

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

..... Todd ..... County.

..... Mrs. Georgia Ella Morris, ..... 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.) ..... Mrs. Georgia Ella Morris, Pembroke, R.F.D.#3, Christian county, Ky.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? ..... All my life--60 years.
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? ..... August 15, 1852, in Christian county, Ky. Georgia Ella Brown.
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.) ..... November 4, 1846 in Louisiana; George ~~Maxxx~~ Smith Morris; married in Christian county, Ky. July 15, 1869 by Rev. James Petrie.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? ..... Was in 4th Louisanna Battery, but do not know when or where.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? ..... Do not know.
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? ..... Do not know.
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? ..... Do not know.
10. When and where did your husband die? ..... January 5, 1908 near Pembroke, 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? ..... Forty-six acres of land, worth \$1,000; received \$200 in 1911 for my share of crops raised on land. Mortgage on the land for \$300 and D. H. King
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? ..... One grand-daughter.
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 W. P. Winfree; Hopkinsville, Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

..... 2nd day of May, ..... 1912.

..... Notary Public, Todd County, ..... County.

x Georgie Ella Morris

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

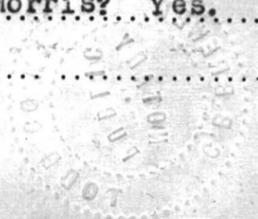
Todd County.

G. W. Lackey and Mrs. Alice Lackey

Christian

....., of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Georgia Ella Morris, 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? ..... Pembroke, Ky., and Pembroke, R.F.D. #3  
..... G. W. Lackey and Mrs. Alice Lackey.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. .... ~~Yes~~ Georgia Morris? Yes.  
If so, how long have you known her? ..... Twenty years and all her life.
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Near Pembroke,  
..... and resided in state all her life.
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? ..... Yes.
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? Mrs. Lackey was present, alho a child.
6. How long did you know him? ..... Twenty years and more.
7. When and where did ..... George S. Morris, ..... enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Do not know.
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? .....  
..... Neither witness knows anything of military record.
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? .....
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? .....
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? .....
12. Was ..... the husband of applicant, present? .....
13. If not present, where was he? .....
14. When and where did he leave his command? .....
- For what cause? .....
- By whose authority did he leave? .....
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) .....
15. When and where did .... George Smith Morris, ..... die?  
..... Near Pembroke, Ky. January 5, 1903.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? .....
- ..... Since his marriage in 1869 they believe.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of ... George S. Morris? 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?  
Forty-six acres of land, worth about \$1,000, but do not know personally  
what she receives, but am sure that it does not exceed \$200, according  
to the land.  
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.

Both witness was at the applicants home the day of her husband's death, and both state about the same; only G. W. Lackey was not at wedding, but knows she is his widow, and that she has not a sufficient income to live on comfortably. 2nd

day of May, 1912  
C. B. Brewer  
Notary Public, Todd County

Geo. W. Lackey  
Mrs. Alice Lackey  
Witnesses.

My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 1913

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. George E. Morris, the widow of Geo. S. Morris amounts to \$700 real estate and \$ nothing personal  
Walter Knight Trustee.  
For Christian County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Todd County.

I, C. B. Brewer, Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. Georgia Ella Morris, resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the 15th day of August, 1852, and that the witnesses, Mr. Dr. George W. Lackey and Mrs. Alice Lackey, 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 heretofore 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 2nd day of May, 1912.

(SEAL)

C. B. Brewer  
Notary Public, Todd County

My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 1913

- 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. 1805

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Georgia Ella Morris*

Filed *JUN 5 - 1912*

Widow of *Geo. S. Morris*

*Approved Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1913*  
*W. J. Stone Examiner*

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

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. GEORGIA E. MORRIS,  
widow of  
GEORGE S. MORRIS,

Who was a member of the  
4th Louisiana Battery of  
Light Artillery, and was  
surrendered and paroled  
May 1865 at Natchez, Miss.  
Proven by his comrades.

Property: \$1,000.00

W J Stone

I recommend that this  
claim be allowed.

*J. Handy Ellis*  
Adjutant General

Allowed by the State  
Pension Board.

