

Form of Application for an Artificial Limb, or for Commutation for the same; to be forwarded to the Surgeon General,  
Washington, D. C.

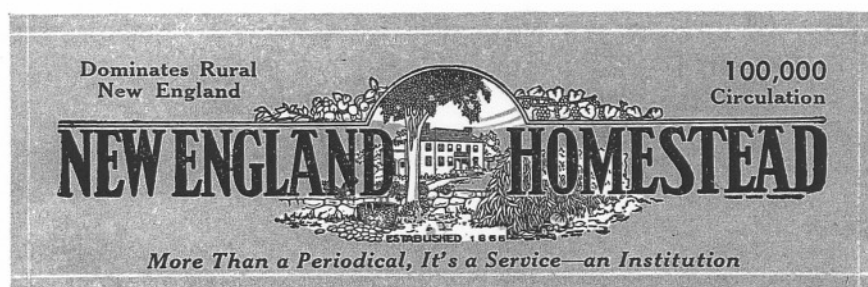
I, *John T. Priest*, solemnly declare that  
I am the identical *John T. Priest* who was a *Private*  
in Co. *"B"* *36<sup>th</sup>* Reg't *Mass. Vol. Infantry*  
and that I lost my *left leg* by reason of a *gun-shot wound*  
received at *"Cold Harbor" Va. otherwise "Bethesda Church"*  
on or about the *third* day of *June* 18*64*,  
and that I receive a pension of \$ *18.*— per month, on certificate No. *74303*  
which is paid to me by the Pension Agent at *Boston. Mass.*

And I now apply for *commutation on account of my leg*  
*lost as aforesaid money in lieu of the limb.*  
and I desire to have the *same* sent to my address as below—

*John T. Priest* Claimant's Signature.  
Post Office Address, Town, County, State,  
*Boston. (City Hall)* *Massachusetts*

*This application is in lieu of one made about the*  
*first day of July last which I am informed by*  
*the Commissioner of Pensions has never been*  
*received by him*

*J. T. Priest*



Advertising Department  
Myrick Building, Springfield, Mass.

October 5, 1936



U. S. Pension Bureau,  
Department of Interior,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Harriet E. Priest, legal residence 15 Sachem Street, Springfield, Mass., has been receiving Civil War Veteran's pension Number 746,616. *Widow's*

Mrs. Priest was a patient in Rangeview Sanitarium, Amherst, Mass., 34 North Prospect Street, and for several years her pension check has been mailed to that address. On Sept. 21st Mrs. Priest, who was my mother, passed away.

I do not happen to know at this writing whether her pension check due October 1st is being held at the Sanitarium, or if it was delivered there by the Amherst post-office. I assume that you will wish to recall the check through the post-office and re-issue a proportionate check through September 21st, such check payable to her Estate.

I am the only son, sole legatee, and executor of her will which has been filed for probate in Springfield, Hampden County, Mass.

Please advise how you handle these cases so that I may cooperate with you to our mutual advantage.

Very truly yours,

*Warren A. Priest*

Warren A. Priest, Executor  
15 Sachem Street, Springfield, Mass.

WAP/B

*Filed  
Ruh  
10/21/36*



## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## COPY OF RECORD OF DEATH

Town of Amherst

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am Clerk of the town of Amherst  
that as such I have custody of the records of deaths required by law to be kept in my office;  
that among such records is one relating to the death of  
Harriet Beddoe Priest  
and that the following is a true copy of so much of said record as relates to said death, namely:

Date of Death September 21, 1936

Place of Death Amherst, Mass.

Name Harriet Beddoe Priest

Sex Female Color or Race White

Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Widowed

Age 85-3-30

Residence at Time of Death Springfield, Mass.

Occupation None

Place of Birth Somerville, Mass.

## FATHER

Name Thomas Beddoe

Place of Birth Salem, Mass.

## MOTHER

Maiden Name Harriet E. Jameson

Place of Birth Salem, Mass.

Cause of Death Chronic rheumatoid arthritis-Dorsal decubitus toxaemia

Place of Burial Forest Hills-Boston, Mass.

Date of Record Sept. 21, 1936.

And I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from said records.

Witness my hand and seal of said town of Amherst

on this 20th day of October 19 36

SEAL

Elizabeth W. Hooker  
Town Clerk

## WAR OF 1861.

ACT JULY 14, 1862.

