(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Warren *County.*

Belle B. Bemiss *of said State and County, desiring to avail herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, General Assembly, approved March 18, 1914, hereby submits her proofs, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follow:*

1. *What is your full name and where do you reside?* (Give State, County and Postoffice.) Mrs. Bell B. Bemiss, Bowling Green, Warren 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?* Jefferson County Ky. in September 7, 1857. Bell B. Williams

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.* (*A copy of the marriage license or affidavits of two or more persons who know when the applicant was married to her husband, must accompany the application*) Nelson Co. Ky, Born in Feby 12, 1844, James Darwin Bemiss, Married Gallatin Tenn, Rev Futhers

5. *When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?* Beginning of the War - Enlisted in Law - 9th Ky - Orphan Brigade

6. *How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment?* Beginning to the end.

7. *When and where did your husband's ...*

8. *Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered?* Yes -

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?* September 2?, 1928 - Died in Bowling Green, 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?* Home - Its Value is about $3500.

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* Mrs. T. J. Redman, 1450 Beech St. Louisville, Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 26 *day of* October, 1925

J. T. Kelley Notary Public

of Warren *County.*

Belle B. Bemiss

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

_____ *County.*

_____, *of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs.* _____ *for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, approved March* 18, 1914, *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?* _____

2. *Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs.* _____

If so, how long have you known her? _____

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

4. *Were you ever acquainted with her husband?* _____

5. *Were either or both of you present at the marriage?* _____

6. *How long did you know him?* _____

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?* _____

8. *Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war?* _____

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* _____ *die?* _____

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

17. *Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of* _____

18. *Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow?*.....

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19. *What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?*.....

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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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NOTE.—Let the witness who can answer the greatest number of 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.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this.....

day of .....192.....

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Witnesses.

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

I, ... *Judge of* .....*County, Kentucky,*

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs......

the widow of.....*amounts to* $ .....*real estate and*

$.....*personal*

.....*Trustee.*

For .....*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 wit-*

nesses, 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* .....192.....

(SEAL)

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.....*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. 4393

Widow's Indigent Pension

Name Belle B. Bemis

Filed

Widow of James Darwin Bemis

This application is rejected upon account of an excess of property

L. F. George Com.

allowed Jany 21, 1926

L. F. George, Com.

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

Received in this office Oct. 3 1st 1925.

L. F. George Com.

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Belle B. Bemiss, widow of J. D. Bemiss, who enlisted in 9th Ky. Cav. st Louisville in I86I- and served until the close of the war.

Proven by the records.

Property, $2000

L. T. George

Mrs B. B. Bemiss

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

This application of Mrs. B. B Bemiss is hereby rejected upon account of her possessing property to the amount of thirty-five hundred dollars, this October, 3Ist, I925-,

Very respectfully,

L. T. George

Com.

Marriage Certificate

STATE OF TENNESSEE, SUMNER COUNTY

This is to certify that the rites of Matrimony between
J. D. Bennis and *Bell B. Williams*
were solemnized by *G. N. Guthrie J.P.* *on the* *7th* *day*
of *Oct* *1885* *as the same appears of record in the*
office of the Clerk of the County Court of the aforesaid
County at Gallatin, Tennessee.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at office
this *22* *day of* *Oct* *1935*

Harvey L. Brown
CLERK SUMNER COUNTY COURT

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January, 5, I925.

Mrs. Bell B. Bemiss.
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Madam:

Your favor of January 2nd I926 received. Would say in reply; that your application for Confederate pension was rejected upon account of excess of property The pension law plainly says; that no applicant for pension who possesses property of the value of $2500 is eligible to a pension. I notice that you accuse Mrs. Redman of notifying this office of your property rights, I want to say that Mrs. Redman did nothing of the kind , the amount of your property rights was in your application $3500 which was sworn to by yourself, I would advise that you have your County Judge summon two reputable citizens and property holders to make affidavits in regard to your property rights and mail the same to this office,

Very truly,

L. D. Georges
Com.

October, 31, 1925.

Mrs. T. J. Redman,
1450-Brook St.k
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Madam:

The application of Mrs. Belle B. Remiss received. and it is with ~~considerable~~ regret that I am compelled to reject the claim of Mrs. Belle B. Remiss for a Confederate pension, as the Confederate pension law plainly says; that no person is eligible for a pension who possesse property of the value of $2500 and it is upon account of her excess of property that I am compelled to reject her application for pension,

Very respectfully,

L. F. George
Com.

Commissioner of Pensions
Certificate Pension

I mailed you papers
in case of the deceased
widows of the Pensioners
Age at Decease having
been omitting Judge
Drake told Safe to
write you. The papers
& in this hand discharge
papers mailed to Land
when the Pension Certificate
comes & Chief Clerk
in Frankfort Ky
to him Please send
I am Resp
Yours
Jno J. D Bennies

December, 23, 1925.