*James B. McCreary*  
Chairman.

*Hermanville Miss  
Nov 2nd 1905*

*To Whom it may Concern  
This is to certify that  
Geo. S. Morris was a member  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> La Battery of Lt. Artillery  
And one of the best of soldiers  
from beginning to ending  
A. Cameron Capt  
Commanding 4<sup>th</sup> La Battery Lt. A*

To Pension Commissions:-- Please return this to  
the applicant, as she does not want to lose it,  
but I file it with application, thinking that it  
might be of some benefit.

Name Georgia E. Morris.

February, 1931.

VOUCHER

\$60.00

RETURN TO

JOHN M. LUCAS,

COMMISSIONER OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS  
FRANKFORT, KY.

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

1. This voucher may be executed before any officer authorized to administer an oath and having a seal.
2. In every case the pension certificate must be carefully compared with the voucher by the officer who executes it.
3. The officer will also see that post-office addresses are correctly inserted in the proper spaces in the voucher, particularly the address to which the check is to be mailed. He will also give his own postoffice address after his official title on the face of voucher.
4. The officer will be held strictly responsible for the correctness of his certificate of identity in every particular.
5. Vouchers must be returned to the pension Department, by February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, or November 1st, following the execution of the vouchers in order that checks may be paid promptly each quarter.

All acts involved in the execution or correction of vouchers must be performed in the presence of the officiating officer who must certify to the corrections over his own signature on the face of the voucher in the space indicated.

1. Signature by mark should appear thus  
his  
John X Doe  
mark
2. Street and number, P. O. box number, R. F. D. route, or "General Delivery" must appear in P. O. Address in case of residence within carrier delivery. "General Delivery" addresses will be accepted in such case only if no other address as above is available.
3. Jurat must be dated.





Given under my hand  
at my office in the city of Hop-  
kinsville, Ky., this 26 day of Aug 1913

No. 211  
as the same appears of record in my office in Orange Book, No. 3 Page,

of writing comprises a true and perfect copy of Orange & Brown  
for the aforesaid county and state, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument  
Clerk of the County Court within and

R. J. Jones  
STATE OF KENTUCKY,  
CHRISTIAN COUNTY,  
Sd

George S. Morris

and MARRIAGE LICENSE

George E. Brown

July 15 1913

Register of Marriages of

white persons No. 3

page 211

This License and Certificate must be re-  
turned to the Clerk of the Christian County  
Court immediately after solemnization of  
marriage.

State of Tennessee )  
 ) S.S.  
County of ~~Rock~~ Montgomery )

John Hermon, of the state and county aforesaid, being presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Georigia Ella Morris, of Pembroke, Ky., R.F.D.#3, for a pension under the Kentucky Confederate pension law, approved March II, 1912, after being duly sworn, ~~xxxxxxx~~ true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

What is your name and post-office address? J.H. Hermon,  
Clarksville, Tennessee.

When and where born? May 1837 in Christian County, Ky.

Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Morris? Yes

If so, long long have you known her? Ever since she was born

Were you acquainted with her husband, George S. Morris? Yes

How long did you know him? Known him since he was 7 years old.

When and where did George S. Morris enlist in the war between the states, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Tensas Parish, La. He was a member of the 4th Louisanna Battery. I was a member of the same Company.

Were you a member of the same company and regiment and the close of the war? Yes

How long did he perform military duty? About two years and a half

Were you with the command when it surrendered? Yes sir

Was George S. Morris present? Yes sir

If not where was he? He was present

When and where did he leave his command? At Keschi, Texas

For what cause? At the close of the War

By whose authority did he leave? By the officer in charge.

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly) I was a member of this Company and was with him during the war, was present when the Company disbanded and Geo. S. Morriss and I returned home together.

Did George S. Morris take the oath of alegiance? Is so when and where? Yes. in May 1865 at Natchez, Miss.

Do you know that the applicant, Mrs. Georgia Ella Morris is the widow of George S. Morris, and that she has remained un-married since her soldier husband's death? Yes sir.

