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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
DEPENDENT'S ORIGINAL

NO. 336532

APPLICANT

Hannah A Beckwith  
Mother

VETERAN

Herbert E. Beckwith

SERVICE

926

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No. 100

Acts of July 11, 1862 and March 3, 1877

Samuel A. Bickwith  
Paul A. Bickwith, P.O. No. 264  
Mother  
Herbert E. Bickwith  
Born J. L. Mill, N.Y.  
Died at Chicago, Ill.  
Dec. 28, 1864. Effect of  
No other claim

REJECTED. X

DATE OF REVIEW  
March 20, 1896

ABANDONED.

Application filed: March 2, 1896

Attorney: Chapman

P.O. C. P. Clarke & Co.

BOARD OF RE-REVIEW

JUL 12 1896

City



[3-218 a.]  
*Deputy* Ex'r.  
m. Orig. No. 336,532  
Act of June 27, 1890.

Hannah A. Deitchman  
Norwich, New London Co. Conn.  
Mother of  
~~Herbert Deitchman~~  
H 10 claim Inf 7 H 3 map H. Art  
Died at Dec 24/68

other claim.

\_\_\_\_\_, 18  
Numerical No. 385,024

Clerk.

Application filed: Aug 27 1890.  
Attorney: Geo M. Lockwood  
P. O. City

*D. J. M.*

Sept 17-2-90

Sept. 15, 91 - To Atty Lockwood  
for evidence as to present means  
of support. - J. D.

Nov. 5, 91 - Lett. call Hon. C. A. Russell  
N. H. for evidence called for  
as above - J. D.

Vt.

Mass.

R. I.

Conn.

N. Y.

N. J.

Del.

No.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 65. 98.

Newrich Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Hon. Commissioners,  
Mr. Green B. Baum.  
Dear Sir -

I received a card from you  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1890. I have waited  
patiently, hoping my Pension  
would come.

I beg not to be put off any longer  
I was 79 years of age the 31<sup>st</sup> of July.  
As my health is now, and has  
been, I may not need it very  
long.

I am staying with my sister  
for the present at 87 Maple St.,  
Newrich.

Conn.

Yours truly, respectfully -  
Hannah A. Beckwith.

N. A. Beckwith  
Moth Creek  
no. 336532

Chief of RCO  
Please give ~~some~~  
Claimant is in  
distress,

Robert E. Beckwith  
10 Crown St.  
N 2 Mass St. Bldg

RM

[3-017a.]

Act of June 27, 1890.

H H

## DECLARATION FOR DEPENDENT MOTHER'S PENSION.

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To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public or a Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk.

STATE OF Connecticut  
COUNTY OF New London } ss:

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, one thousand eight hundred and

ninety-                    , personally appeared before me a Judge of the Norwich Probate Court

of the                      in and for the County and State

aforesaid, Hannah A. Beckwith, aged seventy-eight years, a resident

of Norwich, County of New London,

State of Connecticut, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is

the mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, who enlisted under the name

of Herbert E. Beckwith, at Hartford, Connecticut, on the

day of Sept. or October, 1861, in Co. H, 10<sup>th</sup> Regt Conn. Vols.

Infantry and afterwards in Co. H, 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Heavy Artillery

[Here state rank, company, and regiment in Military service, or vessel, if in Navy.]

in the service of the United States, who died at Annapolis, Md, on the 24<sup>th</sup>

day of December, 1864, from the effects of starvation, or from ill

usage received in rebel prison at Andersonville, &c

incurred at Andersonville, &c from May to December

on the                      day of                     , 1864.

That said son left neither a widow, nor child under sixteen years of age, surviving. That she is without

other PRESENT means of support than her own manual labor or the contributions of others not legally bound

for her support. That she has heretofore applied for a pension; the number of her application

is 336,532. That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the

pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

She hereby appoints George M. Lockwood, of 1305 F. St. N. W.

State of Washington D. C., her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim and receive a

fee of \$ 10. That her POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is Norwich,

County of New London, State of Connecticut

Hannah A. Beckwith.

[Claimant's signature.]

Attest: (1)

Wm. A. O'Brien

(2)

Edwin Palmer

Also personally appeared Alonso R. Aborn, residing at Norwich Conn., and Edwin Palmer, residing at said Norwich, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Hannah A. Bechwith the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance with her of 15 years and 30 years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

(1) Alonso R. Aborn  
(2) Edwin Palmer

[Signatures of witnesses.]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, A. D. 1890, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words "on the day of" ~~from May to December~~ erased, and the words from May to December added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. "from May to December" above erased and "on the day of" interlined prior to execution before me.

S. J. Holbrook

[Signature.]

Judge of said Court

[Official character.]

The Act of June 27, 1890, requires, in case of dependent mother:

1. That soldier died of a wound, injury, or disease which, under present laws, would have given him a pension.
2. That he left no wife or minor child.
3. That the mother is at PRESENT dependent on her own manual labor, or the contributions of others not legally bound, for her support.
4. All pensions under this act commence from the date of the receipt of the application in the Pension Bureau.
5. The benefits of the first section of the Act of June 27, 1890, are not confined to the parents of those who served in the War of the Rebellion, but extended to cases arising since the termination of said War.

Notified 12-2-90

M. Orig. 336532  
38502

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[3-017 a.]

DEPENDENT MOTHER'S APPLICATION.

Claimant Hannah A. Bechwith.

Soldier Herbert E. Bechwith

Service in 10<sup>th</sup> Regt. Conn. Vols.  
W 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Heavy Artillery  
S. H.

Address:

Norwich, New London  
County, Connecticut.

ATTORNEY:

G. W. Lockwood

Address 1304 7 St.

Washington D.C.

August 26, 1890.

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BD. of ~~REV.~~ REV.

H. G.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Claim No. 336,532.

Hannah A. Beckwith,

mother of

Herbert E. Beckwith,

Co. H. 2nd Mass. H. G.

August 10th, 1889.

Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith,

care of,

Geo. M. Lockwood,

1304 F st,

Washington, D. C.

Madam:

In response to

your request of the 5th inst. for report of the status of the above named case, I have the honor to state that the same has this day, been rejected on the ground that the claimant was not dependent on the soldier at the time of his death in December 1864, within the meaning of the law.

From the evidence on file, it appears that the income of claimant's husband was about \$600. during the year 1864, and that he owned a house and lot occupied by his family, assessed for taxes in that same year at \$2500. and estimated to have been actually worth \$3500, claimant's family consisting of only her husband and a son about seventeen years old.

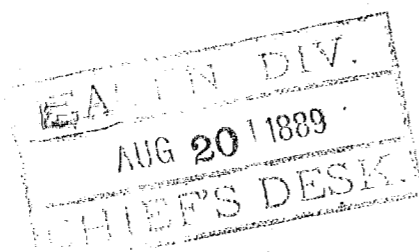
Very respectfully,

*Samuel T. Barrett*

Commissioner.

Please con-  
sider an En-  
quiry with files

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(8-550.)

CONGRESSIONAL.

No. 336,532

NAME OF CLAIMANT,

Hannah A. Beckwith

NAME OF SOLDIER,

Herbert E. Beckwith

10<sup>th</sup> Conn. Infy.  
Co. H, Reg't 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. H.A.

Information wanted as follows:

*As to the status of the case  
and if additional evidence  
is required. The information  
is requested, that early per-  
fection of papers in the case  
may be effected.*

*J. W. T. Wait*  
*M. C.*

Senators and Members will greatly aid the Pension Office in giving them an early answer if they will fill and use this slip in making calls in pension cases.

JOHN C. BLACK,  
Commissioner.

(4895-50,000.)

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

DEPENDENT Mather PENSION.

Claimant, <u>Hannah A. Beckwith</u>	Soldier, <u>Herbert E. Beckwith</u>
P. O., <u>Box 264 Washington</u>	Rank, <u>Corporal</u> Co., <u>H.</u>
County, _____, State, <u>D.C.</u>	Regiment, <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. Vol. H.A.</u>

Rate, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, commencing \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:	
Name, <u>P. G. Clarke &amp; Co.</u>	Fee, \$ _____ Agent _____ to pay.
P. O., <u>Washington, D.C.</u>	Articles filed <u>April 26<sup>th</sup></u> , 1888.

APPROVALS:	
Submitted for <u>rejection June 22<sup>nd</sup></u> , 1888, <u>Joseph Dague</u> , Examiner.	
Approved for <u>rejection on the ground of non-dependence</u> , original of <u>accepted</u> , <u>J. M. B. B. B.</u>	Approved for <u>the ground of death resulted from</u> , <u>bullet wound to the lower</u> due to <u>of July 10<sup>th</sup> 1889</u> which has been legally accepted.
<u>Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1889</u> , Legal Reviewer.	_____, 18 _____, Medical Reviewer.
<u>Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1889</u> , Re-Reviewer.	_____, Medical Referee.

IMPORTANT DATES:	
Enlisted <u>November 11<sup>th</sup></u> , 1863.	Death of <u>Father Feb. 8<sup>th</sup></u> , 1885.
Mustered _____, 18 _____.	Remarriage of mother <u>not</u> , 18 _____.
Discharged _____, 18 _____.	Invalid app'n filed <u>none</u> , 18 _____.
Died <u>December 30<sup>th</sup></u> , 1864.	Invalid last paid to _____, 18 _____.
Declaration filed <u>March 19<sup>th</sup></u> , 1886.	_____, 18 _____.

INCIDENTAL MATTER:	
<u>Rejected on the ground of non-dependence at the time of the soldier's death; the husband being in possession of sufficient property and income (a home and \$600 income in 1864) to afford his family a comfortable support.</u>	
HISTORY OF ATTORNEYSHIPS:	

1st app't, <u>Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1887</u> , By <u>P. G. Clarke</u>	Recognized or why not, _____ Name and P. O., _____
2d app't, _____, 18 _____, By _____	Name and P. O., _____ Recognized or why not, _____
3d app't, _____, 18 _____, By _____	Name and P. O., _____ Recognized or why not, _____

*Index Mather, Claim No. 336,532*  
*Herbert E. Beckwith Co. H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg't Mass. H.A.*

ARRANGE PAPERS IN INVALID CLAIMS—1. Declaration; 2. Soldier's statements as to origin; 3. A. G.; 4. S. G.; 5. Cert. of Dis. Let history as to origin, continuance, &c., follow in regular order. IN WIDOWS' AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES' CLAIMS—Let evidence of soldier's death, marriage, dependence, &c., follow evidence of origin and continuance of fatal disease.

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NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1	Hannah A. Beckwith Washington, D.C.	March 19, '86	Application Informal
2	do	June 19, '86	Application—Formal
3	A. G.	July 19, '86	Service and death of soldier
4	Second Auditor	Aug 31, '86	Relationship and celibacy
5	Claimant	May 25, '86	Residence, family, support, husband's physical condition, occupation, property contributions &c.
6	do	June 28, '86	do
7	Publi. Record Norwich Ct.	April 28, '88	Birth of soldier June 23, 1845
8	Public Record Norwich Ct.	—	Death of father Feb. 8, 1885
9	Public Record New London Co. Ct.	Sept. 9, '86	Assessed value of property
10	Edwin A. Tracy Norwich, Ct.	May 25, '86	As to contributions
11	Mary A. Tracy Norwich, Ct.	May 25, '86	do
12	Edwin A. Tracy Norwich, Ct.	Aug. 20, '86	Means of knowing facts to which he has testified
13	Mary A. Tracy Norwich, Ct.	Aug. 16, '86	Physical and financial condition
14	Frances B. Palmer Preston City, Ct.	Aug. 16, '86	Means of knowing facts
15	John A. Beckwith Washington, D.C.	June '88	Am't of husband's income in 1864 and contributions by soldier.

Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Reg't \_\_\_\_\_

IN WIDOWS' AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES' CLAIMS—Let evidence of soldier's death, marriage, dependence, &c., follow evidence of origin and continuance of fatal disease.

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H DECLARATION FOR / ORIGINAL PENSION OF A MOTHER. H

District Columbia, COUNTY OF Washington,  
 On this 18 day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six  
 personally appeared before me R. B. Nixon a Notary Public in and for the  
 the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Hannah A. Beckwith,  
 a resident of Norwich, county of New London, in the State of Connecticut,  
 aged seventy-three years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension  
 provided by Acts of Congress granting pensions to dependent mothers: That she is the 1 widow  
 of Elisha W. Beckwith, and mother of Herbert E. Beckwith  
 who 2 enlisted under the name of Herbert E. Beckwith  
 at Readville, Mass, on the not remembered day of not remembered, A. D. 1862,  
 in 3 Company N, 2d Massachusetts Heavy Artillery  
 in the war of 1861 to 1865, and, who 4 died at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Mary-  
 land, December 28th, 1864, from the effect of exposure while a  
 prisoner of war, having been captured at Plymouth, North Carolina, at  
 the time of its surrender in 1864,  
 on the as above day of as above, A. D. 1864; that said son Herbert E. Beckwith,  
 died (aged nineteen years) and left neither widow nor child under sixteen years of age surviving; that she was  
 5 in part dependent upon said son for support; that her husband, the aforesaid Elisha W.  
 Beckwith died February 8, 1885, aged seventy-five years 6, having died at  
 Norwich, Connecticut, on the date above stated

that there were surviving at date of said son's death, his brothers and sisters, who were under sixteen years of age, as follows:

None under sixteen years of age  
 , born , 18  
 , born , 18  
 , born , 18  
 , born , 18

That she has not heretofore received nor applied for a pension 7, and to her knowledge,  
 nobody has ever applied for pension in this case; that she has not aided or abetted the rebellion;  
 that she hereby appoints herself her attorney to prosecute the above claim;  
 that her residence is at No. 1112, in G. N. W. street, in the city  
 of Washington, county of Washington, State of Columbia  
 and that her post office address is C/o John A. Beckwith, P.O. Box 264, Washington, D.C.  
 (Attest.)

W. W. Ray

Hattie C. Fort

Hannah A. Beckwith

(Claimant's signature.)

Also personally appeared Wm. W. Ray, residing at No. 1209  
 in Penna. ave. street, in Washington City, and Hattie C. Fort  
 residing at No. 1310, in I. St. N. W. street, in Washington City, persons whom I certify to be respect-  
 able and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Hannah A.  
 Beckwith, the claimant, sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have  
 every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself  
 to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

W. W. Ray  
 Hattie C. Fort  
 (Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 18 day of March, A. D. 1886

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained  
 to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words

[L. S.]

, erased, and the words

, added; and that I have no interest, direct  
 or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

marks of erasure on lines 2 & 3 of afft. of  
 witnesses hereof made before execution.

R. B. Nixon

(Signature.)

Notary Public

(Official character.)

1 "Wife" or "widow."  
 2 "Enlisted," "was drafted," &c.  
 3 State company and regiment, if in the army; and vessel, &c., if in the navy.  
 4 State nature of wounds and all circumstances attending them, or the disease and manner in which it was incurred, in either case showing soldier's death to have  
 been the sequence; also service and rank at time of death.  
 5 "Wholly," or "in part."  
 6 If husband is dead so state.  
 7 If either she or the

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MOTHER.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

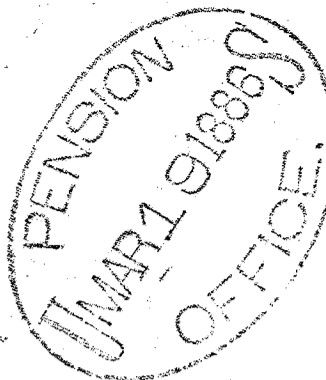
ORIGINAL.

Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith, Applicant.

Mother of Herbert E. Beckwith

Private, Co., A Regt.

2d Mass Vol Inf, 4th Vols.



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Claimant, C/o John A. Beckwith

C/o P. O. Box 264

Washington D.C.

110,001-5,000.

All the blanks in this form should be carefully filled and the requirements of the notes strictly observed.

An honorable discharge from the service in all cases is necessary.

Declarations of claimants, either for original pension or for increase of pension already granted, must be made before a court of record, or before some officer thereof having custody of its seal; said officer being fully authorized and empowered to administer and certify any oath or affirmation relating to any pension or application therefor.

The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.

Declarations and other papers should be as legible and as clear in statement as possible.

Where any evidence is already on file in any department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it will render it available in any subsequent claim.

The post office address (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.

Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.

All facts, testimony of which is required to establish a claim, must be proven by the affidavits of two or more credible witnesses, unless other evidence is specified.

The statements of claimants, unless duly corroborated, are not accepted as evidence.

Testimony, in support of allegations made in a declaration, may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.

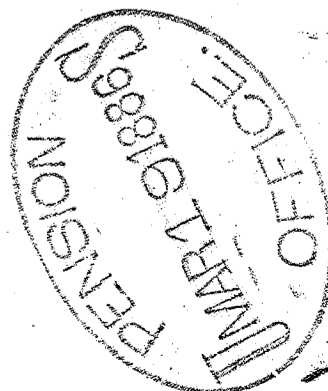
Persons desiring to complete claims pending at the decease of the claimants, must furnish a duly verified certificate of their authority as heirs or legal representatives.

With all claims for arrears, increase, or restoration to the rolls, the original pension certificate must be returned, or explanation of its absence must be given under oath.

To facilitate the adjudication of claims, all the requisite evidence that is available should be forwarded with the application.

Furnishing this blank as requested does not indicate that there is a valid claim to pension.

That fact can be ascertained only after all the necessary evidence has been filed. It must appear that the soldier died of injury received or disability contracted while in the military or naval service.



DECLARATION FOR AN ORIGINAL PENSION OF A MOTHER.

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District of Columbia  
 State of Washington  
 City of Washington, COUNTY OF Washington ss:  
 On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six  
 personally appeared before me Deputy of the Supreme Court D.C.  
 the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith  
 a resident of Norwich, county of New London, in the State of Connecticut,  
 + aged seventy-four (74) years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension  
 provided by Acts of Congress granting pensions to dependent mothers: That she is the 1 widow of Elisha W. Beckwith, late  
 of Norwich, New London County, Connecticut, and mother of Herbert E. Beckwith  
 who 2 enlisted under the name of Herbert E. Beckwith  
 at Harford, Connecticut on the October day of not clearly known, but in the fall of, A. D. 1861  
 in Co. B, 10<sup>th</sup> Regt. Connecticut Volunteers  
Co. H, 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. Mass. Heavy Artillery, A. D. 1863,  
 in the war of 1861 to 1865, who 4 died at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Maryland,  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, A. D. 1864, from the effects of starvation endured while  
a prisoner of war, he having been captured at the fall of Plymouth, North Carolina,  
and died  
 on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, A. D. 1864, that said son died - had never been  
married - his age 19 years - and left neither widow nor child under sixteen years of age surviving; that she was  
 5 in part dependent upon said son for support; that her husband, the aforesaid Elisha W. Beckwith  
of said Norwich, Connecticut, aged seventy-five (75) years 6 died at said  
Norwich, Connecticut February 8, 1885, of softening of the brain, as shown by  
certificate of death filed with irregular claim (as decided) No. 336,532 -  
 that there were surviving at date of said son's death, his brothers and sisters, who were under sixteen years of age, as follows: all over 16  
Mrs. Harriet M. Baker, of Bridgewater, Mass., born January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1838.  
Frank E. Beckwith, of New Haven, Conn., born Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1848.  
John A. Beckwith, at present of Washington, D. C., born Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1843.  
The above composed my entire family -, born 18  
 That she has not heretofore received nor applied for a pension 7 except as in case No. 336,532, presented  
before a Notary Public, and which this is intended to cover in place of; that she has not aided or abetted the rebellion;  
 that she hereby appoints herself her attorney to prosecute the above claim;  
 that her residence is at No. 1112, in E. (N.W.) street, in the (City of Washington, temporarily)  
 of Washington, county of Washington, Dist State of Columbia  
 and that her post office address is Go John A. Beckwith, P.O. Box 264, Washington, D.C.  
 (Attest.) I shall be twenty-four years of age on July 31<sup>st</sup> next (1886)

John A. Beckwith, Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith  
 (Claimant's signature.)

Also personally appeared Sarah M. C. Spofford, residing at No. 508  
 in East Capitol street, in Washington D.C., and William W. Ray  
 residing at No. 1209, in Penn. Av. (N.W.), in Washington D.C. persons whom I certify to be respect-  
 able and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith

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Sarah M. C. Spofford.  
William W. Ray  
 (Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D. 18 86  
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R. J. Meigs Clerk  
L. P. Williams  
 (Official character.)

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 been the sequence; also service and rank at time of death.  
 5 "Wholly," or "in part."  
 6 If husband is dead so state, giving date of death; also whether applicant has remarried. If still living, his inability to support applicant should be accounted for.  
 7 If either she or the soldier has previously applied, so state, giving number of claim.

Mother No 336 532  
dup

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MOTHER.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

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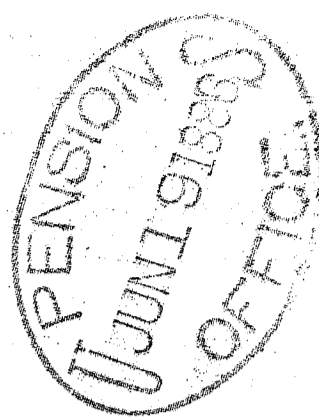
, Applicant.

Mother of Andrew E Beckwith

Co., 16 Conn Regt.

2 Mass. H A Vols.

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 Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.  
 All facts, testimony of which is required to establish a claim, must be proven by the affidavits of two or more credible witnesses, unless other evidence is specified.  
 The statements of claimants, unless duly corroborated, are not accepted as evidence.  
 Testimony, in support of allegations made in a declaration, may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.  
 Persons desiring to complete claims pending at the decease of the claimants, must furnish a duly verified certificate of their authority as heirs or legal representatives.  
 With all claims for arrears, increase, or restoration to the rolls, the original pension certificate must be returned, or explanation of its absence must be given under oath.  
 To facilitate the adjudication of claims, all the requisite evidence that is available should be forwarded with the application.

336.532

## War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington,

July 19, 1886.

Respectfully returned, the Commissioner of Pensions.

Herbert C. Beckwith, a Private of Company "H",  
 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Mass H. A. Volunteers, was enrolled on the  
 11<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 1863, at Boston for 3 years  
 and is reported: on Muster roll of Co. to  
 Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1863 Conf. Present same report  
 to Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 1864 March & April 1864  
 absent Captured at Plymouth N.C.  
 April 20<sup>th</sup> 1864. same report to June 30<sup>th</sup>  
 1864 July & August 1864 not borne  
 report & Oct 1864 absent Captured  
 at Plymouth N.C. April 20<sup>th</sup> 1864  
 same report to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1864 January  
 & February 1865 absent Captured at  
 Plymouth N.C. April 20<sup>th</sup> 1864 Paroled  
 Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1864 Died Camp Parole Annapolis  
 Md. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1864. Co. was in action  
 at Plymouth N.C. April 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

#336,582

Prisoner of War Records show him  
 Captured at Plymouth, N.B. Apr. 20, 64  
 paroled at Charleston S.C. Dec. 16, 64  
 re-captured at Camp Parole, Md. Dec. 24, 64  
 and Died in Camp Hospital,  
 Dec. 30, 64

Record of Death and Interment by Surgeon  
 reports him died in Hospl. Camp Parole near  
 Annapolis, Md. Dec. 30, 1864 of Phthisis. J. J.

