

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Ballard County.

..... *Virginia Eleanor Ewers* 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.)
Virginia Eleanor Ewers, Kentucky, Ballard County, Wickliffe, Route 1
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? *1845, Ballard County Ky.*
..... *Virginia Eleanor Jackson*
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.)
1841, Adair County, Ky., James Benjamin Ewers, in Ballard County Ky. in 1870, Reverend Benjamin Bishop, Marriage License returned with Court house in 1880
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *1861, Chilcothe, Mo. 2nd Missouri Battery, Churchill Clark, Commander*
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *from 1861 to close of the war*
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *dont know, have heard him say— think it was in Georgia*
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? *he said he was*
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 with his command when he was paroled— he said he was*
10. When and where did your husband die? *Ballard County Ky. 3 years ago last October*
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? *73 acres land. no personal property— whole income on the 50 acres of cleared land, out of the 73 acres would be and is its reasonable rental value, 3% an acre, or \$150.00. the cash value of the land is \$25.00 an acre, or \$1,825.00*
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *have only one child, a son, Hardin David Ewers, 41 years old, and so crippled with Rheumatism that he can not walk at all— not even with crutches*
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..... *F. M. Ashby, Wickliffe, Ky, Route 1*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the }
..... *18* day of *May* 1912. }
..... *I. J. Neely*, Clerk
of *Ballard* County.

By *Geo. B. Wilds*, Deputy

Virginia Eleanor Ewers

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Ballard

County.

James Phillips

James Phillips, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Virginia Eleanor Ewers 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? James Phillips, Wickliffe, Ky.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Virginia Eleanor Ewers? If so, how long have you known her? about 20 years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? about 9 miles North East of Wickliffe, in Ballard Ky. - ever since I have known her
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Yes
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? I was not
6. How long did you know him? ever since 1861
7. When and where did James Benjamin Ewers enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? 1861, Chillicothe, Mo. in 2nd Missouri Battery, Churchill Clark first commander
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? Was from 1861 to latter part of 1863, when I was wounded and incapacitated for further service
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? from my own personal knowledge from 1861 to 1863 - was still with the battery when I was wounded.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Dont know of my own knowledge
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No
12. Was James Benjamin Ewers, the husband of applicant, present? Dont know
13. If not present, where was he? Dont know
14. When and where did he leave his command? Dont know, I left him with it in fall of 1863
For what cause? Dont know
By whose authority did he leave? Dont know
- How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) from my own personal knowledge to all the facts I have testified to
15. When and where did James Benjamin Ewers die? In Ballard County 3 or 4 years ago
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Ballard County Ky. - I came to Ky. about 20 years ago and found him here then
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Virginia Eleanor Ewers? No

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?

Don't know

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

Don't know

NOTE.—Let the witness who can answer the greatest number of the 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. S. Wills being also duly sworn, testifies:—
That he was present at and a witness of the marriage of applicant to Jas. B. Ewers in 1870
and knows they lived together as husband and wife until his death in Ballard Co. 30 or 4 years ago.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this... *25*

day of... *April* 1912.

*I. J. Neely, Clerk Ballard County Court
By Geo. B. Wilds, Deputy Clerk.*

*James Phillips
J. S. Wills*
Witnesses.

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

I, *J. A. Hines* Judge of *Ballard* County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Virginia Eleanor Ewers* the widow of *James B. Ewers* amounts to \$ *no* real estate and \$ *no* personal
J. A. Hines, Judge, Trustee.
For *Ballard* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Ballard County.

I, *Geo. B. Wilds, Deputy* County Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Virginia Eleanor Ewers* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *31* day of *Oct.* 1870, and that the witnesses, Mr. *James Phillips and J. S. Wills* 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 *18* day of *May* 1912.

(SEAL)

I. J. Neely, C. B. C. C.
By *Geo. B. Wilds, Deputy* 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.

Virginia Eleanor Ewers

2392

No.

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Virginia Ewers*

Filed *JUN 27 1912*

Widow of *James B. Ewers*

Approved
W. J. Stone
Examiner

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

Filed May 10. 1912
H. J. Neely, C. B. C. C.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 29, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The records show that James B. Ewers, corporal, Captain J. L. Farris's (previously Captain Churchill Clark's) Battery, Missouri Light Artillery (at one time known as the 2d Missouri Battery Artillery), Confederate States Army, enlisted December 7, 1861, and that he was paroled May 10, 1865, at Gainesville, Alabama, following the surrender of the command May 4, 1865, at Citronelle, Alabama.

Henry P. McLean
Adjutant General.

MRS VIRGINIA E. EWERS.

WIDOW OF JAMES B. EWERS, who
enlisted Dec. 7, 1861 in Capt.
J. L. Farrish Bat. of Missouri
Light Artillery, and was paroled
May 10, 1865 at Gainesville,
Ala. Proven by the record and
comrades.

Property: ~~\$375~~ \$1875.00

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No. W.

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:

Mrs. *Virginia Ewers*

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband *James B. Ewers*

was a member of Company *A* Regiment *2d Mo* C. S. A.,

and was *Battery*
Capt Churchill Clark

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone

Examiner.

