

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

..... Meade County.

..... Mary Ellen Ball

..... 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 follow:

1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.)
Mary Ellen Ball Andysville Meade County 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?
April 8th 1846, In Meade Co. Ky, Maiden name Mary Ellen Cochran
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.)
Oct. 20th 1838. In Henry Co. Tenn. Name James Ball. In Meade Co. Ky and William Cowley performed the marriage ceremony.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?
About Aug. 1st. 1861. Camp, Irons, Tenn. Co. "K" Reg. 20th Tenn. Infantry.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment?
one year
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender?
I dont know
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered?
I dont know
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?
I cant answer
10. When and where did your husband die?
Jan. 3rd. 1911. In Meade Co. 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?
Dower interest in about 55 Acres, land. No personal property. No income, land worth about \$50.00 that is the Dower interest
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.....
Henry B. Allen Andysville Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the }
 20th day of June 1912. }
 W. S. Ashcraft Notary
 Public of Meade County.

Notary Public, Meade County, Ky.
 My commission expires Jan. 12, 1914.

Witness to mark }
 Mary Ellen Ball }
 mark }
 M. Ball }

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Meade County.

John Ball of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mary Ellen Ball 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? John Ball
Ardyville Meade County Ky.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Mary Ellen Ball?
If so, how long have you known her? Since the year 1866, have known her.
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Meade County Ky., has been a resident since 1866.
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? Yes
6. How long did you know him? 65 yrs
7. When and where did James Ball enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Enlisted Aug. 14, 1861 at Camp Troun, Tenn. Co. "K" Reg. 20th Tenn. Infantry. I was with him at the time
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? Yes
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? one year
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? 1865, In North Carolina
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No
12. Was James Ball, the husband of applicant, present? No
13. If not present, where was he? In Meade County Ky.
14. When and where did he leave his command? about Aug. 1st 1862 at Vicksburg, Miss.
For what cause? Discharged because of gun shot wound, on Doctor's certificate being incapacitated for further service.
By whose authority did he leave? On authority of Army Surgeon.
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I was present with him at the time and know it to be a fact
15. When and where did James Ball die? Jan. 3rd, 1911, In Meade County Ky.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? In Meade County Ky. and had been a resident of Ky. about 46 yrs
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of James Ball? 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?
Lower interest in 55 acres, worth about \$5000, no personal property, no income, I know what land she has and its value, it is near my home, she lives near me

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.

J. A. Chism witness concurs in question + answers Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, and has known James Ball a resident of Ky. for 46 yrs.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *20th*

day of *June* 191*2*
W. D. Ashcraft
Notary Public, Meade County, Ky.
My commission expires Jan. 12, 1914.

John + Ball
J. A. + Chism
Witnesses to make
mark
Witnesses.

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

I, *W. A. Baskett* Judge of *Meade* County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Mary Ellen Ball* the widow of *James Ball* amounts to \$ *100.00* real estate and \$ *no* personal property

For *W. A. Baskett M.C.C.* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Meade County,

I, *W. D. Ashcraft* Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Mary Ellen Ball* resides in said county, and has been

a bona fide resident of this State since the *1st* day of *January* 19*12*, and that the wit-

nesses, Mr. *John Ball and J. A. Chism*

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 *20th* day of *June* 191*2*
W. D. Ashcraft

(SEAL)

Notary Public, Meade County, Ky.
My commission expires Jan. 12, 1914.

- 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.

1912 July 15th
Filed
Attest: W. W. Hagen, Clerk.

No. 1203

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mary Ellen Ball*

Filed *AUG 9 - 1912*

Widow of *James Ball*

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

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
AUG 12 1912
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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 13, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that James Ball, private, Company K, 20th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted July 20, 1861, and was discharged July 1 (date of discharge also shown as July 24), 1862. The records of prisoners of war show that he was captured December 3, 1863, at Goose Creek, Tennessee, and was released March 11, 1865, at Rock Island Barracks, Illinois, and the following remarks appear opposite his name: "Claims to have been discharged, has never taken oath, and should not be allowed to. He is mixed up with guerillas."

Henry P. Cain
Adjutant General.

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Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MARY E. BALL,

WIDOW OF JAMES BALL, who
enlisted July 22nd, 1861, Co.
K, 20th Tennessee Inf'y. and
he was discharged July 1, '62.

Proven by the record.

~~The record also shows that~~

Property: \$100.00

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I recommend that this
claim be allowed.

J. P. Sandell
Adjutant General.

Allowed by the State
Pension Board.

James B. McCreary
Chairman.

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. Mary Ellen Ball

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

claims that her husband James Ball

was a member of Company K Regiment 20th Tenn. C. S. A.,

and was Inf.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

State of Tennessee,
Sumner County.

Personally appeared before me,
J.M.Hodges, a notary public in and for said county
and state, T.G.Harris and J.A.Jackson who after
being duly sworn give the following answers
to the following questions:

We were with James Ball in the Confederate
army from about the 1st of August 1861 to Aug.
1862. We know that he was discharged from the army
at Vicksburg, Miss., on a physician's certificate
from having been disabled by a gunshot wound.

T.G.Harris

J.A.Jackson

State of Tennessee,
Sumner County.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this June 3, 1912.

J.M.Hodges
Notary Public.

MEADE COUNTY COURT

Aug 5th 1912

Mary Ellen Ball widow of James Ball Confederate Soldier
On Application for widow's indigent Pension

Finding of Facts by County Judge

This Application having been filed at the regular Term of the Meade County Court, at its July Term 1912. was by Order of Court laid over until a subsequent Term of said Court, for the Judge thereof to hear evidence in open Court as to Applicants citizenship, residence and means of support, and this Application coming on to be heard on the regular call of the Docket, and the County Attorney John D. Hardin being present in person and representing the Commonwealth, came the Applicant Mary Ellen Ball by her Attorney W.D. Ashcraft, and produced as witnesses in her behalf, John Ball of Andyville Meade County Ky. and H.T. Allen also of Andyville Meade County Ky. both of which witnesses I hereby certify to be reputable men and entitled to credit. And after hearing the testimony of said witnesses I find the following to be the facts:

That Applicant married James Ball prior to January 1st. 1890. that the Applicant is about 64. years old, and not able to perform any labor being absolutely helpless with a broken leg at the hip, that she has lived in this State and County all her life, and has no person to depend upon for support. That she owns land worth about \$150.00 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ which will rent for the sum of about Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) Has no contract with any one for her support, and is now a resident of Meade County Ky. and is still the widow of the Soldier James Ball, never having married again, and is in a helpless condition.

I recommend that a Pension be allowed her, as her claim is certainly meritorious, and I also hereby state that the above finding of facts, is the substance of the testimony of both the Witnesses H.T Allen and John Ball. Given under my hand this the 5th, day of August 1912.

W. A. Basket Judge
Meade County Court