

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Jefferson County.

Harriet M. Pettus 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.) Harriet M. Pettus  
Louisville Jefferson, Co. Kentucky (#9 Eastern Ave)

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? Allen Co. Ky. Jan. 23-1860.  
Harriet Elizabeth Mitchell

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) Lancaster Ky. 1844 Joseph Pettus.  
Louisville Ky. Rev. B. B. Tyler.

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?  
Company B. Sixth Kentucky Cavalry

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? \_\_\_\_\_

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? \_\_\_\_\_

Answers to 6-7-8-9 found in the note attached

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? \_\_\_\_\_

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? Louisville, Ky. Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 1925.

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? \$5.00 including  
personal property and household furnishings

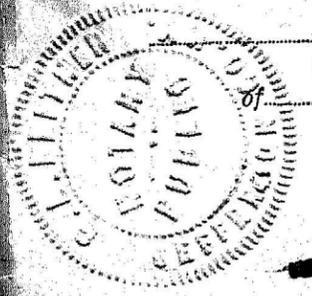
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? Three daughters  
Mrs. F. L. Speiden, Miss Gertrude and Miss Shirley  
Gill Pettus.

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 Capt. J. E. Abraham #2014 Bonnycastle Ave. Louisville Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of September, 1925

Mrs Harriet M. Pettus

G. L. Leitner  
Notary Public,  
of Jefferson County, Ky.  
My commission expires May, 15, 1926.



# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Jefferson County.)

Neville Bullitt 1223 S. First Street, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Harriet M. Pettus 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? Neville Bullitt  
1223 S. 1st Street
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Harriet M. Pettus - yes  
If so, how long have you known her? for a number of years, about 20 years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? No 9 Eastaven  
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? No
6. How long did you know him? for a number of years, about 30 years
7. When and where did Jos. Pettus enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Enlisted Sept. 1862  
at Lancaster Ky. Co B 6th Ky Cavalry, Morgan's command
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? from 1862 until war ended
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? He went with Genl Duke's  
Brigade and disbanded at Abbeville S. Carolina
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No
12. Was Jos. Pettus, the husband of applicant, present?  
yes.
13. If not present, where was he? volunteered as an escort to President  
Davis
14. When and where did he leave his command? Don't know  
For what cause? was disbanded  
By whose authority did he leave? because the war was ended  
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) because of Genl Jno H Morgan's  
command was disbanded
15. When and where did Jos Pettus die?  
He died August 11th 1925 at his home in Louisville
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? all his life
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Jos. Pettus  
yes 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? She has no property of my knowledge

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 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 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of September 1925  
G. L. Leitner  
Notary Public, Jefferson County, Ky.

Neville Bullitt  
J. E. Abraham  
Witnesses.

My commission expires May, 15, 1928.

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

I, Harry E. Truicher Judge of County Court of Jefferson County, Kentucky,  
hereby certify that no property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Harriett M. Pettus  
the widow of Joseph Pettus, dec'd; amounts to \$ that is no real estate and  
\$ no personal property Harry E. Truicher Trustee, Judge  
for County Court of Jefferson County, Ky.

### Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Jefferson County. }  
I, G. L. Leitner ~~Clerk~~ Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby  
certify that the applicant, Mrs. Harriett M. Pettus resides in said county, and has been  
a bona fide resident of this State since the all her life day of as per her affidavit attached, and that the wit-  
nesses, Mr. Neville Bullitt and J. E. Abraham  
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 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1925

(SEAL)

G. L. Leitner

Jefferson County, Ky.  
My commission expires May, 15, 1928.

- 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.

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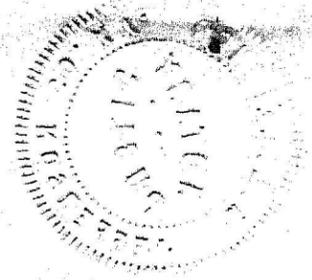
Widow's  
Indigent Pension

Name *Harriet M. Patton*

Filed *Nov 4, 1915*

Widow of *Joseph Patton*

*allowance Nov 4th 1915.  
S. A. George, Com.*



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

FILED  
SEP 23 1915  
COMM. *Patton*

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Harriet M. Pettus, widow of Joseph Pettus, who enlisted in Company "B" 6th Ky. Cavalry and served until the close of the war.

Proven by records.

