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# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Balloway County.

Mary V. Johnson

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.)  
Mary V. Johnson Murray, Route 6, Balloway County Kentucky.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? All her life - 55 years
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Born in Graves County Ky in the year 1859. Maiden name was Mary V. James.
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.) He was born Feb. 14 1839 in Stewart County Tenn, John Ed Johnson, married in Balloway County - By Steve Weather. Marriage Records of County destroyed by fire.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? In 1861 at Ft. Donelson, Co. Elich Richards Capt Col Suggs Regiment.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? Don't know.
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Don't know.
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company Regiment surrendered? Was not
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? Was discharged by cause of disability, some time in 1862.
10. When and where did your husband die? Died in 1914, Jan. 15 in Balloway 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?  
About \$700.00
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? Yes - two boys
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. Burg Crawford or Luther Richardson or both.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

16 day of April 1914

H. C. Beach  
of Balloway County.

Mary V. Johnson



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?

Small amount

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

Not to our knowledge

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 25 day of May 1914 H. C. Brouch Clerk Callaway County Court

W. R. Brouch C. B. Fulton Witnesses.

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

I, J. A. Langston Judge of Callaway County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this county to Mrs. Mary V. Johnson the widow of J. P. Johnson amounts to \$ no tax real estate and \$ personal. J. A. Langston Judge. For Callaway County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Callaway County.

I, H. C. Brouch Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. Mary V. Johnson resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the day of 1859, and that the witnesses, Mr. W. R. Brouch and C. B. Fulton 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 25 day of May 1914

(SEAL)

H. C. Brouch Callaway 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. 3228

Widow's  
Indigent Pension

Name Mary T. Johnson

JUN 5 - 1914

Filed May 27<sup>th</sup> 1914

Widow of J. E. Johnson

- J. S. L.

Allowed Apr 15<sup>th</sup> 1915  
W. J. Stone,  
Commissioner

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

O. K. May 25<sup>th</sup> 1914

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

MRS. MARY V. JOHNSON  
WIDOW OF  
JOHN E. JOHNSON

Enlisted Nov. 10, 1861, in Co. F, 50th Tenn. Inf'y. and on his company roll for Jan. 27, 1864, an entry was made opposite his name showing that he escaped at the surrender of Ft. Donelson Feb. 16, 1862, and had not re-joined his command. Proven by the record.

Two affidavits were filed with John Ed. Johnson's application in which it was stated that he was disabled at Ft. Donelson for further service in the army, but there is no statement of what the disability was. It would seem that if he had been wounded or otherwise disabled at Ft. Donelson the officers of his company would not have reported him "absent and not returned" but would have made an entry showing why he was away from his command.

HELD FOR PROOF.

W J Stone

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

MARY V. JOHNSON  
WIDOW OF  
J. E. JOHNSON

Who enlisted Nov. 10, 1861, in Co. F, 50th Tenn. Inf'y. and there is record proof of service till February 16, 1862, when it is shown he escaped from Ft. Donelson, and his company roll for January 27, 1864, shows that up to that date, (a period of two years) he had not returned to his command. Two witnesses testify that for an injury received in some work in connection with the Forts at Ft. Donelson he was never able to return to the service after his escape from that place.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, August 12, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that John E. Johnson, private, Company F (not found as of Company H), 50th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army enlisted November 10, 1861, and on the company muster roll dated January 27, 1864, last on file, he was reported "Escaped at surrender Fort Donelson and not rejoined." No later record of him has been found.

Henry P. McCarri  
Adjutant General.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER  
FRANKFORT, KY.

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

Dear Sir:

*John Ed. Johnson*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company *A-50<sup>th</sup> Tenn.*

Regiment ..... C. S. A., and to have been

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*

Examiner.

November 8th, 1913.

Mr. John Ed. Johnson,  
R. F. D. #6,  
Murray, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 30th ult. relative to the status of your application for pension. Your application is on file here but has not been reached by the Pension Board for consideration. Upon examination of the proof filed with it, however, I find that you enlisted Nov. 10, 1861, in Company F, 50th Tennessee Infantry. The records at Washington, dated January 27th, 1864, shows that you escaped at surrender of Ft. Donelson and had not rejoined your command at that date. There is no proof of service after the battle of Ft. Donelson and none as to how you got out of the army. It will be necessary for you to establish a clear military record, which will have to be done by affidavits of your comrades, before the Board could grant you a pension under the law.

