

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

.....*Jefferson*..... County.

.....*Susan Jane Epperson*..... 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 Jane Epperson Kentucky Jefferson Co. Louisville Ky. 760. Back Street*
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? ... *born here one year*
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? ... *Boyle County Aug. 2nd 1841 Susan Jane Wigham*
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.) ... *William Epperson Logan County Ky Boyle County Ky by Rev. Backner*
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? ... *Lexington Ky Campbell Company W. Co. 6th Reg. Col. 1st*
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? ... *from 1862 until 1864*
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? ... *Mercer County Ky and died in prison Camp Douglas Ohio*
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? ... *he was captured in prison when his Company surrendered*
10. When and where did your husband die? ... *in Camp Douglas Ohio*
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 don't own any*
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? ... *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. ... *J. C. Davis Danville Ky*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the
6th day of *May* 191*2*
P. S. Ray Clerk
 of *Jefferson* County.

Susan Jane Epperson

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Boyer
J. W. Nighright and *J. F. Nield* County, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. *Susan Jane Epperson* 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? *J. W. Nighright, Danville, Ky.*
John F. Nield, Harrodsburg, Ky. P. O. No. 2
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. *Susan Jane Epperson*?
If so, how long have you known her? *All her life.*
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? *Louisville, Ky.*
All her life.
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? *About 15 years*
7. When and where did *William Epperson* enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? *Lexington, Ky.*
6th Kentucky, was present when enlisted.
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? *Same Regiment.*
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? *Until captured in 1863*
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? *Buffington's Island, July 19th 1863.*
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? *I was*
12. Was *William Epperson*, the husband of applicant, present?
No
13. If not present, where was he? *Captured before 19th day of July 1863*
14. When and where did he leave his command? *In Ohio Buffington's Island July 19-1863*
For what cause? *Captured*
By whose authority did he leave?
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) *I was with him and captured at same time and place.*
15. When and where did *William Epperson* die?
Camp Douglas about 1864
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?
Danville, Ky. All his life.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of *William Epperson*?
I do

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?

None

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?

None

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 *13* day of *May* 191*2*

J. B. Nicholas
Boyer County, Ky.

J. L. Hiquight
J. F. Neild

Witnesses.

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

I, *Muir Wessinger* Judge of *Jefferson* County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Susan Jane Epperson* the widow of *Wm. R. Epperson* amounts to \$ *0* real estate and

No property personal
Edw. A. Barry, Assessor Jeff. Co. Ky.

Muir Wessinger Trustee.
County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Boyer County.

I, *J. B. Nicholas* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *J. L. Hiquight* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *1st* day of *May* *forty years* 19*72*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *J. F. Neild*

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 *20* day of *May* 191*2*

(SEAL)

J. B. Nicholas
Boyer 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. 623

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**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Susan J. Epherson*.....

Filed AUG 1 - 1912.....

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Widow of *Wm. R. Epherson*.....

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Approved Dec 5th 1912

W. J. Stone
Examiner

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

1912 May 27
Filed and Laid Over.

Attest C. S. Ray *clerk*



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
AUG -5 1941671
WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

1941671
WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, August 6, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that William R. Epperson, sergeant, Company D, 6th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted September 2, 1862, and that he was captured July 8, 1863, at Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and died June 2, 1864, at Camp Douglas, Illinois.

Henry P. McCain
Adjutant General.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. SUSAN J. EPPERSON,
widow of
WILLIAM EPPERSON.

Who enlisted Sept. 2nd, 1862 in Company D, 6th Kentucky Cav. and was captured July 8th, 1863, and died June 2nd, 1864 at Camp Douglass, Ill.

Proven by the record.

Indigent.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this claim be allowed.

J. P. Andy Ellis
Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board.

James P. McHenry
Chairman.

Bommer & Simms
Undertakers
Name *Susan Epperson*

VOUCHER

623

\$ *1.00*

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

In every case requiring the exhibition of the pension certificate and certification thereto, the officer should carefully compare it with the voucher. Vouchers may be executed in the United States before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If the officer be required by law to have and use a seal to authenticate his official acts, it must be affixed to his jurat.
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 post-office address after his official title on face of voucher.
The officer will be held strictly responsible for the correctness of his certificate of identity in every particular. This voucher may be executed before any officer authorized to administer an oath and having a seal.

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

1. Signatures by mark should appear in the space provided for the signature of the officiating officer. Example: John X Doe mark
2. Street and number, P. O. box number, R. F. D. route, or "General Delivery" should appear in P. O. Address in case of rest within carrier delivery. "General Delivery" address will be accepted in such case if no other address as above is available.
3. Jurat must be dated.

VOUCHER

Return this voucher for payment to
J. M. Lucas *B. F. Day*
Pension Commissioner,
Frankfort, Ky.

No. W

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER
FRANKFORT, KY.

