

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Jefferson County.

Perdita R. Oliver 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.) *Perdita Ruth Oliver. I reside at 1340 Ruffer Ave., Louisville, Jefferson Co. Ky.*
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? *Since 1882.*
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? *Born in Meigs County, Kentucky, 1854. Maiden name was Perdita Ruth Porter.*
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.) *My husband Meredith Woodson Oliver born Anderson Co. Ky. Jan. 31st 1837. We were married in Evansville, Indiana, in December 1875 by Rev. J. W. Dasky.*
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *He enlisted in Franklin Parish, Louisiana, June 13th 1861, in a company known as the Franklin Sharpshooters. When the 8th Louisiana Volunteer Regiment was formed a week or so later, this Company became known as Co. B.*
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *Until captured by the Federals.*
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *I do not know.*
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? *No.*
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? *On March 25th 1864 he was wounded and captured in front of Petersburg, Va., and confined in prison until after Lee's surrender, at Ft. Lee, Md.*
10. When and where did your husband die? *Louisville, Ky., March 9th 1906.*
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? *I have a cottage which I occupy worth perhaps \$900⁰⁰. My income is not fixed and certain, but never exceeds \$125⁰⁰ a year.*
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *I live alone. I have two sons, both of whom are married.*

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. *Lloyd W. Gates, 41 Kenyon Bldg., Louisville Ky.*

I file herewith my husband's original discharge from the Federal Prison, and also my marriage license.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 21st day of May, 1914.
my commission will expire Jan 27-1914
Audrey M. H. J.
Notary Public Jefferson
Co. Ky. County.

Perdita R. Oliver



Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Jefferson County.

Hancock Taylor and Lloyd W. Gates, of said State and County, having been presented as witnesses in support of the application of Mrs. Perdita R. Oliver

for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, approved March 11, 1912, after being duly sworn, true answers to make to the following questions, depose and answer as follows:

1. What is your name and what is your postoffice address? Hancock Taylor, Walker Bldg., Louisville, Ky. Lloyd W. Gates, 41 Kenyon Bldg., Louisville, Ky.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Oliver? Both witnesses say Yes.
If so, how long have you known her? Mr. Taylor says since 1894 or '95; Mr. Gates says, all his life.
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Resides in Louisville, Ky. since witnesses have known her.
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Both witnesses say Yes.
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No.
6. How long did you know him? Mr. Gates says, all my life; Col. Hancock Taylor says since about 1890.
7. When and where did M. W. Oliver enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Col. Hancock Taylor says he does not know; Mr. Gates says he has always understood Mr. Oliver enlisted in 1861 in Co. C, 8 Louisiana Regiment.
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? ~~He~~ Mr. Gates says it was matter of common knowledge that Mr. Oliver served until captured in 1864; Col. Hancock Taylor says he does not know.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? We do not know.
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? We were not.
12. Was M. W. Oliver, the husband of applicant, present? He was not.
13. If not present, where was he? We have understood he was in Prison.
14. When and where did he leave his command? Col. Hancock Taylor says he does not know; Mr. Gates says he understood he was captured.
For what cause?
By whose authority did he leave?
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) Both witnesses say they knew of Mr. Oliver's service in the Confederate Army from his own lips and from general information current in the community.
15. When and where did M. W. Oliver die? In Louisville, Ky., March 9-1906.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? In Louisville, Ky. - Mr. Gates says since 1882; Mr. Hancock Taylor says since he first knew him about 1890.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of M. W. Oliver? Mr. Gates says he does know that applicant is lawful widow of M. W. Oliver; Col. Hancock Taylor says yes.

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? *Mr. Gates says Yes to both questions; Col Hancock Taylor says Yes to both questions.*

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge? *Mr. Gates says a small cottage, & no income except rent of two rooms of this cottage. Col Taylor says she has a small cottage. He does not know her income.*

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom? *Mr. Gates says None; Col Taylor says none that he knows of.*

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 *21st* day of *May* 191*2*. My commission will expire *Jan 27-1914*.
Andrew W. Mason
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Lloyd W. Gates
Hancock Taylor
Witnesses.

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

I, *Muir Weisinger* Judge of County Court *Jefferson* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Perdita R. Oliver* the widow of *Meredith W. Oliver* amounts to \$ *980.00* real estate and \$ *.....* personal *Muir Weisinger* Trustee.
For *.....* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Jefferson County.
I, *Andrew W. Mason* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Perdita R. Oliver* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *.....* day of *.....* 18*87*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *Lloyd W. Gates* and *Col Hancock Taylor* 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. *My commission will expire Jan 27-1914*

Witness my hand and official seal this *21* day of *May* 191*2*.
(SEAL) *Andrew W. Mason*
Notary Public Jefferson County Ky

- 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.

