

## Declaration for Restoration to the Pension Roll.



STATE OF Alabama, COUNTY OF Jefferson, SS.  
ON THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1895, personally appeared before me,

the undersigned, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid,

George K. Pierce aged 49 years, who, being duly sworn ac-  
(Name of Claimant.)

ording to law, makes the following declaration, asking to be restored to the pension roll: That I am the identical

George K. Pierce who was pensioned on the rolls of the Agency at Knights Templar, on account of disabilities contracted when a Private in Com-  
pany E of the 43 Regiment of Wisconsin - Volunteers, and whose pension

certificate, No. 775431, is now expired, and that I was paid last at said agency to the 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of November, 1894; that I have since resided as follows: On Shellsburg  
Missouri, Acton Mass., Birmingham Alabama  
(Here name the place or places at which

the applicant has resided.)

That on February 14 1895. I received notice  
from Commr Pension, stating that my Pension  
that I have not claimed pension since the date above given for the following reasons:

7612.00 per month had been reduced to 8.00  
per month, my impaired eyesight and fractured knee  
have become chronic. I am also suffering with Bright's  
disease of the Kidney, and am unable to do manual  
labor, for a length of time. In support of this application  
to be restored to the 12.00 rate, I herewith enclose  
the affidavit of my Family Physician, I also enclose  
testimony by my friends as the result of various  
and that I  
(Here describe the disability for which restoration is claimed, and state, if an invalid, whether or not applicant has re-enlisted

Caused my fall & fracture of the knee. I believe to be  
the result of Rheumatism contracted in the service of  
the United States during the war, and my Kidney troubles  
are of more than two years duration, and developed  
immediately after my knee hurt. This testimony was written by W. A.  
Heaton from my own dictation & not from any other dictation  
or surroundings, furnished by any other person -

That I hereby appoint, with full power of substitution and revocation,

A. M. LEGG of Washington D.C., my true and lawful Attorney to prosecute said claim; that my residence  
is in Birmingham City in the County of Jefferson and State of  
Alabama, and my Post Office address is Birmingham  
Jefferson County of  
State of Alabama

W. C. J. aty  
E. W. Shultz  
(Two witnesses who can write, sign here.)

George K. Pierce  
(Signature of Claimant.)

ATTY FILED.

# Claimants ~~GENERAL~~ AFFIDAVIT.

State of Alabama County of Jefferson ss:  
In the matter of Person Claim of Geo. N. Pierce, Late of  
Co. E. 6<sup>th</sup> Mass. Infy. 9 months men, Private Co. E. 43<sup>rd</sup> Wis. Inf. Val's

ON THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, A. D. 1891, personally  
appeared before me A. W. Commissioner in and for the afore-  
said County, duly authorized to administer oaths. George N. Pierce  
aged 46 years, a resident of Birmingham, in the County  
of Jefferson, and State of Alabama -  
whose Post Office address is 2105. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue -

\_\_\_\_\_, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_  
and State of \_\_\_\_\_, whose Post Office address is \_\_\_\_\_

well known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in  
relation to aforesaid case, as follows: That He served in

Co. E. 6<sup>th</sup> Mass. Infy. a little over 9  
Months - and served in Co. E. 43<sup>rd</sup> Wis  
Infy. Val about ten months and  
discharged therefrom at Nashville  
Tenn. June 24<sup>th</sup> 1865. Since  
which date He has not served  
in the military or naval service  
of the U. S.

He further declare that He is ☒ interest in said case and is  
not concerned in its prosecution.

A. W. Commissioner  
W. J. Pender

(If Affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write sign here.)

Geo. N. Pierce

(Signature of Affiants.)

United States of America,  
Northern District of Alabama.

UNITED STATES  
vs.

UPON CHARGE  
of

Before, W. H. HUNTER, a United States Commissioner for said District,  
on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1892, personally came

George N. Pierce

to me known, who after being duly sworn, says: I live in Jefferson County  
~~County, and know the Defendant, who lives in~~ County, Ala.

Alabama. I am the identical person who served in Co. E, 6<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Inf<sup>y</sup> and in Co. E, 43<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin Inf<sup>y</sup> Volunteers, during the war of the Rebellion. I have a claim for Pension No. 831,513, pending in the Pension Office at Washington D.C. <sup>that I am entitled to</sup> On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1891, while engaged in my business as Paper hanger in the City of Birmingham Ala. the flooring gave way and I fell to the floor and a heavy plank struck my right knee, which injury has kept me up to confinement most of the time to my room. I am satisfied that the injury is permanent, said injury was not due to vicious habits but from an unfortunate accident, marring me for life.

