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Jan 7, 1863

Mrs. N. J. Goudelock

My dear wife:

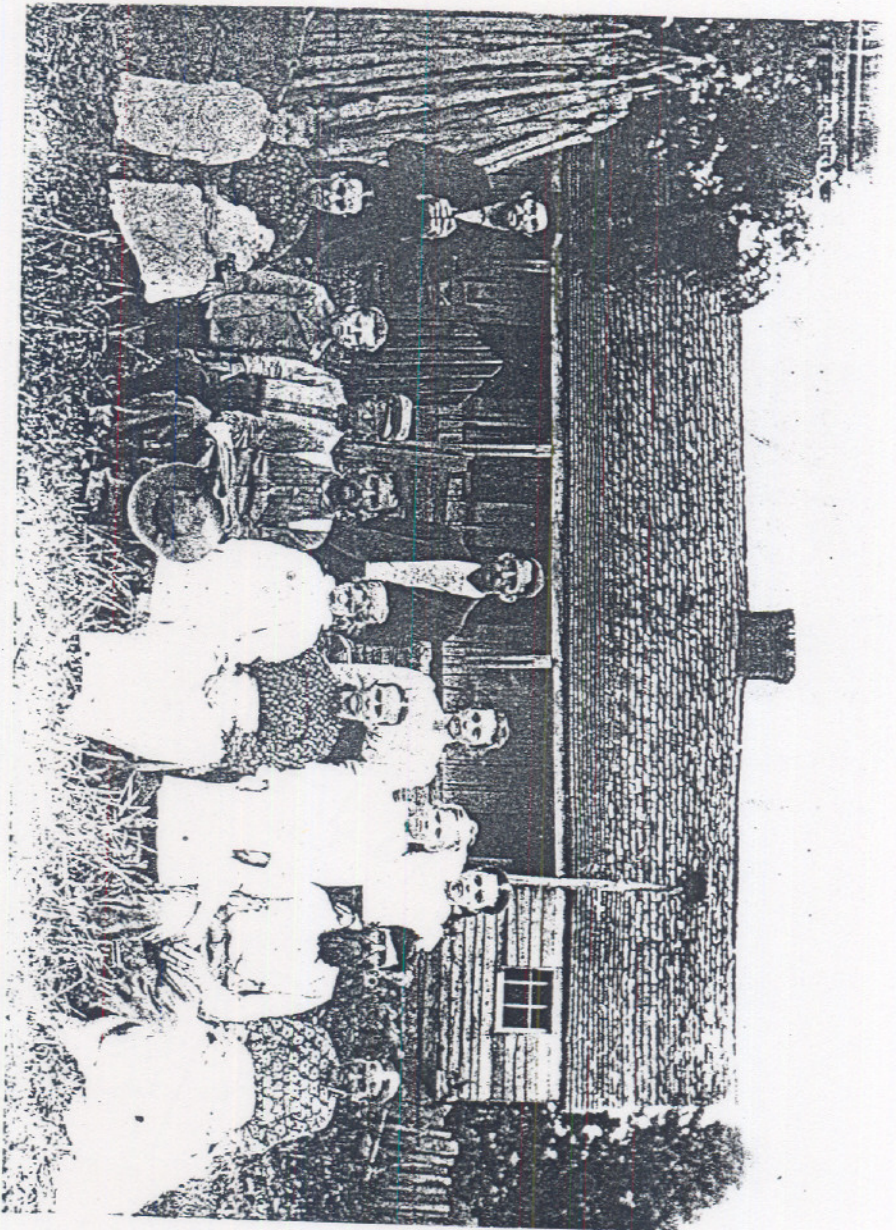
I am through the mercies of a kind providence enabled to again drop you a few lines to let you hear from me. Since I last wrote to you I have seen a very severe time. I believe we were at College Grove when I wrote you a short letter by Rufus Meek. When we left there the snow was three or four inches deep on the ground. (We were at Shelbyville and went to C. Grove) We remained at College Grove two or three weeks during our stay at that place we were called out once to meet the enemy. We went out 10 (?) miles to Nolensville and the enemy was forced back. We stayed out of our camp one night and returned again at night. The time did come when we ran to face the enemy on Saturday the 27th Dec. one           tioning (illeg.) the enemy. Hardies Corps left College Grove for Murfreesboro. early to go in a short distance of the battlefield and it was sundown when we were placed in line of battle. We remained in line of battle with the Regiment when we were changed from the right wing of our Army to the left wing. That night we slept close by the enemy and where we were to engage them next morning. About daylight the firing commenced. About sun up we engaged the enemy heavily. If you are fortunate enough to see a history of the battle it will be better no doubt than I can give you. We did not fight therein a great while before the Yankees gave way. We then ran them two or three miles tiring and killing them all the way. We drove them into their strongest positions when a Tenn Regiment coming in between our Brigade and the Yankees we were forced back a short distance with some loss. but we held the battlefield. On the right-wing wing (sic) of our forces Genl. Breckenrige engaged the enemy Thursday very heavy. We whiped them severly until the enemy were strongly reinforced when Breckenrige gave back to his original ground. Expect our heaviest loss was with him. We left the battlefield on last Saturday night about eleven o'clock and traveled 30 or 35 miles before sleeping over very rough roads. We were about one week on the battlefield with but one blanket in cold and rain. There is something very strange in the winding up of the affair. I suppose the enemy commanding retreating two hours before we did. The rear guard of the enemy when they found out that we had left returned and took Murfreesboro. Our forces destroyed 600 or 800 of their wagons. The battle lasted for several days during which time I was in many dangerous positions. I was protected by God and did not I believe get a scratch for which I hope I feel thankful. I saw a great many more men doing nothing during the fight than I expected. Our company lossed one killed and sixteen or eighteen wounded. Rubin Bennett was shot through the arm and I suppose it will have to be taken off so will Dan Jones. Watkins was the man who was killed in the company. Harry Stewart



