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DEPENDENT'S ORIGINAL

NO. 336532

APPLICANT

Hannah D. Resnick

Mother of

VETERAN

Robert C. Resnick

DATE

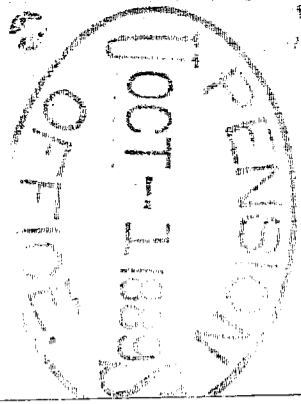
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In the matter of Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith  
widow of Elisha W. application for a Pension

I Edwin Palmer of Norwich in the County of  
New London State of Connecticut, of lawful age:  
Testify and say. My residence and Post-Office address is  
#138 Broadway, Norwich aforesaid; That I removed from  
the adjoining town of Preston on the last of March and  
first of April 1863. to my present residence; which is ad-  
joining the residence of the late Dea. Elisha W. Beckwith now  
deceased; That the two dwellings are situated less than two  
feet from each other. That my acquaintance with his  
family began about that time, although I had known  
Mr. Beckwith for some years previous. (but not his  
family) That by a back entrance in the line fence,  
which hid from view from any one passing on the street,  
the families soon became acquainted, and as time went  
on quite intimate; There was seldom a day passed that I  
did not see some one of the family and have some con-  
versation with them, and had many opportunities of  
knowing their situation and circumstances.

If any sickness, or trouble of any kind occurred in  
either house, it was generally known in the other,

At that time there was residing Mr. Beckwith a  
maiden lady by the name of Eunice C. Beckwith  
half sister to Dea. Elisha, who as I understood had no  
means of support, and certainly had none that was  
visible to me or my family, and did not appear to be  
competent to take care of her self. That she sometimes



came into my residence, and I often saw her at the back door, when I went to the well to draw water, which was done by opening a door to the well which was in the line between the two premises. That as time went on the said Eunice seemed to know less and less, until she became so demented that they had to send her to the State Insane Asylum at Middletown this state; that she was reported to have Epileptic Fits, altho I do not positively recollect, of seeing her in that situation myself, yet I was as fully satisfied of the fact as if I had seen it, I heard it from Mr. Beckwith's family, and also from my wife, who is now deceased, and others of my own family who had better opportunities of knowing than I had.

At that time I considered her stay there as being a heavy burthen on the family who from appearances and what I could learn of their income was poorly able to bear.

The family in 1863 and some years after consisted of Elisha ~~W.~~ Beckwith and wife, and son Frank, and Miss. Eunice C. Beckwith (the other two sons, viz: John A. and Herbert were in the army.)

Miss. Eunice C. above mentioned remained in the family until about 1869, according to my best recollection.

I further say that I am in no way related to the said Hannah A. Beckwith by blood or marriage, and that I have no interest direct or indirect in her claim.

Edwin Palmer

State of Connecticut, Probate Court, Norwich  
District, September 18<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1889,

Personally appeared before me Edwin Palmer signer  
of the foregoing affidavit, a credible witness, & made oath that  
the same is true - I have no interest in the above.

S. J. Holbrook

Judge of said Court.

## POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I Hannah A. Beckwith,  
 (mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, deceased, late of Co. H.  
 10 Regt. Conn. Infy. and Co. H, 2d Mass. ~~Infy.~~ Arty.)  
 of Norwich in the County of New London and State of Connecticut,

have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint O. P. G. CLARKE, of  
Washington, D. C., my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name, place and stead, hereby annulling and revok-  
 ing all former Powers of Attorneys whatever in the premises, to prosecute before any Department, or the Courts, or Committees  
 of Congress of the United States until final completion, for me, my claim for pension, No. 336,532,

as mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H, 2d  
 Mass. Heavy Artillery, the receipt of ~~which~~ <sup>whose application</sup> was acknowl-  
 edged by the Commissioner of Pensions, by circular letters  
 dated March 30, 1886, and referred to by circular letters "E.D."  
 of June 17, 1886 and other official letter dated Aug 20, 1886,  
 (E.D.) (J.K.B.), calling for certain evidence which has been  
 furnished, since which last named date, your affiant verily  
 believes that no communication in the case has been sent  
 her from the Commissioner of Pensions.

and to, from time to time, furnish any further evidence necessary or that may be demanded, giving and granting to my said  
 attorney full power and authority to ~~receive any draft or warrant that may be issued in settlement of said claim~~, and to do  
 and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all  
 intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present at the doing thereof, with full power of substitution and revoca-  
 tion, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney or his substitute may or shall lawfully do or cause to be done by  
 virtue hereof.


My Post Office address is Nor, No. 59 Union St., Norwich, Conn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November

eighteen hundred and eighty seven  
~~this word "which" above erased~~, and words "whose application" interlined before signing hereof,  
Samuel H. Freeman

[Signature of Claimant.]

Roscoe Huntington

Mrs Hannah A. Beckwith 

[Two Witnesses who can write, sign here.]

State of Connecticut, County of New London, ss:

BE IT KNOWN, That on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year eighteen hundred and eighty seven before me, the undersigned, a Judge of Probate for the Norwich District,

in and for the said County and State, personally appeared Hannah A. Beckwith to me well known to be the identical person who executed the foregoing Letter of Attorney, and the same having been first fully read over to her and the contents thereof duly explained, acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and that I have no interest, present or prospective in the claim.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, the day and year last above written.

J. J. Holbrook

[Official Signature.]

[L. S.]

Judge of said Court

[Official Character.]

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was at the time of so doing \_\_\_\_\_ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 188 \_\_\_\_\_.

[L. S.]

Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

No 336,532

CLAIM OF

Hannah A. Beckwith,

59 Union St.,

Norwich, Conn.

FOR

Execution as mother

in case of Herbert E. Beckwith,  
late of Conn. & 10<sup>th</sup> Conn. Infy.  
and E. Mass. & 4<sup>th</sup> Arty.  
Claim filed by herself on or  
about March 30, 1886.

FILED BY

**O. P. G. CLARKE,**  
**ATTORNEY**

Washington, - - - D. C.

TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST TO CLAIMANT.

# ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS I Hannah A. Beckwith  
mother of H. E. Beckwith late a \_\_\_\_\_  
 in Company K, of the 104 Regiment of Conn. Volunteers,  
 war of the rebellion, having made application for pension under the laws of the United States.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my agent O. P. G. CLARKE, of Washington, D. C., the fee of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any services in the furtherance of said claim; and said fee shall not be demanded by, or payable to my said agent, in whole or in part, except in case of the granting of my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions; and then the same shall be paid to him in accordance with the provisions of sections 4768 and 4769 of the Revised Statutes, U. S.

Roscoe Huntington  
 (Two Witnesses Signatures)  
Fred. Johnson

Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith  
 (Signature of Claimant.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Post-office Address.)

State of Connecticut, County of New London, ss:

Be it known that on this, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D. 1888, personally appeared

Hannah A. Beckwith the above-named, who, after having had read over to her in the

and presence of the two attesting witnesses the contents of the foregoing articles of agreement, voluntarily signed and  
 And if in the adjudication her free act and deed.

[L. S.]

(Official Signature.)

Judge of said Court

## Agent's Acceptance.

And now, to wit, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, A. D. 1888, I accept the provisions contained in the foregoing articles of agreement, and will to the best of my ability, endeavor faithfully to represent the interest of the claimant in the premises. I hereby certify that I have received from the claimant above-named the sum of no dollars and no more, no dollars being for fee, and the sum of no dollars being for postage and other expenses. And that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without additional cost to the claimant, as required by law, in excess of the fee above-named, the said agent making no charge therefor.

Witness my hand the year and day above written.

Lea B. Clarke for O. P. G. Clarke & Co.  
 (Signature of Agent.)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, CITY OF WASHINGTON, ss:

Personally came Lea B. Clarke, whom I know to be the person he represents himself to be, and who, having signed above acceptance of agreement, acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 1888.

[L. S.]

[NOTARY PUBLIC.]

## Commissioner's Approval.

APPROVED FOR \_\_\_\_\_

DOLLARS and pay

of \_\_\_\_\_

the recognized attorney.

# NOTICE

This contract is permissible under the law but not compulsory.

## READ THE FOLLOWING COPY OF THE STATUTE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SEC. 3. That section 4785 of the Revised Statutes is hereby re-enacted and amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 4785. No agent or attorney or other person shall demand or receive any other compensation for his services in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than such as the Commissioner of Pensions shall direct to be paid to him, not exceeding \$25; nor shall such agent, attorney or other person demand or receive such compensation, in whole or in part, until such pension or bounty land claim shall be allowed: *Provided*, That in all claims allowed since June 20, 1878, where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Pensions that the fee of \$10, or any part thereof, has not been paid, he shall cause the same to be deducted from the pension and the pension agent to pay the same to the recognized attorney."

