

**Widow's Indigent Pension Application No. 1527 - Accepted**  
**Filed July 4, 70**  
**Alice E. Meek, Widow of W. H. Meek**  
**I 59 Tenn Inf.**  
**Noeton, Grainger**

**QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANT**

*STATE OF TENNESSEE*  
*Grainger County.*

*Alice E. Meek of said State and County, of said State and County, desiring to avail herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, under Act of General Assembly, approved April, 1905, being Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1905, 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 our full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.)*

Mrs. Alice E. Meek, Noeton, Grainger Co., Tennessee

*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?*

In Grainger Co Tennessee Maiden name Alice E. Taylor

*4. When and where was your husband born – state his full name, and when and where were you and he married, and who performed the marriage ceremony? (Attach certified copy marriage license in every case.)*

In Grainger Co Tennessee My Husband born in Knox Co Tennessee We was marriage by Dr. Hood marriage license burnt

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

Co. I 59 Reg. of Tenn. Vol. Cav.

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

About 2 years

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

Latchery N.C.

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

Was not

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?*

In prison in Camp Chase Ohio March 18th

10. *Was your husband a pensioner or an applicant for pension under the laws of Tennessee?*  
he was not

11. *When and where did your husband die?*

At his home in Grainger Co July, 1866

12. *At the time of your husband's death, were you living with him as his lawful wife?*

I was

13. *How many children did you have by your said husband? Give sex and age at this time.*

10 - 5 Boys & 5 Girls. I can't give all the ages. The oldest is 62 & younger 38

14. *What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value?*

None at all

15. *What property, real or personal, did you possess at death of husband or did he leave you, and what disposition, if any, by sale or gift, have you made of the same?*

Twelve hundred. I convade it to my son with the understanding that he was to support me & my daughter but he does not

16. *Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? Give their means of support. Have they any lands or other property?*

My self & Daughter, a invalid

[signed] Alice E. Meek

*Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the*  
26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1907

J.W. Noe

of Grainger County.

## QUESTIONS FOR WITNESSES

*STATE OF TENNESSEE,*  
*Grainger County.*

G.W. Crosby and Jas. Wyatt, *of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Alice E. Meek for a pension under Chapter 202, Acts of 1905, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:*

1. *What is your name and where do you reside?*

G.W. Crosby Grainger Co Noeton Tenn. Jas. Wyatt Grainger Co Noeton Tenn

2. *Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Alice E. Meek*

*If so, how long have you known her:* ni on 60 years

3. *Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State?*

In Grainger Co 82 years

4. *When and where was she born?*

In Grainger Co 1818

5. *Were you ever acquainted with her husband?*

We were

6. *When and by whom were they married?*

by Rev. Hood

7. *When and where was he born?*

In Knox Co 1818

8. *How long did you know him?*

We knew him 50 years or more

9. *When and where did W. H. Meek enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this?*

We don't know which Reg, but he was tranferd to 59 Tenn Cav.

10. *Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war?*

I was

11. *How long did he perform regular military duty?*

2 years

12. *When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered?*

Caldsbery N.C.

13. *Were you with the command when it surrendered?*

No

14. *Was W. H. Meek, the husband of the applicant, present?*

He was not

15. *If not present, where was he?*

In prison

16. *When and where did he leave his command?*

Elizabethton Tenn

*For what cause?*

He was on scout

*By whose authority did he leave?*

General Vaughan

*How do you know all this?(state fully and clearly)*

I was present

17. *When and where did W. H.. Meek die?*

At his home in Grainger Co Tenn

18. *Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Tennessee at his death?*

Near Noeton Grainger Co Tenn for 50 years or more

19. *Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of W. H. Meek*

We do

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

She has

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

None

22. *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 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 26<sup>th</sup>  
Day of June 1907  
J. W. Noe*

Notary Public

[signed]  
J. A. Wyatt  
G. W. Crosby

*Witnesses*

***The Following Certificate of the County Trustee Must be Filled Out.***

*I, J. F. Livingston Trustee of Grainger County, Tennessee, hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. Alice E. Meek the widow of W. H. Meek amounts to \$ Nothing real state and \$ No personal.*

*J. F. Livingston Trustee.  
For Grainger County, Tenn.*

**Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public.**

*STATE OF TENNESSEE,  
Grainger County*

*I, J. W. Noe Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said County, hereby certify that the applicant, Mrs. Alice E. Meek resides in said County, and has been a bona fide resident of the State since the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1814, and that the witnesses, Mr. G.W. Crosby and Jas. A. Wyatt 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 witnesses 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1907*

*J. W. Noe  
Grainger County.*

[handwritten note on stationery]

W. F. HODGE,  
MAYOR

J. C. HODGES,  
RECORDER

J. RHOTEN NOE,  
CHIEF OF POLICE

## **OFFICE OF CITY RECORDER.**

*103 North Cumberland St. Donaldson Building*

**Morristown, Tenn., July 11 1907**

Col. F. A. Moses  
Nashville

Dofn:

I am just in receipt of letter from County Court Clerk of Grainger enclosing certificate as to marriage of Wm H. Meek and alicc Taylor, which I enclose herewith.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter I [unreadable]

Your friend,  
J. C. Hodges

[Pre-printed form, filled out by hand]

No. 1527W2

Geo. B. Guild, President  
FRANK A. MOSES  
W. H. Coley

HON. FRANK DEBRELL  
ATTY. GEN. CHAS. T. CATES  
JOHN P. HICKMAN, Secretary

HEADQUARTERS

Tennessee Board of Pension Examiners

Nashville, Tenn. July 4 1907

**GEN. F. C. AINSWORTH,**  
*Military Secretary,*  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

*Dear Sir:*

*Mrs. Alice E. Meek*

*who is an applicant for pension under the Tennessee Widows Pension  
Law, claims that her husband W. H. Meek  
was a member of Company I 59<sup>th</sup> Regiment Tenn Infty  
C.S.A., and was*

*Later Mounted Infty and was released from prison at Camp Chase Ohio at the  
close of the war or sent for exchange*

*Please give us the record of this soldier,*

*Respectfully,*  
George B. Guild  
*President.*

[handwritten note on stationery]

*N. C. Kieler*  
*Thos. E. Gallagher*

*Heder F. Gallagher*  
*General Agents*  
*Cincinnati*

**WESTERN BRANCH**  
**AETNA INSURANCE COMPANY**  
HARTFORD, CONN.

J. C. Hodges,

July 2, 1907

Leul John P. Hickman Sec Pension Board  
Nashville

Dofn:

I enclose application of Mrs. Alice Meek for pension.

I suggest that you send communications to her care George w. Crosby, Noeton,  
Tenn.

Yours truly,  
J. B. Hodges

[typed note on stationery]

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

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**WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

WASHINGTON, July 9, 1907

*Respectfully returned to* the

President,  
Tennessee Board of  
Pension Examiners,  
Nashville,

The records show that one William H. Meek, private, Company I:59<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry, C.S.A. (also designated Mounted Infantry), was enlisted August 26, 1863. On the company muster roll for January and February, 1865 (last on file), he is reported present.

The records further show that one William H. Meek, private, Company I, 59<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry, C.S.A., was captured in Carter County, Tennessee, March 31, 1865, and that he subscribed to the oath of allegiance at Camp Chase, Ohio, June 10, 1865, and was released the same day.

[signed, unreadable]  
*The Adjutant General.*

(A.G.O. 72-1)