Thomas Ward

Assistant Adjutant General.

by - M. J.

Washington, D. C., June 29, 1886.

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

Washington, D. C.,

Aug 27, 1886

*Filed in this Office*

A claim,  
by Hanna

Respectfully returned To The Hon.

Commissioner of Pensions.

in Co. A, 2

In the Case of Herbert E.  
Beckwith, late Corporal, Co. H, 2<sup>d</sup>

to have died

Mass. Hy. Arty. # 3750 balance of  
 Parents' Joint Resolution Law

## WITH THE RETURN

13, 1864. And arrears of pay to in  
March, Dec 22 1864. West. All

*possession relative*

ed to Elisha W. Beckwith, as  
author of the same.

Soldier

further by Treasury Certificate  
 No. 207699, 288380 and 21195, N.S.  
 Aug. 10, 1952

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Oct. 17, 1865, Jan'y 10, 1866, and  
March 27, 1884,

The Claimant states in his application filed Feb. 8, 1865, that he is the father of Soldier who died leaving neither wife nor child.

Geo. H. Brewer and  
Geo. D. Ellis identify the Claim  
ant And Corroborate his  
Statement from a long personal  
acquaintance.

C. Black.  
Commissioner.

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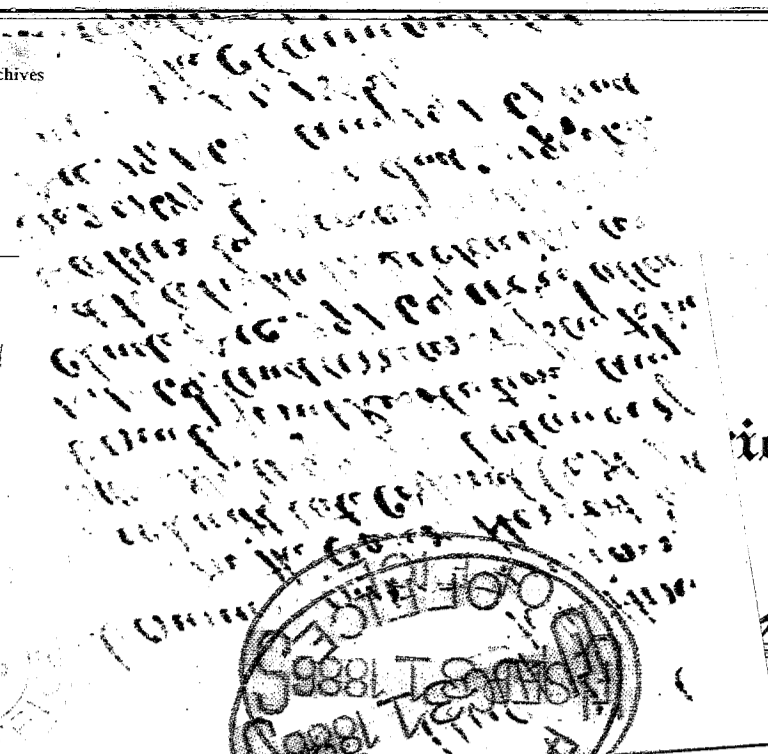
Wm. a. Day  
Auditor

LAC. 77

By J. E. [Signature]

(Ed. 1-4-'86—50,000.)

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J.D.  
J.B.  
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rior,

29, 1886.

A claim, No. 336,332, has been filed in this Office by Hannah A. Beckwith, as mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, who was a private in Co. H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg't, Mass. H. A. Vols., and is alleged to have died December 28, 1864. Will you please to furnish WITH THE RETURN OF THIS CIRCULAR, a copy of such evidence as may be in your possession relative to celibacy and relationship of the Soldier. Please state also to whom and to what date back pay and bounty were paid.

Very respectfully,

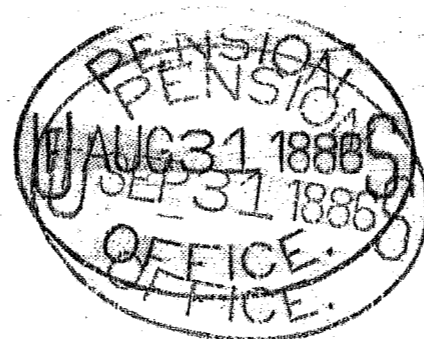
John C. Black.  
Commissioner.

The SECOND AUDITOR,  
Treasury Department.

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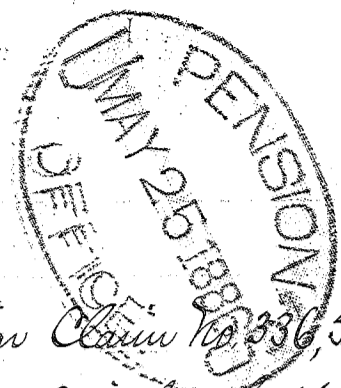
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2<sup>nd</sup> Auditor



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City <sup>and</sup> County of Washington, } ss;  
 District of Columbia



In case of Pension Claim No 336,532,  
 additional evidence being required, per Circular letter,  
 dated Pension Office, Washington, D.C., April 15, 1886, Mrs.  
 Hannah A. Beckwith, being first duly sworn, deposes and  
 declares that her actual age is 73 years, and her actual  
 residence and post-office address in 1864, was Norwich,  
 New London County, State of Connecticut, in which city she  
 was born and continuously resided up to the month of  
 September, 1885; that the names, ages and relationships  
 of all members of her family were and are, viz:

Elisha W. Beckwith, husband, deceased Feb. 8, 1885, aged 75 years;

Herbert E. Beckwith, son, deceased Dec. 28, 1884, at Camp Parole, Annapolis, aged 19 yrs;

Mrs. Harriet M. Daker, daughter, widow of Franklin T., aged 48 years, now  
 residing at Bridgewater, Mass.;

R. B. W. Dr. Frank E. Beckwith, <sup>son</sup> aged 38 yrs, resident of New Haven, Conn. (39 Church St.),

John A. Beckwith, son, aged 43 years, temporarily residing in Washington, D.C.

and your affiant, applicant for Pension; that to the date of  
 his death, her late husband, Elisha W. Beckwith, was legally  
 bound to afford her support; that affiant since losing her  
 husband, in 1885, after fifty years of married life, has not  
 remarried; that she is and was the mother of the soldier,  
 Herbert E. Beckwith; that he, the said soldier was never  
 married, and died leaving neither widow, child or children  
 surviving him.

R. B. W. In the matter of her late husband's physical condition in 1864,  
 affiant declares that no disability existed in his condition, at  
 that time known to her, but that a gradual approach to death

was noticeable during the closing <sup>(1884)</sup> ten years of his life;  
 That her husband's business in 1864, was that of clothing dealer,  
 in company with one J. T. Dow, on Main St, Norwich, Conn, under the  
 firm name of Beekwith and Dow; that the business was unprof-  
 itable, and that Mr. Dow retired from the firm in 1866, or about  
 that time; that her husband afterwards sold out the entire business  
 and stock in trade, to one Philip Brewer, of said city, for the sum of  
 Six hundred dollars (\$600.<sup>00</sup>); that the income of the said business  
 was always insufficient to the support of herself and family, but  
 that by taking in sewing and doing other work offered her, she  
 managed to live, obtain enough to eat and keep clear of debt;  
 that her husband collected taxes for the Central School  
 District, of Norwich, Conn, for four or more years, subsequent to  
 the year 1875, receiving for such service a percentage on the  
 amount collected, or a total sum per annum from that source  
 of not above Two hundred and twenty dollars (\$220.<sup>00</sup>) and that  
 from about said date, up to the date of his death, he also collected  
 pew rents for the 2<sup>d</sup> Congregational Church, of Norwich, Conn, re-  
 ceiving as compensation therefor, per annum, as nearly as can be  
 stated One hundred dollars (\$100.<sup>00</sup>); that it will thus appear that  
 her husband at no time abandoned her, but that it can scarcely be  
 said that Three hundred and twenty dollars (\$320.<sup>00</sup>) would be sufficient  
 to the support of two persons, without remarkable effort as to careful  
 outlay of money; that the testimony of credible disinterested  
 persons, having personal knowledge of the facts as stated, that the  
 full value of all property, connected with her or in her interest,  
 including the store referred to herein and residence, during the year  
 1864, could not have exceeded the value of Thirty-five hundred

dollars (\$3,500.<sup>00</sup>), and the store or business having been disposed of, as stated, the residence at said Norwich, Conn., has furnished no income, until last September, since when she has received from its tenant at the rate of Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.<sup>00</sup>) per annum, out of which even taxes had to be paid and all repairs settled for, will appear in affidavits appended hereto; That no real estate has been disposed of since the death of her son, as to have disposed of any would have been to have had no roof to have protected herself and husband: That her deceased son during his service in the 10<sup>th</sup> Conn. Vol. Infantry, regularly sent sums of money out of his pay to her, but how they were received, whether by allotment, or otherwise, she is unable to positively state; that letters from him were received, during his service, in acknowledgement of his obligation, as a son, by affection bound to assist her, which letters are now lost, or were destroyed when she broke up her home last September (1885) and that if such letters were now existing, they would be twenty-two years old. and further, that to the best of her ability deponent has made true answer herein to all inquiry and requirement of Pension letter hereinbefore referred to and herewith returned as required.

Hannah A. Beckwith.

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this third day  
of May A. D. 1886 at the  
City of Washington,

R. B. Nixon.  
Notary Public

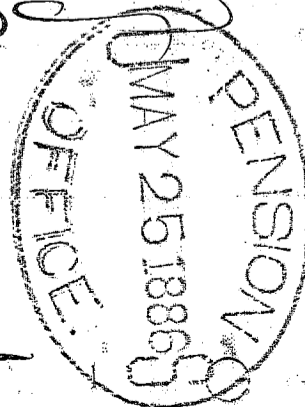
In the case of Pension Claim No. 336,532, for Pension by Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith, as mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, died, late of Company A, 10<sup>th</sup> Conn. Regt. Vol. Infy <sup>and</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. Mass. Heavy Arty., also personally appeared before me, John T. Wait, of Norwich, Conn., at present residing in Washington, D.C., as a Member of Congress, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that his age is seventy-four (74) years; that he has been a resident of Norwich, Conn. for about fifty (50) years; that he knows the contents of the affidavit of Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith; that he has known the claimant for more than twenty years; that he knows her to be a truthful and reliable person, and therefore, that her statements are entitled to credit, exactly according as she has made them under oath; that his knowledge was derived from having known her and her family during a long run of years; that her statement as to property held in either <sup>her</sup> or her husband's interest in the year 1864, and since, to the present time, is absolute fact; and that from inquiry made by, and statements made to, him, he has every reason to believe that said deceased soldier acknowledged the obligation due to his home and his mother, on account of their needs and his love for them, by sending money to his mother to assist her, while he was a soldier in the Army. I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim for pension.

*John T. Wait*  
(16)

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this third day  
of May A. D. 1886, at the  
City of Washington.