SEC. 4. That section 4786 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4786. The agent or attorney of record in the prosecution of the case may cause to be filed with the Commissioner of Pensions duplicate articles of agreement without additional cost to the claimant, setting forth the fee agreed upon by the parties, which agreement shall be executed in the presence of and certified by some officer competent to administer oaths. In all cases where application is made for pension or bounty land, and no agreement is filed with the Commissioner as herein provided, the fee shall be \$10 and no more. And such articles of agreement as may hereafter be filed with the Commissioner of Pensions are not authorized, nor will they be recognized except in claims for original pensions, claims for increase of pension on account of new disability, in claims for restoration where a pensioner's name has been or may hereafter be dropped from the pension-rolls on testimony taken by a special examiner, showing that the disability or cause of death, on account of which the pension was allowed, did not originate in the line of duty, and in cases of dependent relatives whose names have been or may hereafter be dropped from the rolls on like testimony, upon the ground of non-dependence, and in such other cases of difficulty and trouble as the Commissioner of Pensions may see fit to recognize them: *Provided*, That no greater fee than \$10 shall be allowed in any claim for pension or bounty land granted by special act of Congress, nor in any claim for increase of pension on account of the increase of the disability for which the pension had been allowed: *And provided further*, That no fee shall be demanded, received, or allowed in any claim for arrears of pension or arrears of increase of pension allowed by any act of Congress passed subsequent to the date of the allowance of the original claims in which such arrears of pension or of increase of pension may be allowed."

When or may hereafter be filed it shall appear that the claimant had, prior to the execution thereof, paid to the attorney any sum for his services in such claim, and the amount so paid is not stipulated therein, then every such claim shall be adjudicated in the same manner as though no articles of agreement had been filed, deducting from the fee of \$10 allowed by law such sum as claimant shall show that he has paid to his said attorney.

Any agent or attorney or other person instrumental in prosecuting any claim for pension or bounty land who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand or receive or retain any greater compensation for his services or instrumentality in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than is herein provided, or for payment thereof at any other time or in any other manner than is herein provided, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of the pension or claim allowed and due such pensioner or claimant, or the land warrant issued to any such claimant shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for every such offence be fined not exceeding \$500, or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in discretion of the court.

APPROVED JULY 4, 1884.

FEE AGREEMENT.

No. 336537  
CLAIM OF  
Hannah A. Brexwith

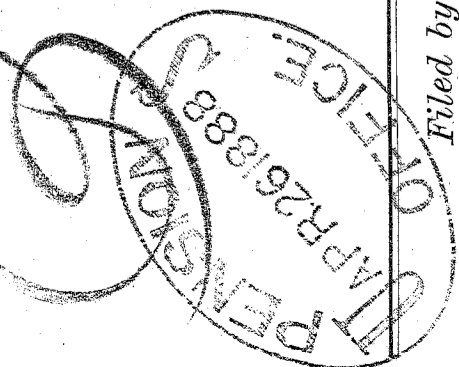
H. E. Brexwith

Co. 1st, 10th Reg't.

Conn. Vols.

and H. 2nd class

FOR PENSION.



Filed by

O. F. G. CLARKE

ATTORNEY,

Washington, D. C.

No. 3.

Mar 5 " 1890

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions:

SIR: I have the honor to request that the  
Father's

*Mother's* claim described below be placed upon  
or Mother's.

the list of COMPLETED FILES.

No. of Claim *326,532*

*Hannah A. Beckwith*  
Name of Claimant.

*Herbert E. Beckwith*  
Name of Soldier.

Co. *H* 2 " Reg't *Mass* Vols.

1. That the declaration has been made in due form, stating the proper service of the soldier and the facts as to incurrence of the disability in and his discharge from the service.

2. That the proof establishes that the disability alleged in the declaration was incurred in the service and line of duty.

And that proof has been made showing that the soldier died of an injury or disease contracted in the

service and that claimant is the soldier's

That the proper proof of dependence has been filed in the claim and that the soldier left no widow or minor children; and I hereby certify upon honor that after a careful consideration of the case I am of the opinion that the case is COMPLETE.

*QPS Gault & Co*  
Claimant's Attorney.

No. 336,532

Stannah A. - widow of  
Name H. E. Beckwith,

O. P. G. CLARKE & CO.,

1006 F STREET, N. W.

O. P. G. CLARKE,  
(EX-COM'R OF PENSIONS.)  
ALEXANDER MOSHER,  
LEE B. MOSHER.

Co. "H" 10<sup>th</sup> Reg't Conn.  
H 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass.

Please return this letter with your reply.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1889.



Commissioner of Pensions

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

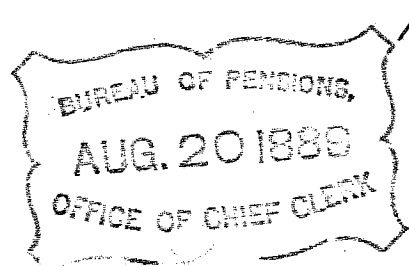
In view of the fact that the evidence necessary to complete the above described claim has been filed in your office, we respectfully request that the case be taken up for final action.

Very Respectfully

O. P. G. Clarke & Co.

No Invalid claim  
Record kept  
Inv. of minutes  
Please to  
Bel. by Reg.

No claim  
in file



Washu., D. C., Aug. 16, 1889.  
 Maj. Geo. M. Lockwood,  
 No 1304 F. St., N.W., City.

My dear sir:

I have to heartily thank you for your kind effort, made at my request, in connection with my mother's (Mrs. H. A. Beckwith's) application for pension on account of the death in the service of my late brother, Herbert E. Beckwith. I note the rejection of the claim upon the ground that about \$600. in currency, with which all food and clothing was paid for in the year 1884, coupled with a house in which she, her husband and her remaining son lived, <sup>was a sufficient income.</sup> worth "actually \$3,500<sup>00</sup>" and that therefore she was not then dependent within the meaning of the law governing pensions, for the reason that (to construe the meaning of the letter of the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions, dated 10<sup>th</sup> inst.,) she had a sufficiency for three, - to cover food, clothing and footwear. Now, in response to

the terms of rejection of this claim, I think it not necessary (unless called for) to furnish quotations of retail cost of articles of food, clothing and footwear, also sheltering, &c., for that troublous year of 1864, when I myself was a soldier, not as a trauster, cook or Captain's servant, but in the ranks, at the front, where before Petersburg, Va, in June, 1864, I received a wound, for which I have at no time applied for a pension, — as it is well known that prices of every article at that time or in that <sup>year</sup> were simply paralyzing, and that the \$100.<sup>00</sup> of that year were not equal to the \$50.<sup>00</sup> of this.

Then, for purposes of argument, assume that my mother, as one of three (husband and son beside) had an interest in a solid \$600. of greenbacks of that day; let us then assume (and liberally so) it to have had the purchasing power of \$300. of to-day, which would mean by equal division \$100. each for the three; — is it then to be claimed that \$100. is a sufficiency per

annum for any respectable person. But even  
lump the purchasing <sup>power</sup> of an actual \$600. in gold,  
and I gravely question if any three hearty persons  
could get along easily with what it would bring into the  
house <sup>for the present day</sup>; - and with the purchasing power reduced one  
half or more, would it not prove Darwin's theory in  
this one case, of a struggle, and "the survival of  
the fittest"?

It touches one pretty close to the heart's core to  
reveal the suffering and privations of a home,  
and yet I feel impelled to state that my father  
was the deacon (or a deacon) in the 2<sup>d</sup> Congregational  
Church, of Norwich, Conn., and to eke out an income  
got by a venture in trade, he collected the rent due  
from sale of pews in that Church, though whether in  
1864, or prior, I will not venture to say, but only that  
subsequent to that year, he did collect such rentals, -  
when, had it not have been necessary, he would <sup>not</sup> have  
assumed the task, as age was telling upon him, and  
he needed rest.

As stated, I was wounded upon the skirmish line in the advance upon Petersburg, Va, on or about June 15, 1864, and did not recover from my wound until subsequent to the date of the expiration of my term of service, Sept. 20, 1864. During the necessities of my home, as soon as possible, I obtained work and kept a set of books at Norwich, Conn., from about October 1864 to Feby. 1865, when I came to Washington to accept a clerkship in the Office of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury, which position I resigned (not involuntarily) in Oct. 1877. From and since February 5, 1878, I have been an employe of the Office of Indian Affairs, and therefore my record must be known to the Department. This may seem a personal history, but such it is not intended to be; it is simply that I may state that ever since my employment as a clerk in the Dept<sup>s</sup> up to 1873, I regularly sent money to my mother and since then to the present time, have irregularly (meaning not monthly) sent money to her, as it was actually necessary.

