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# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Carter County.

Juda Sammons 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.)  
Juda Sammons, Armstrong, Carter County, Ky.
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State?  
all my life for the past 30 years
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name?  
1846 in Floyd County, Ky. Maiden name, Juda Wolf.
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 Floyd County, Thomas Sammons, at Pentonsburg, Floyd County, Married Dec. 21, 1865
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?  
Co. "E" 2nd Bat. Ky. Mounted Rifles, C. S. A.
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment?  
as in application now on file
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender?  
in Bureau, Frankfort, Ky.
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered?  
see application
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 application of Thomas Sammons now on file in office
10. When and where did your husband die?  
Jan. 3, 1914, at Armstrong, Ky.
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?  
I have no income, no property except household goods
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family?  
I am now living with my son and have been since my deceased husband became helpless and is the head of the household.
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.  
D. P. Swalls, L. P. Clark, our Neighbors, both of Armstrong, Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the  
day of Jan, 1914.  
A. M. Johnson, Notary Public,  
of Carter County.

Juda per Sammons  
mark

attach all papers  
D. P. Swalls

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Carter County  
Mr. D. P. Qualls & Sol Sammons of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Juda Sammons, 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? D. P. Qualls & Sol Sammons
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Juda Sammons? Yes  
If so, how long have you known her? for at least 25 years
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? resides at Armstrong Ky. resident of Ky for past 25 years
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? same - 25 years
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? No
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 Juda Sammons, the husband of applicant, present? yes
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 Thomas Sammons die? at Armstrong Carter County Ky on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1914
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? Resided at Armstrong Ky for over 25 years
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Thomas Sammons? Yes. He has lived as man and wife from the time we first knew them upto and at the time of his death and raised their family

18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? *Thomas Sammons*.....  
*Sammons*..... *Yes*.....

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?  
*None except household goods*.....

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?  
*None she has not*.....

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.....  
day of *Jan* *16*..... 191*4*  
*A. M. Johnson*.....  
*Notary Public*.....  
*D. B. Qualls*.....  
*Sal Sammons*.....  
Witnesses.

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

I, *John Thornberry*..... Judge of *Carter*..... County, Kentucky,  
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Jada Sammons*  
the widow of *Thomas Sammons* amounts to \$ *100.00*..... real estate and  
\$ *None*..... personal  
*John Thornberry Judge Carter C. C. Trustee*  
For Judge *A. Carter*..... County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Carter*..... County.  
I, *A. M. Johnson*..... Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby  
certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Jada Sammons*..... resides in said county, and has been  
a bona fide resident of this State since the *for over five years* day of..... 19*14*....., and that the wit-  
nesses, Mr. *D. B. Qualls* and *Sal Sammons*  
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 *16* day of *January*..... 191*4*  
*A. M. Johnson*.....  
*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.

*Book up name*

*Nov 17*

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *J. J. Saunders*

Filed *Jan. 29 1914*

Widow of *L. Saunders*

*Co. B, 2nd Regt. Ky. M. R. C. S.*

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*Allowed April 15 1914*

*W. J. Stone*

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

*Albert J. ...  
Atty for Pension Board*



(DUPLICATE)

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Carter* County.

*J. J. Sammons* 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.)

*J. J. Sammons, Amstrong, Carter County, Ky.*

2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State?

*For the past 30 years*

3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name?

*1845 in Floyd Co. Ky.*

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.)

*in Floyd County, Ky. 18. Thomas Sammons, married at Paducah, Ky. Dec. 24, 1865*

5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States?

*Co. 'G', 2nd. 13th Ky. Mounted Rifle, S. I. A.*

6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment?

*unknown in application*

7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender?

*none in application*

8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered?

*See husband's application*

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 Application*

10. When and where did your husband die?

*Jan. 2, 1914 at Amstrong, Ky.*

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. I am now living with my son and have been since my deceased husband's death helpless.*

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.

*D. P. Shultz and L. P. Clark*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the *26* day of *January*, 191*4*.

*A. M. Johnson* of *Carter* County.

*J. J. Sammons*  
*Wife*

*attest*  
*A. M. Johnson*  
*D. P. Shultz*

# Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Carter County.

Mr. W.P. Qualls & Sol. Sawyers of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Juda Sawyers 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.P. Qualls and Sol. Sawyers  
P.O. address, Armstrong, Ky.

