

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

..... Ohio County.

..... Susan Elizabeth Whitescarver 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.)
Susan Elizabeth Whitescarver Kentucky Ohio Co Rochester 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?
Aug - 27 - 1848
Ohio Co Kentucky Susan Elizabeth Ambrose
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.)
March 21st 1843
married near Calhoun McLean Co Kentucky by M. M. Hunter
George William Whitescarver
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?
near Hartsville Tennessee Aug 1862 Co D 9th Tenn Cal. Reg.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment?
Unknown
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender?
Unknown
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered?
Unknown
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 near Pomeroy Ohio
10. When and where did your husband die?
June - 30 - 1907 Ohio Co Kentucky
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?
Not anything
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family?
No
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.
Hiram Taylor Rochester Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the }
3rd day of July 1912 }
..... Roy Hays N.P.
of Butler County.
Term ends 1-17-1916

Susan Elizabeth Whitescarver

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Ohio County.
H. A. Taylor & J. P. Shrum of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Whitescarver 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? Susan Elizabeth Whitescarver

H. A. Taylor, Wagon, Ky. J. P. Shrum, Rochester, Ky.

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Whitescarver

If so, how long have you known her? 25 yrs and 30 yrs

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?

near Rochester Ky. Ever since I knew her

4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes

5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? No

6. How long did you know him? 25 yrs

7. When and where did enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?

Unknown

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? Unknown

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?

Unknown

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No

12. Was George William Whitescarver, the husband of applicant, present?

Unknown

13. If not present, where was he?

14. When and where did he leave his command? Unknown

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 William Whitescarver die?

Ohio Co Ky June-30-1907

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?

Ohio Co Ky Since my acquaintance with him

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of George William Whitescarver

Yes

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.

Ms. Whitecomer

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No.

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Susan E. Whitecomer*

Filed *OCT. 17. 1912*

Widow of *Geo. J. Whitecomer*

*Susan Elizabeth Whitecomer
Co-Confederate Claims
Commonwealth of Kentucky*

*Filed Aug 2-1912
W. D. Phillips, clk
By J. A. Warner, Secy*

*Approved Mar 12th 1913
W. J. Stone Examiner.*

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

Jno. B. Gibson

VOUCHER

I, _____ Make oath that I am the identical person named in pension Certificate No. _____, dated _____, 19____, in my possession and now exhibited; that I come within the law upon which said certificate was issued; that I am entitled to and hereby make claim for the payment of THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$36.00) pension now due, at the rate of twelve dollars per month, from AUGUST 1, 1926, to NOVEMBER 1, 1926.

and that my post-office address to which I desire the check in payment mailed is as follows:

Pensioner's signature must be written here in full as name appears in the head of this voucher
 Street and No. or R. F. D. route.
 Post-office.
 State.

State of Kentucky, County of _____, ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 1926, and I certify that the pensioner, above named, has this day exhibited to me his pension certificate, above described, and was fully identified as the pensioner named herein.

Magistrate's signature.
 Official character.
 Post-office address.

(IF ANY ERASURES OR ALTERATIONS APPEAR ON THIS VOUCHER, THE MAGISTRATE MUST CERTIFY ABOVE HIS SIGNATURE TO THE JURAT THAT THEY WERE MADE BEFORE ITS EXECUTION.)

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

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WASHINGTON.

Oct. 19, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner, Confederate Pension Department, Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records of this office show that George W. Whitescarver, private, Company D, 9th (Ward's) Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted August 27, 1862. On the muster roll of the company for November and December, 1862, last roll on file, he was reported present.

No later record of him has been found as of this organization.

The prisoner of war records show that one George W. Whitescarver, described as a member of Company D, 15th Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate States Army, was captured July 20, 1863, at Chester, Ohio, and that he was discharged June 13, 1865, on taking the oath of allegiance to the United States. The name George W. Whitescarver has not been found on the rolls of any company of the 15th Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate States Army, nor has any record been found to show any connection between the 9th and the 15th Regiments Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

[Signature]

The Adjutant General.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. SUAN E. WHITESCARVER
widow of
GEORGE W. WHITESCARVER

Who enlisted Aug. 27, 1862, Company D, 9th Tennessee Cav. Was captured July 20, 1863, in Ohio, and was released June 13, 1865, upon taking the oath of allegiance. Proven by the record.

