

(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

HOPKINS County.

Mary S. Rees

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.) Mary S. Jones Rees
Madisonville, Hopkins County, Kentucky
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? Christian County, Ky., Oct. 18, 1840.
Mary S. Jones
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) Trigg County, Ky., April 22, 1840. Aspasia E. Rees.
Married in Trigg County, Ky., Nov. 15, 1866, by Rev. John Street.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?
Company G, Eighth Kentucky Infantry. Enlisted in Trigg Co., Ky.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? About two years, until wounded and captured.
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? At Ft. Donaldson.
I do not recall the date.
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 wounded and taken prisoner at Ft. Donaldson, was kept in prison some eight or nine months thereafter, and when the Regiment surrendered he was at his home in Trigg County, Kentucky, badly crippled from his wounds.
10. When and where did your husband die? May 29, 1923, Madisonville, Hopkins County, 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? One house and lot in Madisonville, Kentucky, of the value of about \$2500.00, which is liable for debts against my husband's estate amounting to approximately \$2000.00.
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 L. E. Ruby, Madisonville, Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

27 day of December, 1923

Walter N. Cox

of Hopkins County.

Mary S. Rees

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

HOPKINS

County.

Thomas Jefferson Adams, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mary S. Rees 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? Thomas Jefferson Adams, Madisonville, Hopkins County, Kentucky.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Mary S. Rees? Yes
If so, how long have you known her? About twenty years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Madisonville, Hopkins County, 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? From early in the Civil War until his death.
7. When and where did Aspasia E. Rees enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Enlisted early in the war in Company G, Eighth Kentucky Infantry. I know this from personal acquaintance with him while in the army.
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? About six months and until wounded and taken prisoner at Ft. Donaldson.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Fort Donaldson
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No
12. Was Aspasia E. Rees, the husband of applicant, present? No
13. If not present, where was he? At his home in Trigg County, Ky., crippled from wounds received at Ft. Donaldson.
14. When and where did he leave his command? Ft. Donaldson
For what cause? Wounded in battle and taken prisoner.
By whose authority did he leave?
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) I knew him while in the army and afterwards kept in touch with members of his family.
15. When and where did Aspasia E. Rees die? Madisonville, Hopkins County, Ky., May 29, 1923.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Madisonville, Ky. All his life.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Aspasia E. Rees? 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?

One house and lot in Madisonville, Ky.

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. I have known Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rees for 30 years or more and know that Mr. A. E. Rees served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Mrs. Mary S. Rees, the applicant, is the widow of A. E. Rees and now resides in Madisonville, Ky. She has no income, the only property left her by Mr. Rees being a house and lot in Madisonville, occupied by them as a home, worth about \$2500.00, against which there are considerable debts.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20

day of December 1923

Sarah A. Hayes

Notary Public

My Commission Expires Jan 24 - 1926

Thomas J. Adams

Edward Thompson

Witnesses.

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

I, Edwin Young Judge of Hopkins County, Kentucky,

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

the widow of A. E. Rees amounts to \$ 1000 real estate and

\$ None personal Edwin Young Trustee

For County Judge Hopkins County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

HOPKINS County.

I, Sarah A. Hayes Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. Mary S. Rees resides in said county, and has been

a bona fide resident of this State since the all her life day of _____ 19____, and that the wit-

nesses, Mr. Thomas J. Adams and Edward Thompson

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 5th day of January 1924

(SEAL)

Sarah A. Hayes
Notary Public

Hopkins County

My Commission Expires Jan 24, 1926

- 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. 4285

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name Mary B Reed

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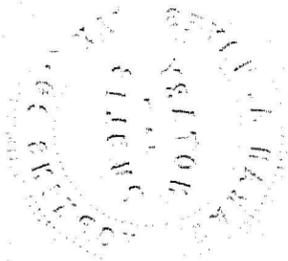
Samuel Reed

Widow of

Chas Reed

all Mar 8, 1924

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



CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Mary S. Rees, widow, of A.
E. Rees, who enlisted Sept. 26
1861 in Co. "G" 8th. Ky. Inf.
Was captured Feb. 16th. 1862
Imprisoned at Camp Morton Ind.
on account of a wound was
unfit for further military
duty. Proven by Comrades.

Indigent.

J. G. George

Com

MARRIAGE BOND.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

BE IT KNOWN, that we, A. E. Rees as principal, and F. J. Northington 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 A. E. Rees and Miss Mollie Jones.

Now, if there is no legal cause to obstruct said marriage, this bond shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated at Cadiz, Trigg County, this 12th day of November, 1866.

Attest:

A. E. REES

C. C. HOOKS, Clerk
Trigg County Court.

F. P. NORTHINGTON

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I certify that the rites of Marriage are to be solemnized at Davenport Jones' in Trigg County, Ky., on the 15th day of Nov. 1866, between Miss Mollie Jones, aged 23 years, born in Christian County, Ky., of parents born in the United States, and myself, A. E. Rees, aged 25 years, born in Trigg County, Ky., of parents born in the United States.

Given under my hand, this 12th day of Nov. 1866.

Attest:

C. C. HOOKS, Clerk.

A. E. REES

State of Kentucky)
) Sct.
County of Trigg)

I, Geo. I. Brandon, Clerk of the County Court, within and for the aforesaid County and State, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, complete and correct copy of the Marriage Record of A. E. Rees and Mollie Jones, the original of which now appears of record in Marriage

Bond Book No. 5, page 407, records of the Trigg County Court,
now in my said office.