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Juda Sawyers? yes  
If so, how long have you known her? had known her 30 years

3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?  
resides at Armstrong, 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? for over 30 years

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 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 Thomas Sawyers die?  
at Armstrong, Ky. Jan 3rd 1914

16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death?  
at Armstrong, Carter Co. Ky. for the past 30 years

17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Thomas Sawyers?  
Yes, she is that is what has been said in the community for the past 30 years and has reared their family.

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?  
*none. Ex. left household goods* .....

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 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  
day of *Jan* .. *26* .. 191*4*  
*A. M. Johnson*  
*No. Public C. Clerk*

*D. B. Qualls*  
*Sal. Sammons*  
Witnesses.

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I, *John Thomsbury* .. Judge of *Carter* .. County, Kentucky,  
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Juda Sammons*  
the widow of *Thomas Sammons* .. amounts to \$ *nothing* .. real estate and  
\$ *Nothing* .. personal  
*J. H. Thomsbury, Judge Carter*  
For *Carter* .. County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,  
*Carter* .. County.

I, *A. M. Johnson* .. Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby  
certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Thomas Juda Sammons* .. resides in said county, and has been  
a bona fide resident of this State since the *26* day of *Jan* .. 19*14* .., and that the wit-  
nesses, Mr. *D. B. Qualls* and *Sal. Sammons* ..  
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 *26* .. day of *January* .. 191*4*.  
(SEAL) *A. M. Johnson* .. N. Public  
*Carter* .. County.

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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. 2 .....

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name Jade Sammons .....

Filed J. Sammons ..... 1914

Widow of Thomas Sammons,

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

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

JUN 17 1912  
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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."  
1925087

**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, June 18, 1912.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Examiner,  
Confederate Pension Department,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The name Thomas Sammons has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Company E of any 2d Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army. The records show, however, that one Thomas Sammons, private, Company E, 2d Battalion Kentucky Mounted Rifles, Confederate States Army, enlisted January 20, 1863 (?), and is reported present on muster roll for January and February, 1863, last roll on file. No later record of him has been found.

*Henry P. McLean*  
Adjutant General.

Indorsement.

**PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE,**

FRANKFORT, KY.

MRS. JUDA SAMMONS,  
widow of  
THOMAS SAMMONS,

Who enlisted Jan. 20, 1863,  
in Company E, 2nd Battalion  
Ky. Mtd. Rifles. Enlistment  
proven by the record, and  
service to the close of the  
war proven by his comrades.

Indigent.

W. J. Stone

Approved:

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

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. Sammons*

who is an applicant for Pension under the Kentucky Pension law, claims  
to have been a member of Company *E - 2d Ky.*  
Regiment *6av.* C. S. A., and to have been

*Discharged in 1865 Wise*  
*Co. Va.*

*Never in prison*

Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

*W. J. Stone*

Examiner.

State of Kentucky,  
County of Carter / Sct,

In the pension claim of Jan Leonard Confederate v  
soldier of Company A. D. reg, of the state of Ky.  
personally appeared before me a notary Public in and for the county  
and State aforesaid, & Jeff Rignite, whose post office address  
is Wolf, Carter County Kentucky, and after being  
duly sworn, says that he is well acquainted with the applicant,  
and know him to be the Idenical person that he represents himself to  
be, and is the same person who served in the above named company  
and regiment, of the confederate Army in the civil War between  
the confederate State and the United states of America.

That the applicant served for more than one year in said Company  
and regiment, and in the same company with me, he served under  
captain Ed. Timberlet Capt. Barnes and under Colonel John S. Williams  
I know the above facts from my own personal Knowledge, I having  
served in the Confederate Army myself.

B. M. ...

Jeff Rignite

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Jeff Rignite.  
this the 10th day of June 1912.

Albert Counts

Notary Public Carter Ky

P.S.

March 10, 1913.

Mr. Tom Sarmons,

Armstrong, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 6th instant addressed to Governor McCreary has been referred to me for reply. I have examined your application and find that the record shows that you enlisted January 20, 1863, and that there is no record proof of your service after enlistment. I find that one witness testifies that you served in the 5th Kentucky Regiment under Colonel John S. Williams, but there is no other proof of service and none as to how you got out of the army. Proof on this latter point especially will be necessary- showing how and when you got out of the army.

There is no prospect at the present time that any pensions will be paid very soon. First, there is no money in the treasury to pay them with, and then, the Attorney General, Honorable James Garnett, has decided that there is sufficient doubt about the constitutionality of the law to justify the Auditor in refusing to pay pensions until the question has been decided by the courts, and that will beyond any question take several months to reach that conclusion.