Sworn and subscribed to before me on this:

26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1892  
Geo N. Pierce

W. H. Hunter  
United States Commissioner.

"Winchester, Tenn. May 21. 1887.

This day issued to

Geo N. Pierce

To marry

Louisa Huber.

Dick Taylor Clerk

State of Tennessee

Franklin County.

I solemnized the rite of Matrimony  
between the within named parties on the  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1887

A. G. Dinwiddie M. G."

State of Tennessee }  
Franklin County }

I Hop J Taylor Deputy Clerk  
of Franklin County Court hereby Certify  
that the above and foregoing is a True  
and Correct Copy of the Marriage Record  
on file in my office, Marriage Record  
Page 99. Witness my hand and official  
Seal this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1898

Hop. J. Taylor D. C.

Act of June 27 1890.

3-402.



Certificate No. 775431 Department of the Interior,  
Name, George N. Pierce BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

*McKay Brand*

Commissioner.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. Miss Louisa A. H. H.

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer. May 21st 1887- Winchester Tenn- H. H. H. H. H.

Third. What record of marriage exists? Winchester, Tenn.

Answer. \_\_\_\_\_

Fourth. 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. George N. Pierce Jr. Born Oct 5, 1889.

Mary A. Pierce Born April 17th 1894.

Date of reply, Aug. 6th, 1898

George N. Pierce  
(Signature.)

## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Alabama, County of Jefferson, ss:In the matter of Pension Claim # 736,492 of  
(Here state the name of claimant and of soldier and his military service.)  
Louisa PierceON THIS 29 day of Nov, A. D. 1901, personally appeared before me,  
a Natary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized  
to administer oaths, Louisa Pierce, aged 43 years, a resident of  
East Lake, in the County of Jeff, and State of  
Ala, whose Post Office address is same

Who being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

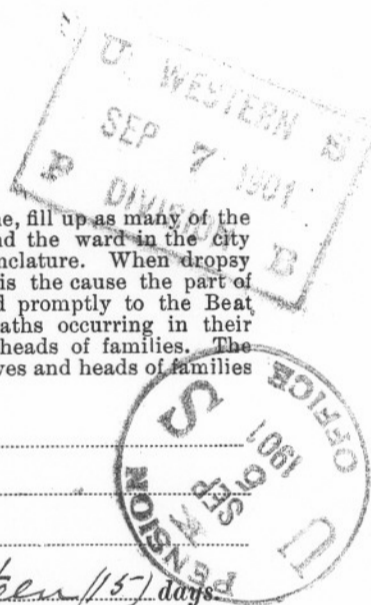
I am the claimant - I have soed no real estate  
NOTE.—Affiants should state how long they have known soldier, how often they have seen him on an average during their acquaintance with him, and any other matters that would tend to show the basis of their knowledge of the facts to which they testify.Since Mch 1<sup>st</sup> 1901. The only real estate that I own is  
a small house value about \$400.00 my husband  
left no life insurance money. I am very poor.  
My children George H. Pierce was born Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 89  
and Mary A. Pierce was born Apr 17<sup>th</sup> 1894.  
There is no public or church record of their births  
and the only record is found in the Bible. This  
is the only record I can furnish. The two children  
are still living and under my care. I own no  
stock or bonds. My correct name is Louisa  
and not Louise.I will try to get Harriet A. Lane to testify to the  
military service of my husband - I am quite sure  
he was never in the Navy service.Further declared that no interest is said case and  
not concerned in its prosecution.G. A. Williams  
(If affiant signs by mark, two persons who write signs here.)Louisa Pierce  
(Signature of Affiant.)

FORM No. 2.

## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

EXPLANATIONS.—Fill up all the items, if the information can be obtained. If this cannot be done, fill up as many of the items as possible. State place of death very definitely, giving always the beat in the county and the ward in the city. The cause of death should be given very carefully, and in conformity with the official nomenclature. When dropsy is the cause it should be mentioned whether it is hepatic, cardiac, or renal. When cancer or tumor is the cause the part of the body involved should be mentioned—and so for other causes of death. When filled up, forward promptly to the Beat Health Officer or to the County Health Officer. All doctors and midwives must report all deaths occurring in their practice. Deaths occurring without a doctor or midwife in attendance, must be reported by heads of families. The penalty for every failure to report a death is: For doctors not less than ten dollars; for midwives and heads of families not less than five dollars.

