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Cert[#] 325412

Mary J Bennett

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(3-456.)

DEPOSITION

A

Case of Mary J. Bennett No. 325412-

On this 3^d day of Apr., 1897, at
New Haven, County of New Haven
State of Conn., before me, Left J. Jones,
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Mary J.
Bennett, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer

truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of afore-
said pension claim, deposes and says: I am fifty-two years old,

housekeeper, Baraboo #12-Dixwell Ave. New Haven Ct.
I am the identical Mary J. Bennett now claiming
pension under general law as the widow
of Samuel D. Bennett Capt. 6th Mass.
Vol. Inf. and 14th U.S.C. I am a pensioner
under act June 27, 90 - I was married
to above named soldier at Milford Mass.
June 1st, 1881, under my maiden name
of Mary Jane Farmer. I had never
been previously married but he had
been married before but his wife
had secured a divorce from him.
We always lived happily together, were
never separated nor divorced - I
have not remarried since his death
which occurred at Rockland Mass.
May 10th, 1885. I have not cohabited
nor lived with any man as his wife since
soldier's death - I had never had any
children by soldier - he left me very
poor and I have had to work
hard for a living ever since his death.
Soldier enlisted in Co. B 56th Mass. Vol. Inf.
July 29th, 1864 and was discharged from
Co. B 14th U.S.C. July 15th, 1865, he always
told me that he had no other survivors.

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Page 6 Soldier died from the results of
 a wound in right leg above the
 ankle received during service - I
 don't know where or when the wound
 was received - When I married soldier
 I knew that he had the wounded leg,
 but thought him healthy otherwise.
 After our marriage he continued
 to be healthy until early in 1884 when
 he began to run down after this
 his by soothens him so that he
 could not work and I kept bandaging
 his leg up along - He took to his
 bed about Feb. 8th 1885 and never
 left it again. The leg was the
 only trouble it swelled all up
 and turned black - Dr. Chas.
 Mellett and his father Dr. Edw. Mellett
 treated 'soldier' during final illness.
 The son lived in Rockland Mass.
 The father now dead lived at Bridgewater
 Mass. These are the only doctors
 that ever treated soldier to my
 knowledge - Soldier always told
 me that he received the wound of
 leg in service. He had nothing
 like the matter with him - He had
 no heart trouble to my knowledge.
 He had a wounded middle finger
 upright hand received in service
 the top of same being shot off but this
 never bothered him - Soldier's home
 prior to enlistment was in Rockland
 Mass. He went back to Rockland after
 discharge and lived with his sister Mrs.
 Maria W. Shaw. She is still living in
 Rockland. She is his only near relative
 that I know of. I don't know anything
 of his first wife where they were married.

when they lived nor whether she is still living - She was always a shoemaker in different factories after discharge. He worked in shoe shop at Hoxland Mass. and after our marriage he worked in shoe shop in Milford Mass. He had been working there about a year prior to our marriage - Soldier's sister told me that about two years after discharge that soldier went to Philadelphia where he worked in shoe factory about nine months then came back to Hoxland this is the only time I know of his living out of Mass. and I think he lived in Hoxland & Milford all the time, he was in Mass. I refer you to original witnesses as to Soldier's condition after discharge but Soldier's sister will be able to give other names in Hoxland & Milford would remember him - In Milford Geo. P. Bixby and Alvin P. Russell knew Soldier well all the time he was there Mr. Russell knew Soldier from boyhood - Soldier had no medical training other than I have mentioned - I don't remember the names of Soldier's comrades nor any of his comrades, I can't recall hearing of any of the names you sent me, except Capt. Cartwright who he testified I have understood your questions and my answers are correctly made - I don't know why Soldier never applied for pension - The above correctly recorded -

Mary J. Bennett

Deponent.

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of Apr. 1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. H. Jones

Special Examiner.

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Deposition A

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(3-446.)

DEPOSITION *g*

Case of *Mary J. Bennett*, No. *835412*

On this *5* day of *January*, 1898, at *Rockland*, County of *Dorchester*, State of *Mass.*, before me, *J. C. Read*, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Frederick W. Pool*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: *Age 57 years. Address: Rockland, Mass. Occupation: Mill.*

My acquaintance with Samuel D. Bennett began at youth. He was a resident of this town for many years and I used to see him frequently as my neighbor and fellow townsman. I know nothing about his army service.

For three or four years just after the war I was so used up I could hardly get around so I don't know that I saw the man. I knew nothing about his physical condition until within a few weeks of his death, when I visited him and was surprised to find him in the state he was and the next thing I heard he was dead.

