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January 10, 1922

Hon. John J. Rogers
House of Representatives

My dear Mr. Rogers:

In re Harriet E., widow of
Asa C. Charles,
W.O. 1161327,
Chelmsford, Mass.

You are advised that on the 30th instant the claimant was called on for proof of death of the soldier, of her marriage to him, and showing whether she and the soldier lived and cohabited as husband and wife without divorce continuously from the date of their marriage to that of his death.

Upon compliance with said call the claim will be further considered.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

HWB/dc

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

Act of May 1, 1920.

STATE OF Massachusetts, COUNTY OF Middlesex, ss:
On this twelfth day of November, 1921, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace
within and for the County and State aforesaid, Harriet E. Charles, who, being duly
sworn by me according to law, declares that she is 86 years of age and that she was born October 23rd, 1835,
at Norway, Maine.
That she is the widow of Asa G. Charles, who enlisted July 26th, 1862,
at Norway, Maine, under the name of Asa G. Charles,
as a Private (Rank.), in Seventeenth Regiment of Infantry,
(Here state company and regiment, if in the Army; or vessel, if in the Navy.)
and was honorably discharged June 16th, 1865, having served ninety days or more, or was discharged for
or died in service of a disability incurred in the service and in the line of duty, during the CIVIL WAR.

That he also served _____
(Here give a complete statement of all other military, naval, or coast guard service, if any, at whatever time rendered.)
That she was married to said soldier (or sailor) January thirty first, 1855, under the name
of Harriet Eliza Barrows, at Norway, Maine,
by William Wirt Virgin I. L. D.; that she had not been previously married; that he had not
been previously married.
(Here state all prior marriages of either, and give the names and dates and places of death or divorce of all former consorts.)

and that neither she nor said soldier (or sailor) was ever married otherwise than as stated above.

(If any former husband rendered military or naval service, here describe same and give number of any pension claim based thereon.)

That said soldier (or sailor) died October 29th, 1921, at Chelmsford, Mass.,
that she was not divorced from him; and that she has not remarried since his death.

That the following are the ONLY children of the soldier (or sailor) under sixteen years of age, who are now living, namely:
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That the above-named child _____ of the soldier (or sailor) {is } _____ now receiving a pension, and that such child _____ {is a }
member... of her family and _____ cared for by her.

That she has not heretofore applied for pension, the number of her former claim being _____; that said soldier
(or sailor) was _____ a pensioner, the number of his pension certificate being 1051499.

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 MAY 1, 1920.

(Two attesting and identifying witnesses.)
(1) J. B. Charles (Signature of first witness.)
Chelmsford, Mass. (Address of first witness.)
(2) Emma L. Bartlett (Signature of second witness.)
Chelmsford, Mass. (Address of second witness.)
Harriet Eliza Charles (Claimant's signature in full.)
Chelmsford, Mass. (Claimant's address in full.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 12th day of November, 1921, and I hereby
certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant
before swearing, including the words _____
[L. s.] _____, added;
and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Patrick J. Kelly (Signature.)
Justice of the Peace (Official character.)
My commission expires Feb. 23, 1928.

Widow Division

W. O. 1181327

Harriet E. Charles
Asa G. Charles

7 17 Maine Inf. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



Town of Chelmsford,

Jan. 24 1922

RECORD OF DEATH

I, Justin L. Moore, Town Clerk of the Town of Chelmsford, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby certify that in the Records of Deaths in said Town there is recorded the death of

Asa Grenville Charles

and that the following facts appear in the record of such death, to wit:

Date of Death, Oct. 29, 1921

Name, Asa Grenville Charles Age 88 Yrs. 4 Mos. 20 Days

Place of Death, Chelmsford, Mass.

Occupation, Retired

Birthplace, Bryceburg, Me.

Names of Parents, Asa Charles Harriet Ward

Father.

Mother. (Maiden Name)

Birthplace of Parents, Concord, N. H. Concord, N. H.

Father.

Mother.

Disease or Cause of Death, Arterio sclerosis - myocarditis - cerebral embolus.

I further declare that the records of Births, Marriages and Deaths in said Town are in my custody, and that the foregoing is a true extract of the Records of Deaths in said Town as certified by me.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the said Town of Chelmsford, on the day and year first above written.

Justin L. Moore Town Clerk.





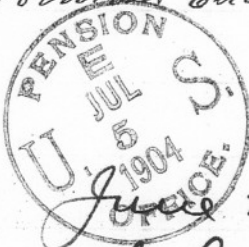
Fryeburg, Me., June 22^d 1904



State of Maine

County of Oxford SS

This certifies that I am Town Clerk
for said town of Fryeburg duly elected
and qualified and am custodian of
the records of Births Deaths & Marriages
occurring there, and the following is a
transcript of so much of said records
as relates to the Birth of Asa & Charles
Record
Born to Asa Charles & Harriet his wife
Asa Granville Charles June 9th 1833
A true copy attest Norman Charles Town Clerk



State of Maine

Oxford SS.