You write like you scarcely ever hear from your Pa's. I am very much surprised at it for I enjoined it urgently upon them to write to you often. I have not gotten a letter from So. Car. since I left there. I have long expected letters but as yet have been disappointed. I will write write (sic) as soon as I can to our parents for they will be very anxious to hear from me after the battle. Give my respect to all who may inquire after me and receive my best and most devoted love to yourself and children.

Your Husband  
G. E. Goudelock





JOSIAH CATHERINE (PECK)  
FORD  
MARSHALL Co. KY

DONATED BY  
ROBERT S. RUDOLPH  
52150 THOMAS LN  
NEW BALTIMORE  
MICHIGAN 48047  
(810) 725-1548

(NEPHEW OF CATHERINE (PECK) FORD)





JOSIAH FORD  
2ND ARKANSAS  
I COMPANY



**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.

*Catharine*

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Sworn to

*[Signature]*

No 3683

**Widow's  
Indigent Pension**

Name *Catherine Ford*

Filed *FEB 27 1917  
Sept 4 1916*

Widow of *Josiah Ford*

*Widow of Josiah Ford*

*Allowed Apr 14 1917  
W. J. Stone,  
Commissioner*

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

*Catharine (widow)  
Peck Ford Polly Peck  
John + Polly  
Dunington*



ORIGINAL

# Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Marshall County.

Catherine Ford 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.) Catherine Ford State of Ky Marshall County
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? Since born by K. S. D. 1836 State of Arkansas in early 1850's
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? March 11 1836 Marshall & County Ky was Peck
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.) Married in Marshall County Ky Samuel Josiah Ford married in 1860 Marshall County Ky married by a minister by name of Aden Gooden
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? enlisted in State of Arkansas Co I 7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Division
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? I do not know returned home after war
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? I do not know
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company Regiment surrendered? I don't know he said he was
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? I can only testify he said he was with Co in a left command after surrender under parole of A & S
10. When and where did your husband die? April May 10 1909 at Scale Marshall Co 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? Eighteen Dollars in notes and money no other property no income except interest on \$900.00 at 4%
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? no family live with my children -
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 H Overby Benton Ky Route 106

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the



Marshall County.

of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Catharine Ford 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? *G. W. Ford Benton Ky April 6*  
*H. P. Ford,*
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. *yes*  
If so, how long have you known her? *56 years. I have known her 65*
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? *Marshall Ky 41 years*  
*I have known her all of her life*
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? *yes*
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage?
6. How long did you know him? *56 years*
7. When and where did *Arch Bradley, County* enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? *Co I, 2 and Arkansas*  
*I was at home and seen him leave*
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? *3 years*
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? *Atlanta Georgia*
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered?
12. Was *yes he paroled out* 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.) *I was one of the family was four years old when the war broke out, he enlisted the 3 years*
15. When and where did *May 12, 1869, Marshall Co Ky* die?  
Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? *Benton*



19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge? *29*

*I deposited in the bank for her,*

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

*125,*

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *19*  
day of *January* 191*7*  
*By J. A. Ford M.*

*H. D. Ford*  
*G. W. Ford*  
Witnesses.