R. B. Nixon

Notary Public



Pension Claim

1 In case of Pension claim No. 336,532; Mrs. Hannah A.  
 2 Beckwith being first duly sworn, declares under oath  
 3 that her present age is 73 years (will be 74, July 31, 1886), that  
 4 her actual residence and post office address in 1864 was,  
 5 Norwich, New London County, Connecticut, in which city she  
 6 was born and continuously resided up to September, 1885;  
 7 that the names, ages and relationships of all members  
 8 of her family in the year 1864, were as follows, viz:  
 9 Elisha W. Beckwith, husband (born July 6, 1809) aged 55 years, dead:  
 10 Herbert E. Beckwith, son, (born June 23, 1845), aged 19 years, died Dec 28, 1864  
 11 formerly Harriet M. Beckwith, born, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1838  
 12 Harriet M. Sweet, daughter, married, aged 26 years, husband died of  
 13 neuralgia of the heart, she afterwards married Franklin T.  
 14 Baker, who died in March, 1881, she being now a widow with children;  
 15 John A. Beckwith, son aged 21 years, born Feb'y, 27, 1843  
 16 Frank E. Beckwith, son, aged nearly 17 years, born Feb'y 20, 1848  
 17 and your affiant, aged 52 years, born July 31, 1812  
 18 That affiant, since losing her husband (Feb'y 8, 1885) has not  
 19 remarried; that she is the mother of the soldier, Herbert E.  
 20 Beckwith, deceased and that he (the said soldier) was never  
 21 married and died leaving widow, child nor children surviving  
 22 him: That referring to statement of her former affidavit  
 23 as to condition of her husband in the year 1864, that no dis-  
 ability existed in his condition at that time known to her,

24 she now declares, that his (her husband's) physique was always  
25 slight and frail; that several members of his father's family  
26 had died of phthisis or consumption; that her husband  
27 stood about 5 feet 5 inches in height, and always weighed  
28 less than One Hundred <sup>and</sup> twenty (120) pounds; that he  
29 was never able to perform manual labor to any great extent,  
30 without a resulting attack of disorder in the shape of a  
31 severe cough or feverish symptoms, which commonly yielded  
32 before long continued domestic treatment -  
33 That her husband's business in 1864, was dealer in Clothing  
34 in company with one J. T. Dorr, on Main St., Norwich, Conn.,  
35 under the firm name of Beckwith <sup>and</sup> Dorr; that the business  
36 was unprofitable, so that Mr. Dorr retired from the business  
37 in 1866, or about that time, and that her husband, said  
38 Elisha W. Beckwith, <sup>shortly afterward</sup> sold out the remnant of the business  
39 and stock in trade to one Pliny Brewer, of said city,  
40 for the sum of Six hundred dollars (\$600.); that the income  
41 of the said business from first to last furnished insufficient  
42 to meet the wants of herself and family, and that  
43 she supplied funds lacking, by taking in sewing, nursing,  
44 or doing other work as it could be obtained, thus  
45 managing to make both ends meet, as the saying goes;  
46 That after the disposal of his business, her husband

47 collected taxes due the Central School District, of Norwich,  
48 Conn., for four or more years, subsequent to the year 1875,  
49 and received for said service a percentage on the amount  
50 collected, amounting per annum to a sum of not to exceed  
51 Two hundred and twenty dollars (\$220.<sup>00</sup>). That from about  
52 said date (1875), up to the date of his death, he also  
53 collected pew rents due the 2<sup>d</sup> Congregational Church,  
54 of said Norwich, Conn., receiving for such service a sum  
55 of about One hundred dollars (\$100.<sup>00</sup>) per annum.  
56 That it must be stated that between the years 1866 (or  
57 about that time) and 1875, her husband was irregularly  
58 engaged in any occupation that presented itself, but  
59 that the income resulting therefrom was so small, that  
60 the collection of taxes and pew-rents was increased com-  
61 pensation as compared therewith.  
62 That her husband at no time abandoned her, but  
63 that the income derived from her husband's labors was  
64 truly insufficient to the support of her family, and that  
65 it was only through remarkable frugality and economy  
66 that she escaped falling into debt. That the full value  
67 of all property connected with her or in her interest, in-  
68 cluding the store described and frame residence, during

69 the year 1864, could not have been above the sum of Thirty-

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15 (1885) since when she has received from its tenant at the  
74 rate of Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.<sup>00</sup>) per annum,  
75 from which sum taxes and costs of repairs being deducted,  
76 the sum remaining to her will be below Two hundred dollars.

77 (\$200.<sup>00</sup>); That no real estate has been disposed of since  
78 the death of her son, as the only property owned was  
79 the house she and her husband lived in, which she holds  
80 to this day as her only home.

81 That her deceased son, Herbert E. Beckwith, sent sums  
82 of money to her regularly out of his pay as a soldier, in  
83 the Army, while serving in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regt, Conn. Vols.  
84 Infantry, but how such sums were received, whether  
85 by allotment, or otherwise, she is now unable to positively  
86 state. Further, that letters from him were received, at  
87 intervals as regular as possible, as army mails travelled,  
88 in acknowledgement of his obligation as a son to assist  
89 her as knowing her needs and the necessities of home,  
90 but that such letters were lost or destroyed when she broke  
91 up her home last September (1885), and therefore cannot  
92 now be furnished in proof that he sent or caused to be

93 sent to her sums of money regularly, as one in necessity.  
 94 That appended hereto affidavit will appear to the  
 95 effect that her testimony has been read carefully <sup>and</sup>  
 96 that it is true and therefore entitled to credit <sup>and</sup> belief  
 97 <sup>and</sup> that to the best of her ability, deponent has truly  
 100 answered all interrogatories of Pension circular and  
 101 letter, which circular and letter are herewith returned  
 102 as required.

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Mrs Hannah A. Beckwith

104 Subscribed and sworn to before me at Washington,  
 105 D.C., this 21 day of June A.D. 1886, and I certify  
 106 that Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith is well known to me  
 107 as a person of credit. Interlineation of the words,  
 108 "formerly Harriet M. Beckwith, born January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1838"  
 109 in line number eleven and "shortly afterward" in line  
 110 "thirty-eight" were made before signing and sealing  
 111 hereof. I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of  
 112 this claim —

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R. B. N.

R. B. Nixon,

Notary Public,

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Washington, Dist. Col.

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*Chambers*

RECEIVED DIVISION  
JUN 28 1886  
RECORDS OFFICE

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I Certify that Herbert E. Beckwith  
was Born at Norwich Conn June 23<sup>d</sup>  
A.D. 1845. as appears by the records  
of said town of Norwich relating to  
the Registrations of Births occurring  
in said Town

In Witness Whereof I have  
hereto Set my hand and  
fixed the Seal of my Office  
at said Norwich this 1<sup>st</sup>  
of February A.D. 1888

Saml W. Freeman  
Registrar



CP-326532

— of —  
Hannah A. Beckwith

— mother of —

H. E. Beckwith  
U. S. 10<sup>th</sup> Com. & H. 2<sup>nd</sup> class  
for

Pension



Wm. J. Hall

14 years to date

Wm. J. Hall

I certify that Elmer W. Berkman died at  
 Townshend County of New London and State of  
 Connecticut on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D.  
 1885 as appears of record in my office that the  
 cause of death as reported by his Physician was  
 Suppuration of the Prostate

Witness my hand Feb 11<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1885

David Young  
 Registrar of Vital Statistics  
 for Townshend County

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<p>Leash of husband O.K.</p>	<p>NOV 10 1944 U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE</p>
<p>NOV 10 1944 U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE</p>	

State of Connecticut, } ss.  
County of New London }

Charles H. Dillaby, of Norwich, Connecticut, upon his oath declares that he is Collector of Taxes at Norwich, aforesaid County and State and that records of assessment for taxes upon all property owned or possessed by Elisha W. Beckwith or Hannah A. Beckwith, or both, from the year 1863 to the present time, show amounts as follows, viz

1863, \$ 2550.	1871, \$ 2550.	1879, \$ 2591.
1864, \$ 2550.	1872, \$ 2550.	1880, \$ 2590.
1865, \$ 2600.	1873, \$ 2550.	1881, \$ 2430.
1866, \$ 2650.	1874, \$ 2865.	1882, \$ 2430.
1867, \$ 2850.	1875, \$ 2930.	1883, \$ 2430.
1868, \$ 2850.	1876, \$ 2805.	1884, \$ 2430 2430
1869, \$ 2850.	1877, \$ 2709.	1885, \$ 2420
1870, \$ 2550.	1878, \$ 2679.	1886, \$

as appears from the Records of which he is Custodian.

Chas. H. Dillaby, Collector

Probate Court, Norwich District,

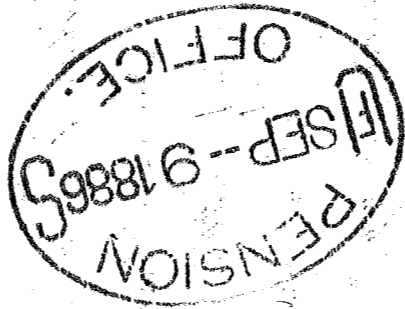
August 30<sup>th</sup> 1886

Personally appeared before me the above named Charles H. Dillaby & made oath that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge & belief

S. T. Holbrook

Judge said Court.

*Assessments*



The undersigned, Edwin A. Tracy, of the Town of Norwich, being duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and says:

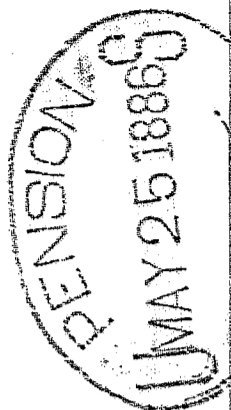
My age is 36 years, my residence Norwich, Connecticut, I have known Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith from my childhood to the present time and have always known her to be reliable and trustworthy and believe that nothing which she would allow herself to state is untrue, that he believes from statements made to him that her deceased son Herbert E. Beckwith, late of the 10<sup>th</sup> C. V. Infy. & 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. H. A., sent money regularly during his service in the army to his mother to assist in the support of his home and that he has no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of the claim of the aforesaid Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith.

Norwich, Connecticut, May 17<sup>th</sup> 1886.

Edwin A. Tracy.

State of Connecticut  
County of New London ss.

Norwich, May 17<sup>th</sup> 1886. Personally appeared Edwin A. Tracy, and made



oath in due form to the truth of  
the foregoing affidavit submitted by  
him and I certify that the contents  
of the same was fully made known  
to him before signing and swearing,  
that he is the identical person that  
he represents himself to be, that I  
know him to be respectable and en-  
titled to credit and that I have  
no interest direct or indirect in  
the prosecution of this claim.

Amos A. Brauning  
Notary Public

The undersigned Mary A. Tracy of  
the Town of Norwich, Connecticut, being  
duly examined and sworn deposes and  
says:

My age is ~~61~~ years: my resi-  
dence is Norwich, Connecticut, has known  
Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith for more than  
forty years, has known that her  
son, Herbert E. Beckwith, regularly sent  
money to her during his service in  
the army, that my mother was  
acquainted with the same circumstances

but that she is now dead, having died more than ten years ago, that deponent has during the forty years she has known Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith known her to be reliable and trustworthy and believes that nothing she would allow herself to state is untrue, and that deponent has no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

Stonich, Connecticut, May 17<sup>th</sup> 1886.

Mary A. Tracy

State of Connecticut  
New London County SS.

Stonich, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1886. Personally appeared, Mary A. Tracy of the Town of Stonich and made oath in due form to the truth of the foregoing affidavit subscribed by her, and I hereby certify that the contents of the same was fully made known to her before signing and swearing, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, that I know her to be respectable and entitled to credit and that I have no interest

direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

Amos A. Browning,  
Notary Public.



