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Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Johnson County.

Mary Harris 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 Harris Saintsville Johnson County Kentucky
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? Since 1870
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Russell Co, Va and Mary Taylor
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.) Born in Russell Co, Va; full name Mariah Harris married in Russell Co Va & believe the preacher's name was Sherrifcy
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? My information is he served in Capt. John Myata Co 1st Va Cavalry
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? I think just second year of war
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? as well as I remember at Kings Salt Marsh
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company Regiment surrendered? No
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? Came to see his sick father and then sick himself
10. When and where did your husband die? in Russell Co Va, at Richlands
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? None
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? None
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. J. Meade Williamsport Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 2nd day of October 1916
W. G. Wells N.P.C.
of Johnson County.

Mary Harris
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Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Johnson County.

Lucinda Daniels

of said State and County, having

been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. *Mary Harris* 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? *Lucinda Daniels*

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. *Mary Harris*

If so, how long have you known her? *50 years*

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

Kentucky, about 40 years

4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? *Yes*

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

6. How long did you know him? *about 4 years*

7. When and where did *Marriam Harris* enlist in the war between the

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

I do not know the Co, & Regiment

8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war?

9. How long did he perform regular military duty? *about 2 years*

10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? *NO,*

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

12. Was *Marriam Harris*, the husband of applicant, present?

I think he had come home on a sick furlow

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

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

For what cause? *do not know*

By whose authority did he leave?

How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) *I lived in same neighborhood*

with Harris

15. When and where did *Marriam Harris die,* just after the close of the war *die?* in

Virginia

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

County Virginia

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of *Marriam Harris*

Yes Sir,

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? *yes see it*
She was married I never knew it

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

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

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.

The last witness James M. Dills concurs in all the questions except No. 3. He says she has only been here 20 years

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *20th* day of *March* *October* 191*6*
W. G. Mills N.P.
Johnson
Lucinda Daniels
James M. Dills
Witnesses.

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

I, _____ Judge of _____ County, Kentucky,
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this county to Mrs. _____
the widow of _____ amounts to \$ _____ real estate and
\$ _____ personal. _____ Judge.
For _____ County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Johnson County.
I, *W. G. Mills* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Mary Harris* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *12* day of *January*, 18*98*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *Lucinda Daniels* *James M. Dills* 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 *15th* day of *March*, 191*6*
(SEAL) *My com expires March 27, 1920* *W. G. Mills N.P.*
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 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. 3845

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name Mary Harris

JAN 4 - 1917

Filed Oct. 2nd 1916

Widow of Marion Harris

Allowed July 26th 1918
W. J. Stone
Commissioner.

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

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY.

MARY HARRIS
widow of
MARION HARRIS

Who enlisted July 16, 1862,
in Captain Morris' Company
of Ferguson's Bat. of Virginia
Cavalry, which later became
a part of the 16th Virginia
Cav., and there is record
proof of service to Sept. 15,
1862. Comrades testify that
he served till the close of
the war.

Indigent.

Approved:

W J Stone.

L. P. O. 10 24.
WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, *Mar. 23. 1917*

Respectfully returned to *Pension*
Department
State of Ky.
Frankfort

with the information that *the name*
Marion Harris (Francis
M. Harris) has not been found
on the rolls of Co. A, 16 Regt.
Va. Cav. C. S. A.

Francis M. Harris, Pvt. Capt.
1st Co. Caldwell's Batta. Cav. Va. C. S.
A. enlisted July 16, 1862 and appears
on roll dated Aug. 4, 1862, only roll
on which borne. Absent sick.
Not borne as Marion Harris.

Francis M. Harris, not borne
as Marion Harris, Pvt. Capt. Morris' Co.
Ferguson's Batta. Cav. Va. C. S. A. en-
listed July 16, 1862 and appears on
muster in Roll dated Sept. 15, 1862, only
roll on which borne. Present or absent
not stated. Ferguson's Batta. Va. Cav. was
combined with Caldwell's Va. Batta. Cav. & formed
the 16 Regt. Va. Cav. No record found of
capture or parole.

H. M. Stone
The Adjutant General.

Per

H Form No. 160 2-A. G. O.
Ed. July 18-16-10,000.