*Approved Nov 15/66*

Brief in case of *John T. Priest* a *PT*  
of Company *B.*, *36 Regiment Mass vcs*

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

*106 Devonshire St Boston Suffolk County Mass*  
*Enlisted Aug 5, 1862, Discharged June 17, 1865.*

## CLAIM FOR AN INVALID PENSION.

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

## PROOF EXHIBITED.

*Certificate of disability for his discharge says Amputation of left leg below knee for G. S. W. in action at Cold Harbor Va June 3/64*

*Capt H. H. Hodgkins Co B. 36 Mass vcs on oath says Priest in action at Cold Harbor Va June 3/64 rec'd G. S. W. in left leg causing Amputation*

*Biennial examination not required*

*Degree of disability total*

Admitted *Nov 14*, 1866, to a Pension of \$ *8.* per month, commencing

*June 17*, 1865, to *June 1866* & from last date at \$ *15.* per mo

Disability *total Permanent* Disabled by *Amputation left leg for*

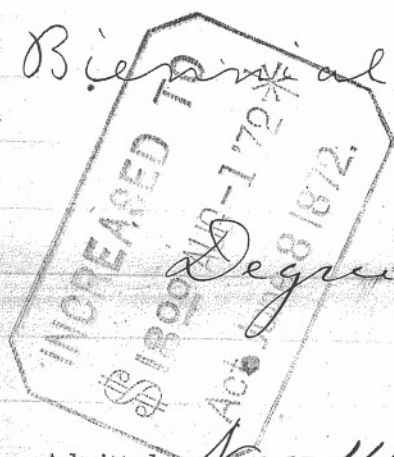
*G. S. W.*

*R. B. Crippen*

Examining Clerk.

*Wm F. Barcorn*  
*Washington*  
*D. C.*

Name and Residence of Agent.





# A. Declaration for Invalid Pension.

State of Massachusetts } ss.  
County of Suffolk

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1865, personally appeared before me, Alfred Clerk of a Court of Record, in the County and State aforesaid, John T. Priest aged 22 years, a resident of Charlestown County of Middlesex in the State of Massachusetts who, being duly sworn, declares that he is the identical John T. Priest who enlisted in the service of the United States at Charlestown in the State of Massachusetts on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1862, as a Private in Company B commanded by Captain Hodgskins in the 36<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Mass Vols in the war of 1861, and was honorably discharged on the 17 day of June 1865. That while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, on or about the 3<sup>d</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord 1864, he received a gunshot wound of left leg that resulted in amputation at middle third. This in action at Cold Harbor Va. He has resided in Charlestown since his discharge and been unemployed by reason of said wound until within a few days he has been on trial as a clerk

He makes this application for a pension, provided by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862, and hereby appoints DARIUS FORBES, General Claim Agent of the United States Sanitary Commission, or his successor in office, of Washington, D. C., his lawful attorney, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for any orders or certificates that may be issued in satisfaction thereof. My Post Office address is as follows: 106 Devonshire St Boston Mass.

John T. Priest  
(Signature of Claimant.)

Also personally appeared before me, Charles S. Wilder and Reuben Barney residents of Boston County of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts to me well known as credible persons, who, being duly sworn, declare that they were present and saw said John T. Priest sign his name to the foregoing declaration, and that they believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that his character and habits are good, and that his occupation is that of a clerk and they further state that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Charles S. Wilder

Reuben Barney  
(Signatures of Witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1865, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

and thus the interlineation was made prior to execution Witness my hand and the seal of the Police Court of the City of Boston the day & year aforesaid  
[SEAL.] W. J. Conolly, Asst Clerk  
(Official Signature.)

VOLUNTEER SERVICE.  
(Civil War or War with Spain.)

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

John T. Priest  
Co. B, 36 Reg't Mass Inf  
age 19 height 5 feet, 8 inches,  
complexion light  
eyes grey, hair light  
place of birth Acton Mass  
occupation Clerk  
was enrolled Aug 5, 1862  
and commor'ded June 8, 1865.  
M. Alexandria, Va. reports  
him absent sick in U.S.  
Hosp. Wounded June 3/64 +  
From M/M, 18 to Disch., 18  
he held the rank of Pvt

+ also shown 21

and the rolls on file for that period do not show him  
absent except as follows:

Roll dated Apr 11/63 on p'st  
Service since Mar 22/63,  
Feb 25/64 Det service  
since Jan 15/64  
June 30/64 Wounded at Beth

esda Church June 3/64  
To Apr 30/65 similar report  
+ no discharge given  
8. C. D. shows him di-  
charged June 17/65, at  
Boston, Mass.  
The medical records show him treated  
as follows: Wounded at the battle  
of the Wilderness, Va. May 11, 64;  
Wounded, left leg, fracture of  
tibia + fibula, at Bethesda Church  
June 3, 64, amputation; treated June  
7 to Sept 8, 64, ampt. left leg, middle  
third; Sept. 10 to Nov. 1, 64, ampu-  
tation, left leg lower third, fur-  
loughed Nov. 1, 64, ret'd. Nov. 15, 64  
+ transfd. Apr. 8, 65; Apr. 7 to  
June 17, 65, amputation left  
leg middle 3, amputated  
June 3, 64. Discharged from  
service June 17, 65, cause, am-  
putation of left leg below  
the knee consequence of S. S. W.  
rec'd in action at Cold Harbor, Va  
June 3, 64.

