

(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Warren County.

Lou Roberts Chelf,

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.)
Lou Roberts Chelf, reside #115 12th St., Bowling Green, 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 in Russellville, Logan County, Ky., Nov. 19th, 1851. My maiden name was Lou Roberts.
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.) Elias Fielding Weeder Chelf was my husband. He was born in Greene County, Ky. July 7th, 1839. We were born in Russellville, Logan County, Ky. Jany. 28th, 1874. Dennis Spurrier, a Methodist minister, performed the ceremony. See certificate attached.
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Enlisted April 30, 1863 Co. K 2 Mo. Cav. C.S.A. Little Rock, Ark. Also served Co. G. 9 Reg. Mo. Inf. C.S.A. See record hereto attached.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? See record hereto attached
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Surrendered as a private prisoner of war Co. G 9 Mo. Inf., New Orleans, La. May 25, 1865. Paroled at Alexandria, La. June 7, 1865.
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? See statement of Adjutant General War Dept. Mar. 11, 1920.
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? See statement of Adjutant General War Dept.
10. When and where did your husband die? Bowling Green, Ky. Feb. 25th, 1913.
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 and no income.
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? I have two sons, Milton Chelf, married, residing in Panama, Morton Chelf, married, residing in Warren Co., Ky. Jennie and Gladys unmarried, do not reside with me and are unable to contribute in any way to my support. I keep house alone.
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 Robt. Rodes, Jr., Prest. Citizens National Bank, J. Whit Potter, Prest. American National Bank, W. L. McNeal, all of Bowling Green, Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

19th day of May, 1920.

Nannie Stout Notary Public

of Warren County, Ky.

My commission expires Jan. 15th, 1922.

Mrs. Lou Roberts Chelf

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Warren County.

William H. Phillips, of said State and County, having

been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Lou Roberts Chelf 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? W. H. Phillips, residence and post office address Bowling Green, Ky.

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Lou Roberts Chelf? Yes.
If so, how long have you known her? Forty-six years.

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? She resides in Bowling Green, Ky. and has for more than forty years. A resident of 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? Fifty years.

7. When and where did E. F. W. Chelf enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Do not know. I knew of him as a Confederate soldier.

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? Do not know.

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Do not know.

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No.

12. Was E. F. W. Chelf, the husband of applicant, present? I don't know.

13. If not present, where was he? Do not know.

14. When and where did he leave his command? Do not know.

For what cause? Do not know.

By whose authority did he leave? Do not know.

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly) I did not become acquainted with E. F. W. Chelf until after the war.

15. When and where did E. F. W. Chelf die?

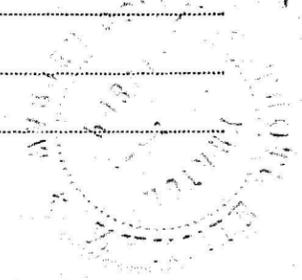
In Bowling Green, Ky. Saw him after his death and attended his funeral. He died Feb. 25th, 1913.

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?

Resided at 1227 Kentucky St., Bowling Green, Ky. and has been a resident of Kentucky for more than fifty years.

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of E. F. W. Chelf?

Yes, I do.



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?
She has no property and no income.

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?
She has not.

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. W. C. Sumpter states that he has known Mrs. Lou Chelf for more than forty years; that she and E. F. W. Chelf were husband and wife; that E. F. W. Chelf was known to him and he had resided in Bowling Green Ky. more than forty years; died there and Mrs. Lou Chelf is his widow, never having remarried and she has no property or income to affiant's knowledge. Affiant resides at 1354 Chestnut St., Bowling Green, Ky.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th

day of May, 1920.
Nannie Stout
Notary Public Warren Co., Ky.

W. C. Sumpter
Witnesses.

My com. expires Jan. 15/22.

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

I, Chas Drake Judge of Warren County, Kentucky, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Lou Roberts Chelf the widow of E. F. W. Chelf amounts to \$ — real estate and \$ — personal. Chas Drake Judge For Warren County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,
Warren County.

I, N. Lee Kelley Clerk of Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. Lou Roberts Chelf resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the for more than 40 years day of —, 19—, and that the witnesses, Mr. W. H. Phillips and W. C. Sumpter 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 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 25 day of Sept, 1920.
N. Lee Kelley Clerk
Warren 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. 1022

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Lou Roberts Chely*

SEP 26 1920

Filed *May 21/1920*

Widow of *E. J. W. Chely*

Allowed

Oct 15 1920

W. F. Stone
Commissioner.

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



Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

LOU ROBERTS CHELF
widow of
E. F. W. SHELFF

Who enlisted Apr. 20, 1863,
in Co. K, 2nd Missouri Cav.
Muster roll for Jan. & Feb
1864 shows him absent on
special duty at Gen. Price's
Headquarters. Prisoner of
war records show him as
private Co. G, 9th Mo. Inf.
surrendered at New Orleans,
La. May 26, 1865; paroled
at Alexandria, La. June 7,
1865. Proven by the record.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, MAR 11 1920

Respectfully returned to

A. M. Shelf,
Bowling Green,
Ky.

with the information that the records
of this office show
E. F. W. Chelf
enlisted Apr. 20, 1863
as a priv. in Co. K, 2nd
Mo. Cav. C. S. A., at
Little Rock, Ark., and
is reported on roll for
Jan. & Feb., 1864, (last on
file), absent on extra
duty at Genl Price's
Headquarters since
May 2, 1863.

