

(ORIGINAL)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

..... Carter ..... County. }

..... Mary Branson ..... 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 follow:

1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.) ..... Mary Branson, Reside at Olive Hill Carter County Ky.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? .. 30 years since 1882 ..
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Born in 1844 at Logan Co Virginia Maiden Name Was Mary Custin
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 1842 Sutherland Co Tennessee David C. Branson Married in Washington Co Virginia Sept 1867 Rev. Hopkins
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? .. Refer to David C. Branson's Application now on file
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? ..
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? ..
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? ..
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? .. at Olive Hill Ky Jan 16 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? .. house and Lat Valued at \$300.00
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? .. No 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. Joe M. Wilburn or James S. Jarvis both of Olive Hill Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the 20 day of February 1913.

M. P. Geely Notary Public Marion County Ind Commission expires Nov. 2 1916

Mary Branson mark



# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Carter* County.  
... *H. G. Lee* and *John M. Armstrong* of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. *Mary Branson* 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? *H. G. Lee & John M. Armstrong, Oliver Hill Ky*
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. *Mary Branson*? *Yes*  
If so, how long have you known her? *About 30 & 20 years respectively*
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? *at Oliver Hill Ky ever since Mr. became acquainted with her*
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? *20 and 20 years respectively*
7. When and where did *he* enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? *✓*
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? *✓*
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? *✓*
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? *✓*
12. Was *he*, the husband of applicant, present? *✓*
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 *David A. Branson* die? *at Oliver Hill Ky January 16<sup>th</sup> 1913*
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? *at Oliver Hill Ky ever since Mr. became acquainted with him*
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of *David A. Branson*? *Mr. Da*



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?

*house and lot Value \$400.00*

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 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 *15* day of *February* 191*3*.

*Albert J. Counts*  
Notary Public  
Carter County, Ky.

*D. F. Lee*

*J. M. Armstrong*

Witnesses.

My commission expires March 7, 1916

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

I, *R. A. Caspenter* Judge of *Carter* County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Mary A. Branson* the widow of *David A. Branson* amounts to \$ *400.00* real estate and \$ *0.00* personal

Trustee.  
For *Judge of Carter* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Carter* County.

I, *Albert J. Counts* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Mary Branson* resides in said county, and has been a bona fide resident of this State since the *15* day of *January* 19*03*, and that the witnesses, Mr. *D. F. Lee* and *J. M. Armstrong*

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 *15* day of *Feb.* 191*3*

(SEAL)

My commission expires March 7, 1916

*Albert J. Counts*  
Notary Public  
Carter 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.

1827

No.....

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Mrs. C. Braun*.....

Filed *FEB 28 1913*.....

Widow of *W. C. Braun*.....

*Approved April 30<sup>th</sup> 1913  
W. J. Stone, Examiner.*

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





ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
JUN 17 1925030 1912  
WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."  
1925030

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON. June 18, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

No record has been found of the  
service, capture or parole of a David  
A. Bronson of Company A, 29th Virginia  
Artillery, Confederate States Army.

*Henry P. McLean*  
Adjutant General.

Indorsement

Confederate Pension Department

STATE OF KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.

MRS. MARY BRANSON,  
widow of  
DAVID A. BRANSON,

Who it is claimed was  
a member of Company A, 29th  
Virginia Artillery and  
served till the close of  
the war. There is no  
record proof of service.  
Three witnesses testify  
that they served with him  
and that he was a member  
of the company above  
claimed and served till  
the close of the war.

Property: \$400.00.

W J Stone.

I recommend that this  
claim be allowed.

*J. Sandy Ellis*  
Adjutant General.

SECTION 12 OF THE KENTUCKY PENSION LAW PROVIDES THAT

§ 12. No pension money granted under this act while due or to become due to any pensioner, shall be liable to attachment or levy or seizure by or under any legal or equitable process whatever, whether the same remains with the State, or in the course of transmission to the pensioner entitled thereto.

No. 1227

PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

Mrs. Mary Branson

Payable Quarterly

by the

Treasurer of Kentucky

at



No. \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

HEADQUARTERS

# Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

June 14th, 1912

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

Dear Sir:

David A. Bronson,

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company "A" - Artillery  
Regiment 29th Virginia C. S. A., and to have been

Capt. Will King. Col. Adkins.