Very truly,

WJS-C

Examiner.

State of Kentucky.

Affidavit.

County of Carter,

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, Joseph Wilburn, a citizen of  
Carter County, whose Post office address is McGlone, Kentucky,  
and after being duly sworn according to law states in relation  
to the above claim as follows towit:-

I am 26 years of age; Reside at McGlone, Carter County, Ky.  
Am acquainted with the Claimant Mary Branson; Have known her for  
the past 30 years. Knew D. A. Branson, her husband during his  
life time; I know that Mary Branson is the only living widow  
of the deceased D. A. Branson; That the said D. A. Branson  
died at Olive Hill, Carter County, Kentucky on the 16 day of  
January 1913; I was at his bed side during his  
sickness; saw him after death; was at his funeral.

That I have no interest in this claim and am not concerned  
in its prosecution; Further I sayeth not.

This the 31 day July 1913.

Joseph Wilburn

Subscribed and sworn to by Joseph Wilburn before me this  
the 31 day of July 1913.

W. J. Counts  
Official Signature.

Notary Public  
Official Title.

L. S.

My commission expires March 7, 1916

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Claim for Confederate Pension.

Mary Branson, Widow of D. A.

Branson, Deceased.

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Affidavit of

Joseph Wilburn,

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Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

1913.

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Albert J. Counts,

Atty., for Claimant.

WITNESSETH  
I, \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_  
State of Kentucky.

WITNESSETH  
I, \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_  
State of Kentucky.

August 15th, 1913.

Mr. Thomas Sammons,

Smokey Valley, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 13th. On March 10th, 1913, I wrote you in reply to a request from Governor McCreary the status of your claim at that time, telling you what proof was on file and what proof was lacking in your case, and since the date of that letter no additional proof has been received and consequently no change has taken place in the status of your application.

The proof on file shows that you enlisted January 20, 1863, and that you was in the service February 28, 1863, which shows only one month and eight days of service, and there is nothing to show when and how you got out of the army.

No one has been interfering with your application or the proof.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-0

September 17, 1913.

Mr. C. M. Erwin,  
Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 16th. The application of Levi Porter is clearly proven and I have recommended its allowance and am enclosing you a letter to that effect.

In the matter of the application of Thomas Sammons I wrote him on March 10 telling him what proof he had, which was that one witness testifies that he served in the 5th Kentucky Reg. under Colonel John S. Williams, and that he was in the service February 28, 1863, which showed only 1 month and 8 days of service, and that there was nothing to show when and how he got out of the army. There is no record proof of his enlistment or service, and I wrote him again to the same effect on August 15th last. No additional proof has yet been filed with his application, consequently no change has been made in its status.

Very truly,

Examiner.

WJS-G

REAL ESTATE  
BOUGHT AND SOLD  
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A. J. COUNTS  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
OLIVE HILL, KY.

COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY  
Reference—Carter County Commercial Bank  
IN RE CLAIM NO. ....

Olive Hill, Ky. 10/2, 1913.

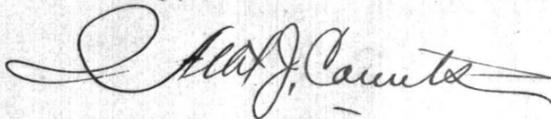
Hon. W. J. Stone,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

You will find enclosed affidavits in regard to the Claim of Thomas Sammons for Pension the same of which we ask you to file in his behalf. Mr. Sammons has also made an affidavit in regard to his application. He is very old, weak and absent~~d~~ minded and it is impossible to get definite statements from him, yet at intervals he seems to remember some of his servicerendered. He informs me that one comrade, Joe Justice has furnished him affidavit to the fact that he was disbanded at same time in 1865; however if this affidavit is not on file so advise and he can procure same. Mr. Sammons thinks it is one of the affidavits filed with application. Affidavits concerning this old gentleman's health and financial condition will be forwarded in a few days, in the hope that he can be relieved in some way by at least November 5th. Mr. C. M. Erwin, of Olive Hill is his Attorney, so address him relative to this claim.

You will also find enclosed affidavit concerning the death of David Eranson, in behalf of the Widow's claim, this I thought had been forwarded. So advise me at your earliest convenience of the status of this claim.

Yours very truly,



Affidavit.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CARTER.