My father during his lifetime (he died in Feby. 1885) opposed the making of application for pension on the part of my mother, although two of his three sons jumped into the war when bounties were about, or almost, a dream. I was 18 - my deceased brother 16 years of age. Gen Foster, of the army of North Carolina, discharged my brother, at my father's request, on ac of age at date of enlistment. You could not keep that boy still! - he went to the wars again, and as some soldiers must - died. Outside of all sufficiency of living, it does seem as if mother should reap some trifling benefit on account of the death of that boy - 19 in Dec, 18th 4. This looks like sentiment; it is not intended as such - The fact is, I know of no three respectable and church-going persons in this city who can passably, in these easy times, live upon what \$600. will purchase for one year, exclusive of house rent, nor did my mother, my father and my brother, and only the money from the "front" (battle-line) helped that family through.

Truly, sir, the rejection of the claim in this case, strikes me as one not strictly according to the spirit and the letter of the law governing pensions, and I hold that it would be a proper proceeding to either reconsider the rejection of the claim, or reopen it for re-examination.

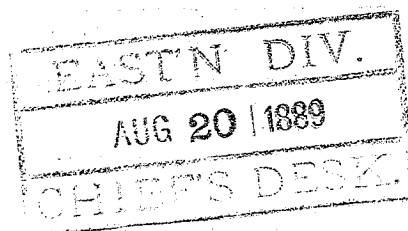
Those (Moshers Bros) who have acted as attorneys in this case, by partial assumption of authority since the death of Hon. O. P. G. Clarke, appear to have done nothing, and you only have succeeded in bringing a result, and you have accomplished, as a friend of about a quarter of a century, more within the run of one week than all others within years, for you obtained or secured a result.

I submit with this a sworn statement, dated 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

Washington, } ss.  
District of Columbia } 82

Sworn to and acknowledged before me, this  
17<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 1889,

Thomas C. Offley  
Notary Public.



Pension claim

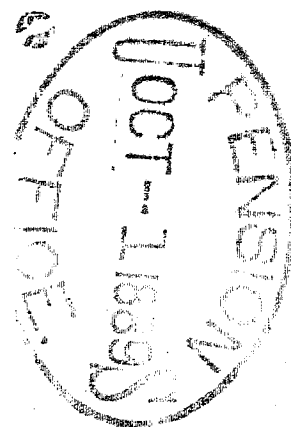
No. 336,532.

I went into business with E W Beckwith in 1860. and continued in the business (Clothing) up to 1864. when I sold out my interest to F E Dorr. who is now dead. The net income of the business at no time exceeded \$1000 - per annum. for which reason I was glad to sell out. and change my business. I know from being in business near to my old stand. that the old business owned only by Beckwith & Dorr. did not yield more than the net income of \$1000 - in 1864. which sum was to be equally divided between them. Mr F E Dorr. died some years since - while in business with E W Beckwith - he frequently spoke to me of having a sister & support. she being subject to fits. and I know that at a later time after 1864. she was sent to the asylum for the insane at Middletown. Conn. and there died at a subsequent period -

ing to the best of my knowledge and  
 belief - the family of E. H. Dickmutt here to  
 struggle to make both ends meet, and  
 barely accomplished that end - in the year of 1864  
 or in other and former years of the war of 1861-5  
 I have no interest either direct or indirect  
 in the application for pension of Mrs. E. H. Dickmutt

Frederick L. Gardner

State of Connecticut,  
 New London County } ss Norwich, September 26<sup>th</sup> 1889.  
 Then & there personally appeared before me





of *Elisha W. Beckwith*

Town of Norwich, for 1864

ARTICLES.		OWNER'S VALUATION. DOLLARS.	ASSESSORS' VALUATION. DOLLARS.	BOARD OF VALUATION. DOLLARS.
1 Dwelling Houses,		2,000		
Acres of Land,				
Stores,				
Mills, Manufactories,				
Horses and Mules,				
Cattle:—Oxen,				
Cows,				
3 years old,				
2 years old,				
Yearlings,				
Neat Cattle, . . . . . Total,				
Sheep,				
Swine, over exemption, \$50,				
Poultry, over exemption, \$25,				
Coaches, Carriages and Wagons,				
Farming Utensils, Mechanics' Tools, over exemption, \$200,				
Clocks, Watches, Time Pieces, Jewelry, over exemption, \$25,				
Piano Fortes and other Musical Instruments, not exempt, \$25,				
Household Furniture, exceeding \$500,				
Libraries, exceeding \$200,				
Quarries, Fisheries, Mines,				
Bridge, Turnpike, Plank Road, and Ferry Stock,				
Bank Stock,				
Insurance Stock,				
State, Canal, and all other Stock, except U. S. and Railroad in this State,				
Railroad, City, and other Corporation Bonds, with number, amount and kind,				
Average amount of Goods for the year,				
with balance of good debts due me,				
Investment in Mechanical and Manufacturing Operations,				
Investment in Vessels, Steamboats, and Commerce,				
Money at interest, in this State and elsewhere,				
Money on hand or on deposit, exceeding \$100,				
All Taxable property, not specifically mentioned,		250		
Ten per cent. additional for persons neglecting to make a sworn list,				
1 POLL.		300		
Total		2550		

PERSONALLY APPEARED, *Elisha W. Beckwith* of Nor  
of the State of Connecticut, and made oath before me, that the above list, according to his best knowledge, remembrance or belief, is a  
statement of all his property liable to taxation, and that he has not conveyed or temporarily disposed of any estate, for the purpose of ev  
the laws relative to the Assessment and Collection of Taxes in this State.

Norwich, October 1864

# HOUSES AND LANDS, WITH A DESCRIPTION THEREOF.

Houses and the quantity of land with each.	Where situated, Street and Number, and number of feet on street line.	Bounding North.	Bounding East.	Bounding South.	Bounding West.	No. of Acres.	Value per Acre by Owner.	Value per Acre by Assessors.	Value per Acre by Board of Relief.	Amount by Assessors.	Amo. Bo'rd of Relief
NUMBER DWELLING HOUSES.	We hereby Certify that the within List is a true copy of the Tax List of Elisha W. Beckwith for the Year 1864.										
LOT No. 1.	Dated at Norwich this 31st day of August A.D. 1889. Sworn to and Subscribed before me John H. Keep Justice of the Peace State of Connecticut } New London County } ss Norwich Sept 4. 1889 I hereby Certify that John H. Keep is a duly Elected Justice of the Peace Samuel W. Freeman Town Clerk.					Jonathan W. Hooker Samuel W. Freeman Thornton B. Lillibridge	Assessor Town Clerk 1st Selectman	} of Town of Norwich Conn.			

By the Law of 1875, That money loaned on interest with an agreement that the borrower shall pay the taxes thereon, and secured by a mortgage of real estate in this State, to an amount equal to the assessed value of the land mortgaged, as valued and set in the assessment list of the town where it is situated, shall be exempt from taxation; and the excess of any such loan over such valuation shall be assessed and taxed in the town where the lender resides, in the same manner as other money on interest; and all taxes levied on the land so mortgaged shall be and remain a lien on said land until paid, and shall have priority of the lien created by said mortgage; provided, however, that this Act shall not be construed to exempt any savings bank from the payment of its direct tax to the State.

By the Law of 1872, All moneys loaned by residents of this State to any person, persons, or corporations out of this State, as money at interest, whether secured by mortgage or otherwise, and all bonds issued by, and loans made to any railroad company located out of the State of Connecticut, and owned and made by any residents of this State, shall be held and deemed to be liable to taxation in this State, and property mentioned in the eighth section of the Act to which this is an addition; any law or custom exempting the same from taxation shall be and remain inoperative.

Geo. M. Lockwood,

1304 F St.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 2nd, 1890.

The Hon.

Comsr of Pensions.

Sir :

I have the honor to request to be informed whether the firm of O. P. G. Clark & Co has prosecuted, within the rule, during the past year, the claim of Hannah A. mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H. 10th Conn. Vols., and also of Co. H. 2nd Mass Hy Artillery, Claim No. 336532.

Claimant is at an advanced age and is very anxious that her case may receive all the immediate consideration and action allowable under the rules and prompt attention by Atty.

If practicable, I should be glad to know the present status of the case.

Very respectfully,



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336,532 -

Herbert E. Breckinrich,

H. 10 Conn Sts.

H. 2 Mass, Ha,

(3-248.)