Date of Death, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1901.  
 Name in full, George H. Pierce,  
 Place of birth, Acton, Mass.  
 Age, fifty-four (54) years, nine (9) months, fifteen (15) days.  
 Sex, Male Color, White Occupation, Paper Hanger.  
 Married, Single, or Widowed, Married.  
 Name of Father, G. H. Pierce  
 Name of Mother, Harriet Pierce  
 Place of death, Beat, or Ward, Beat No. 10. Jefferson Co. Ala.  
 Cause of death, Pneumonia.  
 Place of burial, East Lake Cemetery.  
 Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Informant, N. A. Barrett, M.D.



3-337.  
(Old No. 3-464aa.)

Western Div., *1st*, Ex'r.

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *June 5*, 1901

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the  
Record and Pension Office, War Department,  
requesting *additional* a full military and medical his-  
tory of the soldier, *if any on file,*  
*with personal description*  
*and tracing of signature,*

No other report on file.

Wid. O. No. 736,492,

Name *George A. Pierce*,  
Co. *E*, *6* Reg't *Mass. Inf.*,  
Co. *E*, *43* Reg't *Wis. Inf.*

Commissioner.

Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

*George A. Pierce*  
Co. *E*, *6* Reg't *Mass. Inf.*  
was enrolled *Aug. 25*, 1862,  
and *M.O. June 3*, 1863,

From *Enrnt*, 186, to *M.O.*, 186,  
he held the rank of *Pvt.*

and during that period the rolls show him present,  
~~except as follows~~

*George A. Pierce*  
Co. *E*, *43* Reg't *Wis. Inf.*  
was enrolled *Sept. 6*, 1864  
and mustered out *June 24/65*.  
From enrolment to *M.O.*

he held the rank of private  
and during that period the  
rolls show him present.  
Roll to *Oct. 31/64* shows him  
Present. Sick in quarters.  
Records show age at en-  
listment 19 years,  
Height 5 feet 8 inches,  
Complexion fresh,  
Eyes gray, Hair light,  
Born in *Acton, Mass.*,  
Occupation farmer.  
Tracing of signature attached.

*George A. Pierce*

The medical records show him treated as follows:  
as *Geo. Pierce*, Pr. Co. *E*,  
*43 Wis. Inf.*, *Sept. 30 +*  
*Oct. 1, 64*, *Brachitis*;  
*Oct. 19, 64*, *diagnosis*  
*not stated*; *Oct. 20 to*  
*27, 64*, *Fever*; *Oct. 29,*  
*Nov. 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17*  
*to 19, 64*, *diagnosis*  
*not stated*; as *Geo.*  
*Pierce*, *Co. Jan. 10,*  
*65*, *Brachitis*; *Jan.*  
*13, 65*, *Pneumonia*; *Jan.*  
*20 to 23, 65* *Long illness*;  
*Jan. 24 to Feb 10 + 22,*  
*65*, *Discharged*, *with*

*Rept. Feb. 26, 65.*  
*Nothing additional found.*

JUN 20 1901

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*Permanence*

Chief, Record and Pension Office.

Per *m*.

Washington, D. C., *JUN 7 1901*

(COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.)

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State of Massachusetts.

SS

County of Suffolk.

*of Louisa Pierce -*

In the matter of Pension Claim, Widow, No. 736,492, for Widows of George N. Pierce late of Co. E 6th Massachusetts Inf. and of Co. E 43rd. Regiment Wisconsin Vol. Inftry. personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, Harriet A. Lane of No. 110<sup>New</sup> Millet Street, Dorchester, County of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, a person of lawful age, who being duly sworn declares in the aforesaid case as follows:-

That she was personally acquainted with George N. Pierce deceased the said soldier who was a brother of affiant, was personally and well acquainted with his first wife Jennie E. Pierce nee Jennie E. Rhodes from about the year 1870 until about twenty-five years ago when the said Pierce abandoned his said wife Jennie and she then applied for and was granted a divorce from him about the year 1880 as near as affiant can now recollect; the said soldier about that time went west where he remained for a short time how long affiant is now unable to state and thence to Tennessee, and finally settled at or near Birmingham in the State of Alabama, where he died about February 11, 1901. There was only one child a son, the issue of the said marriage of said soldier with his said wife Jennie, who died in his third year in Newport in the State of Rhode Island.