Indigent.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

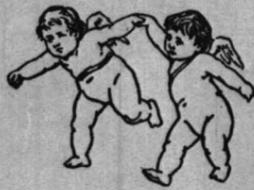
[Signature]

Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board.

[Signature]
Chairman.

Marriage



Certificate

This is to Certify: That on the 5th day of March, 1874, 191

the Rites of Marriage were legally solemnized by me between

George Wm. Whitescarver, and Miss. Susan E. Ambrose,

at Washington King's in the County of McLean,

in the presence of Winston H. Whitescarver, E. T. Shackelford.

NOTE—The Statute requires the names of at least two Witnesses to be inserted in the foregoing certificate.

(Signed)

M. M. Hunter, M. G.

A copy, attest: No. R. Priest, Clerk.

[Signature]

No. _____ W. _____

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER.

FRANKFORT, KY.

OCT 17 1912 191 _____

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Susan E. Whitescaver

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

claims that her husband Geo. Am. Whitescaver

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

and was Coar.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

State of Tennessee,
County of Sumner,

Personally appeared before me, Q. D. Moore, Clerk of the County Court of said County, within the County and State aforesaid, H. B. Hale, whose post office address is Gallatin, Tennessee, age is seventy years, after being sworn according to law, states as follows: That he personally knew George W. Whitescarver and knows that he served in the Confederate army Co. D, 9th Tenn., Cal. Reg. he enlisted as a private near Hartsville, Tenn in the year 1862, month of August; I further know that he was captured near Pomeroy, Ohio, while on duty.

Information of above fact are known by being messmate and comrade with aforesaid George W. Whitescarver. I never knew anything more of George W. Whitescarver after he was captured. I furthermore state that I am in no way related to George W. Whitescarver and not concerned in his widow's claim.

H B Hale

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Oct.

1912.

Q D Moore
Clerk,

Ohio County Court.

Regular October Term, October 7, 1912.

In the matter of
the application of Susan E. Whitescarver
for Confederate pension.

This cause coming on to be heard, the following
witnesses, after being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Witness W. B. Taylor:

Examined by John B. Wilson, Attorney.

Q. Where do you live, Judge Taylor?

A. I live near Williams Mines.

Q. What is your post office address?

A. McHenry.

Q. Your occupation?

A. Farmer.

Q. You were formerly judge of the Ohio County Court
were you not?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know the applicant, Susan E. Whitescarver?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known her?

A. I knew her before she was married.

Q. Do you know that she was the wife and is now
the widow of George W. Whitescarver?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How close did you live to her at any time in the last thirty years?

A. About half a mile I reckon or three-quarters.

Q. Please state to the court what property - real or personal - she has, if any?

A. I don't know of any personal property much. She has a dower interest in a little piece of land there, one-half interest.

Q. How many acres?

A. About 90.

Q. What is the whole farm worth, Judge?

A. Well I don't know, I would think \$300,000 would be a big price for it.

Q. For the whole thing?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Then she owns a dower in one-half of that?

A. Yes.

Q. What if any income has she?

A. None that I know of, only what she works for.

Q. State to the Court about her ability to labor for her support?

A. She isn't able to do much work.

Q. How old a woman does she appear to be?

A. She must be 60.

Q. Do you know that George W. Whitescarver is dead?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How do you know it?

A. I know where he was buried. I wasn't there when he was buried, but he was buried at my old home burying ground.

Q. About when did he die?

A. It has been four or five years ago.

Cross-examined by C. E. Smith,
County Attorney.