State of Connecticut,  
COUNTY OF NEW LONDON,  
County Clerk's Office.

I, JOHN C. KELLOGG, Assistant Clerk of said County, and Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court of said State, in and for said County, which is a Court of Record, and keeper of the Seal thereof,

Do Hereby Certify, That Amos A. Browning Esq., whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and therein written, was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a

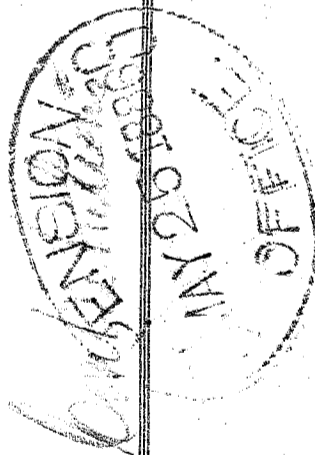
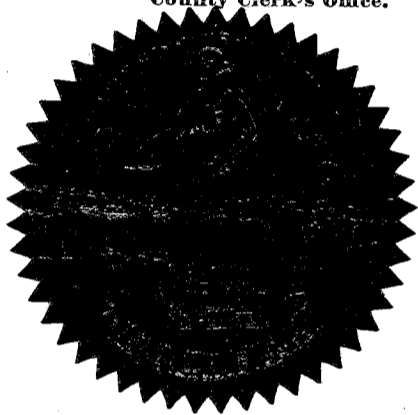
Notary Public in and for said County and State, duly appointed and sworn, as appears of Record in this Office, and duly authorized, according to the laws of this State, to take the same, and to administer Oaths.

AND FURTHER, That I am well acquainted with his hand-writing; and that I verily believe the signature to the instrument hereto annexed, purporting to be his, is his genuine official signature.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, That the annexed instrument is acknowledged, and in all respects executed according to the laws of the State of Connecticut.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of the said Court and County, at Norwich, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1886.

John C. Kellogg ASSISTANT CLERK.



Under this seal  
The same shall  
be kept in my  
office

2nd 13/1/1

d. 336,532

STATE OF CONNECTICUT )  
 ) S. S.  
 COUNTY OF NEW LONDON )

Personally appeared before me, a notary public

13 yrs  
Edwin  
1864  
Norwich, aforesaid County and State, on this 14th day of August, A. D., 1886, Edwin A. Tracy, aged 37 years, a resident of said City, County and State, who being duly sworn, declares upon his oath that he has made affidavit in the case for pension No. 336,532, Herbert E. Beckwith, deceased, late of Company H., in the 10th Regiment Conn. Volunteers, and 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery, by the mother of said decedent, Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith, and that his means of knowledge as to truth of the statements made by him in said affidavit are, that he has well known her since childhood, and has called at her home in Norwich very many times, that his Grandmother, now deceased, at one time, in December 1864, was a boarder at said Hannah A. Beckwith's, and that then he called very frequently; that the circumstances of said Hannah A. Beckwith became known to him through his said deceased Grandmother, and also through his aunt, Mary A. Tracy, who has made two affidavits to his certain knowledge in this case for pension; that he was then too young to understand much about conditions in life, but that he knows from subsequent knowledge through acquaintance in her family and from common appearances and general information, that financially neither the applicant nor her husband (deceased) could have been at any time in easy circumstances; and that he has no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of her claim for pension.

Edwin A. Tracy.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this date above written, and I hereby certify that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of the claim. The certificate of the clerk of the proper court that I am a notary public, duly qualified, is on file, having been previously forwarded in connection with the prosecution of this claim.

Amos A. Browning  
Notary Public



STATE OF CONNECTICUT )  
COUNTY OF NEW LONDON ) S.S.

1 In the case of claim entitled "Mother, No. 336,532, Herbert  
2 E. Beckwith, of Company H., 10th Regt. Conn. Infantry and 2d Mass  
3 Heavy Artillery," personally appeared before me, a

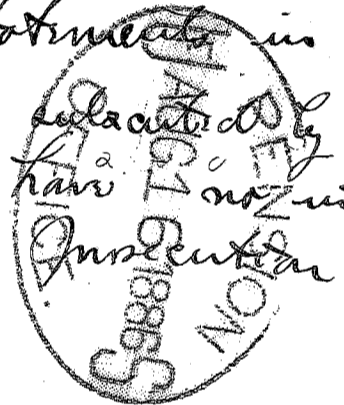
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5 at Norwich, aforesaid County and State, Mary A. Tracy, aged 61  
6 years, a resident of said City, County and State, who after being  
7 duly sworn, deposes and makes oath to the truth of the following  
8 statements, viz; that she has known Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith from  
9 her (affiant's) earliest years; that her knowledge of her has been  
10 close and intimate through having boarded with her for months at a  
11 time, and being consulted with on various matters of home interest  
12 and economy on several occasions; that she knew the circumstances  
13 of Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith in the year 1864, and also knew of the  
14 condition, financial and physical, of Elisha W. Beckwith (now  
15 deceased) in said year 1864, he having been her husband; that she  
16 attended the funeral of said husband, in February 1865; that  
17 during the many years she knew him, she considered him somewhat  
18 physically weak, and incapable of continuous manual labor; that  
19 she is well acquainted with the fact of his partial ownership of a  
20 clothing store on Main Street, of said Norwich, in the year 1864,  
21 which clothing store becoming entirely his property by purchase  
22 afterwards, he sold out the same as unprofitable and at a loss,  
23 and that afterwards he was only irregularly engaged in work for a  
24 long time; that he owned no real estate except a house and lot in  
25 the aforesaid City, which could not be considered valuable; that  
26 in his latter years, he collected taxes for the Central School Dis-  
27 trict, and pew rents for the Second Congregational Church of said  
28 City; that she knows from all general indications such as ordina-  
29 rily reveal the circumstances of a family to those outside of it;  
30 that said Elisha W. Beckwith's financial condition in 1864 and  
31 subsequently, to the date of his death, was not prosperous, and  
32 that only through careful management, his family kept free from  
33 debt; that said Elisha W. Beckwith's property, could not have been  
34 worth above \$3,500.00; that no physician was in constant attend-  
35 ance upon the family, and was called seldom except in cases of  
36 sudden, dangerous illness; that she knew every member of the  
37 family of said Hannah A. Beckwith; and that the family consisted  
38 solely - in 1864 - of Elisha W., husband, Hannah A., wife, Har-riet  
39 M. (Sweet, by reason of marriage) daughter, and John A., Herbert E.  
40 and Frank E. Beckwith, sons, aged respectively at that time (1864)  
41 55, 52, 26, 22, 19, and 17 years; that Herbert E. Beckwith (De-  
42 ceased in the Army) died unmarried, leaving no widow and no chil-  
43 dren; that said deceased soldier while serving in the army sent  
44 sums of money to his mother, Hannah A. Beckwith, as regularly as  
45 possible, which fact became known to her (affiant) from Hannah A.  
46 Beckwith's statements to her in 1864, or at the time of receiving  
47 it; that the (now deceased) soldier sent money to her from the  
48 army as partial aid to his home, and that such aid was necessary  
49 and important to her; that her (affiant's) mother, now deceased  
50 was also acquainted with all of the above facts, and if living  
51 could testify to equal effect; that she has as intimated herein,  
52 been a long and intimate friend of your applicant for pension, and  
53 knows that she gave up her home last September (1885), rented the  
54 place, and that she (the applicant) has since resided in Washington

55 D.C., which facts became known to her from calling at said home  
 56 during the course of the change, and from personal correspondence  
 57 held since with said applicant for pension; and also, further, that  
 58 she has no interest direct or indirect in the case for pension of  
 59 the said Hannah A. Beckwith.

Mary A. Tracy

State of Connecticut  
 County of New London S.S.

Norwich, August 9<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1886- Personally  
 appeared Mary A. Tracy, signer of the foregoing affidavit  
 and who is personally known to me to be the  
 person who represents herself to be, and made  
 oath to the truth of the statements in  
 the above and foregoing affidavit *subscribed by*  
 her, and I further certify that I have no inter-  
 est direct or indirect in the *Inspection*  
 of this claim.



Amos A. Brauning  
 Notary Public.

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14 State of Connecticut  
County of New London S.S.

Uxbridge August 9<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1886. Personally  
appeared before me Mrs. Frances B.  
Palmer aged fifty (50) years, a native  
of Uxbridge and now a resident of  
Preston City, Town of Preston, New London  
County, State of Connecticut, who being duly sworn,  
upon her oath declares that she has care-  
fully read and knows the contents of the  
affidavit hereupon of Mary A. Lacy, and testifies  
of her own knowledge that each and every  
statement of said Mary A. Lacy as to Mrs.  
Hannah A. Beckwith, her husband and family,  
are absolutely true and entitled to belief: that  
she knows them to be true from having been  
in the family of Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith for  
days together, and with whom she has been  
very intimate for more than thirty consecu-  
tive years last passed. She further avers  
that she has no interest direct or indirect  
in the claim for pension of the aforesaid  
Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith. Mrs. Frances B. Palmer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day  
and year above written and I further certify that  
the signer of the above is the person she  
represents herself to be and that I have  
no interest direct or indirect in the  
prosecution of the claim. Amos A. Browning  
Notary Public.

336,532.

City & County of Washington } ss;  
 District of Columbia }

In connection with letter of the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions, dated May 25, 1888, (and inclosed as per request) in the claim No 336,532, of Hannah A. Beckwith, mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H, 10<sup>th</sup> Regt. Conn. Vol. Infy. and 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. Mass. Hy. Artillery, the undersigned, John A. Beckwith, aged 45 years, resident of Washington and District of Columbia, and employed in the Office of Indian Affairs, makes oath to the following statement, viz:

That he is a son of your applicant for pension, Mrs Hannah A. Beckwith - was serving in the Army as a member of Co. D. 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. Conn. Vol. Infy., from Sept. 1861 to Sept. 1864, when he was discharged on account of expiration of term of service, and that during the year 1864, he sent money home from the army, to partially assist in supporting his old home, sending the same at any and all opportunities after its reception from the army Paymasters; that it had been arranged between him and decedent, Herbert E. Beckwith, that they would send such sums as could be spared from the meagre pay to the old home, which was not at ease pecuniarily, and that money was so sent by Herbert E. Beckwith, according to his written statements to affiant (now destroyed) up to within a short time prior to the fall of Plymouth, N.C., in May 1864, where decedent was taken prisoner with all others there; that affiant continued sending money home up to about the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, 1864, when he received a wound in front of Petersburg, and was taken North for recovery; that his wound not having fully healed at the end of his time, he did not return to the army, but was discharged at Hartford,

Connecticut and then returned to his home at Norwich,  
 Conn. and there remained until about January 13, 1865;  
 that during his stay at the old home, he talked with both  
 his father and mother as to the inadequate means of  
 support derived by his father during the year 1864 (a  
 year of extreme prices), and then learned from his father's  
 word of mouth that his business did not yield him an  
 income to exceed \$600.<sup>00</sup> for the entire year of 1864, and  
 that he had no other source of income, except a possible  
 sole sum of \$25.<sup>00</sup> sent him by affiant, <sup>and decided not</sup> during year 1864,  
 that after affiant's return to his old home and to the date of  
 his departure therefrom in January, 1865, his parents would  
 accept no money from him for board, they claiming affiant  
 to be entitled to care gratis after his army service <sup>yet</sup>  
~~they needed much more than \$625.<sup>00</sup> would supply, but had to do without it.~~  
 Affiant declares that during said year, 1864, \$600.<sup>00</sup> was  
 inadequate support for your applicant for pension and  
 her husband, as also a son (besides affiant) then 16 <sup>for pension</sup>  
 years old and attending school; that your applicant,  
 managed to obtain the barest necessities of life by  
 peculiar thrift in purchasing them, and that she was in  
 want of much which available funds could not supply;  
 that your applicant for pension, according to opportunity,  
 watched with the sick, commonly receiving nothing, some-  
 times something, therefor, which small sum or sums only  
 meant help because a little counted for much; that,  
 further, on account of his relationship to your applicant  
 for pension, affiant would have preferred to have made  
 no affidavit in this claim for pension, but that the affidavits

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of all others who have testified in this case, <sup>having</sup> ~~has~~ proved unsatisfactory and incomplete, he, your affiant, knows of no other person than himself who can state according as hereinbefore explained, and therefore makes this statement to the effect that six hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$625<sup>00</sup>) constituted the entire income received by the husband of your applicant for pension during the entire year of 1864; and that affiant has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim for pension of Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith.