In relation to the Pension claim of Thomas Sammons, late a Confederate veteran of the Civil War, personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, Wallace Webb, who being duly sworn according to law states in relation to the above claim as follows, towit:-

I am 68 years of age; Live at Armstrong, Carter County, Ky. I have known Thomas Sammons, the claimant herein, all his life, we were boys and grew up together; He was about one year older than I. I remember very distinctly when Thomas Sammons joined the Confederate Army and left home; It ~~was~~ <sup>enlisted</sup> in the fall of 1862; My reason for remembering this is due to the fact that my brother James Webb went to the army at the same time and joined the same company, under Captain Washam, Colonel John S. Williams. I saw him oftentimes when he came home on furloughs. He was to my best knowledge and recollection gone to service for about three years, then came back home, went to Louisa, Kentucky, taken the Oath of Allegiance, and returned home. I was not in actual service, but my father lived within about three miles of the father of Thomas Sammons and know he was away in service for more than two years at least and to my best judgment as much as three, as it was some time in the Spring of ~~1865~~ 1865 when he returned home.

I have no interest in this claim and am not concerned in its prosecution.

*Wallace Webb*  
*his*  
*Mark*

Attest

*A. J. Lamont*

Subscribed and sworn to by Wallace Webb, before me this the second day of October 1913;

*A. J. Lamont*  
N. T. Carter County, Ky.

L. S.

My commission expires March 7, 1916

AFFIDAVIT.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Carter.

In relation to the Pension Claim of Thomas Sammons, late a Confederate veteran of the Civil War, personally appeared before me a notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, John P. Patton, who after being duly sworn according to law states in relation to the above claim as follows to-wit:-

I am 70 years of age; live at Olive Hill, Carter County, Kentucky. I was a union Soldier, in the Civil War, in Company "F" 39th, Kentucky ~~Served~~ for a period of three years from the fall of 1862 to 1865;

I know of my own personal knowledge that Thomas Sammons served in the Confederate Army; I met him in the fall of 1862 in Colonel Trimble's regiment; ~~The~~ Our command captured Colonel Trimble's Regiment at Lexington, Kentucky, about the year 1864, and to my best knowledge and recollection Thomas Sammons was in the Regiment we captured and I seen him among the captured prisoners. I know he was a rebel soldier having met him and seen him at the times stated above. I have no interest in this claim and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Further I sayeth not.

John P. Patton

Subscribed and sworn to by John P. Patton, before me this the second day of October 1913.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Carter County, Ky.

#. S.

My commission expires March 7, 1915

AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIMANT. THOS. SAMMONS.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CARTER.

In relation to the above claim for Confederate Pension under AN ACT Granting Pensions to Disabled and Indigent Confederate Soldier, Approved March 11, 1912; personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, Thomas Sammons the Claimant herein, and after being sworn according to law, states as follows, to wit; I am the identical person who has applied for Confederate pension and whose application is now on file at Frankfort, Kentucky. I further state that if the application states that I enlisted on January 20th, 1863, that same is a mistake either of the Notary by clerical error, or a misunderstanding on

his part in my giving him dates. Said affidavit in application should read enlisted January 20th, 1862, under Captian Washam, Col. John S. Williams; and remained in said company until February 28, 1863; served in 5th, Kentucky Regt, under Col. Williams;

The following is the true status of my service as I now best remember. I enlisted in January 20th, 1862, under Cpat. Washam, and our Col. was J. S. Williams. said company was disbanded at Hazelgreen, Kentucky; I was then transferred to 2nd, Kentucky, under Capt. Bradshaw I believe the Col. was Tom Johnson. staid in that company for nearly two years, then I was detailed to make a raid with Capt. Pete Everett through Kentucky; afterwards placed under Capt. Ad. Martin and Colonel Caudill, served under them until disbanded at Gladeville, Old Va. Taken the oath at Louisa, Kentucky. The only comrade now living that I have any knowledge of is Joe Justice, who was disbanded at the same time as I, and has made an affidavit that we were disbanded together in 1865, April.

I further state that I am now very ill in health, and my memory is bad and at times I can not gather my thoughts together so as to make a precise statement, and if this affidavit conflicts with my former affidavit in application, is was a mistake, as this affidavit is now true as I verly beleive and from my best knowledge and information.

*Thomas Sammons*  
mark,

Attest,

*[Signature]*

Subscribed and sworn to by Thomas Sammons before me this the 2nd day of October 1913.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public Carter County, KY.

L.S.

My commission expires March 7, 1916

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY. CARTER COUNTY, SS.

IN RE CONFEDERATE PENSION CLAIM OF THOMAS SAMMONS.

