

(ORIGINAL)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Johnson County.

Susan J. Rivers

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.)

Susan J. Rivers, Denver, Johnson County, Kentucky.

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? Since birth A.D. 1855.

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? February 14, 1855 on Tom's Creek, Johnson County, Kentucky, my maiden name was Susan J. Rice.

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.) August 15, 1834,

In the state of Virginia, Andrew M. Rivers married at Denver Kentucky December 28, 1886 by Rev. James S. Spradlin.

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? Carter County, Tennessee in 1862 or 1863 in Co. K. 61st Tennessee Infantry.

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? Till the 27 of May 1865

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? May 27, 1865 Carter County Tennessee.

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? December 30th, 1920, Denver Johnson County, Kentucky

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? Real Estate \$500. One Cow \$30. Household and Kitchen furniture \$50. No income.

14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? I have no family. My son in law lives in the house with me. He has a large family.

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 J. P. Blair, Attorney at Law, Paintsville, Kentucky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

3rd day of December, 1921

J. P. Klesimer, Notary Public

of Johnson County.

Susan J. Rivers
her
mark

My Commission Expires
January 23, 1924

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Johnson County.

J. B. Rice

of said State and County, having

been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Susan J. Rivers
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. B. Rice
Denver, Ky.

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Susan J. Rivers

If so, how long have you known her?

Yes. Ever since I was a child.

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?

She resides at Denver Ky. Resident of the state all her life.

4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband?

Yes

5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage?

Yes, J. B. Rice was present

6. How long did you know him?

40 years or more.

7. When and where did Andrew M. Rivers

enlist in the war between the

States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?

In 1862 or 1863

Carter County Tennessee Co. K. 61st Tennessee Infantry.

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?

Two or three years - According to

statements made in his life time.

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

Carter County Tennessee May 27, 1865

11. Were you with the command when it surrendered?

No

12. Was Andrew M. Rivers, the husband of applicant, present?

His discharge shows he was.

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)

15. When and where did Andrew M. Rivers

die?

Denver

Kentucky, December 30th, 1920

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

At Denver, Kentucky, since about 1866.

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Andrew M. Rivers.

I know they lived together as man and wife, and she has not married since his death.

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 about \$500 worth of real estate and a few house hold goods.
she has no income - I know this of my own knowledge

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?
None

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 Nelson Collins concur in answers to questions No's
2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd

day of January, 1922

J. H. Picklesimer
Notary Public

J. B. Rice
Nelson Collins

Witnesses.

My commission expires Jan 23 1924

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

I, Beecher Stapleton Judge of Johnson County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Susan J. Rivers

the widow of Andrew M. Rivers amounts to \$ 500⁰⁰/_{xx} real estate and
\$ 76⁰⁰/_{xx} personal.

Beecher Stapleton, Trustee.
For Johnson County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Johnson County.

I, J. H. Picklesimer ~~Clerk~~ Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. Susan J. Rivers 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. J. B. Rice and Nelson Collins
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 2 day of January, 1922

(SEAL)

J. H. Picklesimer
Notary Public Johnson 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 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. 4129

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name Susan L. Rivers

MAR 30 1922

Filed Jan 2 - 1922

Widow of Andrew M. Rivers

Beecher Stapleton
Att. Gen.

Filed Jan 2 - 1922

Frank Chandler

#1863

Attorney

Apr 15 - 1922

W. J. Stone

Commissioner.

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

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

SUSAN J. RIVERS
widow of
ANDREW M. RIVERS

Who enlisted Oct. 4, 1862,
in Co. K, 61st Tennessee Inf.
and was surrendered and
released May 27, 1865, at
Chattanooga, Tenn. upon
taking the oath of allegiance
to the U.S. Government.

Proven by the record and
comrades.

Property: \$530.00.

Approved:

W J Stone.

Date of Marriage Dec. 28, 1886. **MALE.**
 1. Name of Groom A.M. Rivers
 2. Residence of Groom Johnson Co. Ky.,
 3. Age of Groom 52 years
 4. Number of Marriage of Groom 2nd.
 5. Occupation Farmer
 6. Birthplace of Groom Va.
 7. Name and Birthplace of Groom's Father Va.
 8. Name and Birthplace of Groom's Mother Va.

FEMALE.

9. Name of Bride Susan J. Rivers
 10. Residence of Bride Johnson Co.,
 11. Age of Bride 30 years
 12. Number of Marriage of Bride 1st.
 13. Birthplace of Bride Johnson Co. Ky.,
 14. Name and Birthplace of Bride's Father Floyd Co. Ky.,
 15. Name and Birthplace of Bride's Mother " " "
 16. Remarks ~~xxxxxx~~

N. B.—At Nos. 4 and 12 state whether first, second etc., Marriage, of each or either party.

To be married at Isaac Rice's
 on the 28 day of Dec. 1886 ~~xx~~

I Certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witness my hand, this 28 day of Dec. 1886 ~~xx~~
P.M. Rule C.J.C.C.
 By F.P. Conley D.C.

ATTEST:
 _____ CLERK JOHNSON COUNTY COURT.
 By _____ D. C.

Marriage Certificate

This is to Certify That on the 28 day of December 1886. 190
 MATRIMONY
 the Rites of ~~xxxxxx~~ were legally solemnized by me between

A.M. Rivers
 AND
Susan J. Rice

at Isaac Rice's in the County of Johnson

in the presence of Isaac Rice and Patrick Rice

STATE OF KENTUCKY) Signed, Jas. S. Spradlin
 COUNTY OF JOHNSON) SCT.

NOTE.—The Statute requires the names of at least two witnesses to be inserted in the foregoing Certificate.
 I, Frank Chandler, Clerk of the Johnson County Court, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of marriage license of A.M. Rivers and Susan J. Rice as it appears of record in my said Office.
 Given under my hand, this the 10th. day of January 1921.

By Frank Chandler
 Clerk, Johnson County Court.

MARRIAGE BOND.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.
JOHNSON COUNTY COURT.

Be it Known, That we _____
as principal, and _____
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

AND

Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct said Marriage, this bond shall be void, other-
wise it shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated at _____ Johnson County, Kentucky,
this _____ day of _____ 190 _____

ATTEST:

Clerk.

Johnson County Court.

By _____

D. C.

ORDERS JOHNSON COUNTY COURT.

MARCH TERM, 2 DAY 7 DAY OF MARCH 1922.

Susan J. Rivers

Vs: Widows Indigent Pension

Commonwealth of Kentucky,

The application of the applicant herein for pension under an act granting pensions to disabled and indigent Confederate Soldiers being called for trial and the parties hereto answering ready and it appearing to the Court that the application herein was filed in duplicate on ~~May~~ January 2, 1922, and was at the January Term and at the February Term of this Court was continued and the Court after hearing all the testimony introduced on the trial of said application adjudged and recommended that the applicant Susan J. Rivers is entitled to a pension under said act and that said pension be therefore allowed.

A Copy Attest:

Frank Chandler
Clerk, Johnson County Court.