Q. Where does the applicant, Mrs. Whitescarver,
live?

A. She lives with her son part of the time near
Rochester in this county.

Q. How long has she lived in this County?

A. All of her life I suppose, her father lived
down there near where I was raised.

Q. Has she no property at all?

A. She has a dower interest in a little tract of
land there, half of it.

Q. Who is taking care of her?

A. She is living with her son and works out
occasionally, does some sewing, she is not able to work much.

Q. Does her son live on the farm in which she has
an interest?

A. No sir.

Q. Does he rent it?

A. No, he doesn't rent it.

Q. What is the value of that land?

A. I wouldntt give \$300.00 for all of it,

Q. And her interest in that is the only property
she has?

A. All that I know of.

Q. Has she any arrangement whereby any one should
take care of her for the use of that place?

A. Not that I know of.

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Q. Her son, with whom she lives, is amply able to take care of her, is he not?

A. He is in bad health, no sir.

Re-Direct Examination.

Q. What would be the fair rental value of the half of the farm you speak of in which she owns a dower or homestead?

A. It is not divided, not much difference in either half, not much.

Also the deposition of H. A. Taylor, taken at the same time and place and for the same purpose stated in the caption.

Witness being first duly sworn and examined by John B. Wilson, attorney for the applicant, deposes as follows:

Q. Mr. Taylor, give this young lady your post office address, name, age, residence and occupation?

A. Wysox is my post office, 43 years old, sort of a farmer, Ohio County, Kentucky.

Q. Do you know the applicant, Mrs. Susan E. Whitescarver?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known her?

A. Well about 25 or 30 years.

Q. Do you know her to have been the wife of and now the widow of George W. Whitescarver?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How do you know that?

A. She has always lived with him.

Q. Recognized him as her husband?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Is Mr. Whitescarver dead?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How do you know this?

A. I was there two or three hours after he died and was at his burying.

Q. Helped put him away?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How old a woman apparently is Mrs. Whitescarver?

A. I would say between 60 and 65.

Q. Tell the court about her ability to earn a support for herself?

A. She is a very frail looking lady, don't look like she would be able to support herself.

Q. What income has she?

A. None that I know of.

Q. What real and personal property does she own, if any?

A. I suppose she owns her dower in the little place there, I understand Mr. Whitescarver and his boy bought it together, has been my understanding.

Q. She would own a dower or homestead in one-half of that land?

A. I suppose so.

Q. How many acres in all?

A. 90.

Q. Then she would own a life estate in probably 45 acres?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What is that 45 acres worth?

A. Part of it is mighty low, flat ground and part of it is mighty poor hill ground.

Q. What would you think would be a fair value for the whole 90 acres?

A. \$350 or \$400.

Q. You mean \$350 or \$400 for the whole interest in it?

A. Yes.

Q. Then she would own a life estate in one-half of it which would be \$175 to \$200?

A. Yes.

Q. Has she any other income that you know of?

A. Oh no, no.

Cross-examined by C. E. Smith,
County Attorney

Q. What interest do you say she owns in this land?

A. I suppose it is just - the way I understood it, Mr. Whitescarver and his son bought the land together on the shares, is my understanding, on the halves.

Q. Her husband and her son own the land jointly?

A. That is the way I understood it.

Q. Who is supporting the applicant?

A. Well she lives with her son there, not on the place tho, on another place. He lives with his father-in-law, that is on his place - this year they are there and were last year.

Q. Is she in fact in absolute need?

A. I suppose so.

Q. Has no means at all of support?

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A. None except just living with her boy and he has got about all he can shoulder without supporting her.

Q. The use of the land wouldn't be worth her support?

A. I think not, nothing like it, no sir, no sir. Couldn't make a living on it at all hardly.

I hereby certify that the witnesses W. B. Taylor, and H. A. Taylor, are citizens and residents of Ohio County and testified as shown above concerning this claim; and that they are responsible, honorable men and worthy of belief on oath; and that the witnesses H. A. Taylor, J. P. Shrum whose names appear in the application as witnesses for the claimant are citizens and residents of this county and are worthy of belief on oath; also the witness Dr. S. S. McReynolds who is a citizen and resident of Rochester, Butler County, Ky., whom I am not personally acquainted with, but am reliably informed by good citizens that he is a physician in good standing and a man of high character. I further certify that from the evidence produced in this claim the claimant's application ought to be allowed.

R. M. Wedding
Judge Ohio County Court.