

(DUPLICATE)

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Carter County.

Mary J. Blavin 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 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 J. Blavin, Common, Carter County, Kentucky*
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 Woodbury County, Kentucky, September 10, 1857, Mary J. Hill*
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 in Anson County, North Carolina, Eli W. Blavin. We were married in Carter County, Ky, married Oct 19, 1879 by Rev. J. M. Hunter*
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? *Do not know*
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? *Do not know*
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? *Do not know*
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? *Do not know*
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? *Do not know*
10. When and where did your husband die? *In Carter County, Ky, April 9, 1909*
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? *208 Acres Land Value about \$1040 — Two horses and two cows of the value of about \$200 — House hold and kitchen furniture and some other \$50 —*
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? *No unmarried children at home*

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. *Frank Porter Common, Carter County, Ky*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 24 day of June, 1912, at *Carter* County.

Mary J. Blavin
Attest
James Lee

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF ~~KENTUCKY~~ ^{Virginia}

Smith County.

A. J. Barker & W. H. Hart of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Mary J. Blum 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? A. J. Barker, P. O. address, Lee Va. & W. H. Hart, P. O. address, Roe, Va.
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Mary J. Blum?
If so, how long have you known her?
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Don't know.
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? for 60 years.
7. When and where did Eli W. Blum enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? at Jefferson, Ashe County, N.C. in May 1864. Company D. 1st N.C. Battalion.
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? Yes.
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? About eleven months.
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? at the close of the war, at or near Goldsboro, N.C.
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? No. Was in hospital and on Home Guard.
12. Was Eli W. Blum, the husband of applicant, present?
No. he was at home on furlough.
13. If not present, where was he? at home on furlough.
14. When and where did he leave his command? Don't know when, at or near Goldsboro, N.C.
For what cause? on furlough.
By whose authority did he leave? Don't know.
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) We were Eli W. Blum's comrades in the same Company and Battalion until a short time before the surrender.
15. When and where did Eli W. Blum die?
Don't know.
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Don't know.
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of No.

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? *Don't know.*

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *12th*
day of *June* 191*7*.

W. E. Slaughter
Notary Public.

A. J. Barker
his
W. H. Hart
mark

Witnesses.

Witness *W. H. Blewins*

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

I, *R. A. Carpenter* Judge of *Letcher* County, Kentucky,
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Mary J. Blewins*
the widow of *Edw. M. Blewins* amounts to \$ *10.40* real estate and
\$ *12.00* personal
For *R. A. Carpenter* Trustee,
Letcher County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

County.

I, Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby
certify that the applicant, Mrs. resides in said county, and has been
a bona fide resident of this State since the day of 19...., and that the wit-
nesses, Mr.
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 herem
prescribed, and the full text of the affidavits was read to the applicant and witnesses before the same was signed and sub-
scribed.

Witness my hand and official seal this day of 191...

(SEAL)

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. 2044

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mary J. Blum*

OCT 16 1912

Filed *July 8 1912*

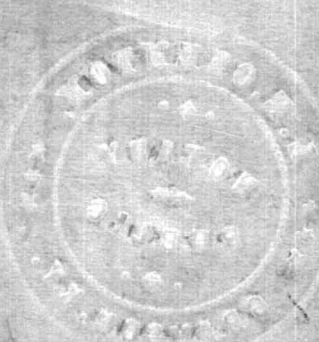
Widow of *Eli W. Blum*

Co. W. 1st N.C. Battalion

*Wm. Blum
26 Stone
Haden Hotel*

*Approved June 10th 1913
W. J. Stone Examiner*

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



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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON. October 19, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name Eli W. Blevins has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of any North Carolina organization in the Confederate States Army bearing the numerical designation "1st", nor has any record been found of the capture or parole of a man of that name as of such an organization.

[Signature]
The Adjutant General.

(A.G.O.74)

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MARY J. BLEVINS,
widow of
ELI W. BLEVINS,

Who enlisted in May, 1864,
in Company D, 1st North
Carolina Infantry and served
till the close of the war.
Proven by two comrades.

Property: \$1200.00.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this
claim be allowed.

[Signature]
Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension
Board.

Chairman.

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. Mary J. Blevins

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows Pension Law,
claims that her husband Eli H. Blevins

was a member of Company D Regiment 1st N.C. C. S. A.,

and was Bat

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,
W. J. Stone
Examiner.

State Kentucky
Carters County 3 Oct

In the matter
of claim for pension of Mary J. Blivins
widow of Eli W. Blivins Co. 10. 1st North
Carolina Battalion Confederate Army Civil
War. and the act of the General Assembly
Kentucky entitled an act pensioning
Disabled and Indigent Confederate Soldiers
Personally appeared before me Dr. J. C. Stovall
aged 74 years and Dr. J. Watt Stovall aged
31 years who being by me duly sworn according
to law state that they each are practicing
physicians of 40 years and 5 years practice
respectively. That they each are acquainted
with the claimant herein by having been
her family physician for 15 years and
5 years respectively and that she has been
a resident of Kentucky all this time
that they were her family physicians.
That she has no income to amount to
any thing or not to exceed one hundred
dollars per year. That she is possessed
of a small farm of not more than one thousand
dollar value that she owns some on her
farm and in the opinion of officers she
will be unable to furnish paying for it and
will in all probability finally lose it



That she is a lady of fifty odd years
aged frail and unable to earn a support
by manual labor. That our post office
address is Grayson Carter County Kentucky
That they each have no interest in the
prosecution of this claim.