Disbanded April 14, 1865 at Christiansburg, Va

Never in prison.

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*  
Examiner.

Allowed by the State  
Pension Board.

*James B. Meloney*  
Chairman.



No. 1227



# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## DEPARTMENT OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

It is hereby certified

That in conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Mary Branson (Widow of David A. Branson)

who was a member of Company A, 29th Virginia Artillery.

is entitled to a pension at the rate of  
Ten dollars per month, to commence  
on the Twenty-eighth day of February one thousand  
nine hundred and Thirteen.

Given at the office of the Adjutant General  
this Twenty-seventh day of September  
one thousand nine hundred and Thirteen.

*J. Handy Ellis*

Adjutant General

Countersigned *W. J. Stone*

Examiner of Pensions



AFFIDAVIT OF COMRADE OR OFFICER.

STATE OF Virginia, COUNTY OF Washington SS.  
In Pension Claim No. \_\_\_\_\_

of David A. Branson, late a private of Company "A" 29th, Va. Art.,

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public, in and for the  
afore-said County and State, duly authorized to administer oaths,

M. V. Edmondson aged 71 years, and  
resident of Blade Spring Va., in the county of Washington  
and the state of Virginia, who being

duly sworn according to law, states that he was a Private  
in Company "A" of the "29th," Va. Artillery, and was  
acquainted with the applicant David A. Branson, and know him to be  
the identical person of that name who served as a Private in Co.,  
"A" 29th, Va. Artillery.

That the applicant David A. Branson, served as a soldier in  
the above named Company in the Confederate Armies of the Civil War  
from 1863 to 1865. He enlisted in the above named Co.,  
of which Company I was a Comrade  
Officer or Comrade.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to testify at this  
late day, to the fact that David A. Branson made a true, coragious  
and loyal soldier during his service, showing that devotion to the  
"Lost Cause" so manifest in all the armies of the Confederacy.

Attest, M. V. Edmondson  
Jack Morgan.

Subscribed and sworn to by M. V. Edmondson  
before me this the 3 day of May 1912.

(6) Sam W. Kemp  
Notary Public, Washington Co.

(10) L.S.

My Commission expires on the 5 day of January 1916.



Attest

"Lost Cause" so manifest in all the armies of the Confederacy.

Subscribed and sworn to by said soldier during his service, bearing that relation to the late day, to the fact that David A. Branson made a true, courageous

If efforts be much pleasure to be able to furnish this

of which Company I was at the time of the battle of Gettysburg, in the 1st

the above named Company in the Confederate Service of the 1st

the 1st Artillery, Va. I served as a Private in the 1st

and the person of that name who served as a Private in the 1st

in the 1st Artillery, Va. I served as a Private in the 1st

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Pension Claim of David A. Branson, Conf. Vetn.

Sworn to by *W. V. Edmundson*  
Comrade

Filed on the 15 day of April 1912.

Albert J. Counts,  
Atty for Claimant

*W. V. Edmundson*

*W. V. Edmundson*  
*15*  
*April*  
*1912*



State of Virginia, County of Washington, SS.

In the Pension claim of David A. Branson, late of  
Company "G" 29th, Va. Art., Personally appeared before me a  
Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, \_\_\_\_\_

Y. H. Aker  
\_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of Washington County,  
Virginia, and whose Post-office address is Meadowview Va  
after being duly sworn according to law states in regard to the  
above claim as follows, to wit:-

I do hereby certify that David A. Branson &c served as  
a Soldier in the Confederate Army of the Civil War between the  
states, from 1863 to 1865, in the above named Company of which  
I was a comrade.

I know that the above named David A. Branson served for more  
than one year in the above named Company, and was not a deserter  
but made a good and efficient soldier, and was true to the lost  
cause.

I have not interest in this claim either directly or indi-  
rectly;

??? Y. H. Aker  
Comrade.

Subscribed and sworn to by Y. H. Aker  
before me this the 29 day of May 1912.

W. H. Kelly  
Official Name.

L. S.

Justice of the Peace  
Official Character.

My commission expires on the 1st day of Jan 1917.



CARTER COUNTY COURT,

REGULAR JUNE TERM 1912.