AUG 1 - 1912 191

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. *Susannah Epperson*

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband *Wm R. Epperson*

was a member of Company *D* Regiment *6th Ky.* U. S. A.,

and was *Cor.*

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
.....
Examiner.

VOUCHER

I, Bommer & Simms ^{they are} make oath that I am ^S the identical person named in pension ^{voucher} Certificate No. _____, Dated _____, 1 _____, in ^{that} my possession and now exhibited; that ^{of underwriter} I performed the service and come within the law ^{as to indigency} upon which said ^{voucher} certificate was issued; that I am entitled to and hereby make claim for payment of one hundred DOLLARS \$ 100 pension now due, at the rate of twenty dollars per month, from _____ to _____

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

Street and No. or R. F. D. route.

Bommer & Simms by Lee Simms
Pensioner's signature must be written here in full as name appears in the head of this voucher
Harrodsburg Ky

Post-office.

If pensioner signs by mark or illegibly, two witnesses who write must sign here.

State.

State of Kentucky, County of Mercer, ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of September, 1933, 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 therein.

(L. S.)

O. L. Stagg
Magistrate's signature.
Notary Public
Official character Commission expires Jan. 7, 1934
Harrodsburg Ky
Post-office address.

(Seal must be above this line.)

(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.)

From _____ To _____

TO INSURE PAYMENT OF THIS VOUCHER ON THE 15TH OF NEXT MONTH IT MUST BE EXECUTED AND RETURNED BY THE 1ST.

Pensioner's Name Must Be Signed Here And Post-office Address Given As Above.

Name

Street and No. or R. F. D. Route.

Post-office.

State.

[Handwritten scribbles]

STATE OF KENTUCKY

JEFFERSON COUNTY

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT

At a County Court held on the 18th day of July, 1912,
In re application of Susan Jane Epperson, for Confederate Pension.
This matter being called for hearing and the Court hearing testimony
in open Court, the County Attorney being present, the testimony of
each witness is as follows:

Mrs. Susan Jane Epperson, 760 S Preston St., Louisville, Ky., Applicant

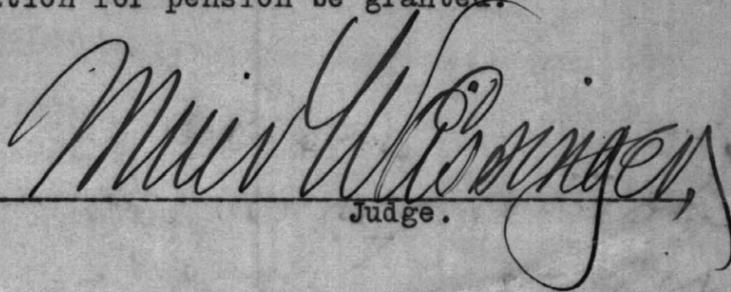
Luce M. Epperson, 760 S Preston St., Louisville, Ky., Witness

Dr. H. A. Davidson 1531 Hepburn Ave., Louisville, Ky., Witness

testified that the applicant is the widow of Wm. R. Epperson, 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 whatever,
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 continu-
ously 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 witness-
es are reputable witnesses, entitled to credit.

I recommend that the application for pension be granted.


Judge.

Certificate of Clerk of Court

State of Kentucky

Jefferson County

I, P. S. Ray, Clerk of the County Court in and for said County hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs Susan Jane Epperson resides in said County and has been a bona fide resident of this State all her life, that she is of trustworthy character and that her statements are entitled to full faith and credit.

And I do further certify that before answering the foregoing questions the applicant took the oath herein prescribed and the full text of the affidavit was read to the applicant before the same was signed and subscribed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 6th day of May 1912.

P. S. Ray Clerk.
Jefferson County Court, Kentucky.

(Copy)

Marriage Bond

Be it known, That we William Epperson as principal, and Jos. Wigham as surety are jointly and severally bound to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the sum of one hundred dollars.

The Condition of this Bond is as follows: That, whereas Marriage is intended to be solemnized between the above bound William Epperson and Susan J. Wigham Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, this bond shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated at Danville, County of Boyle, and State of Kentucky, this 6th day of November 1860

attest

Jas. F. Zimmerman C.B.C.

William Epperson
Jos. Wigham

deputy

att. J. P. Nicholas C.C.

Boyle County Court Clerk

OFFICE OF
CLERK JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT
LOUISVILLE, KY.

JOHN P. GRIEB
CLERK
HARRY W. RUSSELL
CHIEF DEPUTY

1933
July Seventeenth

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Confederate Pension Department
Frankfort, Ky.

