamilton

Harvey Bolin

FLOYD ARNETT, PRESIDENT
C. K. STACY, CASHIER

Commercial Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$40,000.00

Cottle

WEST LIBERTY, KY.

May 14 - 1935

Confederate Pension Department

Frankfort 19

In regard to the Estate of Sarah Pack (Deceased)
I taken up the matter of the department paying
her burial expense which amounted to \$15.00
you promptly sent me a Voucher for
the money I went to a Notary Public and had
the Voucher executed and mailed it in
since I have heard nothing from it
I have paid out of my personal fund for
the cost and other expenses amounting to \$15.00
and have their receipts for same which I am
enclosing so please advise

Yours Very Truly

T. J. Elam Adm
for Sarah Pack

June 19th, 1935.

Mrs Ora E Brooks
734 S 24th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Brooks:

I have your communication of recent date in which you advise that your mother, Mrs. Mary J Duckwall has passed away.

I assume before that you can use the check it will be necessary for the Court to appoint an administrator of the estate. When that has been done, bond made to the court then the check can be endorsed by the Administrator.

If there is further service I can render do not hesitate in commanding me.

Very truly yours,

Edwin Huddleston
State Treasurer

Copy to the Pension Department

June, 20, 1935.

Mrs. Orie E. Brooks.
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Madam:

Your letter addressed to Hon. Elam Huddleston has been referred to this Department for reply; it will be necessary for you to have an Administrator appointed for your mother's estate, and send us a copy of the Order of the Court making the appointment. The check which you have may be endorsed by the Administrator and used as any other part of the estate,

In addition to this, there will be \$16.00 due Mrs. Duckwall's estate which is accrued pension from May the 1st to May 16th inclusive, and we will send the Administrator a voucher for this amount, ~~th~~

The State allows \$100 for burial expense, you should have the Undertaker send his bill to this Department, and we will send him a voucher and a check,

Very Truly,

FRANK A. ROPKE
THOS. A. BALLANTINE

ROPKE AND BALLANTINE
LAW OFFICES
KENTUCKY HOME LIFE BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

September 6, 1935.

Mr. Elam Huddleston,
State Treasurer,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir: In Re: Estate of Mary J. Duckwall

Mrs. Mary J. Duckwall, the widow of a deceased Confederate Veteran, died on the 17th of May, 1935, and at the time of her death she had a pension check for \$90.00 from the State of Kentucky, the same as she had been receiving for some time. Subsequently a check for \$16.00 was sent to Mrs. Duckwall, which covered the pension up to the date of her death.

These checks were received by Mrs. Ora E. Brooks, Mrs. Duckwall's daughter, and now Mrs. Brooks refuses to surrender these checks to the administrator of Mrs. Duckwall's estate upon the ground that Mrs. Duckwall is indebted to her for room and board. We have asked Mrs. Brooks to turn these over to the Administrator whom we represent, but she has failed and refused to do so, and accordingly we would appreciate it if you would stop payment on these checks, and advise us the proper manner in which we can secure duplicates.

Thanking you for your attention to this, we
are,

Yours very truly,

ROPKE & BALLANTINE,

By *Frank A. Ropke*

FAR:AVM ✓

LAW OFFICE OF
CHARLES P. SUTT
CITIZENS BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, Ky.

Sept. 7th. 1935

Hon. Elam Huddleston,
State Treasurer.
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated June 19th. 1935 addressed to Mrs. Ora E. Brooks, 734 S. 24th. St, this city regarding pension check No. 9744 payable to Mary J. Duckwall, has been referred to me for reply.

The administratrix, a sister of Mrs. Brooks, refuses to indorse this check and let Mrs. Brooks retain it, and Mrs. Brooks is unwilling to surrender the check to the administratrix for her use to go into her funds as administratrix because Mrs. Brooks contends the check represents board, lodging nursing, etc. furnished her mother, Mary J. Duckwall, already earned before her death, which according to an oral agreement between Mrs. Brooks and her mother, Mrs. Duckwall, she, Mrs. Brooks was entitled to in return for board, lodging and nursing furnished.

