(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Edmonson County.

Mrs Eliza France 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.) Eliza France of Chaumont P.O. Edmonson County, State of Kentucky

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? all my life, for 74 years

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Eliza Martin born in Hart County Kentucky January 19th 1846

4. When and where was your husband born—state his full name, and when 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.) Matthew France was born in Overton County Tennessee was married in Glasgow, Barren County was married August the 22nd 1868, Rev. Preacher Harrison.

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? In Tennessee in 1862 Co F, 13th Reg. Tennessee Cav.

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? Three years

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

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

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? near Chaumont, Ky. May 20th 1920

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? about one thousand dollars

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? yes, myself and my husbands sister

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 James Martin Chaumont P.O. Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 10th day of June, 1920

O. S. Shackelford, Notary Public of Edmonson County. Ky.

my com expires Feb 4th 1922.

Eliza France

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Edmonson *County.*

J S France, *of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs.* Eliza France *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. S. France, of Arthur, Kentucky

2. *Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs.* Eliza France

If so, how long have you known her? yes, I have known her for thirty nine years

3. *Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?* near Chaumont - Ky all his life or nearly so.

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?* 39 years

7. *When and where did* ~~I do not know~~ Matthew France *enlist in the war between the* ~~I do not know~~ *States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?* I do not know

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?* 3 years

10. *When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?*

11. *Were you with the command when it surrendered?* no.

12. *Was* Matthew France, *the husband of applicant, present?* yes

13. *If not present, where was he?*

14. *When and where did he leave his command?*

For what cause?

By whose authority did he leave?

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly) I have always heard him say so and I saw his discharge and it is my recollection that this is correct

15. *When and where did* Matthew France *die?* near Chaumont on May the 20th 1920

16. *Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?* he resided near Chaumont Edmonson County Kentucky, has been a resident of Kentucky every since 1866

17. *Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of* Matthew France. yes.

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

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

I suppose about one thousand dollars I stat this because I live in a few miles of her and am very well acquainted with the property

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.

A. O. Jones of Mammoth Cave Ky say, I has known the applicant for about thirty years and he knows the applicant has not remarried since the death of Matthew Frances.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 *day of* June, 1920.

My com. exp. Feb. 4th 1922. O. P. Shackelford *Notary Public*

G. S. France

A. O. Jones. *Witnesses.*

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

I, G W Lindsey *Judge of* Edmonson *County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs.* Eliza France *the widow of* Matthew France *amounts to $* ~~$1000.00~~ *real estate and $* ~~$800.00~~ *personal.*

G W Lindsey, *Trustee.*

For Edmonson *County, Ky.*

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Edmonson *County.*

I, O P Shackelford *Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs.* Eliza France *resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the* 1st *day of* Jan, 1890 *and that the witnesses, Mr.* G. S. France and A. O. Jones *are of trustworthy character, and that their statements are entitled to full faith and credit.*

I can't say how long I lived but I have known them that long or longer

I do further certify that before answering the foregoing questions, the applicant and said witnesses 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 10 *day of* June, 1920.

(SEAL) My com. expires Feb. 4th 1922.

O. P. Shackelford

Notary Public, Edmonson County. Ky.

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. 4011

Widow's Indigent Pension

Name ELIZA FRANCE

Filed AUG 18 1920

Widow of MATTHEW FRANCE

3/13

Allowed

Oct 15-1930

Wm. G. Lhram

Commissioner.

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

Filed in Open Court
June Term 1920
Hopkinsville Court

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

ELIZA FRANCE
widow of
MATTHEW FRANCE

Who enlisted Sept.1,1864, in Co.F, 13th Tenn.Cav. There is record proof of service to Dec.31,1864; and he was surrendered and paroled May 9th, 1865, at Washington, Ga. Proven by the record and parole filed with application.

Property: $1500.00

Approved:

W J Stone.

Marriage License

No. 115

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

To Any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky,

Matthew France

and Louisa F Martin

Given under my hand, as Clerk of County Court of Barren County (or city), Kentucky, this 29 day of August 1869 ~~19~~.

J. P. McNabb Clerk.

By ..... D. C.

Marriage Certificate, Kentucky. In the Clerk's office of the County Court, for the County (or city) of .....

Date of Marriage ..... Place of Marriage .....

Full Names of Parties .....

and .....

Age of Husband ..... years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) .....

Age of Wife ..... years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) .....

Race: (white or colored) .....

Husband's Place of Birth ..... Residence .....

Wife's Place of Birth ..... Residence .....

Names of Parents of Husband .....

and .....

Names of Parents of Wife .....

and .....

Occupation of Husband .....

Given under my hand, this ..... day of ..... 19 .....

..... Clerk.