J. J. Stovall,

J. Watts Stovall,

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day
of Sept. 1912 and I certify that each of
these affiants are to me well known and
that they each are regular practicing physicians
of good standing. The contents of the foregoing
affidavit was fully read to and explained
to affiants before signing thereof. That
I have no interest in the prosecution of this
claim either direct or indirect.

L. L. Opsteen

Notary Public



State of Kentucky
County of Carter 3 not
Personally appeared before me
a Notary Public in and for the
State and County of aforesaid
W. B. Tilghman aged 53 years
whose post office address is
Covington Logan County Kentucky
and James Lee aged 38 years
whose post office address is
Covington Carter County
Kentucky, who being duly
sworn State in relation to the
claim of Mrs. Mary J. Blavin
widow of Eli W. Blavin for
pension under the act of the
General Assembly of Kentucky
entitled an Act granting pension
to disabled and indigent Confederate
Soldiers. That they both knew
Eli W. Blavin and this claimant
for at least twenty years. That
the said Eli W. Blavin is dead
and that his widow this claimant
lived with him as his wife up to
his death. That she has not
remarried since his death and
is still a widow. Abstracts further

state that this claimant has
not property of any class either
real or personal to exceed the
value of twelve hundred dollars
That she has no income of
any kind or not more than
fifty dollars per year from any
source. That they have no interest
in the prosecution of this claim.

x H B Tilghman

x James Lee

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this the 24th day of June 1912
and I certify that the affidavits
made to me were sworn and that
they are respectable and entitled
to credit. That the contents of the
foregoing affidavit were fully
explained and read to the
affiant before swearing thereto
that I am in no way concerned
in the prosecution of this claim

H. L. O'Neil

Notary Public



Center County Court
October Term 1912

R. A. Carpenter Judge Presiding
I R. A. Carpenter Judge of the
Center County Court do hereby
certify that I have this day
October 14th 1912 - examined under
oath R. L. Keefer and James L.
Persons whom I certify to be wife and
and son of a citizen of Center County
Kentucky who each state that
they are acquainted with the claimant
Mary M. Blinn and that she has
been a resident of Kentucky
for more than five years past
that she is a delicate woman
and unable to earn a support
by manual labor.

R. A. Carpenter
Judge Center County

April 1, 1913.

Mrs. Mary J. Blevins,

Everman (Carter Co), Ky.

Dear Madam:-

Upon examination of the proof filed with your application for pension I find that there is no record proof of your husband's enlistment or service in the army. Two witnesses testify that he enlisted in May, 1864, but there is no proof as to how or when he got out of the army. Proof on this point is necessary. Get all you can and forward it to me, and your application will then be ready to be submitted to the Board as provided in the law.

Yours truly,

Examiner.

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Chilhowie, Va., April 19th, 1913.

To Mr. W. J. Stone, Examiner,

Frankfort, Ky.

I hereby certify that I was a soldier in the Confederate Army and was in the same Company with Eli W. Blevins, and which company was Company D. of General Miller's Regiment at Asheville, N. C., and to my certain knowledge Eli W. Blevins served in the Confederate Army from May 1864 to March 1865 and was at home on a furlough given him in March 1865 at the time General Lee surrendered.

I further hereby certify that Eli W. Blevins was a good soldier and was in good standing at the close of the war, and that he never deserted and was faithful in the service until the surrender of General Lee in April 1865.

Witness

W. H. Blevins

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF SMYTH) to-wit:

William H. Hart
mark

Personally appeared before me, W. E. Umbarger, a Notary Public in the State and for the County aforesaid, William H. Hart and made oath that the above statement relative to the service and discharge of Eli W. Blevins is true.

Given under my hand and seal this April the 19th, 1913.

W. E. Umbarger
Notary Public.



Chilhowie, Va. April 21st 1913

Hon. W. J. Stone Examiner,
Frankfort, Ky.

Replying to your letter of Feb 1st 1913
To Mrs. Mary J. Blevins of Everman, Ky.
I, Alford Barker of the State of Virginia
do Certify - That I was in Company (D)
of Gen Millers Regt. - of N. C. Vol. Infy
With Eli. W. Blevins, Late husband of
Mary J. Blevins of Everman - Carter Co. Ky
That said Eli. W. Blevins enlisted in said
Company (D) In the year 1864 - and was a
good Soldier - and never deserted the
Confederate Army, was in good standing
at the close of the war - and was at
home on Furlong in March 1865 and
had Leave of Absence at the time of
Gen Lees Surrender -

A. J. Barker

State of Virginia }
County of Smyth }

Personally appeared before me Samuel
McBlure a Justice of the Peace, in the
Smyth - State of Virginia, Alford Barker
and made oath that the above statement
relative to the Service and Discharge of
Eli. W. Blevins. Given under my hand
April 21st 1913 -

Samuel McBlure
Justice of the Peace