GIVEN under my hand and Seal of office, this Twenty Fifth
day of December, Nineteen Hundred Twenty Three.



G. S. Brandon
Clerk Trigg County Court, Kentucky.

By *D. C. Brundage, Jr.*

LAW OFFICES OF
GORDON & GORDON & MOORE
THE KENTUCKY BANK & TRUST BUILDING
MADISONVILLE, KENTUCKY

WILLIAM L. GORDON
JOHN FLEMING GORDON
MAURICE K. GORDON
VIRGIL V. MOORE
FRANK P. SCOTT
NEVILLE MOORE

Jan. 5, 1924.

Commissioner of Pensions,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

Application of Mrs. Mary (Mollie) S. Rees,
widow of Aspasia E. Rees, deceased,
for Widow's Indigent Pension.

Herein we are handing you the application of Mrs. Mary S. Rees for a pension under the Confederate Pensions Act, together with a certificate of the County Court Clerk of Trigg County, Kentucky, as to the issue of license and date of marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Rees.

Mrs. Rees is now eighty-three years old and is the only remaining member of the family. She has no income of any kind; the only property she has being a small home in this city inherited from her husband, against which there are debts aggregating some two thousand dollars.

You will note that the affidavit of only one witness, Mr. Thomas J. Adams, appears in the application. So far as we have been able to learn, Mr. Adams is the only Confederate Veteran in this community who knew Mr. Rees during the Civil War.

In view of the circumstances in which Mrs. Rees is left since the death of her husband, we trust that the requirement as to two witnesses may be waived and that you will be able to promptly secure the granting of this application.

We wish to add that we are making no charge whatever against Mrs. Rees for our assistance in preparing this application, our services being rendered solely out of friendship for her and a desire to be of assistance to one left in the circumstances in which she is placed.

Yours truly,

Gordon & Gordon & Moore

FPS

The records required by your office, we presume,
are already complete from papers filed by Mr. Rees
during his lifetime.

G. & G. & M.



OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

J. T. GEORGE, COMMISSIONER

May 7, 1924
Hon. Judge M. S. E. Rudy, Madisonville, Ky

My Dear Sir: The application of Mrs. Mary, S. Reer, widow of A. S. Reer, has been received and I am returning same to you. The application should be filed in the County Court where the claimant resides or at before any regular term of said Court. and lay over until a subsequent regular term of said Court. I am enclosing copy of the Law with section marked, I allowed this claim before I noticed that it had not lay over. The time required by Law I shall allow this claim and you will please return as soon as possible, as her pay cannot begin until the application is returned. The duplicate application must be filed and remain on file in the County Clerk's office.

HOPKINS COUNTY COURT

March Term 1924.

In the Matter of
Application for Pension
of Mary S. Rees, Widow of
Aspasia E. Rees.

This day this cause coming on for hearing before Edward L. Young, Judge of the Hopkins County Court, and it appearing to the court that the application for pension of Mary S. Rees was filed in this court on the 4th day of February, 1924, being a regular term of said court, and laid over until the present term hereof, when there appeared Walton Cox and Preston B. Ross and testified in open court as to the applicant's citizenship, residence and means of support, at which hearing the County Attorney, Charles G. Franklin, was present and represented the Commonwealth. From the evidence heard, the Court finds that said Mary S. Rees was married to Aspasia E. Rees prior to January 1, 1890, and was living with the said Aspasia E. Rees at the time of his death, May 29, 1923, and is now his widow; that she is 83 years of age and has no income of any kind and no means of support; that the only property or estate left to her by Aspasia E. Rees, deceased, is a small home in Madisonville, Kentucky, in which the equity of said Mary S. Rees would not amount to more than \$500.00


Judge of the Hopkins County Court.

a copy attested:
O. L. McGregor
Clerk Hopkins County Court

STATEMENT OF P. B. ROSS

My name is Preston B. Ross; I have lived in Madisonville, Ky. practically all my life; I am Vice President of The Kentucky Bank & Trust Company, of Madisonville, Ky. I have known Mrs. Mary S. Rees for twenty-five or thirty years and knew her husband, Aspasia E. Rees, who died in May of last year, 1923. She is now his widow and lives here in Madisonville. I do not know her exact age but she is very old. The only property left her by her husband was the house and lot here in Madisonville where she now resides. This property would not in my opinion sell for more than \$2500.00 or \$3000.00. There are considerable debts outstanding against Mr. Rees' estate and if the estate were wound up and these debts paid, Mrs. Rees' equity would in my opinion amount to considerably less than \$1000.00. She has no income of any kind and no means of support.

STATEMENT OF WALTON H. COX

My name is Walton H. Cox: I am twenty-eight years of age and have lived in Hopkins County, Kentucky, all my life. I am now City Clerk of the City of Madisonville, Ky. I have known Mrs. Mary S. Rees for ten years or more. She was the wife of Aspasia E. Rees who died in May, 1923. They had lived in Madisonville, Ky. for many years. I do not know of course the date of their marriage, the records show that they were married in the year 1866. Mary S. Rees is now the widow of Aspasia E. Rees, resides in Madisonville, Ky. and is eighty-three years of age. She has no income from any source and no means of support. The only property left to her by her husband was a house and lot in Madisonville which she now occupies as a home. I am reasonably well acquainted with real estate values in the City of Madisonville and in my opinion the house and lot left by Mr. Rees to his widow would not sell for exceeding \$2500.00. I am informed that there are claims against the estate of Mr. Rees aggregating some \$2000.00 or more.