No additional record of  
disability found.

Henry P. McCain  
The Adjutant General.  
Per 7

Washington, D. C., JUL 20 1912

(Commissioner of Pensions.)

# ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



## CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of disability.)

Private John T. Priest  
H. Haskell's Company, (B) of the Thirty-sixth  
Mass. Infy. Vols. was enlisted by P. M. Holmes  
at Charlestown Mass  
on the fifth day of August 1862 to serve three years; he was born  
in Acton in the State of Massachusetts is Twenty-one  
years of age, five feet eight inches high, light complexion, grey eyes,  
light hair, and by occupation when enlisted a Clerk  
During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for duty 160 days. (Here consult directions on Form 12, p. 269, Medical Dept. Gen. Reg.)

STATION: Soldier's Rest Gen. Hospital  
DATE: May 29, 1865. Boston Mass.  
W. E. Thompson  
a. a. Surgeon. n. a.  
Commanding Company. in charge

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said Private John T. Priest of  
Captain Haskell's Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier  
because of (Here consult par. 1134, p. 245, and directions on Form 12, p. 269, Med. Dept. Gen. Reg.) Amputation of  
left leg below knee, in consequence of Gun shot wound  
received in action at Cold Harbor Va. June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864.  
Not fit for Veteran Reserve Corps.  
Totally Disabled.

DISCHARGED, this Seventeenth day of June 1865, at Boston Mass.

W. E. Thompson  
a. a. Surgeon. n. a.  
P. H. C. Allen  
Commanding Soldier's Rest  
Bot Col. U.S.A.  
Military Command

NOTE 1.—When a probable case for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability.

NOTE 2.—The place where the soldier desires to be addressed may be here added.

Town—

County—

State—

Surgeon U.S.A. & Medical Director  
Boston Mass.  
H. M. M. L. L. L.

Approved. Acting

## Officer's Certificate of Disability.

Name and rank of officer.

Give date and reason of discharge, or, if not known, state.

Here state fully the time, place, and manner in which the wound or other injury was received, or disease contracted, and whether in the service and line of duty, or otherwise.

Here state soldier's condition at the time of enlistment, and, if unsound, from what suffering.

Signature of officer.

PUT PLACE AND DATE HERE.

*Captain* *Wm St Hodgkins* of Company "B", of the  
*36<sup>th</sup>* Regiment of *Mass<sup>ts</sup>* Inf Vol, certify on honor  
 that *John T. Priest* was a *Private*  
 in my Company, and is, as I am informed, an applicant for an Invalid  
 Pension; that he was discharged from the U. S. Service  
 on the *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, *1865*. by reason of  
 Disability - *Amputation of left leg*

And I further certify that the said *John T. Priest*,  
 was severely wounded in the left leg during  
 an attack upon the enemy's works near *Bethesda Church (Cold Harbor Va)* on the morning of  
*June 3d*, *1864*, while in the line of his duty  
 as a Soldier. That he suffered *Amputa-*  
*tion* - and was discharged by reason of dis-  
 ability caused by the above mentioned  
 wound.

And that the said *John T. Priest* - was in my  
 opinion entirely sound and able to perform  
 the duty of a soldier when he entered the service - and that at the time he received  
 the wound above mentioned was in good health.

*Wm St Hodgkins*, late Captain  
*Co. B. 36<sup>th</sup> Regt. 36<sup>th</sup> Mass Vol*

[OVER.]



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## PENSION DEPARTMENT

BOSTON

## DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

[Act of April 19, 1908.]

STATE OF Mass.  
COUNTY OF Suffolk

ss:

On this 24th day of May, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve  
personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within  
and for the county and State aforesaid, Harriet E. Priest, aged 61  
years, a resident of Roxbury, county of Suffolk, State  
of Mass, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to  
obtain pension under the provisions of the ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 19, 1908.

That she is the widow of John T. Priest, who was  
enrolled under the name of John T. Priest, at  
(Enrolled or commissioned) Boston, Mass., on the 5 day of August, 1862,  
as a private in Co. B. 36 Regt Mass Inft, and  
honorably discharged June 17, 1863, having served ninety days or more during the late civil war.  
(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)  
That he also served no other service  
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above.

That she was married under the name of Hattie E. Beedoe  
to said soldier at Charlestown Mass on the 14th day  
of October, 1875, by Rev. William P. Stowe;  
that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had never been previously married; that the soldier had never  
been previously married.  
(If there was a prior marriage of either, the date and place of death or divorce of former consort or consorts should be stated.)

and that neither she nor said soldier married otherwise than as stated above.