Affiant finally declares that said Hannah A. Beckwith will be 76 years old on July 31<sup>st</sup> 1888, (if then living); that as she is feeble and afflicted with heart disease, her tenure of life is extremely frail, for which reasons affiant prays that special action be taken in this case, with a view to its allowance.

John A. Beckwith.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, A.D. 1888, and I know affiant to be a truthful person and entitled to credit.

My initials above account for changes made before execution hereof.

*W. H. Standard*  
Notary Public.

Washington, D.C., June 21, 1888.

I have known Mr. Beckwith for some years and believe him to be in every way reliable, and that any statements made by him are entitled to full credit.

*S. M. Jefferman*



Norwich Conn May 30/88

Hon John C. Block Guilford Conn

Dr Sir

I return herewith as requested your favor of 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. I have been neighbor to and acquainted with Mr. Wm. Breckwith ever since I can remember, say 35 years, I do not know that I could at this time give any specific details as to their condition in the particular year 1864 but in general can say this. Mr. Breckwith was never an able bodied man and was obliged to give up working at his trade as a tailor I should think

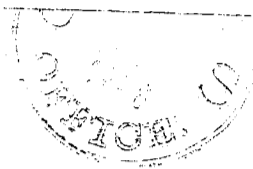
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towards thirty years ago and  
so far as I know was not able to  
do anything <sup>afterward</sup> except a little in the  
way of collecting bills which brought  
a very small income. Mrs. Breckinridge  
sometimes nursed among the neighbors  
and did what she could to help out  
and the sons commenced at an early  
age to earn a little whenever possible.

They were honest industrious people  
and always lived with a degree of  
prudence and economy, that would  
if practiced by the working men of  
to-day make three fourths of their  
capitalists in two years time.

As to Mrs. Breckinridge's health I  
should say that she had a tendency



to nervous prostration that later developed some mental disturbances although he may have had some other disease. I do not know how much the son Herbert contributed to their support. I know he was engaged in learning a trade at the time of his enlistment, and that had he been spared he would undoubtedly have rendered them very substantial aid which they sorely needed.

Mrs. Brechwith is a woman universally respected and esteemed by her neighbors and any statement she would make I should receive with unquestioning confidence.

Very Respectfully

Hon. John C. Hoek Esq.  
Washington DC

R. J. Leary

LORENZO BLACKSTONE

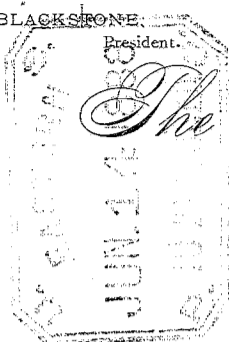
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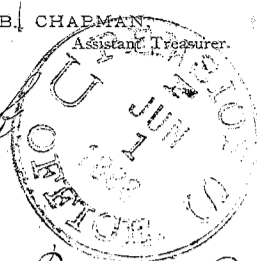
CHARLES B. CHAPMAN

Assistant Treasurer.



*The Chelsea Savings Bank*

Incorporated 1838.



*Norwich, Conn., May 29. 1888.*

*Hon. John C. Black  
Commissioner of Pensions*

I cannot answer with much definiteness your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. relating to financial & physical condition of Elisha W. Beckwith in the year 1864, being at that time in college, and my family also for several years broken up and away from Norwich.

For a good many years I have supported Mr. Beckwith's means were very much restricted. I have not known of any income sufficient for his support, and supposed he must receive some help from his sons; but I am unable to make positive statements on these points, or as to Mr. Beckwith's health during the year in question.

*I am respectfully  
George D. Coit.*

*Washington.  
D.C.*

No. 336,502

NAME OF CLAIMANT,

① Hannah A. Beckwith

NAME OF SOLDIER,

Herbert C. Beckwith

Co. A 2, Reg't Mass. H. A.

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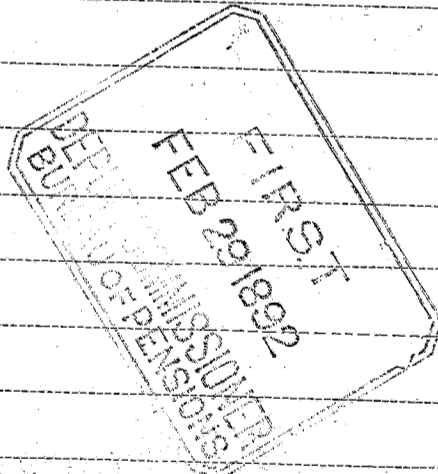
*7* NAME OF SOLDIER,

*Herbert C. Dickinson*

Co. *H*, *10* Reg't *Comm*

*2* INFORMATION DESIRED. *new HQ*

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In case of Pen-  
claim 336532  
Mother H. C. Beckwith  
Co. Ho. Heavy Arty  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. Heavy Arty.  
Ho. Ar.

Hon Com<sup>r</sup> of Pensions  
Cpt. Maj Geo M. Lockwood  
1364 F. St. N. W.

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir; I am in receipt of your letter through  
my son, John A. Beckwith, refusing my claim.  
I would say that our house was not mortgaged,  
but money borrowed, for which interest had to be  
paid. It is clear of <sup>debt</sup> now, and now rents  
for two hundred (200) dollars a year - Taxes,  
and repairs to come out of it.  
And indeed it is to me to rake over that terrible  
year of 1864. Our needs and trouble great all  
through the year.  
My son, Herbert E. Beckwith, sent (ordered) money  
home to us all the while he was in the 10<sup>th</sup> Conn.  
Regiment of Volunteers. After reenlisting in the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. Heavy Artillery. it was not long ere he  
was taken Prisoner and carried to that pen of  
death to thousands - Then we could not receive  
money from him.  
There was four in our family all the time --  
Mr. Beckwith's sister Eunice B. Beckwith, she had  
Epileptic fits from childhood, At Times Insane. a  
care and expense. Medicine constantly --  
Dr. J. B. & Zeller. was then our Physician.  
Nothing had been said of her being in our family,  
As the questions on the papers from the Pension  
Office didn't require it, as I could understand

them. If friends had not helped at that time we should have been obliged to give up our home. We must live in some house, might as well live in one partly paid for at that time, the house too small to rent any part of it. Everything so dear, when a dollar was spent for so little, not sure where the next could come from, (Pretty snug living then I can assure you.)

In 1864 while feeling the deepest anxiety for the fate of our son, Herbert E. Beekwith, news came that our other son, John A. Beekwith, in the 8<sup>th</sup> Conn Regiment, was wounded and brought to the Hospital at New Haven Conn. We went for him at once - A furlough of thirty days was granted him - We got a Surgeon, here to care for, and perform the operation his foot required, not being able to move at expiration of the furlough, another furlough of 15 days was granted.

The question might come up, why, was not the son, at home at work? He had a diseased right arm, so that he could not perform manual labor.

I enclose with this, additional affidavits in connection with my claim for pension, which I trust may be thought sufficient to cause a re-examination and allowance of my claim.

Very respectfully  
Hannah A. Beekwith.

The following sworn statements herewith, viz-  
Edwin Palmer, A  
Dr J. B. F. Fuller,  
Fred<sup>d</sup> L. Gardner,  
<sup>also</sup> sworn copy  
of Tax list for 1864.

Pension claim  
No. 336,532

Newtown Conn Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1889

To Whom it May Concern

This is to Certify

That I was employed  
as Physician in the family of E. W. Beckwith of  
this City for many years and during the year 1864

I know that a half sister of Mr E. W. Beckwith  
lived in his family during the year '64. Her name  
was Eunice Beckwith. She was subject to Epilepsy  
and totally dependant <sup>on</sup> her brothers family for care  
and support. I know this by reason of intimacy  
with the family aside from professional duties.

That sister was sent to the hospital for the  
insane at Middletown subsequently on account  
of imbecility & there she died -

I have no interest direct or indirect in the  
claim of Mrs E. A. Beckwith for a pension

Joseph, B. H. Fuller, M.D.

State of Connecticut }  
County of New London } s. s. Norwich Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1889

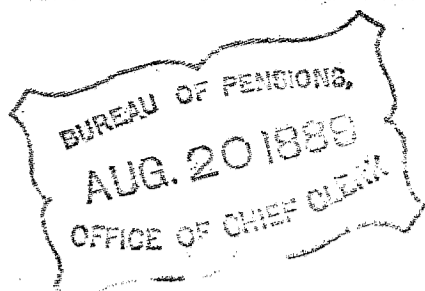
Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and  
date above written, and I hereby certify that the Con-  
tents of the above declaration &c. were fully made  
known and explained to the affiant before  
swearing; that he is known to me to be respectable  
and entitled to credit, and that I have no interest  
direct or indirect in the matter for which said dec-  
laration is to be used -

Frank H. Allen,  
Notary Public,  
of record in the U. S. Pension Office

Ed. of Re. Adv.

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Claim No. 336,532

Nannah A. Beckwith  
mother ofHerbert E. Beckwith.  
Co. H, 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. N.A.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 15, 1889.