Yours truly,

Examiner.

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The Affiant, Margret W. Ellis. when sworn deposes and says,  
That she knows that John Ed. Johnson was returned to his home  
from the Battlefield of Fort Boleson, Tenn. wholly disabled for  
service, and so remained disabled caused by his service in the  
Confederate army, for a period of more than 3 years, and could  
not re-enlist in said army, This the 18th day of Nov. 1913.

Margaret W. Ellis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18th day of November 1913.

R. M. Guinn

Notary Public.

My Com. Exp. Nov. 18--1916.

Calloway County Court.

Mrs. Mary V. Johnson

Application for Pension.

The applicant and ~~two~~ witnesses all of good character and entitled  
to be believed, being before the court, duly sworn and intregated by the  
county attorney; The court doth find that the applicant Mary V. Johnson  
is a resident of Calloway County Kentucky, and is not able to labor  
for her support she owns <sup>dower in 53 acres</sup> of land valued at \$1000 and has an income  
of about \$60 per year tax list amounting to Personal property \$500.

This May 25 1914

L. A. Langston  
Judge of Calloway County Court

February 13th, 1914.

H. B. Barnett, Esq.,

Murray, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst. relative to the application for pension of John Ed. Johnson. I wrote him on November 6th the status of his application, and later he filed two affidavits, but his application has not been reached for re-examination since those two affidavits were filed. As soon as it has been I will notify you, and will endeavor to reach it at the earliest possible moment.

The overwhelming amount of business in this office renders it impossible for my assistant and myself cannot possibly keep up with this work, and the legislature seems disposed not to provide any more force for this office, consequently we cannot be criticised for these delays.

Replying to your further inquiry, in case where a soldier has been allowed a pension and died, or has not been allowed a pension and the proof brings him clearly within the pension law, that same proof as to his military record can be used in his widow's application. ~~And if attention is called to the fact that the widow's husband had been an applicant for pension, I will transfer the proof from his application to hers when it reaches here, thus making it unnecessary for the widow to do anything in the way of securing proof as to the military record.~~

Ofcourse her application would have to take the regular course through the county court.

Very truly,

Examiner.

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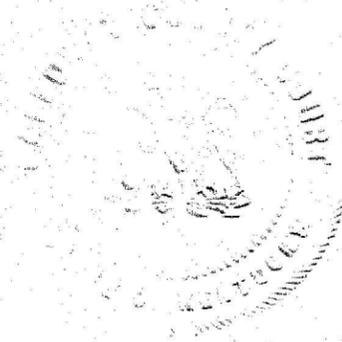
The affiant W. W. Ellis states that he served in the Confederate Army with John E. Johnson, also in same company.

The affiant states that the said John E. Johnson enlisted in said army about Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1861 and on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1861 the said Johnson while unloading canes from a boat to be used in building breastwork at Ft. Donelson, the said John E. Johnson while in line of duty, helping to build the breastwork fell and caught his leg between two stage planks, which disabled him for Military service.

The affiant further states that John E. Johnson was carried home by some friend after the fight at Ft. Donelson, where he remained in helpless condition and was never able for Military service again. The wound received at that time disabled him to the extent that he had to use crutches for two years, and made a cripple of him for life. And the said Johnson was never able for Military service any more during the war, or any other time as long as he lived.

*W. W. Ellis*  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by W. W. Ellis , this July 15<sup>th</sup> 1914.



*H. B. Broach*  
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Clerk Calloway County Court.

June 30, 1914.

Mrs. Mary V. Johnson,  
R F D #6,  
Harvey, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th inst. relative to your application for a pension. Your application is on file here and the proof filed with your husband's application relative to his military record has been placed on file with yours. The war records show that John E. Johnson enlisted Nov. 10, 1861, and that he escaped from Ft. Donelson when that army was surrendered on Feb'y. 16, 1862, and up to January 27, 1864, which was practically two years, he had not returned to his company and no reason is given for his not having returned. This information was given your husband Nov. 8, 1913. Later there was an affidavit filed which was made by W. W. Ellis in which he says that he was informed that your husband was sent home from Ft. Donelson, having been disabled, and Mrs. Margaret Ellis says that she knows that he returned to his home from Ft. Donelson disabled for further military service, but there is nothing to show how or when he was disabled, nor the degree of that disability. If he was disabled for further military duty by wounds received or wounds incurred in line of duty, and that

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fact can be plainly proven it will bring you within the provisions of the pension law. The proof now on file with your application is not complete on the points above named.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

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July 14, 1914  
I herewith make an affidavit that I (Mrs. Margaret Ellis) knew John E. Johnson to make his escape from Ft. Donelson and come home a cripple in one of his limbs which proved to ~~have~~ be White Swelling. He was taken to his bed at once and lay flat of his back for six months and was given up by the Doctors to die.

