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Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

McCracken County.

Martha J. Russell of said State and County, desiring to avail herself of the pension allotted 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.) *Martha J. Russell, Russell, McCracken Co., 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? *Born 1848. Callaway County, Ky. June, 7th.*
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.) *Cyrus Wilson Russell was born in the State of Tenn. July 31st 1836. Kansas Town Co., Ky. Rev. Wm. Lewis*
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *Company C. Regiment 8th Ky Infantry. See original papers filed in pension office at Louisville, Ky.*
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *all the time of the war*
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *Captured at Selma Ala. see original application of Cyrus W. Russell now on file in office at Louisville, Ky.*
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company Regiment surrendered? *was captured at Selma Ala. see paper above referred to.*
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? *Captured at Selma Ala. and paroled at Montgomery Ala. see original paper in pension office.*
10. When and where did your husband die? *Died the 14th day of Oct. Paducah, McCracken Co. 1862*
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? *No property or income of any kind*
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *Have composed family composed of two girls and one boy*
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. *Mr. J. C. Finley, Paducah, Ky., 1005 Middle St.*

C. W. Russell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the *24* day of *Oct* 191*7*

Jas. W. Lang
of *County Judge* County.
McCracken County

Martha J. Russell

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

McCracken County.

E. C. Rudolph & J. E. Patten, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mar. Martha J. Russell 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? E. C. Rudolph, Paducah, Ky.
J. E. Patten Paducah Ky.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. yes - yes
If so, how long have you known her? about 7 or 8 years - over 40 years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Paducah Ky 10 or 15 years or all her life
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? yes - yes
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? no - no -
6. How long did you know him? since before the war - since then
7. When and where did Cyrus W. Russell enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Co. C, Regiment 8th Ky. Infantry, 1861 Patten - Rudolph does not know
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? no - no -
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? almost the entire war Patten & Rudolph
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Don't know - do not know Captured at Selma Ala. Rudolph
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? no - no -
12. Was Cyrus W. Russell, the husband of applicant, present? was captured at Selma Ala
13. If not present, where was he? see answer above
14. When and where did he leave his command? Selma Ala
For what cause? Captured - Rudolph.
By whose authority did he leave?
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) E. C. Rudolph, I was captured at Selma Ala and placed in prison. There in where I saw C. W. Russell, he was in prison with me and we were taken to Montgomery Ala and freed
15. When and where did C. W. Russell die? Paducah Ky. 1817
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Paducah, Ky. and a resident of this state since the war
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of C. W. Russell? yes - yes

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

yes - yes

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

No - no

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

No - 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.

J. E. Patten concurs in all answers given when he was captured

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of November 1917 by Geo. Y. Singleton Clerk by Nathan Overstreet A.C.

E. C. Rudolph J. E. Patten Witnesses.

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

I, James W. Sauer Judge of Meigs County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this county to Mrs. Martha J. Russell the widow of Cyrus W. Russell amounts to \$ 3000.00 real estate and \$ 000.00 personal. Jas. W. Sauer Judge. For Meigs County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Meigs County. I, Geo. Y. Singleton Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. Martha J. Russell resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the 15th day of November, 1867 and that the witnesses, Mr. E. C. Rudolph and J. E. Patten 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 1st day of November 1917 (SEAL) Geo. Y. Singleton - Clerk by Nathan Overstreet A.C. 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. 3790

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

DEC 14 1917

Name *Martha J. Russell*

Filed *1st day of November 1917*

Widow of *Cyrus H. Russell*

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Approved Jan. 25-1918

*W. J. Stone,
Commissioner*

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

State Of Kentucky,)
) sss.
County of McCracken)

Affiant Martha J. Dossett, states that she is personally acquainted with the said Martha J. Russell, widow of the said Cyrus W. Russell, deceased, and she has known them for the past fifty years or more.

Affiant further states that she was present at the marriage of the said Cyrus W. Russell and Martha Russell and that they were married at Kansas Graves County, *Ky.* and that the said Rev W. M. Lowe performed the wedding ceremony; that the said Marthas J. Russell has not married since the death of her husband Cyrus W. Russell.

Martha J. Dossett

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Martha J. Dossett, this the 3rd, day of November 1917.

James Raup

McCracken County Court.

In the matter of

Martha J. Russell

Applicant for pension under the act granting pensions to disabled and indigent confederate soldiers.

