

## Application of Widow.

I, Priscilla A. Morris, do hereby apply for aid under the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved April 2, 1902, and subsequent acts, as amended by an act approved March 10, 1904, entitled an act to aid the citizens of Virginia who were disabled by wounds received during the war between the States while serving as soldiers, sailors, or marines of Virginia, and such as served during the said war as soldiers, sailors, or marines of Virginia, who are now disabled by disease contracted during the war, or by the infirmities of age, and the widows of soldiers, sailors, or marines of Virginia who lost their lives in said service, or whose death resulted from wounds received or disease contracted in said service, and providing penalties for violating the provisions of this act, and I do solemnly swear that I am a citizen of the State of Virginia, resident at Maury P.O., in the County of Southampton, in the said State, and that I have been an actual resident of the said State for two years, and of the said city (or county) for one year next preceding the date of this application, and that I am the widow of Benton J. Morris, who was a soldier (sailor or marine) in the service of the State of Virginia in the war between the States, and who was a member of (here state specifically the command and branch of the service to which the husband of the applicant belonged, and, if possible, the names of his immediate superior officers) Captain 2d Co. A. 41st Regiment of Virginia Volunteers, and who, while in the discharge of his duty in the military or naval service of the State of Virginia, or of the Confederate States, during the said war, lost his life (If the husband of such widow was killed or died during the war as the result of wounds received, state the facts of the case as near as possible, giving the date of the husband's death)

(If the husband died after the war, strike out all relating to his death during the war, and then proceed as follows:), and who has since the said war died (here state specifically the cause of the death of the husband of the applicant and the date thereof) Pituitary attack resulting in brain fever. date of death Sept. 24th 1873

and that, to the best of my knowledge, during the said war my husband was loyal and true to his duty, and never, at any time, deserted his command or voluntarily abandoned his post of duty in the said service, and that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful, and lawful wife up to the date of his death, and that I am a widow at the date of making this application, and that I am now entitled to receive, under the said act the sum of Twenty-Five dollars annually. And I do further swear that I do not hold any position or office, either national, State, city or county, which pays me in salary or fees Two Hundred dollars per annum; nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to Two Hundred dollars per annum; nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of Two Hundred dollars per annum; nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use estate or property, either real, personal, or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of Seven Hundred and Fifty dollars; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am without means of support, direct or indirect; and I do further swear that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? Ans 77 years
  2. Where were you born? Ans Southampton Co. Va.
  3. How long have you resided in Virginia? Ans all of my life
  4. How long have you resided in the city or county of your present residence? Ans life
  5. What is your husband's full name? Ans Benton J. Morris
  6. When and where were you married, and by whom? Ans Sept. 20th 1867 in Southampton Co. Va. Rev. Dr. B. B. Smith
  7. When and where, as near as you can state, did your husband die, and from what cause? Ans in Southampton Co. Sept. 24th 1873 Brain
  8. Have you been married since the death of your said husband? Ans no
  9. Where and with whom do you now reside? Ans at my home near Maury in Southampton Co. Va.
  10. What property—real, personal or mixed—do you own? Ans lottery ticket in 248 acres of land, and about \$15.00 worth of jewelry
  11. What assistance do you receive, and what income have you from any source? Ans none except the rent of about 12 acres of land which is my dower
  12. If your husband died since the war, please state where he died, and, if possible, the name and address of the attending physician? Ans at home near Maury P.O. in Southampton Co. Va. Physician Dr. B. B. Kello who is dead
  13. Give the names and addresses, if possible, of two comrades in arms of your deceased husband. Ans H. E. Riddle and R. M. Branch
  14. Give the names and addresses of two persons who are familiar with the circumstances of your husband's death. Ans R. L. Morris and J. L. Morris
  15. If your husband died since the war, please state whether his death resulted from wounds received in the war, or from what disease? Ans Brain fever
  16. Give, as near as you can, the nature of the wound or the character of the disease from which your husband died. Ans Brain fever
  17. Give here any other information you may possess relating to the service of your husband or of his death that will support the justice of your claim for aid. Ans was Paroled at Appomattox after Lee's surrender. Parole was given to him 1865
  18. Is there any camp of Confederate veterans in the city or county of your residence? Ans no
  19. Is there any one living, the residence and address of whom is known to you, either comrade or otherwise, who has knowledge of your husband's service and of the cause of his death? If so or not, state. Ans only the 2 above but they do not know cause of death
- (Given under my hand this 7th day of April, 1901.)

I, M. P. Riddle, Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Southampton, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Mrs. P. A. Morris, whose name is signed to the foregoing application, personally appeared before me in my County, aforesaid having the aforesaid application read to her and fully explained, as well as the statements and answers therein made, the said Mrs. P. A. Morris made oath before me that the said statements and answers are true.

(Given under my hand this 7th day of April, 1901.)

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## OATH OF RESIDENT WITNESSES

We, R. M. Laine and J. M. White, do solemnly swear that we are residents of the County of Southampton in the said State, and that we have known personally and well for 30 years Mrs. Priscilla A. Morris whose name is signed to the annexed application for aid under the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved April 2, 1902, and subsequent acts, as amended by an act approved March 10, 1904, and that the said Mrs. Priscilla A. Morris is a resident of the said county and is a woman of good reputation for truth and honesty, and that we have read the annexed application and the answers to the questions therein propounded, made by the said applicant, and verily believe that the said applicant has been truthful in the said statements and answers, and that from our personal knowledge we verily believe the said applicant is justly entitled to aid under the said act, and that we have no personal interest in the allowance of the applicant's claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a J.P. for the County of Southampton, State of Virginia, this 7th day of April, 1901.

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## AFFIDAVIT OF COMRADES

We, E. L. Brille and R. M. Branch, do solemnly swear that we are residents of the County of Southampton, in the State of Virginia, and that Mrs. P. A. Morris whose name is signed to the annexed application for aid under the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved April 2, 1902, and subsequent acts, as amended