- 1 In the matter of the rejection of the claim of Mrs.
- 2 Nannah A. Beckwith, mother of Herbert E. Beckwith,
- 3 dec'd, late of Co. H, 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Inf. Arty. U. S. Army during
- 4 the war of the rebellion, said claim being rejected for
- 5 reasons as stated in letter of Hon. Commissioner of
- 6 Pensions, dated Aug. 10, 1889, as follows, viz:
- 7 "From the evidence on file, it appears that the income
- 8 "of claimant's husband was about \$600. during the
- 9 "year 1864, and that he owned a house and lot
- 10 "occupied by his family, assessed for taxes in
- 11 "that same year at \$2,500.<sup>00</sup> and estimated to
- 12 "have been actually worth \$3,500.<sup>00</sup>, claimant's
- 13 "family consisting of only her husband and a
- 14 "son about seventeen years old."
- 15 The undersigned, a Clerk in the Office of Indian
- 16 Affairs, this city, and a son of claimant makes
- 17 oath to the fact, that according to the best of his
- 18 knowledge and belief, ~~that~~ no papers filed in
- 19 the case go to show the aforesaid income to have
- 20 been about \$600. in 1864, but that the income did
- 21 not exceed that sum; nor further that the house
- 22 owned by claimant's husband was estimated to have
- 23 been actually worth \$3,500, but that it did not
- 24 probably exceed in value said sum. -
- 25 He also declares that the son of about seventeen
- 26 years attended school during said year, and that

27 all costs of education had to be met from the sum  
 28 stated (not to exceed \$600), in addition to the small  
 29 sums she received from decedent while serving as  
 30 a soldier; that he, the undersigned, who served as  
 31 a member of Co. D., 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. Conn. Vols. Infantry  
 32 from September 1861 to Sept. 20, 1864 also sent  
 33 money from the army to claimant, knowing the  
 34 income of the family to be insufficient to its  
 35 support, sending the same as regularly as possible.  
 36 If admitting the income to have been about \$600.  
 37 in 1864, the undersigned claims such sum in  
 38 that year in U. S. currency to have been the  
 39 equivalent of less than \$300. in gold, which gold  
 40 was the standard of purchase, that the house in  
 41 which she lived proved a saving of income but as it  
 42 produced none, should not be deemed a cause of  
 43 rejection of the claim for pension. The sum of  
 44 money as an income (which cannot be exactly stated,  
 45 but was actually less than \$600. per annum, or less  
 46 than that sum in 1864) can certainly not reasonably  
 47 be claimed as sufficient support for three persons  
 48 during that year, or even at the present time, and  
 49 that even now, with the prices of everything at  
 50 singularly low figures, any three persons could  
 51 hardly more than feed and partially clothe themselves  
 52 out of said sum, "about \$600."  
 53 Your claimant's family were church members, <sup>and</sup>  
 54 regularly attended religious services, which, according

55 to the rules of propriety, caused expense in the  
 56 purchase of suitable apparel. This may have  
 57 nothing to do with a claim for pension, but it may  
 58 tend to show that the sum claimed (about \$600.) and  
 59 the small house owned by her husband were not  
 60 and could not have proved sufficient support for  
 61 claimant and her family, such income being in a  
 62 depreciated currency, and quickly swallowed up  
 63 in costs for food and clothing, - and no luxuries.  
 64 The claim papers (but not all of them) were received  
 65 as per acknowledgment of Pension Office, "E.D.", June  
 66 17, 1886, but that the claim might be rejected upon  
 67 the ground stated, has at no time appeared, al-  
 68 though since the statement as to income was  
 69 in evidence, much additional evidence on other  
 70 points of the case has been called for and filed in  
 71 the claim, thus causing unnecessary expense and  
 72 labor. It should further be considered that at  
 73 times in 1864, \$1.<sup>00</sup> in gold was worth about \$2.<sup>50</sup>  
 74 in currency, and Flour sold as high as \$20.<sup>00</sup> per  
 75 barrel, &c.

76 For the foregoing reasons the undersigned prays  
 77 that the claim be reopened and reconsidered, the  
 78 claimant, now 77 years of age, being too poor in  
 79 health and in condition too infirm to make this  
 80 petition herself. A sworn statement

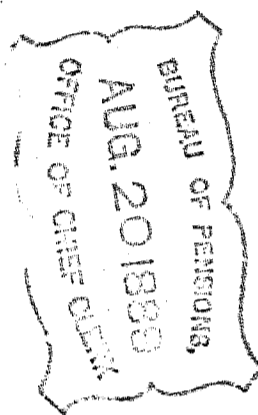
John A. Beckwith,  
 CLK, Office of Indian Affairs.

City of Washington, } ss:  
District of Columbia }

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me at City and District above stated this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of August A. D. 1889.

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before me

Ed Dawson  
Notary Public.



Claim No 336.532; for  
Pension.

Applicant: Mrs. Hannah  
A. Beckwith, mother of  
Herbert E. Beckwith, dec'd.  
Service performed in Co. N.  
10<sup>th</sup> Regt. Conn. Vols. Infy. <sup>and</sup>  
Co. H. 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Hy. Artillery.  
Decedent was captured in  
May, 1864, at fall of Plymouth  
N. C., paroled about Dec. 1864  
and died at Camp Parole, Annapolis,  
Md., on or about Dec. 23, 1864.

Claim for pension officially  
acknowledged June 17, 1886.  
Claim believed to have been  
perfected about June, 1887,  
when Com<sup>r</sup> Black stated in  
letter (which letter is now in  
the Pension Office) that the  
claim had passed to the Board of  
Final Review.

Have since been able to obtain  
no information as to the case.  
The applicant is seventy-seven  
(77) years old, in precarious health,  
and is a sufferer from heart  
disease. Action in case requested.

Pension Claim

No. 336,532.

In this case, as referred to in brief, the claim was surrendered to O. P. G. Clarke, in a nearly complete condition, by a power of attorney, long after the claim had been filed in the Pension Office, and shortly before the death of Mr. Clarke, sometime in 1887. A firm in this city, carrying name on papers as "O. P. G. Clarke & Co.," but with firm name on office door of "Mosher Bros.," assumed to act for the estate of O. P. G. Clarke, and hold authority to receive a \$25.<sup>00</sup> fee upon allowance of pension claim. Without desiring to raise objections against the fee allowance for the benefit of Mr. Clarke's widow, it hardly seems proper to allow attorneys who have done about nothing in the case the fee of \$25.<sup>00</sup>. But passing that point, I submit that on account of the age of claimant (she being 77 years of age and in very precarious health) information that additional evidence is required should be furnished, or the claim allowed as now filed, lest the claim lapse by reason of the death of applicant for pension.

Respectfully submitted,  
John A. Beckwith.

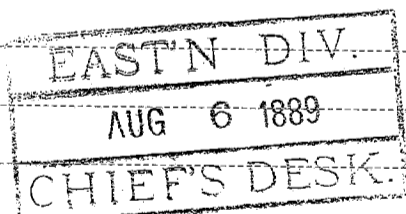
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Department of the Interior,

Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 1889

Respectfully referred to

the Hon. Commissioner  
of Pensions, with the  
request that he report  
to this office the status  
of the case  
Lynna Bussey  
Asst. Secy



Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 188\_\_\_\_

From *John A. Beckwith*

SUBJECT:

*Pension Claim*

*Mrs Hannah W.*

*Beckwith # 396,532*

*Bd. Re. Review*  
*(2 Chiefs)*

*June 17/89*

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H.G.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Claim No. 336,532.  
Hannah A. Beckwith,  
mother of  
Herbert E. Beckwith,  
Co. H. 2nd Mass. H. G.

August 10th, 1889.

Hon. Assistant Secretary of The Interior,

Sir:

In response to  
your request of the 5th inst. for report of the status of the above  
named case, I have the honor to state that the same has, this day,  
been rejected on the ground that the claimant was not dependent on  
the soldier at the time of his death in December 1864, within the  
meaning of the law.

From the evidence on file, it appears that the  
income of claimant's husband was about \$600. during the year 1864, and  
that he owned a house and lot occupied by his family, assessed for  
taxes in that same year at \$2500. and estimated to have been actual-  
ly worth \$3500., claimant's family consisting of only her husband  
and a son, aged about seventeen years.

Very respectfully,

*James Turner*

Commissioner.

# 353,532.

Mother of

Herbert E. Beckwith.

Corpl Co. H. 2nd. Mass. H. A.  
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The question to be decided in this case is whether the claimant was dependent upon the soldier within the meaning of the law) at the time of his death.

The said soldier enlisted Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1863, and died in the service Dec 30, 1864 from the effect of exposure while a prisoner of war. He was then 19 years of age.

There was a younger son aged 17 years, attending school.

The claimants husband was 55 years old. It is said that he was not an able bodied man and was obliged to give

up working at his trade as a tailor but no specific ailment is shown and he was not under medical treatment. In 1864 he was part owner of a clothing store in Norwich, Conn. He bought out his partner in 1866 but soon afterward disposed of the business and stock for \$600.

The testimony shows that his income from the business in 1864 was about (not to exceed) \$600.

He also owned a house and lot in Norwich, which afforded them a home but was not a source of income.

His property was assessed, for taxes, in that year at \$2,550. The actual value is estimated at \$3500.

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Mr. Kinsley Root  
In our opinion the  
claimant in this case  
was not dependent  
upon the soldier within  
the meaning of the  
law at the time of his  
death and case should  
be rejected -

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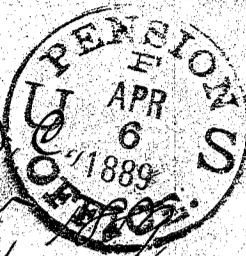
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Claim No 336,532  
 Mrs. H. A., mother of  
 Herbert E. Beckwith,  
 late of Co. H, 1st Conn.  
 Inf. & Co. N, 2d Mass.  
 St. City.

Recd. July 25/88  
 Aug 8-88  
 J. A. Beckwith

O. Box 264  
 Washington, D. C.

April 5,  
 1888  
 J. A. Beckwith



BOARD OF REVIEW  
 SOUTHEASTERN DIV.  
 APR 23 1888

Hon. Commissioner  
 of Pensions

Sir:

Respectfully referring to claim as per statement of  
 left hand margin hereof (above), I have the honor to state  
 that I received a letter from your Office on or about  
 June last (1888) advising me that the claim had  
 been referred to the Board of final adjudication,  
 which letter was handed to Mr. John C. Black, by me,  
 last October (?), but since which time no communica-  
 tion relative to the claim has been received by me.  
 The claimant (mother) will be seventy-seven (77) years  
 of age July 31<sup>st</sup> next, is in feeble health, and in need  
 of the pension. I am the son of the claimant.  
 May I request that the claim be called up and further  
 action taken thereupon?

Very respectfully,  
 John A. Beckwith.



St. Paul, Minn. July 25/87

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To the Commissioner of Pensions:

Please furnish the location of the claim mentioned below and state what evidence, if any, is needed to complete the same.

Very respectfully,

O. P. G. CLARKE & CO.,

Washington, D. C.

No. of Claim 336,037

No. of Certificate

Nathan N. Beecham

N. E. Beecham

Co. A 1st Regt. Conn. Inf.

Age

Claim for Mother's Pension

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*John S. Clark*  
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To the Commissioner of Pensions:

Please furnish the valuation of the claim mentioned below and state what evidence, if any, is needed to establish the same.

Very respectfully,  
**O. P. G. CLARKE & CO.**  
Claimants Attorneys  
Washington, D. C.

No. of Claim *33032*

No. of Certificate

*John S. Clark*  
Claimant

*John S. Clark*  
Name of Claimant

*John S. Clark*  
Address

*John S. Clark*  
City

*John S. Clark*  
State

Claim for *Retired Pay*

*I am not eligible for the award of Pension*

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Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D.C. June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1888.

Sir:

In response to your recent inquiry relative to the pension claim No. 336,532 of Hannah A. Beckwith, as mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. H. A., I have to state that it is now in process of review by the final adjudicating Board of this Bureau, and the claimant will be advised, at an early date, of the decision reached.

Very respectfully,

John C. Black.  
Commissioner

John A. Beckwith, Esq.  
Office of Indian Affairs,  
City.

Refer in reply to the following:

# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C.,

August 4, 1888,

Hon. John C. Black,  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
Present.

Dear Sir,

I received the inclosed letter by due course of mail (letter being dated June 22<sup>d</sup> last) Affidavit submitted in the case stated (in May, last) that claimant, Mrs. W. A. Beckwith's life was in an uncertain continuation, she being now 76 years of age. She is suffering from heart disease, coupled with age, and if it be possible, will you please cause the case to ~~reach a definite point~~ be made "Special".

Very respy,

John A. Beckwith,  
Clk. Ind. Off.

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Eastern Division.

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(Write surname first plainly.)

Examiner.

Mother

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No. 336,532

Soldier

Herbert E. Beckwith

Corp. Co. A, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Reg't Mass. H. A.

Submitted for Rejection June 22, 1888

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*Eastern* Division,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *July 25*, 1888.

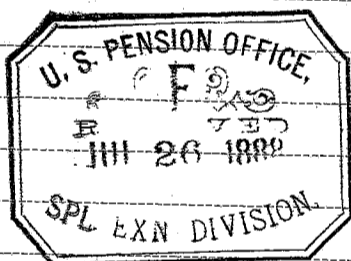
No. Claim, *336,532*.