CLAIM No. 336,532

Examiners are required to keep the unimportant papers in this wrapper.

J. O. BLACK,  
*Commissioner.*

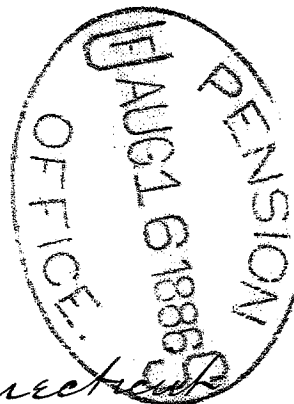
PAPERS NOT  
BRIEFED.

I certify that the inclosed papers are of no value in determining the merits of this claim.

*J. M. Dague*, Examiner.

DISCHARGE CERTIFICATES, POWERS OF  
ATTORNEY, AND CONTRACTS FOR  
FEES NOT TO BE INCLOSED.

In case of Clara  
no. 336, 532, Mother  
of Herbert E. Beckwith,  
decd, late of Co. D. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Regt. Conn. Infy, &c.



Norwich, Connecticut  
August 13, 1886.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.

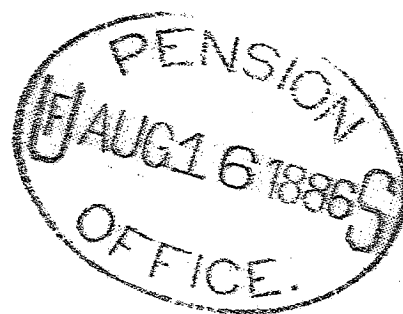
Sir:

Hereby acknowledging receipt of your letter of June 14<sup>th</sup> last, in which you inform me that certain evidence called for in your circular letter of April 15<sup>th</sup> last should be furnished, and that my affidavit as to the physical condition of my husband in 1864, and subsequently, and his property and income in that and succeeding years is not sufficient; also that the affidavit of Mary R. Tracy, as to contribution of deceased soldier to my support is unsatisfactory as she does not state the means of her knowledge of the facts to which she testifies: and also acknowledging receipt of your other letter to me of June 19<sup>th</sup> last, sent at the personal request of Hon. John T. Wait, in which letter you state in effect according to the above, I would say in reply to said letters, that

while you do not say that my statement is unsatisfactory for the reason that sufficient corroborative evidence of truth of same is wanting, it would seem that such evidence was to be presented to complete the case, or claim.

Acting upon such belief, I now have the honor to submit herewith additional affidavit of Mary A. Tracy, and also the affidavit of Mrs. Frances B. Palmer, in connection with my claim for pension, both being specially in support of statements heretofore made by me, and proving my personal testimony to be fact, as stated in two affidavits now on file in the case in your Office. Edwin A. Tracy, was out of town, or additional affidavit from him would have been presented. In a late letter, I advised you of my intention of coming to this city of my birth and long residence, when I should endeavor to obtain the evidence you required, in all its detail.

I shall remain here for about six weeks, and, therefore, would request that if additional evidence in my case be still considered requisite, you cause it to be stated to me what point or points remain obscure



preventing the allowance of a pension to me, thus to enable me to collect the necessary evidence during my stay here, and avoid unnecessary expense and the useless accumulation of papers.

I herewith return your two letters 14<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of June last, with inclosed circular letter, and would request that you notify me as early as practicable, in the event of further evidence being required.

I also inclose penciled memorandum made upon an envelope, handed to me by an employe of your Office, at the time of my call there, showing as to papers to be furnished in addition to my own statement left in your Office June 28<sup>th</sup> last.

Very respectfully,

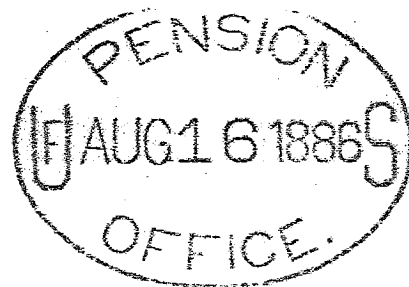
Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith.

Address C/o John A. Beckwith.

P. O. Box 264

Washington,  
D. C.

P.S. as to authority of  
Notary Public, please  
see Off. of Clk. of Court upon former  
affidavit of Mary A. Tracy.



Division.

## Department of the Interior,

## PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., June 14, 1886

Sir:

The declaration on file in the original Pension claim,  
No. 336.532, of yourself as mother of Herbert  
E. Beckwith late

late of Company H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Mass. H.A. Volunteers,  
is informal by reason of its execution before a Notary Public.

The declaration should be made "before a court of record, or before  
some officer thereof having custody of its seal;" and a new declaration  
is required to be executed in accordance with the provisions of section 4714  
of the Revised Statutes U. S. Blank application inclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,

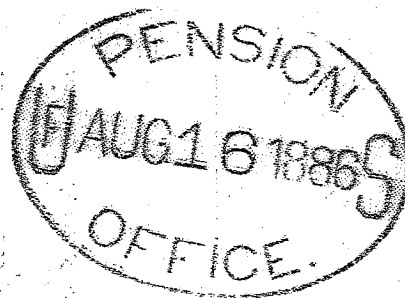
John C. Black,  
Commissioner

Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith

To John A. Beckwith.

P.O. Box 264. City.

New application  
sent June 17/86



1884-87

P. O. Box 264,  
Washington, D. C.  
April 2, 1886.

Hon. Commissioner of  
Pensions.

Sir:

In the case of claim entitled Mother, No 336,532, Herbert  
E. Beckwith, private, B Co. H. 13<sup>th</sup> Conn. Infy and Co. H,  
2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Hy. Arty., the same being the subject of a  
circular letter to me from you dated 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, I have  
the honor to request that you advise me what class or kind  
of additional evidence you require to perfect my claim  
for a pension in the case above referred to.

I will take steps to obtain and furnish any additional  
evidence required by you, when the nature of the same  
is indicated to me, either as to settling the fact of my  
being entitled to a pension by reason of my said son's death,  
or proving my partial dependence upon support from him.  
That he sent money to his home during his service I am  
positive, and I think it was received through some Army  
paymaster, which should cause the transaction to appear  
upon the Official records of the U. S. Army.

Hoping this statement may prove of service,

I am very respectfully,

Hannah A. Beckwith.

336,532.

Herbert Beckwith.

Pl. 10. Conn. Inf.

Pl. 2. Mass. Pl. A.



Washington, D.C.,  
March 18, 1886.

Hon. Com<sup>r</sup> of Pensions,  
Present.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith my application for a pension, as the mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H., 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Vol. Inf. Arty., who died at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Md., Dec. 28, 1864, from hardships suffered while a prisoner of war.

In connection with this application, I would state that my deceased son performed prior service in Co. H., 10<sup>th</sup> Regt. Connecticut Volunteers, to the extent of say one year, but was discharged from said Regiment, in North Carolina, by order of Major Gen. Foster Commanding the U.S. troops in and about New Bern, N.C. -

In 1865, (I think) back pay due him to date of death was paid to my late husband, Elisha W. Beckwith, to whom also was paid \$100. - additional Bounty within the last past three years, said Bounty having been paid on account of my son's (Herbert E. Beckwith's) service in the 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Inf. Arty. when taken in connection with his prior service in the Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>)

Regt. Conn. vol's. Infantry.

To my knowledge, or so far as my knowledge goes, no application has ever been made for pension on account of my said son's death while a soldier during the last war.

At the time of his enlistment in the 10<sup>th</sup> Conn., he was under seventeen (17) years of age, which will account for his mustering out from the Army as a member of said Regiment. Record evidence of the death of my son, the said Herbert E. Beckwith, is to be found upon the files of the War Department and the Second Auditor's Office.

Record proof of the death of my late husband, Elisha W. Beckwith, at Norwich, Connecticut Feb'y 9/85 will be found herewith.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof and advise me, per the address given in application, of any additional evidence which may be necessary in the case.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully,

Hannah A. Beckwith.

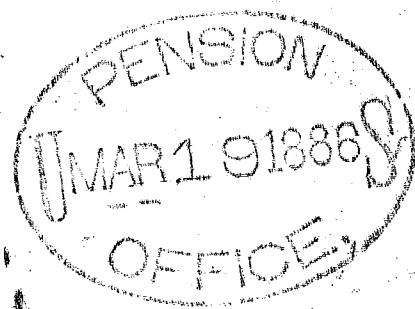
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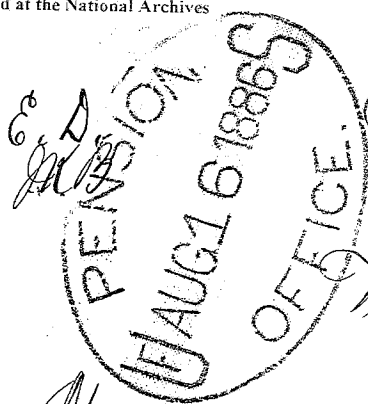
Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith.