June 22 1904

Subscribed & sworn to before me
this day, by the above named Norman
Charles, Town Clerk of Fryeburg.
Edward C. Haskins Notary Public.

"Jan 31, 1855 Married in Norway, by
W. M. Virgin Esq. A. G. Charles & H. E.
Barrows both of Norway"

The above is a true copy taken from
the office of the Town Clerk of Norway
Maine and from the books of
the record of marriages.

J. Fred G. Souney
Clerk of Norway, Maine



that of

County of Oxford ss

this certifies that I am Town Clerk

for said town of Norway, and certify correct

and justified and am subscription of

the records of Births Deaths & marriages

occurring there, and the following is a

transcript of so much of said records

as relates to the birth of Asa G. Charles

Born to Asa Charles & Harriet his wife

Newtownville Nov 24 June 9th 1833

A true copy attested Norman Charles Town Clerk

Attest

Stock & Mines

June 22 1904

subscribed & sworn to before me

this day, as then known and known

Charles Fred G. Souney, Town Clerk

of the County of Oxford, Maine

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East

Div.

Ex'r.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., 189

Sir:

Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully,

Mr. Asa G. Charles,

Commissioner.

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: I am to Harriet Charles, formerly Harriet Eliza Barrons

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: In the year 1804

at Norway Maine by W. W. Virgin.

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: Town Clerk's books at Norway

Maine, also Family Bible Record.

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the

date and place of her death or divorce. Answer: No.

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their

birth. Answer: Yes.

Walter G. July 26 1855

Fred A. Sept. 2. 1857

William A. July 16 1868

Frank B. January 28 1876

Date of reply, Feb. 25, 189

Asa G. Charles

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

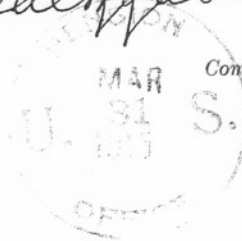
SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

G. M. Sargent

Commissioner.

ASA G CHARLES
CHELMSFORD MASS
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- No. 1. Date and place of birth? *Answer. June 9th 1833 - Fryburg Maine*
The name of organizations in which you served? *Answer. 17th Reg. Maine Vols.*
- No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? *Answer. Norway Maine*
- No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. *Answer. Harriet Eliza (Barrows) Charles*
- No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? *Answer. Jan. 31st 1855 - Norway Maine Judge William Nix Virgin.*
- No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? *From personal knowledge and that I have learned from other sources. I am quite sure there is no record outside the family Bible.*
If so, where? *Answer.*
- No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. *Answer. No.*
- No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. *Answer. She was not.*
- No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? *Answer. Yes.*
- No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. *Answer.*
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| Walter G. Charles. | July 28 - 1856 |
| Frederick S. Charles. | Sept 21 - 1858 |
| William A. Charles. | July 16 - 1867 |
| Frank B. Charles. | Jan 28 - 1877 |

Date *March 26 - 1915.*

(Signature) *Asa G. Charles.*

Increase of Pension ^{Act of May 1/20}
Sec 2.

ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

DECLARATION FOR PENSION

The Pension Certificate should not be forwarded with the Application

STATE OF Massachusetts COUNTY OF Middlesex ss:
On this 30th day of April A.D. 1921 personally appeared before me, a
within and for the county and State aforesaid, Asa G. Charles, who, being duly
sworn according to law, declares that he is 87 years of age, and a resident of Chelmsford
county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts; and that he is the
identical person who was ENROLLED at Norway Me, under the name
of Asa G. Charles on the 18th day of Aug 1862
as a Private in C & F 17th Maine (foot)
(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army or vessels if in the Navy.)
in the service of the United States, in the Civil War
(State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)
war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at San Antonio, on the 16th day of June 1865
That he also served _____
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal
description at enlistment was as follows: Height 5' feet 10 1/2" inches; complexion Common; color of
eyes Hazel; color of hair Brown; that his occupation was Mechanic
that he was born June 9 - 1833 at Fryburg Maine

present condition is one of incurable General Debility my hearing
is & still is injured very much & not to be relieved by any means
my left eye is nearly blind & my right eye is nearly or quite
blind. This is due to the fact that I was shot in the head &
the bullet passed through my brain & fell down my spine &
is still there.
That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Norway Maine 1376
(State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

Louell from 1878 to 1905. Balance of time to date Chelmsford Mass

That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 1051499 That he has _____ applied for pension under original
No _____

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of May 1, 1920. - Sec 2 -

(Two attesting and identifying witnesses.)

(1) Frank B. Clark
(Signature of first witness.)
Chelmsford Mass.
(Address of first witness.)
(2) William A. Arnold
(Signature of second witness.)
44 South St Louell Mass
(Address of second witness.)