Please advise, if your office is willing to make out another check payable to Mrs. Brooks in like amount upon receipt of her affidavit setting out the above facts, and if so, I will have my client, Mrs. Brooks return the check she now has.

Awaiting your prompt reply with pleasure, I am

Yours very truly,

Charles P. Sutt

September, 12, 1935.

Mr. Frank A. Ropke.
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of September the 6th addressed to Hon. Elam Huddleston, State Treasurer in regard to the pension checks of Mary J. Duckwall, deceased has been referred to this office for reply; Mrs. Brooks if she is not the Administrator cannot endorse the checks which she holds, as the law states, an Administrator must be appointed and may endorse the checks and use them as any other part of the estate, if she is not the Administrator she could not legally do this. Ofcourse, these checks should be used to defray the debts of Mrs. Duckwall, so far as they will go, I inclose information as to how the checks may be collected.

Very Truly,

Comm

FRANK A. ROPKE
THOS. A. BALLANTINE

ROPKE AND BALLANTINE
LAW OFFICES
KENTUCKY HOME LIFE BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

September 13, 1935.

Mr. J. M. Lucas,
Commissioner of Confederate Pensions,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of September 12th in reply to mine of the 6th addressed to the State Treasurer regarding the pension checks of Mrs. Mary J. Duckwall, and I note carefully what you have to say.

Mrs. Brooks has possession of these checks, and refuses to turn them over to Mrs. Florence Schweiss, the Administratrix, and in turn Mrs. Schweiss refuses to endorse the checks so that Mrs. Brooks can collect them. If possible, we would like to have duplicate checks payable to Florence Schweiss, Administratrix of the estate of Mary J. Duckwall, deceased, and have payment stopped on the original checks.

I note that you state in your letter that you enclose information as to how the checks may be collected, but apparently through oversight this information was not enclosed.

Yours very truly,

FAR:AVM

Frank A. Ropke

September, 16, 1935.

Mr. Frank E Ropke.
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of September the 13th ~~received~~
received. I inclose the information which was left
out of my other letter. The Treasurer issues all
checks. and, I feel sure duplicates could not be
issued, as these checks have already been issued,
and as you will note in this information cannot be
collected, or endorsed by anyone but the Administrator
so, it would be useless for Mrs. Brooks to hold them,
it seems unfortunate that this family trouble should
occur over such a small amount,

Very Truly,

Comm.

FRANK A. ROPKE
THOS. A. BALLANTINE

ROPKE AND BALLANTINE
LAW OFFICES
KENTUCKY HOME LIFE BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

November 13, 1935.

Mr. John M. Lucas,
Commissioner,
Confederate Pension Board,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir: In Re: Estate of Mary J. Duckwall

Mrs. Florence L. Schweiss, administratrix of the estate of Mary J. Duckwall, has referred to us your letter of October 7th regarding the check for \$16.00 which was due her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Duckwall, and which she was under the impression had been sent to Mrs. Brooks.

In accordance with the suggestion contained in your letter we enclose herewith a copy of Mrs. Schweiss' qualification as administratrix, and will appreciate your forwarding this check to us or to Mrs. Schweiss at your convenience. We represent the administratrix of the estate.

Yours very truly,

ROPKE & BALLANTINE,

By *Frank A. Ropke*

FAR:AVM
enc

FRANK A. ROPKE
THOS. A. BALLANTINE

ROPKE AND BALLANTINE
LAW OFFICES
KENTUCKY HOME LIFE BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

November 21, 1935.

Mr. John M. Lucas,
Commissioner of
Confederate Pensions,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Lucas:

We enclose herewith the voucher properly
sworn to by Mrs. Schweiss, and will appreciate your
attending to this at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Frank A. Ropke

FAR:AVM
enc