Be It remembered that on the 10 day of Decr 1917 at a regular court held in and for the county of McCracken and State of Kentucky, came Martha J. Russell the above named applicant, who introduced T. P. Phelps whose post office address is Paducah Ky and W. A. Elliot whose post office address is Paducah Ky as witness in her behalf, and the witnesses being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows, in substance:

That they are both personally acquainted with the applicant Martha J. Russell, and that they have both known her for the past 4 years, during all of which time she has been a citizen and a resident of the State of Kentucky; that the said Martha J. Russell is unable to earn a support by manual labor or by her knowledge of any art or skill in a profession; that she does not receive a pension from the United States, from any State, or from any foreign government that she does not possess an income of as much as three hundred dollars per year and that she has no property; ~~that his wife has no property~~ except her household goods; that her support is not provided for by reason of any contract with any one and that she is unable to earn a support or income of three hundred dollars per year by reason of the combined partial ability to earn money by manual labor, by her property, or by any other means.

I, James M. Lang, Judge of the McCracken County Court, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement in substance of the evidence given by the foregoing witnesses on the hearing of this application on the day and date first above mentioned, I further certify that both the above witnesses are personally known to me and that they are entitled to full faith and credit when sworn as witnesses. I have examined the papers in this case and I recommend that a pension be granted to the above applicant.

Given under my hand as Judge of the McCracken County court this the 10 day of Decr 1917.

James M. Lang
J.M.L.

January 10, 1918.

T. C. Fenley,
1005 Trimble St.,
Paducah, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

The application of Mrs. Martha J. Russell has just been reached for examination, and I find your name given as the friend to whom to write concerning it. I find there is nothing in or with this application to show when she was married to her husband.

Mrs. Martha J. Dossett has made an affidavit stating that she was present when Mrs. Russell was married to her husband, but does not tell when that was. A copy of the marriage license, or the affidavit of two or more persons who know when she was married to her husband must be filed with this application before any further steps can be taken with it.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

WJSC

State of Kentucky)
) sss.
County Graves County)

Affiant, Matilda Queisenberry, states that she is a resident of Graves County Kentucky, and that she is personally acquainted with the said Cyrus Wilson Russell and the his wife Martha J. Russell, and that she has known both of them since and previous to their marriage and that the said Cynus W. Russell and his wife Martha J? Russell, were married on the 12th, day of December 1886, at a small villiage known as Kansas Graves County Kentucky,

Affiant further states that the reason why she knows the date of their marriage is because she was ^{one} Mrs. Russell's friends who stood up with her during the performance of the ceremony, and that the said Rev. William Lowe, performed the ceremony.

*Witness this sig. this
The 19th Jan. 1918
A. E. Parrott.*

Matilda Queisenberry ^{her} ~~mark~~

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Mrs. Matilda Queisenberry, this the 19 day of January, 1918.

A. E. Parrott
Notary Public.



Notary Public, Graves County, Ky.
My commission expires Feb. 3rd, 1918.

State of Kentucky)
) sss.
County of McCracken)

Affiant, Mrs Martha J. Dossett, states that she is the same Martha J. Dossett, that she made an affidavit in regard to the marriage of the said, Mrs. Martha J. Russell to Cyrus Wilson Russell, but she failed to state the date of their marriage and she now desires to make a further affidavit in regard to the marriage of the said Martha J. Russell to her husband Cyrus Wilson Russell.

Affiant further says that she ^{was} present at the marriage of the said Martha J. Russell and Cyrus W. Russell, and that they were married on the 12th, day of December 1866, at a small village in the County of Graves by the name of Kansas, and that the ceremony was performed by the said Rev., William Lowe.

Martha J. Dossett

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Mrs Martha J. Dossett, this the 18th, day of January 1918.

James W. Long

MIDDLETON & CRAIG
ATTORNEYS

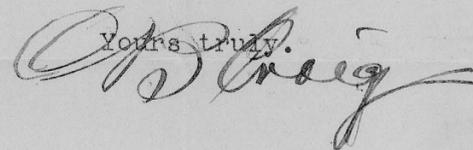
PADUCAH, KY.
January
23,
1918.

Capp W. J. Stone
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Ypu will find enclosed two affidavits, which you desire
in the matter of Mrs. Martha J. Russell pension. Trust that these
affidavits are satisfactory, if not let me know at once and I'll
try to furnish you the desired proof.

Yours truly,



Paducah, Kentucky
April
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1921

Captain W. J. Stone,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

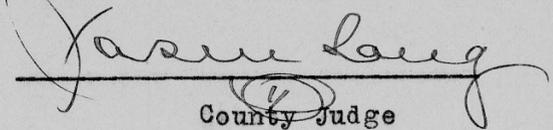
Dear Captain:

Mrs. Martha J. Russell died April 14th.

I am sending you her daughter's
certification as Administratrix of her estate.

The voucher went forward yesterday, in
accord with this.

Very truly,


County Judge

Mr. Parrish died since his voucher was
signed and went forward to you, or about the 19th.

I will have Administrator's certification
in this also, follow.