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State afore said, D. P. Qualls, and after being duly sworn according to law states in relation to the above claim as follows, towit;

I am a neighbor of Thomas Sammons; Live within one quarter of a mile of Thomas Sammons; I know of his present Physical condition; I know of my own personal knowledge that this claimant has been past doing even the lightest labor since some time in June, and for the past (60) days, has been unable to wait upon himself. Has been down bed fast for the past thirty days. He has no means of support and has no property of any kind; has no means by which he can even buy medicine or pay Physician Bills;

He is now being furnished by his local merchants of his neighborhood. He has no children able to keep and support him as they all have no means and are but tenants on other land owner's farms. It is my belief that unless he receives some assistance from some one it will be absolutely <sup>Necessary</sup> to call upon <sup>County</sup> some authorities to assist him. This affidavit is made for the purpose of giving the true condition of this applicant, that he may be relieved if possible during his own life. I have no interest in this claim other than stated above.

D. P. Qualls

Subscribed and sworn to by D. P. Qualls, before me this the 11 day of Nov 1913;

Notary Public  
N. P. Carter County, Ky.

My commission expires March 7, 1916

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BOUGHT AND SOLD  
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A. J. COUNTS  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
OLIVE HILL, KY.

COLLECTIONS & SPECIALTY  
Reference-Carter County Commercial Bank  
IN RE CLAIM NO. ....

Olive Hill, Ky. 3/18th, 1914.

Hon. W. J. Stone, Ex.,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed letter addressed to Mrs. Juda Sammons of Armstrong, Kentucky, has been turned over to me for reply.

This application is now on file in your office or should be as same was filed in the County Court at 1st February Term, and original was forwarded to the department with judgment of the court as required showing that Widow had no property, together with affidavits of two Citizens as to her citizenship, residence, and means of support. This should be on file in your office.

Immediately thereafter we mailed you two affidavits of witnesses who were present and saw Juda Sammons marry Thomas Sammons deceased, said affidavits stating that they had known widow since childhood and that she was the only widow of Thomas Sammons, in fact these affidavits covered all requirements for widows of deceased pensioners.

Ofcourse no proof was made as to actual service of the soldier as we had been advised that the proof in the Soldier Claim was sufficient.

If for any reason either the application or proof have failed to reach your office, kindly advise.

Awaiting your earliest possibly reply,  
we are

Yours very truly,



STATE OF KENTUCKY  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
FRANKFORT

CONFEDERATE PENSION DEPARTMENT  
W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

March 19th, 1914.

A. J. Counts, Esq.,  
Olive Hill, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 18th. The application of Mrs. Thomas Sammons is on file here, but cannot be considered because there is no finding of facts no proof, to which you refer, accompanying it. I did not return it to you when received, because I supposed ofcourse that with the experience you have had with pension matters you would promptly forward the findings of the County Court. This application cannot be considered as filed in this office until this report is received.

Very truly,

*W. J. Stone*

Commissioner.

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Olive Hill, Ky. 3/20th, 1914.

Hon. W. J. Stone,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.  
My Dear Sir:-

As per yours enclosed relative to Claim of Widow  
Juda Sammons, will say that these findings together with  
affidavit of her brother, Wallace Webb, who was present  
and saw Juda Sammons made the wife of Thomas Sammons, have  
evidently been lost in the mails or misplaced as same were  
mailed some time in February, however, I will get Judge  
to make duplicate findings at his regular April Term of  
County Court. Also I will have Mr. Webb make another  
affidavit as to her marriage to deceased.

As I had several application blanks in office I  
had filled out three blanks and kept one in office for  
reference the same I will enclose which possibly will  
be sufficient, as its gives proof of citizenship, amount  
of property left in her hands, their knowledge of Juda  
Sammons being the true and lawful widow of Thomas Sammons  
and Ect. You will notice that D. P. Qulaas, Sol Sammons  
state the date of the death of Deceased, Thomas Sammons;  
that they have known widow for the past thirty years;  
That she has been a resident of Armstrong, Ky. for the  
past THIRTY YEARS; That That widow has no income, and has  
no property except household goods; These affidavits cover  
requirements as indicated in NOTE (6) of application attached  
at bottom, showing they knew them as man and wife, prior to  
1890, and knew they were living together at the time of his  
death; You will also notice the statement of the County  
Judge to the effect that Claimant has no REAL ESTATE or  
PERSONAL PROPERTY.