Under an Act of the General Assembly of Kentucky, approved March TWELFTH, 1912, Granting Pensions to Disabled and Indigent Confederate Soldiers.

In the matter of Pension Claim of David A. Bronson, whose Post-Office Address is Olin Hill, Carter County Kentucky, personally appeared before me, V. A. Burchett of Grayson, Carter County Kentucky, and L. M. Crum, of Olin Hill of same County and State, whose Post-Office address is Olin Hill both known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, after being duly sworn states in relation to the above claim as follows, to-wit:-

I am acquainted with the applicant, David A. Bronson, and that he has been a citizen of Kentucky since January First, 1907, and that he is unable to earn his support by manual labor or by reason of his knowledge, art or skill in any profession, trade or craft; that he is now a bona-fide resident of Kentucky, and has been so continuously since 1907; That he does not possess an income (net) to the amount of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

JUDGE'S RECOMMENDATION.

From the foregoing evidence the merits of this claim is approved.

R. A. Carpenter

Judge of Carter County Court.



STATE OF OHIO.

COUNTY OF Lawrence

Affidavits.

In re: Pension Claim of Mary Branson, widow of D. A. Branson, deceased:-

Personally appeared before me, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Nicholas O. Watson and Prudence A. Watson whose Post-office addresses are 170 N 5th St. Ironton, Ohio respectively, and after being duly sworn according to law states as follows, to wit:-

We are 71 & 69 years of age; live at Ironton, Ohio.

We were both present at the marriage of <sup>Mary</sup> D. A. Branson to D. A. Branson, which taken place at Saltville, State of

Virginia, on the 4 day of October 1867

We knew each of them from the date of their marriage until the death of D. A. Branson, and know that Mary Branson is the only living widow of the deceased D. A. Branson. That to our own personal knowledge neither had been previously married; That Mary Branson is now the legal widow of D. A. Branson, Deceased.

Witness our hands this the 25 day of August 1913.

Nicholas O. Watson  
Prudence A. Watson

Subscribed and sworn to by Nicholas O. Watson and Prudence A. Watson before me this the 25 day of August 1913.

J. P. Booth  
Official Name.  
Notary Public  
Official title.

L. S.

My Commission expires on the 15 day of Jan 1914.



Claim of Mary Branson for Conft.,  
Pension.

Widow of D. A. Branson, Deceased.

AFFIDAVITS.  
OF

*Nicholas Malin*

&

*Quentin H. Malin*  
*knows*

Filed on the 3 day of Sept 1913

Albert J. Counts,

Atty. for Claimant.



Chine Hill 14  
March 20 - 30  
Mr John Jones.

Dear Sir

Thanking you for your  
information will say  
that I for get to  
mention my mother  
Name also her fathers  
Name or Certificate  
was put on over  
side of me but will  
send you her papers  
along with this letter  
so you can see  
by your self what  
how it is you said

she was person up  
till the day she  
died but we haven't  
record it your record  
will show when she  
got the last check  
we got one on the  
Brighton quarterly time  
person time before  
she died and that  
was the last but  
before you come in  
to office she got  
her Certificate lost  
and had some money  
due her she did not  
get I want say if it

was two check or  
one but your record  
will show or the  
book that was in  
before you or our store  
Record only <sup>if you</sup> please  
look this up for  
me all I want is  
what is coming her her  
Name is Mary Brown  
as her old check  
will show and will  
send you the paper so  
you can return it  
if you can write  
hoping and early reply  
I remain yours J. H. Brown  
Chine Hill 14





OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF  
CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

~~ANNIE BELLE FOGG, COMMISSIONER~~  
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Mar 22, 1930

Mr. J. H. Branson,  
Olive Hill, Ky

My dear Sir:

Your letter of March 20<sup>th</sup> with en-  
closures received. Our records show a  
check was mailed Mary Branson in  
Cincinnati on Nov. 15, 1929, as it was  
not returned to this office, suppose she  
received it. The Undertaker's Certificate  
shows she died on Nov 29, 1929. There  
is due her estate \$19.35 being accrued  
pension from Nov 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov 29<sup>th</sup> in-  
clusive, and I enclose information.



As to how this may be collected,

The reason you were sent another voucher is that we had not been notified of Mrs. Brannson's death.

Very Truly,

John M. Lucas  
Comm.