Name appears on a
roll of men on extra
duty as musician at
Maj. Genl Price's Hd qrs
from Oct. 1, '63 to Nov. 30,
'63, without remark.

Prisoner of war
records show that
E. F. W. Chelf,
a priv. of Co. K, 2nd

Regt Mo. Inf., resi-
dence Platt Co., Mo.,
was surrendered at
New Orleans, La. May
26, 1865 and was pa-
roled at Alexandria,
La., June 7, 1865. —
Name not taken
up on rolls of any
Co. of a Mo. Inf. and
no further record
has been found for
him.

Per
The Adjutant General.

STATE OF MISSOURI
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
JEFFERSON CITY

February 11, 1920.

A. M. Chelf
Mrs. Weed Chelf
Boling Green, Ky.

*My father's name was
E. F. W. (Weed) Chelf*

Dear Madam:

General Clark directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter 9th instant.

In reply I have to advise that this office has but very sparse record of the state's Confederate forces of the civil war, and from the information you give would not be able to even begin a search for the record of the soldier whose name you submit. The letter of Company in which the service was rendered, together with the name of the Captain, the number or name of regiment or battalion and name of Colonel commanding would all be necessary to enable a search for the alleged record, and then chances of finding it would be very largely against us. You might write to the Adjutant General of the War Department, Washington, D. C., describe the record best you can etc. with at least some slight hope of obtaining record. I know of positively nothing else which I might advise in the premises. When the Confederates surrendered most of their rolls and records were surrendered to the Federal authorities. These were filed in the office of the Adjutant General of the War Department, as above, and kept there for any future requirement. And you can have the record, if there is any record there, of your husband, provided you can describe it sufficiently to furnish the necessary clew.

Regretting my inability to serve you better, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

ES Received A. G. O. MAR 3 1920

A. D. Thompson

Commissioner of Pensions, War Records and Claims A. G. O. Mo.

*Dear Sir
I am forwarding you
this letter in hopes you may
be able to help me in this matter
we only know my father enlisted
at Platt City Mo. with Gen. Price
and was discharged at St. Louis Mo
a.m. chelf*

FYM
10st

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, OCT 6 - 1920

Respectfully returned to
Examiner Pension Department
Frankfort
Ky

with the information that
E. J. W. Chelf
Private Co K 2 Mo Cav, 65th A.
enlisted April 30, 1863.
Co's Muster Roll for
Jan & Feb 1864 (last on file)
shows absent on special
duty at Gen Pice's Hdqrs.

Prisoners of war records
show E. J. W. Chelf
Private Co B 4 Mo Inf. CSA
surrendered at New Orleans
May 26, 1862 and
paroled at Alexandria, La
June 7, 1862.

P. C. Harris
The Adjutant General.

Per WTB

No. W

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER
FRANKFORT, KY.

Sept. 26th 1920

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Lou Roberts Chelf

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband E. F. W. Chelf

was a member of Company Regiment C. S. A.,

and was Enlisted April 30, 1863, in Co. K, 2nd

Missouri Cav. at Little Rock, Ark. Also

served in Co. G, 9th Missouri Inf'y., C. S. A.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,



Examiner.

Received A. G. O. 22 28 1920

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State of Kentucky,

County of Logan.

I, Geo. C. Russell, Clerk of the Logan county court, Custodian & Keeper of the records and seal thereof, do hereby certify that ~~E. F. W. Chelf and Lou Roberts~~ were married in Logan County Ky. on the 28th day of January 1874 by Dennis Spunier in the presence of Y. M. Rizer, John Roberts & al all of which appears of record in my said office.

Given under my hand & seal of office at Russellville, Logan Co. Ky.
this 4th. day of May 1920.

Geo. C. Russell Clerk.
Logan County Court.

Warren County Court
Regular Aug Term 1920

In re: Lou Roberts Chelf Application for Pension., Finding of court.

I, Chas Drake hereby certify that on Aug 23rd 1920, that being the regular term of said court to which said application of s Lou Roberts Chelf was continued and the subscribing witnesses to said application towit: William H. Phillips and W.C. Sumpter, appeared in court and were duly sworn and who are residents of this county and known by the court to be reputable persons and after hearing their statements the court finds as follows towit: That said Lou Roberts Chelf is the widow of said E.F.W. Chelf now deceased; that applicant is and has been a resident of Warren County for forty years or more; that she owns no real or personal estate (except a small amount of household furniture) and has no income.

The above facts were found by the evidence given by said Phillips and Sumpter, the evidence of both being in substance the same. It seems that the above evidence and the statement filed by the Adjutant General at Washington is of sufficient merit to recommend the granting of said Application. Respectfully submitted

Chas Drake
Judge Warren County Court.

State of Kentucky }
County of Anderson } Srt.

I, Wm. M. Routt

Clerk of the County Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, the same being a Court of Record, having a seal and having Jurisdiction of the Probate of Wills and the appointment and qualification of Executors, Administrators, Guardians and other Fiduciaries, do hereby certify that the foregoing and hereto attached writing contains a full and complete copy of the... appointment of W.S. Johnson as administrator of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, deceased, of record in Order Book "S", Page 68 and is in full force and effect.

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as fully as the same appears from the Records on file in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto subscribed my

name and affixed the Seal of said Court at my office in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, this.. 11th day of ... December A. D. 19 40 ...

..... Wm. M. Routt Clerk.
By *Susan Walker* D. C.