C/o. John C. Beckwith,

P. O. Box 264,

Washington, D.C.





## Department of the Interior

PENSION OFFICE

Washington, D.C. June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1886

Madam:

In your claim no. 336332, as mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H. 2. Mass. V.A., the evidence called for in the accompanying circular letter should be furnished. In your affidavit filed you have not stated the names, ages and relationship of your family in 1864.

Your affidavit as to the physical condition of your husband in 1864 and subsequently, and his property and income in that and succeeding years, is not sufficient.

The affidavit of Mary A. Tracy as to contributions of the Soldier to your support while in the service, is unsatisfactory as she does not state her means of knowledge of the facts to which

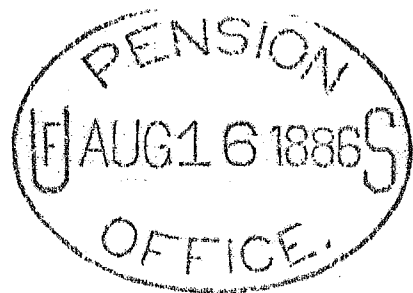
The testifies.

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

Very respectfully.

Wm C. Black.  
Commissioner.

Mrs Hannah A. Beckwith  
% John A. Beckwith  
P.O. Box # 264,  
City.



E. S.  
J. B.

Department of the Interior  
PENSION OFFICE

Washington, D.C. June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1886

Madam:

In your claim No 336532, as mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. I. A. the evidence indicated in the accompanying circular should be furnished. Your own affidavit is not sufficient. The testimony should be that of disinterested witnesses, who should testify from personal knowledge.

The evidence of Edwin A. Tracy and Mary A. Tracy, filed to show the soldier's contributions to your support, is not satisfactory as the witnesses do not state their means of knowledge.

This information is furnished at the personal request of Hon. John T. Wait.

Very respectfully,  
John C. Black  
Commissioner.

Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith.  
% John A. Beckwith.  
P.O. Box 264. Leity.

april 25<sup>th</sup>, 1888

To the Commissioner of Pensions:

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

Very respectfully,

O. P. G. CLARKE,

Washington, D. C.,

Claimant's Attorney.

No. of Claim 336532

No. of Certificate

Hannah A Beckwith

Name of Claimant.

H. B. Beckwith

Name of Soldier.

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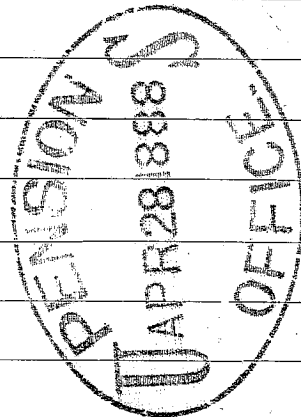
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Claim for

Charles P. Meier



*Wagner Sept 19/1*  
*Aug 1881*  
To the Commissioner of Pensions:

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

Very respectfully,

**O. P. G. CLARKE & CO.,**

*Claimant's Attorneys,*

Washington, D. C.

No. of Claim *336,532*

No. of Certificate

*Hannah E. Beckwith*

Name of Claimant

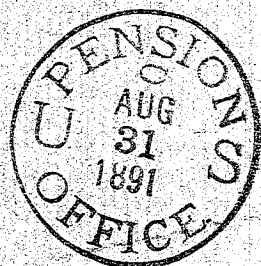
*H. E. Beckwith*

Name of Soldier

Co. *D S*, Reg't *10<sup>th</sup>*

Vols. *Comm.*

Claim for *Mothers Pen.*



Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1890

**To the Commissioner of Pensions:**

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

Very respectfully,

**O. P. G. CLARKE & CO.,**

*Claimant's Attorneys,*

Washington, D. C.

No. of Claim 336532

No. of Certificate

*Hannah A. Bickwith*  
Name of Claimant.

*H. E. Bickwith*  
Name of Soldier.

Co. *A*, Reg't *10<sup>th</sup>*

Vols. *Comm*

Claim for *Widow's*  
*Pension*

# FILES SLIP.

*Invalid No* \_\_\_\_\_

*Mother*  
*Widow's No.* 336,532

*Certificate No.* Herbert C. Beckwith

Co. H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. H. A.

## NAME:

Hannah A. Beckwith

Box 264 Washington D.C.

*Submitted to the Board of Review for*

*Rejection* June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1888

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Dague, Examiner.

*Re-submitted to the Board of Review*

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\_\_\_\_\_, Examiner.

*S. E. D. for special examination*

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1888.

Mother's Claim - Mrs Hannah A. Dickwith, mother  
No. 336,632 of Herbert E. Beckwith.  
"E.D." J.K.B.  
Letter June 14/86

Washington, D. C.,

June 19, 1886

Hon. Commr of Pensions,

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of  
14<sup>th</sup> inst., returning your letter (Circular)  
3-476, of Apl. 15<sup>th</sup> last, advising me  
that in the affidavit filed by me, I  
failed to state the names, ages and  
relationship of my family in 1864.

I now see the mistake made by me,  
as I gave their ages at the present time.  
You further state that my affidavit as  
to the physical condition <sup>of my husband</sup> in 1864 <sup>and subse-</sup>  
<sup>quently</sup>

and his property and income in that and  
succeeding years, is not sufficient; although  
the affidavit of Hon. John T. Wait, M.C.,  
who has known me for about fifty years,  
or a trifle less, <sup>the affidavit</sup> ~~the affidavit~~ stating  
"more than twenty years", to be upon the safe  
side, shows his having known the contents  
of my affidavit, and that my statement  
as to property held by my husband <sup>and</sup>  
myself is absolute fact. It seems as if  
his affidavit should cure any seeming  
defect as to the property in question.

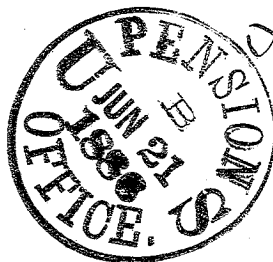
As to his <sup>(my husband's)</sup> condition in 1864. & subsequently,  
I hope to prepare myself with fresh  
and satisfactory affidavits from persons  
knowing to the facts in the case.

Relative to the affidavit of Elary A. Tracy  
being unsatisfactory, for the reason that  
she failed to "state the means of knowledge  
of the facts she testifies," I intend to  
ask for another affidavit from her to  
show the source of her knowledge of the  
testimony given by her to have been from  
very frequent calls made upon me  
<sup>or her mother</sup>  
when her mother (now deceased) boarded  
with me for weeks at a time, and was  
with me in my house, when the remains  
of my son were brought home in the early  
part of January, 1865.

To obtain the evidence required by you  
may require much time, but if I should  
live to get to Norwich, Conn., in August

next, I think that I shall then be able to furnish affidavits sufficient to complete my case and prove myself entitled to a pension, after the lapse of more than twenty years, and the yielding up of my rights to the Govt. to its benefit for that length of time. The cost of affidavits amounts to considerable, and if it can possibly be avoided, I would prefer to expend no money unnecessarily, on account of my having so limited an income as recited in my affidavit.

Please understand the delay in sending the additional affidavits required, to mean a patient waiting only, as I do not intend to create the suspicion of a desire in me to unjustly obtain money, by dropping the case after having already gone to so much trouble, that is, if I live long enough to prove matters up.



I am, very respectfully,

Mrs H. A. Beckwith

P. O. Box 264,

Washington,

D. C.

or C/o John Beckwith,

of June 14/86

casum per. J. K. B.

Mother's claim No. 336,532

Washington, D.C.,

June 17, 1886.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions  
City,

Sir:

In accordance with the requirement of your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> instant, I herewith transmit an application for Pension as mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Company H. 10<sup>th</sup> Conn. Vols. & Co. H. 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Hy. Arty. this application being executed before a Court of Record and in accordance with provisions of section 4714, Rev. Stat., U.S., and intended to serve in lieu of former application which was executed before a Notary Public in this city. Trusting that the papers may now be held to be complete and satisfactory,

I am, very respectfully,

Mrs Hannah A. Beckwith.

C/o John A. Beckwith.

P.O. Box 264,

Washington, D.C.



No. 336,532

P. O. Box 264,  
Washington, D. C.  
May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1886

Hon. Commissioner  
of Pensions.