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

I, *Murray* Judge of *Marshall* County, Kentucky,  
hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this county to Mrs. *Catherine Ford*  
the widow of *Joseph Ford* amount to \$ *000* real estate and  
\$ *900.00* personal. *Murray* Judge.  
*for Marshall* County, Ky.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

*Marshall* County. }  
I, *John D. Hall* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby  
certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Catherine Ford* resides in said county, and has been  
a bona fide resident of this State since the *all her life except a short while in Ark. in the early sixties*, and that the wit-  
nesses, *Mr. all of them*  
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 *6* day of *Nov*, 191*6*  
(SEAL) *John D. Hall* Clerk of *Marshall* 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, 1860, 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 true, or office duly certified by officiating minister, or the affidavit of the officiating minister, or the affidavit of a "deacon" at the ceremony, or the affidavit of two witnesses who knew them as man and wife, prior to January 1, 1860, and who were living together on the date of his death.



Marriage License

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

To any Minister of the Gospel or other Legally Authorized to solemnize Matrimony.

You are permitted to solemnize the RITES OF MATRIMONY

between *Josiah Ford*  
and *Catherine Beck*

the requirements of the law having been complied with.

WITNESS my signature, as Clerk of the *Marshall* County Court

this *22* day of *November* 18*56*  
*J. C. Gilbert* Clerk

Marriage Certificate

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That on the *23<sup>rd</sup>* day of *Nov*  
*1856* the RITES OF MARRIAGE were legally solemnized by me between

*Josiah Ford*  
and *Catherine Beck*  
at *home of J. Beck* in the County of *Marshall*  
in the presence of *Wilson English*  
& *David Story*

Note - The Statute requires the names of at least two witnesses to be inserted in the foregoing Certificate

SIGNED *Alvan Gooden*

by *acted* *Josiah Ford* Clerk  
*David Story* R.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

2012039 WASHINGTON, June 10, 1910.

Respectfully returned to

Hon. Alvan T. Barclay,  
House of Representatives.

The receipt of the above mentioned private, Company I, 2d Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army, listed May 17, year not stated, at Smyrna. His last first appearance company roll listed June 7, 1862. On muster roll dated Aug. 31, 1864 the last roll of the company of no name, and absent with no date of return date, provided later receipt of his name of

*A. T. Barclay*  
The Adjutant General



WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, June 10, 1916.

respectfully returned to

Wen W. Barkley,  
House of Representatives.

records show that Josiah Ford,  
Company I, 2d Arkansas In-  
fantry, Confederate States Army, en-  
listed May 10, year not stated, at  
his home. His name first appears on  
muster roll dated June 30, 1862.  
Next muster roll dated Aug. 31, 1864.  
at roll of the company on file,  
reported absent with remark,  
"detached duty, prov. guard." No  
record of his has been found.

*H. P. McLean*  
The Adjutant General.

MARSHALL COUNTY COURT

In the matter of Catherine Ford, applicant for pension under the act of  
the Kentucky Legislature approved March 11, 1912,

It is remembered that on the trial of the above styled ~~action~~  
application, in the county Court of Marshall County, Kentucky, on the 2 day  
of October 1916, before J.B. Wyatt Judge, J.A. Ford being duly sworn testified  
as follows:

Question by applicant Attorney

Q. Are you acquainted with the applicant Mrs Catherine Ford.

1. I am

Q. Where does the applicant live.

1. In Marshall County, Kentucky.

Q. How long has she lived in this County.

3. All her life, or for the past 50 years at least.

Q. What property has she, if any.

4. \$900.00 in Bank.

Q. What is her physical condition relative to being able to make a support

5. She is not physically able to make a support.

Q. Has she any one to rely upon for her support.

6. No sir.

Q. Has she a contract with any one for her support

7. No sir.

I John D Hall Clerk of the Marshall County  
Court do certify that the foregoing is a true  
and correct report of the trial of the above  
Catherine case.

*John D Hall Clerk*



Marshall County Court

pension.

Byatt Judge of the Marshall  
upon hearing of the above  
in the assessors books  
thence Ford is widow  
and deceased is a citizen of  
city Ky. and has been all  
at place capable to labor  
but and has no property  
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do my hand this the 2  
at Marshall County Ky.

Indorsement.

PENSION EXAMINER'S OFFICE.

FRANKFORT, KY.

CATHERINE FORD  
widow of  
JOSIAH FORD

Enlisted June, 1862, in Co.  
I, 2nd Arkansas Inf'y., and  
there is record proof of ser-  
vice to August 31, 1864. He  
was surrendered and paroled  
at Augusta, Ga. May 11, 1865.  
Proven by parole filed with  
application.

Property: \$1800.00.

Approved:

W. J. Stone.