BALLARD COUNTY COURT REGULAR TERM JUNE 18 1912.

Judge J.A.Hines Presiding.

Mrs Virginia E.Ewers Applicant for Confederate Pension.

First Witness F.M.Ashby being sworn says that he is a Neighbor of said Applicant has known her 20 years she is a resident of this county and has been since he knew her that she is the widow of J.B.Ewers and they was liveing together as man and wife at the time of said J.B.ewers death and that she has not married since his death, She she owns 44 acres of land w Worth \$25.00 per acre and has a dower in 88 acres of land the total Value of said 88 acres of land being \$25.00 per acre and she being 67 years old I value her Interest in said land at \$313.00 rental value On cleared land would be \$3.00 per acre ha sno other income and is not able to work any.

Second Witness Byron Simmons being sworn says that he has knew the Applicant for 6 Years and that she has been a resident during that time and that he had rented from her 50 acres of land and paid her 5.00 per acre rent, she has a life time interest in 88 acres of land and owns 44 acres od land total value of said land would be \$25.00 per acre she has no personal Property of any kind.She is the Widow of J.B.Ewers has no other Income only as stated above.

The foregoing testimony was duly taken before me June 18, 1912, at the court house in Wickliffe, Ky. in open court, in the presence of the County Attorney representing the Commonwealth, upon which I submit the following FINDINGS OF FACT IN EVIDENCE:-

That Mrs.Virginia Eleanor Ewers is the widow of James B.Ewers a confederate soldier, to whom she was married in Ky. in 1870, with whom she was living as her husband in Ky. at the time of his death in 1908;

That she has not married since the death of her soldier husband

That she has been a citizen and resident of Ky. continuously since 1879;

That her total means of support consists of ownership in fee of 44 acres of land, worth.....\$1100.00,

Dower interest in 88 acres of land , worth.....\$ 313.00

That of said land there are only 50 acres in cultivation, the rental value of which is.....\$ 150.00;

That she is unable to work, has no other property or income, and has an only child, a son 41 years old, so crippled up with permanent Rheumatism, as to be unable to walk at all, not even with crutches.

That I am personally acquainted with her witnesses, who are all respectable and entitled to credit, and whose post office

- addresses are:- F.M.Ashby, Wickliffe, Ky. R.F.D.
Byron Simmons, " " "
J.S.Wills, " " "
James Phillips, " " "

WHEREFORE, I recommend that Mrs.Virginia Eleanor Ewers be allowed a Pension.

Dated at Wickliffe, Ky., this 18 day of June, 1912.

J.A.Hines, County Judge
Ballard County, Ky.

M. C. Anderson
Attorney-at-Law

WICKLIFFE, KY.

Jan. 28, 1931

Hon. John M. Lucas, Com.,
Confederate Pension Dept.,
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VIRGINIA EWERS.

Your letter of Jan. 14th, addressed to Virginia Ewers, R.F.D. #1, Wickliffe, Kentucky, enclosing Voucher to be made out for \$60.00, has been handed to me by the Administrator with Will annexed of the estate of Mrs. Virginia Ewers.

Mrs. Virginia Ewers died Dec. 24, 1930. Will you please furnish me with the proper papers to be executed and returned to you, so that the amount due Mrs. Ewers up to the time of her death may be collected.

Yours respectfully,

M. C. Anderson

MCA:DO

January, 30, 1931-

Mr. M. C. Anderson,
Wickliffe, Ky,

My dear Sir:

Your letter of January 28th informing us of the death of Virginia Ewers on December, 24th has been received. There is due her estate \$36.00 being accrued pension, from November 1st to December, 24th 1930 inclusive, and I inclose information as to how this amount may be collected,

Very Truly,

Comm.

State of Missouri

ss.

County of Howard.

In the matter of the claim of Mrs *Virginia Eleanor* Ewers widow of J. B. Ewers late of Second Battery of Missouri Artillery commanded by Captain J. B. Farris in the Confederate Army in the Civil War.

Richard Marion Robertson on his oath says that he served in the Confederate Army. That he enlisted in the Second Missouri Field Artillery in February 1862, which Battery was at that time commanded by Cap^t Churchill Clark who was killed in ~~the~~ battle of Pea Ridge Ark, a few days after he enlisted, the Battery was afterwards commanded by Cap J. B. Farris.

At the time of his enlistment affiant found J. B. Ewers serving as a private in this Battery. That affiant served in this Battery until the surrender at Gainsville Alabama in April 1865. Affiant cannot give the date of the ~~the~~ day of the month of his enlistment or surrender. That said J. B. Ewers served in said battery from the date of affiant's enlistment, until the surrender in April 1865, at which date he was paroled, That affiant and said J. B. Ewers served together and were messmates from the date of enlistment to the surrender.

That he made a good soldier and was a good man.

Richard Marion Robertson
R M

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 27th day of April 1912.

My Term Expires Oct 27th 1913.

R. B. Cappel

Notary Public.