MAR 23 1917

No. W

HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

March 20th 1917

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

Dear Sir :

Mrs. Mary Harris

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband Marion Harris
was a member of Company "A" Regiment 16th Va. C. S. A.,
and was Cavalry

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W. J. Stone
Examiner.

L. P. A. 10 rt.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1917

Respectfully returned to *W. J. Stone*

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State of Ky.

Frankfort

with the information that the name mentioned within has not been found on the rolls,

on file in this Department, of the organization *and Co.*
Va. Regt. U. S. A.

to which reference is made, which rolls partly cover the period from

186, to *186*,

and that nothing has been found in the official records concerning the service, capture or parole of a man of that name and organization.

H. P. M. Cain

The Adjutant General.
Per *g*

Form No. 580-A. G. O.
Ed. Jun. 29-17-5,000.

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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

December 11th 1917

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

Dear Sir:

Marion Harris

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims
to have been a member of Company "B" - 22nd Virginia
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.

Received A.G.O. DEC 13 1917

Orders Johnson County Court.
January Term, 1st day of January, 1917.

Mary Harris,

Vs. Application for pension.

Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The application of the applicant herein, Mary Harris, for a pension under "an act granting pensions to indigent soldiers who rendered service in the confederate army" or their widows. Act approved March 12th 1912." 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 October 2nd 1916 and that same has been continued from said time, at each regular term of this court till the present term hereof; and the court after hearing all of the evidence introduced on the trial of said application adjudges and recommends that said applicant, Mary Harris is entitle to a pension under said above named act of the Kentucky legislature, as the widow of Marion Harris, and that said pension be therefore allowed.

A Copy Attest.

Beecher Stapleton
Clerk Johnson County Court.

On the hearing of the application of Mary Harris for a pension, the following witnesses were introduced, each of whom I certify to be reputable and entitled to credit on oath, each being personally known to me.

Applicant, Mary Harris was first introduced in her own behalf, who testified as follows:

I am about seventy (70) years old, and have lived in Paintsville, Johnson County, Kentucky for more than twenty years. This place is now my residence.

Before I came to Paintsville, Ky. I lived in Russell County Virginia, and while living there, and just about the beginning of the war (of the Rebellion) I was married to Marion Harris, and we continued as husband and wife until his death, which occurred shortly after the close of the war.

I am now his widow, I have no property of any kind either real or personal, and have no income at all from any source, except what little I am able to work out by doing housework, but of late I am not able to do that, on account of my age, and then have been sick a great deal lately as well.

I know that Marion Harris was a soldier and rendered service in the confederate army, but I do not know the name of the company or the regiment in which he enlisted and served, but do know that he was in the service, for he came home several times on a furlough, and would then return to the army.

I have no record of our marriage, the marriage records as well as other court records of the county in which we were married, was destroyed by fire more than thirty years ago. Lucinda Daniels who signs my application is the only person that I know of that is living, that was present at our marriage.

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James M. Dills, of Paintsville, Ky, being introduced as a witness testified as follows: I am 74 years old and live near Paintsville, Kentucky. I was a soldier in the confederate army, I joined in Russell County Virginia. Co. "A", 16th Va. Cavalry. I am now drawing a confederate pension.

I know the applicant, Mary Harris, she has lived in Kentucky, at Paintsville for twenty years or more. I knew her in Russell County Va. before she ever came to Kentucky.

I also knew her husband Marion Harris, did not see them married, but know they were husband and wife, I saw them frequently after they were married, visited them at their home, and they visited us at our home, and know that they lived together until his death, which occurred shortly after the close of the war as I remember.

Marion Harris was soldier in the confederate army, he was in the same brigade that I was in but was not in my regiment, I saw him often during the war, my best recollection is that he served either two or three years. He was still in the service at the close of the war.

Mary Harris is now his widow, if she ever married I never heard of it, and we have lived in the same localities most all our lives, first in Virginia, then came to Kentucky.

Applicant has no property of any kind at all nor income from any source, except what little work that she can do. She has no one to support her and there has never been any provision made for her support that I ever heard of.

Applicant is upwards of seventy years old and is unable to work.