By ..... D. C.

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage

I, E. R. Harrison a .....

of the ..... Church,

or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 29 day of August 1869 ~~19~~,

at Glasgow Kentucky, under authority of the above license, I united in Marriage

Matthew France and Louisa F Martin

the persons named and described therein, in the presence of Henry Ganter Wm E Martin

and Miss Lou Deff.

I qualified and gave bond, according to law, authorizing me to celebrate the rites of Marriage in the County (or city) of ..... State of Kentucky.

Given under my hand, this 29 day of August 1869 ~~19~~

E. R. Harrison

Person Performing Ceremony, Sign Here.

NOTE.—The Statute requires the names of at least TWO witnesses to be inserted in the foregoing Certificate, and return of this license and certificate within 90 days to the County Court Clerk. If this license is not returned in 90 days the party performing the ceremony is liable to a fine of $50.

A copy attest H. D. Ralston clerk Barren county court

Edmonson County Court

Regular term July 5th 1920

Eliza France, widow of Mathew France,

To/ Application for Confederate pension

Edmonson County Court.

At the regular June Term of the Edmonson County Court, came Eliza France, widow of Confederate soldier Mathew France, and filed her application for widows indigent pension, said application being made in duplicate under oath substantially inform as prescribed by the Commissioner of pensions, said application was duly attested by J S France, of Arthur Ky, and A O Jones, of Mammoth Cave Ky., two reputable witnesses as to the identity of the applicant, the said application was duly filed in the Edmonson County Court which is the County where the claimant resides and the same was ordered to lay over until the regular July term of the said Court, at the July term thereof G W Lindsay, the judge thereof heard testimony in open court as to the applicants citizenship, residence, and means of support.
B T Rountree, County attorney for the said county was present and attended said hearing, the following witnesses were introduced., duly sworn and testified as follows:
J H Martin of Chaumont Ky. and J T Martin of Chaumont Ky. who each stated that they were over 21 years of age, reside near Chaumont Ky., and that they have personally known Eliza France all their lives and knows that she is the identiacl person she represents herself to be that they know that she owns real estate of the value of $1200.00 and personal property of the value of $300.00 and that she owns no other property of any kind and character and that she is on account of age and infirmaties unable to perform any kind of labor to earn

her support, that the applicant, Eliza France is a citizen and resident of Edmonson County Ky., and has been such citizen and resident for more than 30 years.

There being no further testimony introduced, I, G W Lindsay, the duly elected, qualified and acting judge of the Edmonson County Court, find, That the applicant, Eliza France is a citizen of Edmonson Count Ky., and resides in the same County and State and her P O address id Chaumont Ky., that she owns real estate of the value of $1200.00 and personal property of the value of $300.00 and no other property of any kind or character and that she is unable to perform any labor to earn a support or any part thereof, that the property she owns is not sufficient to support her, and I therefore recommend that her claim is just and meretorious and should be allowed.

Given under my hand as Judge of the Edmonson Couny Court this 5th day of July 1920.

Signed G W Lindsay Judge

Attest Porter B Spillman Clerk.

A copy attest Porter B Spillman C E C C.

Name Eliza France.

August, 1927

VOUCHER

$36.00

RETURN TO

J. T. GEORGE,

COMMISSIONER OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

FRANKFORT, KY.

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

1. This voucher may be executed before any officer authorized to administer an oath and having a seal.
2. In every case the pension certificate must be carefully compared with the voucher by the officer who executes it.
3. 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 postoffice address after his official title on the face of voucher.
4. The officer will be held strictly responsible for the correctness of his certificate of identity in every particular.
5. Vouchers must be returned to the pension Department, by February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, or November 1st, following the execution of the vouchers in order that checks may be paid promptly each quarter.

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

	1. Signature by mark should appear thus his John X Doe mark
	2. Street and number, P. O. box number, R. F. D. route, or "General Delivery" must appear in P. O. Address in case of residence within carrier delivery. "General Delivery" addresses will be accepted in such case only if no other address as above is available.
	3. Jurat must be dated.

VOUCHER

I, ...Make oath that I am the identical person named in pension Certificate No.....-, dated....., 1....., in my possession and now exhibited; that I come within the law upon which said certificate was issued; that I am entitled to and hereby make claim for the payment of THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS $36.00) pension now due, at the rate of twelve dollars per month, from MAY 1, 1927, to AUGUST 1, 1927.

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

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

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.....

Pensioner's signature must be written here in full as name appears in the head of this voucher

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

Post-office.

State.

State of Kentucky, County of.....*, ss.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....day of.....1927, 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 herein or her

(L. S.)

Magistrate's signature.

Official character.

Post-office address.

(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.)