Sir,

In compliance with request of your printed Circular dated April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1886, I have the honor to submit for your consideration, additional evidence in case of my application for Pension, as the mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, dec'd. late of Co. H, 10<sup>th</sup> Conn. Vol. Infy & Co. H, 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Hy. Arty. I trust that this additional evidence will make my claim perfect for allowance, as I have endeavored to make complete reply to each inquiry, and the affidavits of the parties in the papers as to the truth of my statements and integrity of my character, are those of persons who have known me for very many years and who are well known for veracity.

Said circular letter of your Office is herewith returned.

Very respectfully

Mrs Hannah A. Beckwith



Mother's

P. O. Box 264,

Washington, D.C.,

Aug. 19, 1886,

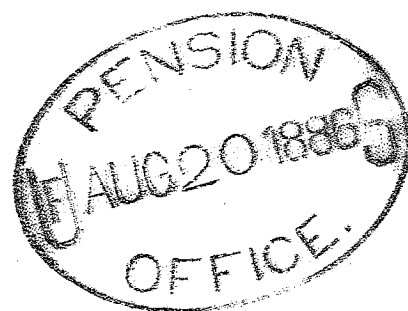
Hon. Commissioner  
of Pensions.

Sir:

In the case of Mother's claim for Pension on a/c of death in army of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H, 10<sup>th</sup> Regt., Conn. Vols; and same Co., 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. H. Art., at request of my mother, Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith, I have the honor to submit herewith in connection with said claim for Pension, additional affidavit of E. A. Tracy, to cure defect in his former affidavit, the same not having been furnished with her letter of 13<sup>th</sup> instant, for the reason that Mr. Tracy was not in town at the time of her sending affidavits of Mary A. Tracy and Francis B. Palmer to me for transmission to your Office.

Please advise, in case additional witness is in request, as early as possible, that she may be able to collect same during her stay in Norwich, Conn., and address her in my care.

Very respy, John A. Beckwith.



Charles H. Dillaby,  
Town and City Tax Collector.

Office, Court House,  
Norwich, New London County, Conn.,

Aug. 30 1886

Mr. Beebe  
Dear Sir

I enclose herewith  
the document filled out as you  
desire except the list for 1886  
which will not be assessed  
until October -

You may send  
a dollar if you please, as  
I have had to replace the  
stitch to find the figures

Yours Truly,  
Chas H Dillaby

(3-476.)

MOTHERS.

## Department of the Interior,

## PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., April 15, 1886.Madam:

In the Pension Claim, No. 336,532, of Bourne  
as mother of Robert C. Bickwith, of Co. H, 2d Mass. Inf.  
the claimant is required to state under oath her actual residence and post-office address in 1864, each  
change since, and the date thereof, and the names, ages, and relationship of all members of her family in  
1864, and whether any person has been legally bound to support her since the death of the soldier.

Evidence is required showing whether the claimant has again married since the death of  
the soldier, her relationship to the soldier, whether he had ever been married,  
and whether he left a widow, child, or children surviving him.

If the claimant's husband died prior to the death of the soldier, the fact and date of his death should  
be proved. If the husband survived the soldier, medical evidence should be furnished showing his exact  
physical condition in 1864, the nature and extent of his disability, if any existed, during that year and  
each year since to his death.

~~He is required to appear before Dr.~~

~~for examination~~

The testimony of the husband's employers, or of others having personal knowledge of the facts, is  
required, showing his age, occupation, and the amount of income per month or year that was derived from  
his occupation, and from all other sources, during the entire year 1864, and each year since to his  
death; whether his income afforded the claimant a maintenance, and how  
she has obtained means of subsistence each year since the soldier's death.

If the husband of the claimant abandoned her, or failed to support her from any other cause, all the  
facts relating to such failure should be clearly shown by competent evidence.

Testimony of credible disinterested persons having personal knowledge of the facts is required, show-  
ing the full value of all the property owned by, or in possession of, the claimant and her husband during  
the year 1864, and each year since that date to the present time, of what said property, real and personal,  
consisted, where located, and the income derived from it during each year of the period above named.

~~The affidavit of the custodian of the assessment records should also be furnished, showing the value~~  
~~of all property assessed to the claimant and her husband each year since 18~~

If the claimant or her husband has disposed of any real estate since the soldier's death a transcript from  
the records should be furnished, showing when, to whom, and for what consideration the transfer was made.

Evidence is required showing to what extent and in what manner the soldier aided in the support of  
the claimant, or acknowledged his obligation to do so, during the five years next prior to his death.

All letters written by or for the soldier in which he referred to the claimant should be filed.

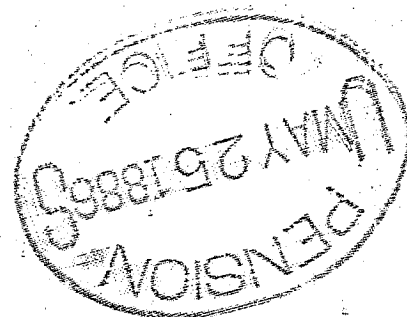
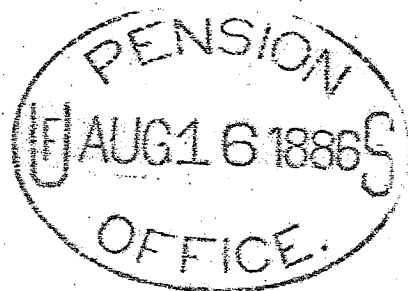
All witnesses should state their ages, post-office addresses, and means of knowledge of the facts to  
which they testify; and it must appear in the jurats whether they are credible, that they knew the contents  
of their affidavits, and that all erasures and interlineations were made before the oaths were administered.

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

Very respectfully,

Mrs. Hannah A. Bickwith  
of John A. Bickwith,

John C. Black  
Commissioner.



OFFICE OF  
HENRY JERAULD,

— MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN —

COTTON AND WORSTED YARNS,

No. 9 MILLER BLOCK, 79 MAIN STREET.

Bridgewater Mass.  
Pawtucket, R.I. Sept. 3<sup>d</sup> 1886

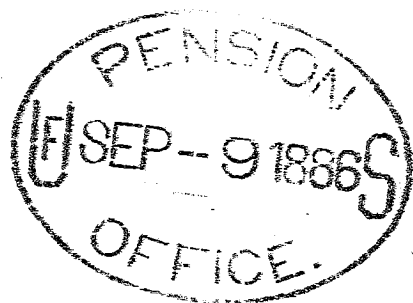
Hon. Com'r of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In my claim for Pension No. 336,532, as mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H. 10<sup>th</sup> Regt., Conn. Vols., And 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. Mass. Inf. Arty., I have the honor to hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20<sup>th</sup> ulto, (initialed "E. D." & "J. B."), and to herewith transmit affidavit of the custodian of assessment records of taxes on a/c. of all property which vested in my late husband and myself since 1863 to the present time, with the exception of the present year (1886), which exception is accounted for by the letter of the collector of Taxes at Norwich, Conn. dated 30<sup>th</sup> ulto, <sup>(Nov. 1886)</sup> and addressed to my son, John A. Beckwith. I have the honor to state, however, that the total amount of my sworn list is the same as last year, or \$2420.<sup>00</sup>, on which a tax has been laid for payment on and after <sup>Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1886</sup> Nov. 4/86, for Town List \$21.78, and for Central School District Tax \$8.47, respectively.

Very respectfully,

Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith  
C/o John A. Beckwith,  
P. O. Box 264,  
Washington,  
D.C.



awaits additional  
 and other compe-  
 tent evidence showing  
 five hundred <sup>thousand</sup> that  
 they <sup>are</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>possession</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Government</sup>  
 And the <sup>and</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>possession</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Government</sup>  
 feasibility of any execution  
 in that year. and  
 the amount of money  
 that was derived from  
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 all other sources  
 During the whole year  
 1872 <sup>the</sup> <sup>whole</sup> <sup>year</sup> <sup>1872</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>whole</sup> <sup>year</sup>  
 granted that amount.  
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 obtained means of  
 her passport during  
 that year. The tes-  
 timony now in file is  
 from <sup>the</sup> <sup>whole</sup> <sup>year</sup> <sup>1872</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>whole</sup> <sup>year</sup>  
 sets out all these points.  
 The date of soldier's  
 birth should be shown  
 by a duly grouped marriage  
 from the public records.  
 Church record of bapt.  
 from the affidavit of  
 the attending physician

or of female allies, some who  
should state how they are  
able to testify to the  
previous date.

Bondle  
June 26 "86

Told claimant that she should  
endeavor to comply to the best of her  
ability with all the requirements  
of the several office letters and  
circulars except as to her own statement  
and new declaration which have been  
received.