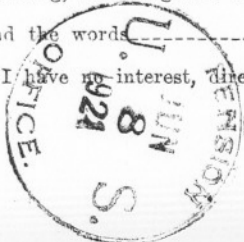
Asa G. Charles
(Claimant's signature in full.)
Chelmsford
(Claimant's address in full.)
Maine

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 30th day of April 1921, and I hereby

certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant
before swearing, including the words _____

(U. S.)

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



James E. Merkleman
(Signature.)
Notary Public
(Official character.)

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

(Act of June 27, 1890.)

Massachusetts
STATE OF ~~MAINE~~, COUNTY OF ~~OXFORD~~, SS.

On this 25th day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety two personally appeared before me, a Mary Pube in and for the county and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, Asa G. Charles aged 59 years, a resident of the city of Lowell, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Asa G. Charles who was enrolled on the 18th day of August, 1862, in Co. A 17th Regt. Maine Infy. Vol. as a private and was promoted to Lieut. before term of service had expired

in the war of the rebellion, and served at least ninety days in the service of the United States, and was honorably discharged at near Washington D.C. on the fourth day of June, 1865.

That he is unable to earn a support by manual labor, by reason of

malarial poisoning and its effects, contracted in the army, fever contracted in the service, trouble with feet caused by hard marching while in the army, kidney and liver disease the effects of malarial poisoning failing eye sight and other disabilities.

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent.

That he has applied for pension under application No. That he is a pensioner under certificate No. —

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the U. S., under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890. He hereby appoints Charles F. Whitman

of Norway Maine his lawful attorney to prosecute his claim, and agrees to allow him a fee of ten dollars. His post-office address is # 2 Branch Place Lowell Mass.

Attest:

John Pickman
John O. Lacey

Asa G. Charles

3-447.

East Division.

RMA Ex'r.

Claim No. *1127338* Department of the Interior,

Asa G. Charles

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Co. *F*, 17 Reg't *Me. Inf.*

Washington, D. C., *July 26*, 1902.

SIR: To aid this Bureau in preventing any one falsely personating you, or otherwise committing fraud in your name, or on account of your service, you are required to answer fully the questions enumerated below.

You will please return this circular under cover of the inclosed envelope which requires no postage. *no envelope inclosed*
Very respectfully,

Asa G. Charles
383 Walker St.
Lowell, Mass.

Commissioner.

1. When were you born? Answer. *June 9th 1833*
2. Where were you born? Answer. *Bryantown, Maine*
3. When did you enlist? Answer. *July 26th 1862*
4. Where did you enlist? Answer. *Scarway, Maine*
5. Where had you lived before you enlisted? Answer. *Scarway, Maine*
6. What was your post-office address at enlistment? Answer. *Scarway, Maine*
7. What was your occupation at enlistment? Answer. *Mechanic*
8. When were you discharged? Answer. *June 4th 1865*
9. Where were you discharged? Answer. *Baileys Cross Roads near Washington, D.C.*
10. Where have you lived since discharge? Give dates, as nearly as possible, of any changes of residence.
From 1865 to 1878 at Scarway, Maine.
From 1878 to 1902 at Lowell, Mass.
11. What is your present occupation? Answer. *Inspector at U.S. Cartridge Manufactory*
12. What is your height? Answer. *Five* feet *Ten* inches. Your weight? *132 lbs*
The color of your eyes? *Blue* The color of your hair? *Brown* Your complexion?
Fair Are there any permanent marks or scars on your person? If so, describe them.
Scar on left arm. Two stiff fingers on left hand
13. What is your full name? Please write it on the line below, in ink, in the manner in which you are accustomed to sign it, in the presence of two witnesses who can write.

Asa G. Charles

WITNESSES: { 1. *Wm. Robinson*
2. *James H. Carmichael*
[Witnesses who can write sign here.]

Date: *July 29th*, 1902

NEW DIVISION
O. 1181,327.
Harriet E. Charles
a G. Charles
17 Maine Inf.

February 6, 1922.

THE TOWN CLERK
NORWAY,
MAINE.

SIR:

For use in the above cited claim, please state whether your records show the marriage of Asa G. Charles and Harriet Eliza Barrows. It is alleged that the marriage took place January 31, 1855.

This information is requested as a courtesy, as there is no fund available from which to pay for same.

An official envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your reply.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

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February 10, 1922

Honorable John Jacob Rogers,
House of Representatives

My dear Mr. Rogers:

In re Harriet E., widow of
Asa G. Charles: O. 1181327;
64 Quint Ave., Allston, Mass.

You are advised that this claim awaits reply to a call made upon the town clerk of Norway, Maine, on the 6th instant for information relative to the claimant's marriage to the soldier and upon receipt of same, prompt consideration will be given the case.

Very truly yours,

WASHINGTON GARDNER

Commissioner

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