Mrs. J. D. Bemiss.
Bowling green, Kentucky.

MyuDeArtMadam:

Your letter of December 21st received. I find the Commissioner, Hon. J. T. George rejected your pension claim on October, 31st, 1925- for the reason that your application states that you have 3500 dollars worth of property, which is more than the pension law allowes an applicant, the pension law states in order to be eligible for a pension, the pensioner shall not possess more than $2500 worth of property. He informed Mrs. T. J. Redmon of Louisville, Kentucky of this fact as she was the one whose name is given to write to in regard to the matter, Col. George is spending the holidays in Mayfield,

Very truly,

12-25-1925

Commissioner of the Pension

Dear Sir

I received your letter this
a.m. stating that reporting of the Pension
of my husband J. L. Benfield. My name
and Residence Number of my
discharge I sent for address & then being
for warded by special Carrier
other I was pensioned at $ from
an old disease that run down
want of repairs (not able repair) & it
was not Caught in the Service Please

[illegible] I have one more case
to try on the docket Journal upon
which I had set the Pension I have 2 cases
pending out in my home which gives
me to on upon which I get
on my home I have time to cure
pending until [illegible] for this
statement I can have endorsed
by some one knows my self you
docket it

Signed J. P. Tiffany
Public Official
(Neighbors)

Very truly
Geo L & Burnis

Mrs Ida B. White.
Bowling Green Ky -a
Daughter of N. P. C.

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Young Men's Christian Association
Louisville, Kentucky

"A HOME FOR YOUNG MEN AWAY FROM HOME"

Dec 30th

Dear
Belle

You send me a wonderful Christmas greeting. and I want to say my feelings are hurt beyond expression

On the first You accuse me of something I know nothing about In regards to your financial condition I dont know any thing atall about it and never did. I have never received any communication from Frankfort. If you have gotten any communication from there I suppose the State has looked into your condition financially to see for themselves I didnt know you had given my name to the Pension Dept as I

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never had any information to that effect. And you had better look farther for the informant before you accuse me. who am innocent and even with knowledge of the whole affair Sure I sorry this came and fell sure you will shortly get the straight of it I feel that you owe me an apology. Mary R.

Lyndon Ky Dec 30th 1925

Col George Kind Friend

Wishing you a Happy New Year

Your old Confederate Friends

Robt M Graham and Wife

Write us once in a while

1-2-1926

Commissioner J. T. Gosa

I will enclose a letter from
the way Mrs T. J. Redmon has
moved & left and she could not
have done it so with 35-00 + I
will be glad to hear from you
should you regret Mrs J. D Bowen
(my deceased husband) should have
the money to pay his funeral & funeral
Notes & Insurances I have only an

engine from 2 cranes in my hire
worked at 10/- per month.
hoping you will look into
this matter & it will be
straightened I am Yrs

Bro

Bro J. & B. Burnie

I can give you any other reference
you want, by backing Statement

The affiant, E. B. Stout and Hubert DeVasier, state that they are each citizens and residents of Warren Co., Ky.; that the affiant, E. B. Stout, is a real estate agent of many years experience in Bowling Green, and that the affiant, Hubert DeVasier, is Sec't Treas. of the Potter-Matlock Trust Co; that they are acquainted with the James D. Bemiss house and lot, situated at 840 Broadway, Bowling Green, Ky. and they are acquainted with the value of property in that vicinity, and that they consider and believe that a reasonable cash valuexxx at a voluntary sale of said property would be 2300, or $2400.00.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 19 day of Jan., 1926.

E. B. Stout

H. J. DeVasier

Subscribed and sworn to by E. B. Stout and Hubert DeVasier, this the 19 day of Jan. 1926. My commission expires

Notary Public, Warren Co., Ky.

My commission expires July 7, 1929.

January, 20, 1926.

Mrs. Belle B. Bemiss.
Bowling Green, Kentucky.

My dear Madam:

The affidavits of E. B. Stout and Hubert Devasier in regard to your property rights has just been received, and, I have placed your name on the Confederate pension rolls of this date, You will receive your first voucher and pension certificate April, 15th, 1926-

Very respectfully,

L. F. Youngs
Com.