June 28/86

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Files for Epr  
Who will please  
call on the  
2<sup>d</sup> Architect

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June 28/86

LAW OFFICE OF

O. P. G. CLARKE,

(EX-COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.)

611 F STREET, N. W.

Name, \_\_\_\_\_

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

~~Please return this letter with your reply.~~

Washington, D. C., Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1888

Hon. J. B. Black  
Commissioner of Pensions  
Dear Sir:

I have the honor to hand you  
herewith a Power of Attorney in the claim  
of Hannah A. Beckwith mother of  
Herbert E. Beckwith late Capt. 10<sup>th</sup> Conn Vol  
and Capt. 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Vol. No. 336.532.

I request information as to present Condition  
of the claim

Very Truly  
O. P. G. Clarke

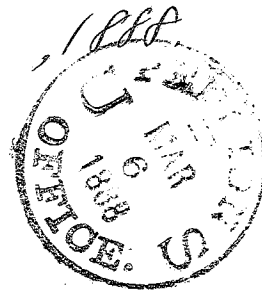
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*Journal of Interpersonal Violence*

**Figure 6**

*Theodore Roosevelt*

336,532

Washington, D.C.,  
February, 1888.

O. P. L. Clarke, Esq.,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I hereby acknowledge receipt from you, as my attorney, of letter of Hon. Com<sup>r</sup> of Pensions, of 10<sup>th</sup> ult., and to you herewith return said letter, and make reply as follows, viz:

Evidence of date of birth of my son has not at any time heretofore been called for, either by letter or through printed form. Evidence of birth in the case is herewith submitted, which should prove satisfactory.

Now as to the "physical condition of ~~of~~ my late husband" in 1864, and the nature of his disabilities, if any existed "also the amount of the income that was derived from his occupation and from all other sources in that year (and) "whether it afforded claimant a maintenance", &c. as claimed to have been called for June 14, 1886, I have to state that reply to said letter was made Aug 13, 1886, when additional affidavits in my case from Mary A Tracy <sup>and</sup> Francis B. Palmer,

in corroboration of statements heretofore made by me under oath, were submitted as registered letter and receipted for in connection with the Pension Office.

I claim the papers in my case to be neither vague or uncertain in tenor, compared with the requests which have been made upon me for additional evidence from the Pension Office.

The affidavits do not state that affiants were my companions by day and by night for years together, but they do state that they have known me for years prior to 1864, and at that time knew me well and my, <sup>husband's</sup> circumstances.

Then as to affidavits as to my husband's income in 1864, not being satisfied with the same, the Com<sup>r</sup> of Pensions by letter of Aug 20/86 calls for affidavit of custodian of assessment records showing the value of all property assessed to both my husband and my self each year since 1863. That record, sir was furnished by my letter of Sept. 3/86, and <sup>showed assessment</sup> ~~was~~ in <sup>smaller</sup> sum than any stated in any affidavits which go to make up my papers.

It seems to me, that with the exception of evidence of the proper birth of my late son (which, indeed, was not asked for) all possible evidence as to my being entitled, for loss of a son in the army, to a pension is fairly established, but as the Office has



been fairly established of late upon calling for evidence by dribblets instead of in entirety, I can only ask that the evidence submitted, be carefully considered, and final action<sup>be</sup> taken by the Office, after which I, of course, can have action before other tribunal and then with copies of the papers submitted before such tribunal, abide the issue of final decision.

I think the case has not been carefully considered by competent examiner, and that whoever examined it became lost in the testimony piled up, as called for. When putting the case into your hands, I held it to be complete, because the Pension Office failed to call for anything more for months upon months.

Plainly it is all a wheel, revolving, and past it is past until that spoke of the wheel strikes the hand again, when according to usage "call for something more anyhow"—

Relying upon your discretion, as my attorney, I herewith return letter first herein referred to, and that you may become fully

to the evidence submitted in my case, would  
refer you to John A. Beckwith, (409 W. St. N.W.)  
Indian Office, 2<sup>d</sup> National Bank Building, 7<sup>th</sup> St,  
your city, he being my son, an old soldier, but not a pensioner

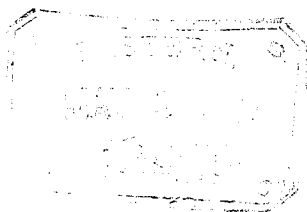
I am, sir,

Very respectfully,

Hannah A. Beckwith.

Mother of Herbert E. Beckwith,  
late of Co. H, 10<sup>th</sup> C.V. & 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. I.A.

P. S. Further as to Pension Office statement that my  
papers are vague and unsatisfactory, is it too much  
to ask that the Office specify wherein the uncertainty  
intimated exists?



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Name *H. E. Beckwith*

Co. *H* 10 Reg't *Conn vol*

LAW OFFICE OF

O. P. G. CLARKE & CO.,

1006 F STREET, N. W.

O. P. G. CLARKE,

(EX-COM'R OF PENSIONS.)

ALEXANDER MOSHER,

LEE B. MOSHER.

Please return this letter with your reply.

*C.W.F.*

Washington, D. C., *Feb 29* 1888

Hon. Commissioners Pensions

Sir:

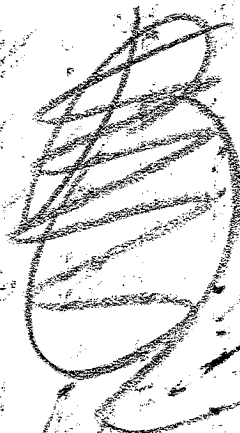
I have the honor to transmit the accompanying statement of the claimant in the above described claim and to respectfully request that the testimony on file may be carefully reviewed with a view of ascertaining whether or not the claim can be submitted for allowance, and if the claim is incomplete please state where in the testimony is defective.

Very respectfully

*O. P. G. Clarke & Co*

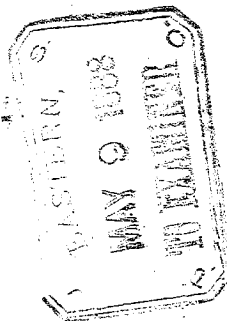
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Master of  
H. C. Beckwith  
Co. H. 10 Iowa Inf  
Capt.



Quinn

Wm. J. Clark



# Norwich, Conn.,

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER,

Feb. 2, 1888.

Respectfully returned, with the  
information, that I have  
no personal knowledge,  
of the parties referred to,  
at that time. But, the  
following named gentlemen,  
most of them his new neighbors,  
I think might furnish the  
information desired,

J. H. H. Osgood

J. F. J. Leavens

J. Geo. D. Coit

Stephen B. Meech

David Young

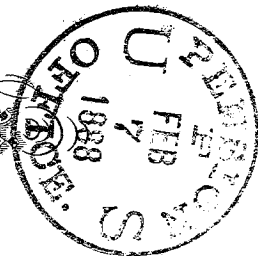
P. O. address of all the  
above Norwich, Conn.

Chas. A. Arney

Postmaster.



Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.



Washington, D.C. January 10, 1888

Sir,

Please return this letter with such information as you may possess relative to the financial condition and means of support of Elisha W. Beckwith and his wife Hannah A. Beckwith in 1864, his physical condition and the nature of his diseases, if any existed at that time, whether by reason of his disability, or from any other cause, he was disqualified from obtaining a living, and in what manner and to what extent he was aided by his son Herbert E.

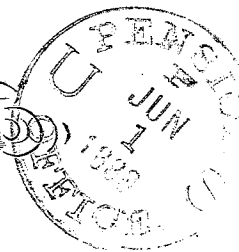
Please state also the names and post office addresses of several disinterested persons, who would be likely to have personal knowledge of the facts above inquired for.

This information is for use in the claim No. 336532 of the mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H. 2. Mass. H. A.

Post Master,  
Norwich, Conn.

Very respectfully,  
John C. Blair  
Commissioner.

Department of the Interior  
PENSION OFFICE



Washington, D.C. May 23, 1888

Sir:

Please return this letter with such information as you may possess relative to the financial condition, and means of support, of Elisha W. Beckwith and his wife, Hannah A. Beckwith in the year 1864, his physical condition and the nature of his disease, if any existed during that year, whether, by reason of his disability, or from any other cause he was disqualified from obtaining a living, and in what manner, and to what extent he was aided by his son Herbert.

This information is for use in the claim No. 336532 of the mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H. 2. Mass. V.A.

Very respectfully,

Georges D. Cook, Esq.  
Amorick,

John C. Black  
Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D.C. May 23, 1888

Sir:

Please return this letter with such information as you may possess relative to the financial condition and means of support of Elisha W. Beckwith and his wife, Hannah A. Beckwith, in 1864, his physical condition, and the nature of his disease, if any existed during that year: whether by reason of his disability or from any other cause he was disqualified from obtaining a living, and in what manner and to what extent he was aided by his son Herbert.