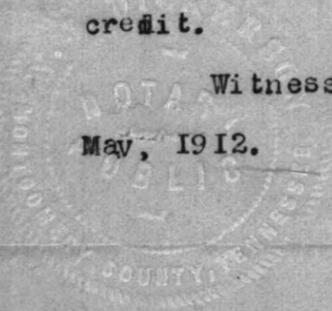
J. H. Harmon.

State of Tennessee )  
County of Montgomery ) S.S.

I, W.J. Dickerson, a Notary Public for the state and county aforesaid, hereby certify, that John Harmon, makes oath to the aforesaid statements, and I further certify that said Harmon is personally known to me, to be a citizen of veracity and standing in the community, and worthy of ~~my~~ belief, and that his statement is entitled to full faith and credit.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this, the 6 day of May, 1912.

W. J. Dickerson  
Notary Public



State of Kentucky

JUNE TERM,.....1912.

Christian County Court

JUNE 3rd.....1912.

The matter of the application of Georgie Ella Morris for a pension under the Confederate Pension Bill of Kentucky, having come on for hearing, and the County Attorney, John C. Duffy, Esquire, being present, and the Court having heard the evidence of W.P. Winfree 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 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 Pensions at Frankfort, Kentucky.

Walter Knight, Judge,

Christian County Court.

*Copy attest:*

*R. J. Stowe, Clerk*

*By N. E. Barnes, D.C.*

W. P. Winfree,  
Attorney-at-Law.

Hopkinsville, Ky. August 26th, 1913

Hon. W. J. Stone,  
Examiner of Confederate Pensions,  
Frankfort Ky.

Dear Captain Stone:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 25th inst in response to my letter of 22nd, and I find that you were ~~was~~ right in your suggestion that the original of Mrs. Georgia <sup>E</sup> Morris pension papers had been left in the county clerks office by C. B. Brewer the Notary who prepared her papers.

I am sending by this mail the original application ~~affidavits~~ affidavits of John Hermon, Dr. Geo W. Lackey, and statement of A. J. Cannon Captain of the 4th, Louisiana Battery and the order of Walter Knight County Judge of Christian County allowing the claim of Mrs Georgia E. Morris for pension dated June the 3rd 1912.

I renew my urgent request that you give your closest attention <sup>to this case</sup> on account of the deplorable condition of the applicant and thanking you in advance for your promptness in this matter. I remain,

Your Friend and Comrade.

W. P. Winfree

WPW/HWW

January, 21, 1931-

Mrs. J. Ben Wood,  
Elkton, Ky,

My dear Madam:

Your letter of January 15th informing us of the death of Mrs. Georgia E. Morris on January 12th has been received. There is due her estate \$48.00 being accrued pension from November 1st to January 12th 1931-inclusive, and I inclose information as to how this amount may be collected,

Very Truly,

Comm.

Copy Certificate of Death  
Registered No 55

Place of death

Todd Co. Fairview, Ky. Registration Dist. 1378  
Primary Reg. " 2119.

Full Name - Georgia E. Morris -

Female, white, widow. age 79 - Housekeeper  
Birthplace. Christian Co. Ky.

Parents - { Saylor Brown - ill - }  
                  { Lizzie Hopson - unknown } birthplace

Informant. George Morris - Ellettsville, Ky Route 1 -

medical certificate. Dr. O. C. Knight, Pembroke, Ky R. 3  
attended deceased. from Oct. 1920 to Jan. 1931 -  
Death occurred Jan 12, 1931 -

Cause - Myocarditis - Duration 3 yrs -

Contributory - age - Duration 2 yrs -

Undertaker - Walter. Hutton, Hopkinsville, Ky.  
Jan 13, 1931 -

Filed, Feb. 9, 31 - Lillian Hutton (Reg.)  
F.M.H.

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1931

Confederate Pension Department  
Dear Sir: -

I am writing you in regard to the death of Mrs. Georgia [redacted] widow of B. B. Morris [redacted] who died away Monday morning Jan 12<sup>th</sup> of heart drops of which she has been a sufferer since last July. Her place was Mr. Q. E. Wright of Fairview Ky.

Thanking you in advance for what help you may be able to give and just what to do in the case. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Respt.

Mrs. J. Ben Wood  
Rt 1 Elletts Ky.