That the said soldier died April 3, 1912, at Roxbury, Mass;  
that she was not divorced from him, and that she has not remarried since his death.

That the said soldier left the following-named children who are now living and under sixteen years of age, to wit:  
(If the soldier left no children, the claimant should so state.)

born \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_

She hereby appoints F. A. BICKNELL, ~~Deputy~~ Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, State  
House, Boston, her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim (Without fee);

That she has never heretofore applied for pension.  
(If prior application has been made, the number thereof, the service on which

it was based, and the name of the soldier should be stated.)

That her post-office address is 76 Homestead St. Roxbury  
county of Suffolk State of Mass

Attest: (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Harriet E. Priest  
(Claimants signature in full.)

Also personally appeared Isaac W. Derby, residing in  
Dorchester, Mass, and Sarah E. Beedoe, residing in  
Charlestown, Mass, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being  
by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Harriet E. Priest, 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 their acquaintance with her of 33 years and 50 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.

Declaration and  
power of attorney valid  
as to execution.

Isaac W. Derby  
Sarah E. Beedoe  
(Signatures of witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of May, A.D. 1912;  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_, added; and that I have no  
interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Certificate on file to cover  
date.

4-21-'08. 4000. S. A. CUDDY,  
Chief, Law Division.

Frank B. Peabody  
(Signature.)  
Justice of the Peace  
(Official character.)



[L. S.]

Filed in office of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, Mass. June 1, 1912. Law Division.

NO FEE.

EDWARD W. MCGLENN,  
CITY REGISTRAR.

## REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.—CITY OF BOSTON

County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

100 SUMMER STREET.

#3445-

Boston, May 24<sup>th</sup> 1912.

I, E. W. McGlen hereby certify that I hold the office of  
 City Registrar of the City of Boston, as created by Chap. 314 of  
 Acts of 1892, and have the custody of the records relating to Births,  
 Marriages and Deaths, in said City; and I further certify that it appears  
 by the said Records, that John T. Priest

died April 3, 1912

Age: 69 years 21 days

Cause of death: Bright's disease of kidneys of Chronic  
 form 5 to 6 years

Cerebral Degeneration about 2 mos.

E. W. McGlen City Registrar.

By Chap. 314 of Acts of 1892, "the certificates or attestations of either Assistant City Registrar shall have the same  
 force and effect as that of the City Registrar."

By annexation, the Records of the following-named cities and towns are in custody of the City Registrar of Boston:—

| INCORPORATED.                                     | ANNEXED.         |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Roxbury, September 28, 1630.                      | January 6, 1868. |
| Dorchester, September 7, 1630.                    | January 3, 1870. |
| South Boston (Part of Dorchester), March 6, 1804. |                  |
| Charlestown, June 24, 1629.                       | January 5, 1874. |

| INCORPORATED.                | ANNEXED.         |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Brighton, February 24, 1807. | January 5, 1874. |
| West Roxbury, May 24, 1851.  | January 5, 1874. |
| Hyde Park, April 22, 1868.   | January 1, 1912. |



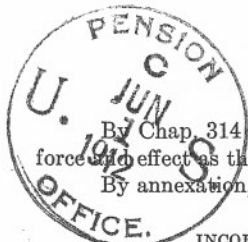
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# REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.—CITY OF BOSTON.

County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
5 OLD COURT HOUSE.

*Pension 1 - NO. H.B.D.*  
Boston, *April 18<sup>th</sup>* 1912.

I, *Edw. W. McGlenn* hereby certify that I hold the office of  
City Registrar of the City of Boston, as created by Chap. 314 of  
Acts of 1892, and have the custody of the records relating to Births,  
Marriages and Deaths, in said City; and I further certify that it appears  
by the said Records, that *John J. Priest* age *32* and  
*Hattie E. Beddoe* age *24*, were married  
*October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1875*, by *Rev. Wm. J. Stone*,  
*Boston, Mass.*



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BOSTON,

3-402.

Certificate No. 74303 Department of the Interior,  
 Name, John T. Priest 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,

John T. Priest  
City Hall Boston  
Mass

W. H. Evans

Commissioner of Pensions.

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

Answer. Mrs. Harriet E. Priest (nee) Beddow

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

Answer. Oct. 14, 1875 at (Charlestown, district) Boston by Rev. Wm. G. Stowe

Third. What record of marriage exists? certificate of marriage by said Stowe

Answer. Records of marriages in City Registrar's Office

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. no.

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

Answer. One Son. Warren Albert Priest born  
July 4, 1876.

Date of reply, June 4, 1898

John T. Priest  
 (Signature.)