This ofcourse was made by the County Judge at the  
time of the filing the application, or in other words  
at the January Term of the Carter County Court.

However, if you hold that additional proof is now  
required, I will, as stated above take of same at the  
next regular County Court.

I hope you will bear with me in attempting to rush  
these claims, but in view of the fact that David Branson,  
Abb Kiser, Thomas Sammons, Old man Buckler, all my  
clients, died before their claims were allowed makes me  
over anxious that they know the results and get the  
benefit of this act while living.

I desire to congratulate you on your promotion to the  
new office of Commissioner at an increased salary.

Yours very truly,

*A. J. Counts*

State of Kentucky, County of Carter,

In regard to the Confederate pension claim of Mrs.  
Juda Sammons, widow of deceased Thomas Sammons;

The witness after being duly sworn according to Law  
states as follows, to wit.

My name is Wallace Webb; Live at Armstrong, Kentucky.  
I am 69 years of age; I am a brother of this claimant, Juda  
Sammons. I was present when Juda Sammons was married to  
deceased Thomas Sammons, which occurred in the year of 1865,  
They were married in Floyd County, Kentucky. I know of my  
own personal knowledge that neither were ever married prior  
to their marriage to each other. She is now his only widow.  
We have lived as neighbors for the past 27 years.

*W. J. Johnson*

*Wallace Webb*  
*Webb*

Subscribed and sworn to by Wallace Webb, before me this  
the 23rd day of March 1914.

*J. A. [unclear]*

CARTER COUNTY COURT, REGULAR APRIL TERM,

APRIL \_\_\_\_\_ 1914.

I, J. E. Thornsbury, County Judge of Carter County,  
Certify that, Alvin Sammons and \_\_\_\_\_  
whose Post Office Addresses are Armstrong and  
L. P. Clark of Armstrong respectively, were examined in open  
Court as to the Citizenship of Juda Sammons, widow of Thomas  
Sammons deceased, confederate veteran, and after each being  
duly sworn according to law, states that Juda Sammons is a  
resident of Carter County, Kentucky, and has been continuously  
so for more than five years; That she has really been a  
citizen of Carter County for the past <sup>25</sup> ~~thirty~~ years; That she  
has no income whatever; and wholly unable to earn her living  
by labor, art, skill or profession; and has no means of  
support.

I further certify that I have examined the County Clerks  
records and find that this claimant has no personal property  
and Real Estate; 30 Acres Valued \$400.00  
~~nor any real estate of any kind,~~ and that her deceased  
of record  
husband had no property at the time of his death;

Given under my hand and seal of my office, this the  
14 day of April 1914.

J. E. Thornsbury,  
County Judge Carter County, Ky.

Juda Sammons,  
Vs. Claim for Conft. Pension  
Finding of County Judge.

Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Filed April 2, 1914.

Albert J. Counts,  
Atty for Claimant.

*Handwritten:* and those Post Office Addresses are *examined* and  
certified that *the same* were examined in open

I, J. E. Thompson, County Judge of Carter County,

APRIL 2, 1914.

CARTER COUNTY COURT, REGULAR APRIL TERM.

Olive Hill, Ky. 3/20th, 1914.

Hon. W. J. Stone,  
Frankfort, Kentucky.

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*A. J. Counts*

C. M. ERWIN  
LAWYER AND NOTARY PUBLIC  
OFFICE  
CORNER OF SCOTT AND MAIN ST.

OLIVE HILL, KY.

State of Kentucky County of Carter.ss.

In the Matter of the Pension Claim of Thomas Sammons Late Private in CO G.  
of the fifth Kentucky Regiment.in the Confederate Army.

Personaly Appeared before me the undersigned Authority.S.O.Cox.Whos  
Postoffice address is Mc Glone KY well known to me to be reputable  
and worthy of Belief.Who being duly sworn states I am well acquainted with  
The claimant Thomas Sammons.I have known him for Fifty years.I Know taht  
he served in the Confederate Army in the war between the Confederate States  
and the United States for over One year and he Enlisted at Prestonsburg in  
Floyd County Kentucky I Know this From haveing served in the same redgment  
With him We served in the fifth Ky Regt.Colonel John S Williams was our  
Colonel .I served one year with him and when our time was out he reenlisted  
and I did not reenlist when he did.

*S.O.Cox*

Subscribed and Sworn to by S.O.Cox this June the 3.1912.

my Commishion expires Jan 30 th 1916.

*C.M. Erwin*

Notary public of Carter Cou nty KY.