Oliver
No. 721819

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Rebecca R. Oliver*

Filed *AUG 1 - 1912*

Widow of *Maudeth A. Oliver*

Approved Dec 12 1912

W. J. Stone
1912 May 21
Examiner

Filed and Laid Over.
Attent C. S. Ray

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

*Approved by aty
C. H. Raym
Lexington Ky*

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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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 7, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that Meredith W. Oliver, private, Company E, 8th Louisiana Infantry, Confederate States Army, (Franklin Sharpshooters) enlisted June 19, 1861, and that he was captured March 25, 1865, near Petersburg, Virginia, and released June 29, 1865, at Point Lookout, Maryland, on taking the oath of allegiance to the United States.

Henry P. McCall
Adjutant General.

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Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. PURDITA R. OLIVER,
widow of
MERIDETH W. OLIVER,

Who enlisted June 19, 1861,
Company E, 8th Louisiana Inf'y.
and he was captured Mch. 25,
1865 and released June 29, 1865
at Pt. Lookout, Md. upon taking
the oath of allegiance.

Proven by the record and
oath filed with application.

Property: \$980.00.

I recommend that this
claim be allowed.

J. Handy Ellis
Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State
Pension Board.

James B. McCreary
Chairman.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Indiana, to-wit, Vanderburgh County, ss.

To All Who Shall See These Presents—Greeting:

KNOW YE, That any person empowered by Law to solemnize Marriage, is hereby authorized to join together as HUSBAND AND WIFE,

Meredith W. Oliver
—AND—
Purdita R. Parter

and for so doing, this shall be his sufficient authority.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Soren Sorenson,

Clerk of the Vanderburgh Circuit Court, hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of said Court, at Evansville,

this 21 day of December
A. D. 1875

S. Sorenson Clerk.

No. _____ W. _____

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Perdita R. Oliver

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband Meredith H. Oliver

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

and was a member of the "Faulkner
Sharpshooters" - which was
consolidated into the 8th La.
Vol. Reg. Company "C"

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

JEFFERSON COUNTY

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT

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

In Re application of Perdita R. Oliver , 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:

Mrs. Perdita R. Oliver, 1340 Rufer Ave., Louisville, Ky., Applicant,

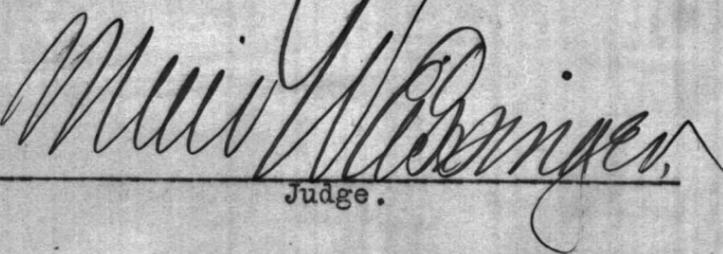
F. E. Long 837 Seventh St., Louisville, Kentucky, Witness

Mrs. Sarah L. Thacker, 2233 W. Madison St., Louisville, Ky. Witness

testified that the applicant is the widow of Meredith W. Oliver,
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 in any way, that she receives no pension from the United States or
any Government, that she possesses no income or has no property what-
ever, 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 contin-
uously 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.

Louisville, Ky, March 22. 1939

Miss Annie Belle Fogg
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Miss Fogg;-

Mr. Oliver reports that he has never received the refund of \$100.00 on his mother's funeral expenses, which he paid and sent a duplicate of same from the Funeral Home.

He told me that he had received the pension of \$120.00, but had not received the refund. I am afraid that the check has been lost Miss Fogg; You wrote me that the check for the pension would be mailed to Mr Oliver's ~~home~~ Mother's home and that the check for the refund would be mailed to Mr Oliver's home.; but to date he has not received same.

Miss Fogg will you please advise Mr Oliver when the check was mailed to him and all about it, and you can write me if it will not be too much trouble, this would be for my own information.

Thanking you and with best wishes, I am

Very respectfully

Pullie T. Duke

113 E Chestnut

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LAWRENCE S. GRAUMAN
COUNTY ATTORNEY

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY
JEFFERSON COUNTY KENTUCKY
LOUISVILLE, KY.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEYS
WM. T. McNALLY
STUART E. LAMPE

April 14, 1939.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Hon. Lee McClain, Adjutant General of Commonwealth of Kentucky,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

As the officer in charge of the Department of Confederate Pensions and Commissioner of Confederate Pensions, I am calling to your attention the situation which exists relative to a pension which has heretofore been paid to Ruth P. Oliver, deceased. I have learned from the inventory filed by Charles Oliver, Executor of the estate of Ruth P. Oliver, deceased, who died on January 26, 1939, that she left a personal estate amounting to \$46,727.45, and that in said inventory there is listed:

Accrued Confederate Pension Fund, - - - - - \$120.00
Claim for burial expenses in Confederate Pension Fund, - - - - - 100.00.

I note that under Section 415b-9 of the Kentucky Statutes that no persons shall be entitled to the benefit of the Acts who possess property of the value of \$2500.00, and that under Section 415b-18 of the Kentucky Statutes, once each year every pensioner must furnish a certificate showing that there has been no change in the financial condition which would render the pensioner ineligible to receive a pension.