After getting able to be up he was on crutches for three years.  
Margaret Ellis

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Margaret Ellis. This July 15<sup>th</sup> 1914  
J. H. Broach Clerk.

October 26, 1914.

Mrs. Mary V. Johnson,

Murray, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 23rd. I have carefully re-examined your application and all the proof filed with it. As I have heretofore informed you, the records show that J. E. Johnson enlisted Nov. 10, 1861, in Company F, 50th Tennessee Infantry, and that on the 27th day of January ~~xxxxxx, xxxxxxxx~~ 1864 an entry opposite his name on the roll shows that he escaped at Ft. Donelson February 16, 1862, and had not re-joined his command.

One witness testifies that he got his leg hurt on the 20th of November, 1861, and went home, and another witness says that he came home and had white swelling. From which you will see that there is a conflict in the testimony and the evidence that renders it impossible to arrive at conclusions in the case.

Very truly,

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Commissioner.

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State of Kentucky,  
Calloway County,     ///Sct.

In the matter of Mrs. Mary V. Johnson's widow of John E. Johnson Pension application, affiant W. W. Ellis states that he belonged to Company "F" Fiftieth Tennessee Regiment in the Confederate army during the civil war and he further states that John E. Johnson belonged to same Company and Regt. and that the said Johnson while at work on the fortifications at Ft. Donelson while unloading a Barge fell and hurt his leg very seriously and that the said Johnson never sufficiently recovered from said hurt to be able for military service any more during the War in fact he went through life a cripple affiant further states that he, affiant, made his escape from Ft. Donelson with Forrests command leaving the said John E. Johnson there at the Fort but the said John E. Johnson by some means made his escape and got home, the home not being very far from Ft. Donelson, affiant further states that he knows the foregoing to be true and correct from the fact that he was well acquainted with Johnson had known him all his life having been raised in the same neighborhood with him.

W. W. Ellis

Subscribed and sworn to before me by W. W. Ellis, this November  
14<sup>th</sup> 1914.

H. C. Broach  
Clerk Calloway County Court.

By \_\_\_\_\_ D.C.

State of Kentucky  
Calloway County, ///Sct.

In the matter of Mrs. Mary V. Johnson widow of John E. Johnson Dec'd. affiant Mrs. Margaret W. Ellis states that she is a sister of the said John E. Johnson Dec'd. she further states that the next day after the surrender at Ft. Donelson the said John E. Johnson got home from the Fort he having been there on military duty during the seige, she further states that he came home pretty badly crippled one of his legs being very badly hurt which he said was done unloading a Barge at the Fort building fortifications, she further says that he told on coming home that he made his escape from the Fort and managed to get home, she further states that they lived about 14 miles from the Fort, she further states that he was never able for Military duty any more during the War, in fact he was a cripple the remainder of his life.

Margaret W. Ellis

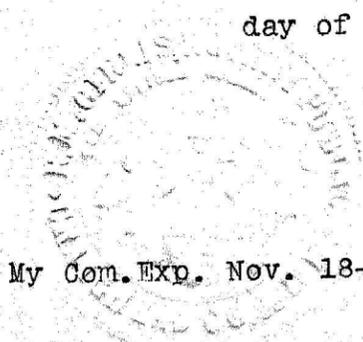
Subscribed and sworn to before me by Mrs. Margaret W. Ellis, this  
November 14<sup>th</sup> 1914.

H. C. Branch  
Clerk Calloway County Court.

The Affiant W.W.Ellis, when sworn states that he was in the Confederate army together with John Ed. Johnson, and served the better part of the years 1861 & 62, until after the battle of Fort Dolelson, at Dover Stewart Co. Tenn. ~~in~~ and that they each were members of ~~the~~ Company F. 50th Tennessee Regiment, That the said Johnson made a good ,brave and faithful soldier, up to the time he was so disabled in said battle, and when he was disabled wholly for service on the battlefield, he was removed therefrom by the order of Lieutenant James Dunn, and thereby escapes the surrender made at said time and place, and that as he was informed and believes was sent to his home near by, That the said Johnson was never returned to said service to his knowledge. for the reason that he remained wholly disabled continuously from the date of said battle for more than 3 years, caused by said disabilities, that he viseted the said Johnson frequently, at his home, This the 18th day of Nov. 1913.