Affiant further states that said soldier was never married before his marriage to the said Jennie E. Rhodes so far as affiant ever knew, and is positive that such was the case, for our relations were such prior to said marriage.



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that affiant and the family would have learned of any such marriage had it taken place.

Affiant further states that she is not personally acquainted with Louisa pierce, the applicant having never met her, and only knows of her marriage with said soldier from letters received by affiant and other members of our family from him and also from said applicant, and is unable to state positively that the said soldier was never married from the date of said divorce up to the time of his marriage with said applicant, **but** is morally certain that he was never married to any other woman or women other than hereinbefore stated, for had such been the fact our family would have learned of it, and further saith not.

*Harriet A. Lane*.....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this fifteenth day of May, A. D. 1901, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit was fully made known and explained to affiant before swearing, including the words *Now in 6<sup>th</sup> line from top of first page & "of Louisa Pierce" in line 6 - of*  
~~Offendant -~~  
~~erased, and the words~~  
 added; that the affiant *is* to me well known and *is* respectable and worthy of full credit; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

*Arthur D. Randall*.....  
*Notary Public.*



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation.  
PROVIDENCE, Sc.

(SEAL)

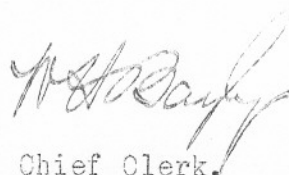
At the Supreme Court of said State, begun and holden at Providence, within and for the County of Providence, on the Fourth Monday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty Be it Remembered, That at the said March Term of said Court, Jennie E. Pierce of Providence in said County, preferred her petition representing that she is a domiciled inhabitant of this State, and has resided therein for twenty years last past, that she was married to her present husband George N. Pierce on the thirtieth day of October A. D. 1870, and hath ever since, on her part, kept and performed all the duties and obligations of the marriage contract; but that her said husband has violated the same in this; that he has wilfully deserted the petitioner for a period of two years and being of sufficient ability has neglected and refused to provide necessaries for the support of the said petitioner his said wife and praying for a divorce from the said George N. Pierce and for a decree of this Court restoring to her her maiden name of Jennie E. Rhodes. Upon a full hearing of said petition, and the evidence thereon produced, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed by said Court that the bond of matrimony existing between said parties be and the same is hereby dissolved, and the said Jennie E. Pierce divorced from the said George N. Pierce and that her maiden name of Jennie E. Rhodes be restored to her.

A true copy - attest:

Charles Blake,  
Clerk.

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I certify that the above is a correct copy of a paper this day returned to Mrs. Louisa Pierce.

  
Chief Clerk.

July 19, 1902.

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss:

In the matter of Pension claim # 736492 of Louisa  
(Here state the name of claimant and of soldier and his military service.)

widow of George N. Pierce Co. E. 43<sup>rd</sup> Wise Vols.

ON THIS 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D. 1902, personally appeared before me,

a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, Daniel H. Finner, aged 51 years, a resident of

Acacia, in the County of Middlesex, and State of

Mass., whose Post Office address is East Acacia, Mass.

Who being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

I was well and intimately acquainted  
NOTE.—Affiants should state how long they have known soldier, how often they have seen him on an average during their acquaintance with him, and any other matters that would tend to show the basis of their knowledge of the facts to which they testify.  
with George N. Pierce late of Co. E. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mass Inf Vols. I served in the same  
Command — I can testify from personal  
knowledge that he did not serve in the Army  
or Navy prior to Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1862 nor subsequent  
to June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863. until he went west — and  
about 1864 enlisted in Co. E. 43<sup>rd</sup> Wise Inf  
Vols. and served until June 24<sup>th</sup> 1865. the close  
of the War — His only service was in Co. E.  
6<sup>th</sup> Mass & Co. E. 43<sup>rd</sup> Wise Vols. He  
had no service subsequent to June  
24<sup>th</sup> 1865. I knew George N. Pierce from  
the beginning of the War 1861 until he died  
in 1901

I further declared that I have no interest in said case and am  
not concerned in its prosecution.

Chas. Williams Daniel H. Finner  
(Signature of Affiant.)

(If affiant signs by mark, two persons who write signs here.)