By reason of the pensioner leaving an estate of \$46,724.45, it would appear that her estate was not entitled to be paid the accruing pension fund or the burial expenses and further, that past payments of pension made to her while she possessed an estate in excess of \$2500.00, should be recovered back from her estate.

I therefore suggest that you cause an investigation to be made of this matter immediately and let me know if I can be of further assistance to you.

Yours very truly,


Lawrence S. Grauman,
County Attorney.

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CC to Hon. Hubert Meredith, Attorney General,
Capitol Building,
Frankfort, Ky.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
FRANKFORT
April 18, 1939

Memorandum to Miss Anna Belle Fogg:

I am enclosing a letter from Hon.
Lawrence S. Grauman, County Attorney, Louisville, Ky.,
which is self-explanatory. I would suggest that you
indicate to him by letter that you have received this
communication.

G. L. McClain

G.L. McClain,
Brigadier General, Ky.N.G.
The Adjutant General

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April 21, 1939

Mr. Lawrence S. Grauman,
County Attorney,
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 14th, addressed to General McClain has been referred to me for reply.

The Confederate Pension Department has been placed under the Division of Accounts and Control, Department of Finance. I have charge of the work, and have been connected with the office since 1919. There was a pensioner, Mrs. Perdita R. Oliver, 1540 Rufer Ave., Louisville, Kentucky, who died January 26, 1939. Her son Charles Oliver was the Executor. His address is Kaslin Ave. I am, indeed, surprised to know that Mrs. Oliver left a personal estate of such value, and cannot understand the matter. I find the application of Mrs. Oliver was allowed and filed in this office December 12, 1912. The application was approved by Gov. Jas. B. McCreary, Gen. Tandy Ellis, and Captain W. J. Stone, Commissioner. Her pension was prepared by Andrew Sea, Jr., Attorney.

Mrs. Oliver stated she had been a resident of Louisville since 1882 and owned a small cottage, value about \$900.00, and had no fixed income, but income never exceeded \$125.00 per year. She lived alone. Col. Hancock Taylor and Mr. Lloyd W. Gates were given as the names of friends who had known her since 1890. Both testified as to her eligibility for a pension. Judge Muir Weissinger, County Judge, at that time, held the hearing on her pension in open court, July 18, 1912. He stated she had no income and assessed value of property was \$900.00.

I shall write the son for an explanation. This is the first time a matter like this has occurred since my connection with the Confederate Pension Department.

Very sincerely,

Annie Belle Fogg, Secretary,
Confederate Pensions

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Very sincerely,

Annie Belle Fogg, Secretary,
Confederate Pensions

Frankfort, Ky, ~~main~~
April 26, 1939

Davis, Boehl, Viss and ~~Morone~~
Lonsville, Ky

Gentlemen:

Your letter of April 26th relative to the estate of Mrs. Ruth P. Olive received. Section 413-b-9 of the Kentucky Statutes states no person shall be entitled to the benefit of the Act, who possesses property of the value of \$2500 or an income of more than \$250 per month. The law also states that once

a year as pensioners, should
furnish a ^{certificate} showing there had
been no change in the finan-
cial condition, which would
render the pensioner ineligible
to receive a pension. For the
last few years, we have not
required them to do this, as
the pensioners are so old and
feeble, it seemed to involve
hardship, and we felt sure
their incomes had not been
increased. Mrs. Oliver's case
is unusual, and I think
that, perhaps, being old and

in poor health, and never
having had ^{any} estate, or to
appear, she likely did not realize
that from April 1, 1938 to
the date of her death, Jan 2
26, 1939, she was drawing
a pension to which she was
not entitled. This is the first
case of the kind that has
ever occurred in this Depart-
ment. While Mrs. Oliver may
not have been able to grasp
the value of her estate, I am
sure her son did, as he
must have looked after her

business, as he was appointed
Administrator, and not only
asked for the pension due at her
death, but also for the burial
expense of \$100, which was paid
to him, as he stated he had paid
the funeral expenses. I should
think he would not have wanted
the publicity, adverse criticism
and reflection it casts on a Con-
federate pensioner, to say nothing
of it not being legal. Instead
of the State wronging the estate
of Mrs. Oliver the amount of
collected, it seems to me
there is a refund due the State

5 of about \$485 ~~due the State~~, which
represents ⁷³⁶ ~~penance~~ from April 1, 1938
to Jan 26, 1939, plus \$100 burial
expense. Mr. Grammann refer-
red the matter to the Attorney
General, and it might be well
for you to talk with General
Meredith, when you are in
Frankfurt.

Very Sincerely
Annie Belle Foye Sec
Confederate Pensioner

DAVIS BOEHL VISER AND MARCUS
(BLAKEY DAVIS AND LEWIS)

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Confederate Pension Department

April 26th, 1939

late in life was simply a windfall. You will also appreciate the fact that she died a short time after receiving it.

We trust that the above will satisfactorily explain this entire situation, but if there is any further information you want, we shall be only too glad to write you further, or the writer will, on his next trip to Frankfort, be glad to make a personal call and go into the full details of the matter.

Yours very truly,

Davis Boehl Viser & Marcus

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