In the spring he used to go trout fishing and at other times he worked hard in the shop. I don't know that I ever heard him complain of any trouble until the time he got hurt on the stairs which caused an operation to be performed on

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one of his legs. The soldier told me the following story, that he was wounded in the leg in the army, don't know that he said what battle, that while at work in Bill Bates shoe shop in this town in the winter, and when pretty near dark, he went to go up a step, when he slipped and fell, the corner of the stair striking on the spot where he was wounded. His leg began to swell at once, and an operation had to be performed and soon after he died as a result of this leg trouble.

This is all I can say about Bennett. I don't know that he complained of his leg or any other trouble until after the fall been injured.

No interest.

I am correctly recorded herein
J. Francis W. Pyle

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of January, 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

DEPOSITION

F. A. Read

Special Examiner.

(5-13)

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION HCase of Mary J. Bennett, No. 386986

On this 8 day of January, 1898, at
Rockland, County of Plymouth,
 State of Mass., before me, F. G. Deed, a
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Alonzo
T. Foster, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
 pension claim, deposes and says: Age 68 years. Occupation:

Painter formerly shoemaker. Address Rockland Mass.

I knew Samuel D. Bennett from the
 time he was a boy until he died.
 I was a foreman for night ear proctor
 of a shoe shop here in 1857 and Jack
Bennett worked for me.

We both served in the late war
 but in different regiments. I was
 discharged some time in 1865.

Subsequent to the war Bennett
 lived near to me, but don't
 remember whether he ever worked
 for me or not.

He died in this town kind of
 sudden, but have forgotten the
 cause. I knew him as a large stout
 healthy looking man after his service,
 never heard that he had any
 trouble.

Ques. Was he wounded in the army that
 you knew of?

Ans. I don't remember that he was.

Ques. Did he ever say he was wounded
 in the army?

Ans. I don't remember that he ever did.

Ques. Did he have any leg trouble that you
 knew of?

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Ans. No Sir. In fact I never heard him complain of any ailment after he came home from the war.

Ques. It is claimed he was wounded in the leg at some time did you ever hear him say anything about same?

Ans. No Sir I never did. I know he was quite a story teller and one could not believe much he said.

It is my opinion that he always lived at home here after his army service.

Ques. If that as I understand you, you didn't hear he was injured in one frequent prior to his last sickness?

Ans. No Sir I did not. I never heard that he was injured at any time. Brad Brooks was quite a chum of his and ought to know as much about him as any one. David Hammond now dead was also a great chum of Bennetts. Spencer Brooks used to live in same house with Bennett and therefore ought to know all about him. Not interest.

I am correctly recorded herein

George J. Foster
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of January, 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

G. C. Read
Special Examiner.

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary P. Bennett, No. 886986

On this 18 day of January, 1898, at
Rockland, County of Plymouth
 State of Mass., before me, T. H. Reed, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared T. Brad-
E. Crooks, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
 pension claim, deposes and says: Age 67 years. Occupation:

Shoemaker. Address Rockland Mass.
My acquaintance with Samuel
D. Bennett began in my boy-
hood days. At time of his death
he was a large stout man. The
last one I thought was going
to die.

I never knew the cause of his
death. Know he died suddenly.
I knew the man from one
end to the other. I used to
go gunning with him and
falps worked in the shop with
him. He was always called
a well man up to the time
he went in the army. In
the army he lost one finger.
I never knew that he suffered
any other trouble there.
I never knew he had any
leg trouble. I have seen
him when he was lame
but never knew what
caused it.

He never said he received
a wound of leg, and don't
believe he ever did. He was

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one of the biggest crowds that ever lived. There was a great story telling, like shooting, but live ducks and killing several. I always thought he was a rugged grandfather to his last pickneys, for if he had any trouble I did not know it.

He always did a good days work, and for him a man can do that in good condition.

Mr. I never knew him to receive any injury to leg after service of proof there to. He was away from here quite awhile. Philadelphia. And when he came back he had a wife.

It is my candid opinion the man was healthy ever after his army service. A short time prior to his death, he was not well but at this time I don't know what ailed him.

He drank some of course, but was not a drunkard.

No interest.

I am correctly recorded herein.

J B Brooks

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of January, 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

F. A. Read

Special Examiner.

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION KCase of Mary J. Bennett, No. 386986

On this 5 day of January, 1898, at
Brockton, County of Dorchester,
 State of Mass., before me, F. R. Read, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Dr. J. H. S. Millet,
S. Millet, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
 pension claim, deposes and says: Age 39 years. Occupation

Physician. Address Brockton, Mass.
 I have been practicing medicine
 since 1880. I graduated from
 Harvard Medical School for that
 year.