Claimant, *Hannah A. Beckwith*

Soldier, *Robert C. Beckwith*

Co. *H*, 2<sup>d</sup> Reg't Mass. H. A.

Respectfully referred to the Chief  
of the *S. E.* Division for  
Special examination, as in-  
dicated by the Reviewer slip  
herewith.



*W. L. Hilligan*

Chief of *Eastern* Division.

*Jos. Dague*

Examiner.

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Mother's claim.

No. 336552.

To the Hon. Commissioner:

This claim has this day  
been submitted to the Board  
of Review for rejection, for  
the reason of non-dependence  
at the time of the soldier's  
death.

Very respectfully

W. H. Liggott

Chief of the C. Div.

To Board of Review  
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Pension Claim No. 336,532,  
Hannah A. Beckwith, mother  
of Herbert E. Beckwith, late  
of Co. H. 2<sup>d</sup> Mass Inf. Art.

Washington, D. C., June 21, 1888.

Hon. Commissioner  
of Pensions.

Relative to my affidavit, submitted  
according to request of your letter of 25<sup>th</sup> ulto. (inclosed),  
I would respectfully state that no person except myself  
could state as to the exact amount of income derived  
from my father's occupation and from all other sources during  
the entire year of 1884, but I trust that my relationships  
to your claimant for pension, will not hurt her interests.  
I imagine that no person outside of a family could furnish  
the explicit testimony required by your letter, it not being  
customary to explain family affairs to persons outside of the  
family, unless done with a view of drawing upon the  
sympathies of others, and thus, in a way, trying to rob them.  
I trust that my affidavit may be considered satisfactory.  
Without permission to do so, but in good faith, I would refer  
to Asst. Commissioner A. B. Upshaw and S. M. Meadman of the

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Office of Indian Affairs, and to Capt. J. J. T. Hassler, *Chf.*  
of Appointment Division, Department of the Interior, for  
proof of my reputation, and for reasons given in final  
clause of my affidavit, respectfully request that special  
action in case of this claim for Pension be allowed.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully,

John A. Beckwith,

*Chf.* Office of Indian Affairs.

P. S. Gen. Jas. B. Coit, Chief  
of Division, your Bureau is  
also acquainted with me.

*Department of the Interior.*  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D.C. May 23, 1888

Gentlemen:

In the claim No. 336532 of Hannah A. Beckwith, mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H. 2. Mass. V.A., additional evidence is required showing the amount of income that was derived from her husband's occupation and from all other sources during the entire year 1864, whether his income afforded the claimant a maintenance, and how she obtained means of subsistence during that year.

The testimony of Mary A. Tracy, who is the only witness that testifies from personal knowledge, is not satisfactory because she does not state the amount of the husband's income, or whether it afforded claimant a maintenance, nor does she show how claimant was supported in 1864.

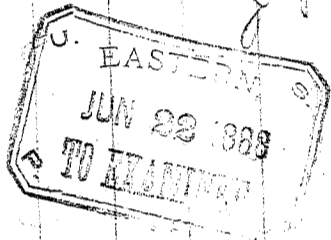
The return of this letter with all requirements strictly complied with will insure early action.

O. P. G. Clarke & Co.  
City.

Very respectfully,  
John C. Clark  
Commissioner.

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Application No. 386572  
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NAME OF SOLDIER,  
Robert E. Beckwith  
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George M

Washington, D. C.

August 1st, 1889.

Hon Jas. Tanner.

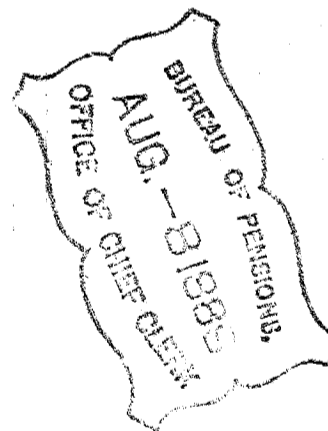
Coms'r of Pensions.

Dear Sir:-

Please inform me as to the status of the claim of  
H. A. Beckwith, mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, 10th C.V. and 2d  
Mass. Hy. Arty. I am not the Att'y in the case but would like  
to know its status in behalf of an old friend and room-mate.

Yours truly,

*George M. [Signature]*



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*Bureau of Pensions.*

Application No. 336532

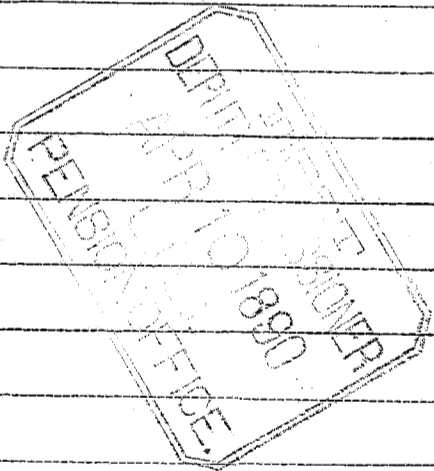
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NAME OF SOLDIER,

Walter H. E. Beckwith  
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 336.532  
 Mother of W. C. Beckwith  
 Chief of East<sup>m</sup> Div<sup>m</sup>  
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 for special investigation  
 as to dependence.  
 The amount of husband's  
 income in '64, as testified  
 to, while not conclusive  
 ly proving non-dependence,  
 yet was sufficiently large  
 to suggest the propriety  
 of a thorough special  
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Claim No 336532

Harriet A. Peckwith  
Mother of  
Robert E. Peckwith  
Capt 2d Mass. H.Q.

Aug 10/89

Hon. Assistant Secretary  
of the Interior

Sir.

In response to  
your request of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant for report of the  
status of the above named case I have the  
honor to state that the same has been this day  
reported on the ground that the claimant  
was not dependent upon the soldier at the  
time of his death in December 1864  
within the meaning of the law.

From the evidence  
on file it appears that the income of  
claimant's husband was about \$600  
during the year 1864 and that he owned  
a house, lot occupied by his family,  
assessed for taxes in that year at \$2500

and estimated to have been actually worth  
\$3500 and claimant's family then  
consisting of only her husband and  
a son aged about 17 years.

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J. P. ✓  
E. Div.

Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D.C. August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1889,

Madam:

You are informed that your pension claim, No. 356,552, as mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. H. A., is rejected on the ground that you were not dependent on the soldier at the time of his death, in December 1864, within the meaning of the law.

From the evidence on file it appears that the income of your husband was about \$600 during the year 1864, and that he owned a house and lot assessed for taxes in that year at \$2,500, and estimated to have been actually worth \$3,500, and your family consisted of only your husband and a son, aged about seventeen years.

Very respectfully,

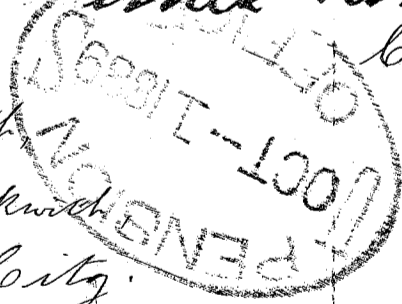
James Tamm, Commissioner.

Hannah A. Beckwith

Care of John A. Beckwith

P.O. Box 264.

City.



Pension Claim 336,532  
 Mrs. W. A. Beckwith,  
 mother of Herbert E.  
 Beckwith, 10<sup>th</sup> C.V. &  
 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Hy. Arty.

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Major Geo. M. Lock  
 1304 St. S.

My dear Sir:

I submit  
 claim for Pension  
 death of my brother  
 in Dec. 1864, —  
 My brother was ca  
 fell in May, 1864,  
 at Annapolis, Md.  
 age at death ninety  
 Mass. Hy. Arty. —

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 and he sent money  
 with all the regularity possible consistent with  
 army payments as the evidence in the case goes  
 to show. I likewise sent money home to her for  
 the same purpose, but I am not dead, and although

Pension Claim No. 336,532  
 of Mrs. W. A. Beckwith, mother  
 of Herbert E. Beckwith, dec'd.,  
 late of Co. H, 10<sup>th</sup> Regt. Conn. Vols. Infy,  
 & Co. H, 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Hy. Artillery.

Status:

Claim believed to be established,  
 Gen. John C. Black, ex-Com<sup>r</sup> of  
 Pensions, having sent letter to  
 writer more than one year since,  
 that application was before the  
 final board of review.

Applicant is now 77 years  
 of age and in fast failing  
 health.

If additional evidence in the  
 case is required, notification  
 of such fact should be sent at  
 once.

If the claim is to be allowed, on  
 account of the age of claimant, it  
 should be attended to as early  
 as possible, seeming to be one  
 calling for special action.

John A. Beckwith.

July 31, 1889.

Claim in above case, as filed first  
 acknowledge by Pension Office, June 17/86

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 Beckwith,  
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Pension Claim 336,532  
 Mrs H. A. Beckwith,  
 mother of Herbert E.  
 Beckwith, 10<sup>th</sup> C.V. &  
 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Hy. Arty,

Chief Clerk  
 July 31

Washington, D. C., July 31, 1889.

Major Geo. M. Lockwood,  
 1304 F. St., N.W.,  
 City,

My dear Sir:

I submit herewith a brief of the claim for Pension of my mother, on acc of the death of my brother at Camp Parole, Annapolis, in Dec. 1864, —

My brother was captured when Plymouth, N.C., fell in May, 1864, and died shortly after exchange at Annapolis, Md. His name was Herbert E. Beckwith, age at death nineteen, service in 10<sup>th</sup> Regt. C.V. and 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Hy. Arty. — Mother partially depended upon his sending money to her according to his promise, and he sent money to her for her partial support with all the regularity possible consistent with army payments, as the evidence in the case goes to show. I likewise sent money home to her for the same purpose, but I am not dead, and although

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twice wounded, have never made application for a pension, and want none, as Gov't paid me in excess of its agreement.

This case of my mother's is a different affair. She received money for her partial support from my brother, and in these closing days of her life is in need of all moneys to which the laws entitle her.

Her claim was first filed in June, 1886, and all demands for additional evidence have been promptly met.

Something more than one year since, I was advised by the then Com<sup>r</sup> Black, that the claim had passed to the Board of final review. After six or so months had passed, I called upon Com<sup>r</sup> Black, who upon seeing his letter, retained it in his possession, stating that the claim would follow the regular routine. Since then, I have been unable to gain any information in the case, and have wondered if my political bias caused Gen. Black to say, Halt! to the case,

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when the indications were, that it had been made complete.

My mother, the applicant for pension, is seventy-seven (77) years of age, and is a sufferer from heart disease, and should be notified either what additional evidence is required, or that her claim is allowed, lest death close the case.

As a good friend to soldiers and soldiers' interests, (you yourself having been a soldier) I would ask you as a friend, to call up the case referred to, as per brief herewith, and learn the cause of the silence and delay incident thereto.

The attorney in the case was O. P. G. Clarke. He died, and parties assuming to act for him (or his family's interests) have obtained and hold duplicate certificate for fees of \$25.<sup>00</sup>. Such parties are actually entitled to, - for they have done - nothing, and if you can cause evasion of payment of fee to them, I will see that they obtain their debts. But fees are a light consideration, and protest against payment

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as now authorized will not be made. —

The point in my mind was, the alleged representatives of O. P. G. Clarke, dec'd. have done literally nothing in the case, and are of no more worth than figureheads, and should be paid as such.

Hoping for a resurrection of the case through your hearty efforts, I am

Very respectfully  
John A. Beckwith.