This information is for use in the claim No. 336532 of the mother of Herbert E. Beckwith, late of Co. H. 2 Mass. A.

F. D. Leavins Esq.  
Norwich

Conn.

Very respectfully,  
John C. Black  
Commissioner.

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J. E. Div.  
 A. H. Ex'r.  
 No. 336,532  
 Mother

# Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

April 15, 1886

SIR:

I have the honor to request that you will furnish from the records of the War Department a full report as to the service, disability, and hospital treatment of

Herbert P. B.  
 Co. H, 2d Reg't Mass. H. Art'y. 1865; also in Co. \_\_\_\_\_,

and was discharged at Mem, 18\_\_\_\_

While serving in Co. H, 2d Reg't Mass. H. Art'y., he was disabled by  
died at Camp Parale, Md, September 28, 1864

also \_\_\_\_\_

and was treated in hospitals of which the names, location, and dates of treatment are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Very respectfully,

John C. Black.

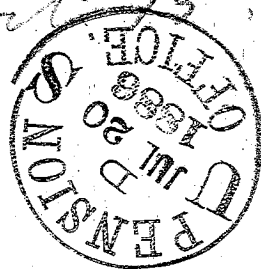
Commissioner.

The Adjutant General, U. S. Army.

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9. March 1895  
April 14



Norwich, Connecticut  
September 21, 1887.

The Hon. Commissioner  
of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In connection with my application (No. 336,532)  
for Pension as the mother of Herbert E. Beckwith,  
late of Co. H. 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. H.A., and referring to  
your letter of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1886, calling for  
an affidavit of the custodian of the assessment  
records as to the value of all property assessed  
on ase of my late husband or myself, which affi-  
davit was forwarded to your office as registered  
letter on Sept. 3/86, and receipted for by you on  
the day following (the same having been registered),  
will you please inform me of cause of delay in  
further action, at your earliest convenience?

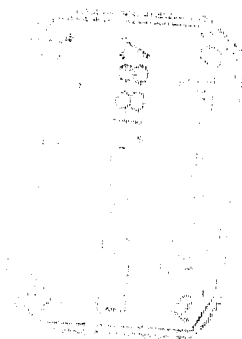
I am now 75 years of age, and under any  
circumstances, can reap the benefit of any  
of this world's goods but little longer.

May I hope for an early reply?  
Please address

Yours very respectfully,

Mrs. Hannah A. Beckwith.

C/o John A. Beckwith.  
P. O. Box 264,  
Washington,  
D. C.



TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST TO CLAIMANT.

# ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS I

*Hannah A. Beckwith*  
*Wife of H. E. Beckwith*

late a

in Company *Jr*, of the *104* Regiment of *Conn.* Volunteers,  
 war of the rebellion, having made application for pension under the laws of the United States.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my agent O. P. G. CLARKE, of Washington, D. C., the fee of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any services in the furtherance of said claim; and said fee shall not be demanded by, or payable to my said agent, in whole or in part, except in case of the granting of my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions; and then the same shall be paid to him in accordance with the provisions of sections 4768 and 4769 of the Revised Statutes, U. S.

*Roscoe Huntington*  
 (Two Witnesses Signatures.)  
*Fred. Johnson*

*Mrs Hannah A. Beckwith*  
 (Signature of Claimant.)  
*Norwich Conn.*  
 (Post-office Address.)

State of *Connecticut*, County of *New London*, ss:  
*Probate Court, Norwich District,*

Be it known that on this, the *20th* day of *April*, A. D. 188*8*, personally appeared

*Hannah A. Beckwith* the above-named, who, after having had read over to *her* in the hearing and presence of the two attesting witnesses the contents of the foregoing articles of agreement, voluntarily signed and acknowledged the same to be *her* free act and deed.

[L. S.]

*S. I. Holbrook*  
 (Official Signature.)

*Judge of said Court*

## Agent's Acceptance.

And now, to wit, this *23rd* day of *April*, A. D. 188*8*, I accept the provisions contained in the foregoing articles of agreement, and will to the best of my ability, endeavor faithfully to represent the interest of the claimant in the premises. I hereby certify that I have received from the claimant above-named the sum of *no* dollars and no more, *no* dollars being for fee, and the sum of *no* dollars being for postage and other expenses. And that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without additional cost to the claimant, as required by law, in excess of the fee above-named, the said agent making no charge therefor.

Witness my hand the year and day above written.

*L. B. Clarke for O. P. G. Clarke Co.*  
 [Signature of Agent.]

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, CITY OF WASHINGTON, ss:

Personally came *L. B. Clarke*, whom I know to be the person he represents himself to be, and who, having signed above acceptance of agreement, acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal this *23rd* day of *April*, 188*8*.

[L. S.]

[NOTARY PUBLIC.]

## Commissioner's Approval.

APPROVED FOR \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS and payable to

of

the recognized attorney.

Commissioner of Pensions.

NOTICE TO CLAIMANT.

This contract is permissible under the law but not compulsory.

READ THE FOLLOWING COPY OF THE STATUTE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SEC. 3. That section 4785 of the Revised Statutes is hereby re-enacted and amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 4785. No agent or attorney or other person shall demand or receive any other compensation for his services in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than such as the Commissioner of Pensions shall direct to be paid to him, not exceeding \$25; nor shall such agent, attorney or other person demand or receive such compensation, in whole or in part, until such pension or bounty land claim shall be allowed: *Provided*, That in all claims allowed since June 20, 1878, where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Pensions that the fee of \$10, or any part thereof, has not been paid, he shall cause the same to be deducted from the pension and the pension agent to pay the same to the recognized attorney."

SEC. 4. That section 4786 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4786. The agent or attorney of record in the prosecution of the case *may cause to be filed with the Commissioner of Pensions duplicate articles of agreement without additional cost to the claimant, setting forth the fee agreed upon by the parties, which agreement shall be executed in the presence of and certified by some officer competent to administer oaths. In all cases where application is made for pension or bounty land, and no agreement is filed with the Commissioner as herein provided, the fee shall be \$10 and no more. And such articles of agreement as may hereafter be filed with the Commissioner of Pensions are not authorized, nor will they be recognized except in claims for original pensions, claims for increase of pension on account of disability, in claims for restoration where a pensioner's name has been or may hereafter be dropped from the pension-rolls on testimony taken by a special examiner, showing that the disability or cause of death, on account of which the pension was allowed, did not originate in the line of duty, and in cases of dependent relatives whose names have been or may hereafter be dropped from the rolls on like testimony, upon the ground of non-dependence, and in such other cases of difficulty and trouble, as the Commissioner of Pensions may see fit to recognize them: Provided, That no greater fee than \$10 shall be demanded, received, or allowed in any claim for pension or bounty land granted by special act of Congress, nor in any claim for increase of pension on account of the increase of the disability for which the pension had been allowed: And provided further, That no fee shall be demanded, received, or allowed in any claim for arrears of pension or arrears of increase of pension allowed by any act of Congress passed subsequent to the date of the allowance of the original claims in which such arrears of pension or of increase of pension may be allowed."*

And if in the adjudication of any claim for pension in which such articles of agreement have been or may hereafter be filed it shall appear that the claimant had, prior to the execution thereof, paid to the attorney any sum for his services in such claim, and the amount so paid is not stipulated therein, then every such claim shall be adjudicated in the same manner as though no articles of agreement had been filed, deducting from the fee of \$10 allowed by law such sum as claimant shall show that he has paid to his said attorney.

Any agent or attorney or other person instrumental in prosecuting any claim for pension or bounty land who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand or receive or retain any greater compensation for his services or instrumentality in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty-land than is herein provided, or for payment thereof at any other time or in any other manner than is herein provided, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of the pension or claim allowed and due such pensioner or claimant, or the land-warrant issued to any such claimant shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for every such offence be fined not exceeding \$500, or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in discretion of the court.

APPROVED JULY 4, 1884.

FEE AGREEMENT.

No. 336531

CLAIM OF

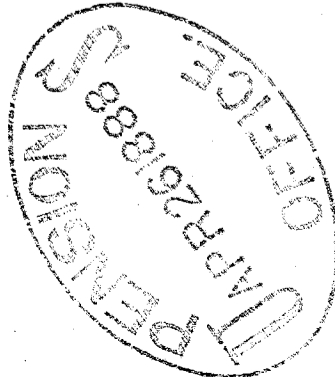
Hannah A. Breckwith

J. S. Breckwith

Co. 1st, 10th Reg't.

Conn. Vols.

FOR PENSION.



Filed by

O. P. G. CLARKE, ATTORNEY,

Washington, D. C.