*W.W. Ellis*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18th  
day of November 1913.



*P. M. Ginn*

Notary Public.

My Com. Exp. Nov. 18--1916.

Feb. 8, 1915.

The Hon W. J. Stone.

Kind Sir.

In regard to the application filed with you for a pension, that Mrs Mary V. Johnson sent you as she has not heard from you in some time, I felt it my duty to write to you in regard to it, as she is my mother.

Now Mr Stone she does not ask you nor do I to grant her a pension, unless you can do it and comply with the laws and rules governing same, but if she

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can be granted one by you and you feel she is due one, I as well as she would be thankful to you for same.

My mother was left a little over one year ago a widow, on a little farm with out any money, and no way of making any and just a short time ago she had a horse to die, and that left her one mule about 21 or 22 years old and no money to buy one and I am not able to help her as I have a family of my own and a renter

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was not able to be out of bed for some time much less go back to his post, - he was a Cripple in <sup>one limb</sup> some limb.

If it will help in any way I can get you up a petition signed by all the or most of the old soldiers of that County and lots of good law abiding men in every walk of life in this County, that father was a law abiding man, a Christian and a perfect gentleman in every respect, and also a Cripple in one limb and it has been understood by all that he got hurt at the Donelson Land has been

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Numbered with the old soldiers of this County. and they know mothers need a pension to buy the necessities of life and they think she should be granted one.

I also can get an affidavit from one of his comrades in the war that he knew and saw father when he got hurt and helped him to get home, by going about 60 miles up in middle Tennessee, if he is still living and was a short time ago.

Now Mr Stone let me know what needs to be done for my mother to get her pension, for she needs it

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 wore the gray or their wives  
 my father and mother ~~and~~  
 and I feel sure if you  
 could only look back and  
 see father at the Battle of  
 Doxelson in the snow  
 and cold and saw him  
 when he got hurt and then  
 followed him to his home  
 and saw him suffer for  
 months on the bed from  
 the hurt and then follow  
 him through life and  
 saw the trouble it gave him  
 (and yet he was proud that  
 he wore the "gray") and ~~then~~  
 now take a little peep into what  
 his widow had to face to

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sustain life I feel you  
 would grant my mother (Mary  
 Johnson) a pension by  
 return mail.

Trusting you will  
 grant her a pension and  
 that you will never have  
 a cause here or in the life  
 beyond to regret it and  
 asking you to let me  
 hear from you by  
 return mail, I am

Very truly yours

V. A. Johnson

Murray, Ky.

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besides.

The last time Mother heard from you in regard to the application, you said it was not plain, why father never went back to the army after the battle of Ft Donelson, so she sent you some more affidavits trying to make it plain to you why he never returned.

Now Mr Stone, as has been tried to show you he got one of his legs hurt building the fort at Ft Donelson and white swollen set-up and he

State of Kentucky,  
Calloway County,

\*Pension

In the matter of Confederate ~~for~~ Mrs. Mary V. Johnson. Widow of John E. Johnson deceased, the affiant H. T. Bogard, Murray R. F. D. # 6 Calloway County Ky., states that in the Spring <sup>or Summer</sup> of 1862 ~~some time in May or June~~ the said John E. Johnson came over to Calloway from Stewart County Tennessee, accompanied by Tom Vickers in order to get away from the Federal Soldiers that was stationed in Stewart County Tenn. , he the said Johnson being badly crippled from a hurt received at Fort Donaldson before the surrender of that Fort. the said Johnson being a relative of my mother was staying at my mother's home when James Melton came to my mothers recruiting his company and arrested the said Johnson and Vickers and stripped the said Johnson's leg and examined it whereupon he released the said Johnson saying that he was not fit for military duty and perhaps never would be, but carried Vickers off with him, Johnson remaining there all summer.

Affiant states that the above facts are true to his personal knowledge. this March 27<sup>th</sup> 1915.

*Attest Clara Brosch*

*H. T. Bogard*

Subscribed and sworn to before me by H. T. Bogard, this March 27<sup>th</sup> 1915.



*H. T. Brosch*  
Clerk Calloway County Court.

By *Clara E. Brosch* D. C.