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Joseph Pettus was born at Lancaster, Ky. in 1844, graduated at Center College, Danville, in 1862, and enlisted in the Confederate service in September, 1862, as a private in Company B, Sixth Kentucky Cavalry. He took part in the battle of Perryville, which soon followed, and in the rear guard fighting from Danville to Mt. Vernon; and accompanying his command into Tennessee as commissary sergeant of Company B, served at the battle of Murfreesboro, the raid around Lavergne, and the other operations of his regiment, which after the battle of Murfreesboro was transferred to General Duke's brigade, and followed Morgan's raid through Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, until captured at Cheshire, Ohio, on the day following the fight at Buffington Island. After this he was for a long time a prisoner of war, first at Camp Chase, but mainly at Camp Douglas, Chicago, until February 20, 1865, when he was sent to Richmond and exchanged. After a brief furlough, he joined a company of scouts organized at Lynchburg from Morgan's old command, about sixty men, commanded by Major McCreary, afterward governor of Kentucky, and became sergeant of the squad of fifteen commanded by Captain Charlton Morgan. They operated between Lynchburg and Lee's army until the surrender of the latter, and then moved with Duke's brigade to Charlotte, N.C., and on to Abbeville, S. C. The brigade was then disbanded and Sergeant Pettus volunteered for duty on the escort of President Davis, and served in that capacity from Charlotte to Woodstock, Ga., where on May 6, 1865, the escort received a communication from the President, thanking them for their services and releasing them from further duty. With the \$32 in Mexican silver which he had received from the treasury, Pettus then attempted to reach the Trans-Mississippi, but before gaining the river was informed of the surrender in that department.

*The above is copied from The Confederate Military History. Edited by Gen. Clement A. Evans, of Georgia. Vol. 9, page 499.*

*Mr Pettus served as chairman of the members' help committee of the George B. Eastin Camp - 803 U.C.V for over twenty years until his death Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1925*



**FRED. O. NUETZEL**  
CLERK, JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT

LOUISVILLE, KY. Novr 2nd 1925

State Confederate Pension Board  
Frankfort Ky.

Gentlemen;

Enclosed find original Application of HARRIET M. PETTUS for  
State Confederate Pension- together with the finding and recommendation  
of the Judge of this Court.

Very truly yours,

*Fred. O. Nuetzel*  
Clerk.

November, 4, 1925.

Col. J. E. Abraham.  
Louisville, Kentucky.

My dear Sir:

The application of Mrs. Harriet M. Pettus just  
received. And I have placed her name on the Confederate  
pension rolls, she will receive her first voucher and pen-  
sion Certificate about January 15th, 1926-

Very respectfully,

*J. G. George*  
Clerk.

November, 4, 1925.

Mrs. Harriet M. Pettus.  
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Madam:

Your application for pension has been received. and I have placed your name on the Confederate pension rolls as of November 3rd, 1925- You will receive your first voucher and pension Certificate about January 16th, 1926-

Very respectfully,

*A. G. George*  
*Com*

STATE OF KENTUCKY  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT

At a Court held for Court aforesaid on November 2nd 1925;

In matter of application for State Confederate Pension of HARRIET  
M. PETTUS widow of Joseph Pettus Co. "B" 6th Ky. Cavalry-

This matter coming on to be heard in open Court and the County  
Attorney of this County being present- and the Court hearing testimony  
herein- certifies the name and brief substance of testimony of applicant  
and each witness heard, is as follows;

Harriet M. Pettus	Applicant	Residence	#9 Eastover Ave. Louisville Ky
Neville Bullitt	Witness	"	1223 S. First St. " "
Georgia L. Leitner	Witness	"	3236 Virginia Ave. " "

each testified- that applicant is widow of a Confederate Soldier viz:  
of Joseph Pettus, and that she has resided in this State continuously  
since January 1st 1907 and has not removed from this State nor been ab-  
sent therefrom for a period of three months at a time- that she is unable  
to earn a support by manual labor or by reason of her knowledge, art or  
skill, in any profession, trade or craft- that she does not receive a  
pension from the United States Government or any State or foreign Govern-  
ment or from any other source- that she does not possess property of the  
value of \$2500.00- that she does not possess an income to the amount of  
\$300.00 a year or equivalent to said amount per year- that her support  
is not suitably provided for or secured by reason of any contract or  
agreement with any person able to provide said support- and she is not  
by reason of any combined or partial ability, to earn a support and in-  
come and property- or by any of said combined circumstances is she able  
to obtain an income equivalent to \$300.00 a year.

That applicant's only family is three daughters- one of whom is  
married- and the other two are unmarried and live with her and for the  
last two said applicant keeps house.

I find that applicant has been a citizen and resident continuously  
since January 1, 1907, of Jefferson County and the State of Kentucky, and  
she has no means of support of any kind, and that witnesses are reputable  
witnesses entitled to credit.

I recommend that the application for pension be granted.

*Harry E. Trichter* Judge

Nov 11th 1925.

Mrs Harriet Pettus.  
9th Eastern Ave.  
Louisville Kentucky.

My dear Madam.

Your favor of the 11th. received. would say in reply. that I wrote you on Nov 4th. giving the full status of the matter. under the Confederate Pension Law. I cannot allow your pay to begin. until your Application is properly prepared. and filed in this Office. I think this is a lame place in the Law. especially when it takes nearly two months for the Widow of a Veteran Pensioner to have her Application go through the red taps of the Pension Law. before it can be filed in the Pension Office. the pay of a Widow should on the day after the Death of her Veteran Husband. and I hope the next General Assembly of Kentucky. will pass an amendment to the Pension Law of that kind. I am sorry. but I have done the best I could for you. Very Respectfully.

*J. G. George*  
*Carr*

9 EASTOVER PARK  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

*April 27 1938*

*Dear Miss Fogg*  
*I was married on Oct 24 - 1877.*  
*very sincerely*  
*Harriet M. Pettus*