Gentlemen:

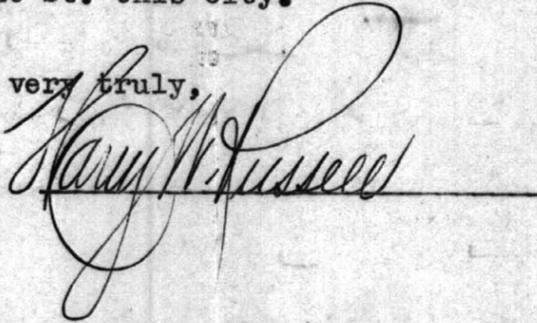
I am assisting Miss Lucy Epperson only child
of Susan J. Epperson who died June 18th 1933 .

Mrs. Susan J. Epperson held certificate No. 623
dated June 30th 1932 and received the usual "Blank Voucher".

I would be pleased to be informed what is necessary
to collect the proportional pension allowable, also any
allowance as to funeral expenses.

You can write me c/o this office or address
Miss Lucy Epperson at 759 Brent St. this city.

Yours very truly,



July, 19, 1933-

Mr. Harry W. Russell,
Deputy County Clerk,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of July 17th informing us of the death of Susan J. Epperson on June, 18th, has been received. There is due the estate of Mrs. Epperson \$48.00 being accrued pension, from May 1st to June, 18th inclusive, and I inclose information as to how this amount may be collected. The State allows \$100 for burial expenses, and the Undertaker should send his bill to this office, then a voucher and a check will be mailed direct to him,

Very Truly,

Comm

OFFICE TELEPHONE
WA ~~3548~~ 3548
SUITE 302 LOUISVILLE TRUST BLDG.
204 SOUTH FIFTH STREET

BEN. J. JOHNSON

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR AND GUARDIAN
FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY.
LOUISVILLE, KY.

RESIDENCE TELEPHONE
EAST 1969-J
1105 BAXTER AVE.

July 27th, 1933

J. M. Lucas, Esquire
Comm. of Confederate Pensions
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Sir:-

In Re: Susan J. Epperson, deceased.

Enclosed please find copy of my appointment
as administrator of the estate of Susan J. Epperson,
deceased.

I understand there is \$48.00 accrued pension
due this estate.

Trusting you will give this matter your usual
attention, I remain

Yours very truly



Ben. J. Johnson,
Admr. est. Susan J. Epperson, dec'd.

Aug 2 1893

Mr John M. Lucas

Dear Sir

I thought I write
you a few lines and
tell you that I have
sick ever since Mother
past away and was
not able to see the
Kardatetz about my
Bill and he had not

Louisville Ky

Sep 15 1934

Mr John M. Lucas

Dear Sir

I write to you to know
why my Mother Death
Claim has not been paid
as it has been a year the
18 June since she died and
the Undertaker Mr Sim at
Haradburg said that he
went to Frankfort and see
you and had it fix up
and as soon as you send
him the check he would
send me a receipt for
the burial expense so as
he never sent me any

receipt I thought that you
had not paid it know why
is it that the State did not
pay my Mother death claim
Mr Sumner Epperson they
have paid other people
since she died; I only child
of my Mother and have not had
any work for 4 years and
Mother and I live off the
pension and my little son
& could save when I work
and the last year I had
to care for her as she could
not go around by herself.
So know Mr Lucas I have
no work and no money to
finish paying the Bill
Charity have to help me
since my dear Mother died

sent it to me when
Mr Russell got the
word of what the
state would do
for his ~~great~~ expenses
so I see him as
soon as he get back
from the World fair
about the Bill

Respectfull
Luz Epperson

Now Will you be so kind
as to see for ~~me~~ why they
did not payed as if they
could have it and if not I
like for them to turn to it at once
I would come to see you long
ago if I had any money to
pay my way

Hoping to see you soon

Respectfull
Luz Epperson

My address 1009 Mary Street
Louisville
Ky

& the Daughter of
Susan L. Epperson

address

Danville Va

General Delivery

Send fully

September, 18, 1934.

Bruner and Simms.
Undertakers,
Harrodsburg, Ky.

Gentlemen:

We have a letter from Miss Lucy Epperson inquiring about the payment of her mother's funeral expenses. Our records show that we have never received a bill from you for the amount. We have a voucher filled out by Mr. Lee Simms, but this is not accompanied by a bill and could not be paid until a certified bill is presented. In fact, I think we should send you a new voucher, as this one is quite worn, we gave Miss Epperson this information some months ago, but supposed she failed to tell you about it.

Very Truly,

Comm

September 18, 1934.

Miss Lucy Epperson,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Madam:

Your letter of September the 15th received. The amount due the estate of your mother, Mrs. Susan J. Epperson was paid to the Administrator Mr. Ben J. Johnson in August, 1933, the reason the amount for burial has not been paid, is that the Undertakers have never sent in their bill. We have a voucher they filled out, but it was not accompanied by the bill, I think we gave you this information in Danville some months ago, however, we will write the Undertakers in Harrodsburg and ask that they send in a certified bill, then the amount may be paid,

Very Truly,

Comm.