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Witness Don C. Vanhose states that he has known applicant for ten or fifteen years, and that she has lived in about Paintsville ever since he has known her, that she has no property of any kind, and is unable to work to earn a living.

Witness Jno. W. Wheeler, being introduced as a witness, testified as follows: Has known applicant for more than fifteen years, and during all of this time she has been a resident of Paintsville and vicinity. Applicant has no property of any kind or nature known to him, that she is aged and infirm, and unable to do steady work, and can earn but little by her labor. Has no income from any source known to him.

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Witness, Ambrose Taylor, of Leburn, Knott County, Kentucky files his affidavit herein, in which he states:

He is 71 years old, and is acquainted with the applicant Mary Harris, and was also acquainted with her husband Marion Harris, and that during the war between the states that Marion Harris served in the confederate army. As he remembers Marion Harris was in Captain John Wyatt's company and was under Colonel Bowen. He was at his home on a sick furlough at the time of the surrender.

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Given under my hand this 1 day of January, 1917

Fred A. Vaughan
Judge Johnson County Court.

C. B. WHEELER
ASHLAND, KY.

JNO. W. WHEELER
PAINTSVILLE, KY.

M. O. WHEELER
PAINTSVILLE, KY.

OFFICES:
WHEELER & WHEELER
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
PAINTSVILLE, KY.

March, 17" 1917.

Hon. W. J. Stone,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Frankfort, Ky.

In:Re Claim of Mary Harris for pension.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your answer to my inquiry regarding above case. Replying to same would respectfully state, that ~~all of the evidence shows that they were married in Russell Co~~ Virginia, and that he died there. And would further respectfully call attention to the testimony of James M. Dills in this case, in which he states that he knows the husband of claimant was in the confederate army and in the same brigade with him, but not in the same regiment with ~~him~~ Mr. Dill's testimony further discloses the fact that he is now drawing a confederate pension, and that he joined in Russell Co. Va. Company "A" 16" Va. Cavalry, his application is on file in your office, and may give some light on the matter.

I regret very much that we are unable to furnish the regiment as requested by you, but the claimant has been here for more than twenty years, and her husband died a short while after the close of the war, and her information is meager, not being personally acquainted with his comrades at the time, and does not know whether they are living or dead.

Very Truly,

Jno W Wheeler

State of Kentucky,

County of Knott

The affiant Ambrose Taylor says that he is
the same Ambrose Taylor that has filed his affidavit in the matter
of pension for Mary Harris, heretofore, and as supplement thereto
to; he now states:

That he knew Marien Harris in his life-time
and that he knows he was in the confederate army until the close
of the war. He further states that he joined in the state of
Virginia and belong to Company B 2d regiment and was in
the command of Colonel Bowers and Wright or Jant 1st regiment which
was his captain,
further says that applicant herein was married to the deceased
before the close of the war and that after the close of the war
they continued to live together until the death of Marien Harris
and that if applicant has ever re-married he does not know of same,

Ambrose Taylor

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Ambrose Taylor

this 27 day of April 1917.

W. J. Francis C.K.C.
By L. C. Blom D.C.

Notary Public Knott County, Ky.

State of Kentucky,
County of Knott.

The affiant Ambrose Taylor says that he is the same Ambrose Taylor that has heretofore filed his affidavit in the matter of confederate pension for Mary Harris, and as supplement thereto, he now states,

That he knew Marion Harris in his life time, and knows that he was in the confederate army from the state of Virginia, and that he served from near the beginning of the war, till the close of same: Says that at the close of the war, the said Marion Harris was at home, on sick furlough and after the surrender he soon died at his home in Virginia

Affiant further states that the said Marion Harris joined the Confederate army in the state of Virginia and belonged to Company _____ regiment and was in the command of Colonel Bowen and that _____

J. Hyatt was his captain as affiant now remembers.

Affiant further states that the applicant herein Mary Harris was married to the said Marion Harris, and that they lived together as husband and wife until his death, after his return from the army. If applicant has ever re-married he does not know it, and he has known the applicant all his life.

Ambrose Taylor

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Ambrose Tay-

lor this 18 day of July, 1918.

Charles Pignone
Notary Public Knott County Kentucky.
clerk Court

By John Stinger DC