My acquaintance with Samuel
J. Bennett began about
 1880. He was an old acquaintance
 of my father who was a physician
 of the town, but I don't know
 how much, or what for.
 I don't know where his old books
 are, guess they are lost.

I don't know what acquaintance
 with him he walked and
 and regularly, but always
 had a limp about one of
 his legs. I know he had been
 wounded in it, in the Kate
war.

I don't remember ever treating
 him until his last sickness
 which was of several weeks duration.
 I remember he had an ulcer
 (deep) as large as a quarter on
 one leg between the knee and the
 ankle. Don't know which leg

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in the exact location. The ulcer was deeply seated, and extended down to the bone and involved the periosteum. The leg was much swollen, and a great deal of redness around the ulcer which he claimed was where he was wounded. The man was feverish and feeble, confined more or less to his bed. I was unable to find an appreciable improvement in his condition. There was certainly a great deal of inflammation in the tissues of said limb, and one day when I felt he was as well as he had been for a month, he died as quick as you can snap your finger. Although I am a defense attorney, I felt absolutely certain that the man died of an embolism which was broken off from the veins in the swollen diseased leg. I am positive he had no other ailment to die of at that time, nor chronic. No, he had no specific disease or organic disease. I have no record of the case, but it is clear in my mind. He never paid me for his sickness, and I have never been paid. I am correctly recorded here.

Charles S. Mallet M.D.
Deponent.

Affirmed
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of January, 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

DEPOSITION

F. A. Read

Special Examiner.

East. *Dist.*
(3-450.)
S. E. DIV 12 1898

No. 325, 412

Claimant: *Mary J. Bennett*
Soldier: *Samuel D. Bennett*
P. O. address: *New Haven*
County: *New Haven* State: *Conn.*
Recommendation: *Ass. Ex.*

F. C. Read
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

_____, 189____

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

_____, 189____

Reviewer.

ACTION.

Jan 13 1898
To Jas H. Jones Jr.,
Special Examiner, New Haven
Conn. for further examination
as to merits. See letter
here with.

R. C. Read
Commissioner.

W.S.
JAN 27 1898

(3-450.)

S. E. D.

Justice

(3)

No. *325412*

Claimant: *Mary J. Bennett*

Soldier: *Samuel D. Bennett*

P. O. address: *#12 Dixwell Ave.*

County: *New Haven* State: *Conn.*

Recommendation: *Pur. Exam.*

Chas. H. Jones

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

_____, 189____

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

_____, 189____

Reviewer.

ACTION.

Jan 29, 1898

To Special Examiner

Chas. H. Jones for his

views in accordance with

letter herewith. New Haven Conn.

Henry Brand

Commissioner.

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary Bennett ref. No. 325412

On this 22 day of July, 1898, at New Haven, County of New Haven, State of Conn., before me, Chas. J. Smith, Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Mary J. Bennett - Claimant, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am fifty-eight years old,

housekeeper Address #12 - Dixwell Ave. New Haven Conn.
 2 you were married to the late Saml. D. Bennett in 1887

A Yes.

2 where did you reside prior to your marriage to Soldier
 A In Milford Mass. where I had lived for twenty-eight
years, prior to my marriage to Soldier - I think
I was about eighteen years old when I went
to live at Milford Mass. before that I had
always lived in East Boston Mass. I lived
with my parents in East Boston both are dead,
In Milford I lived with my sister Mrs. Ellen
Dyer who now lives in New Haven -

2 who knew you well when you lived in East
Boston Mass.

A I can't remember a soul living in East Boston
I never went back there after I left, to
come to Milford Mass.

2 who knew you intimately when you first
came to Milford and while you lived there
 A My sister Ellen Dyer, all of the original
witnesses - Geo. Birch was quite intimate
with me, as also was his wife Mrs. Sarah Birch,
Everybody there knew me -

2 How many times were you married -
 A never but the once to Mr. Bennett - My maiden
name was Mary Jane Farmer -

2 How did you come to marry Soldier under the name of French

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- A Soldier was drunk that is he felt pretty
 poor and he gave the name as French
 when we were married - I used to go with
 a man named Daniel French in East Boston
 and I told Soldier about it and he was jealous
 of this French, and gave my name as French
 when he married me to tease me - I never
 saw French, after leaving East Boston I was never
 married to him, and never lived with him as his
 wife. he was a Carpenter by trade, he is dead I
 suppose - I haven't heard of him for years - I
 couldn't refer to any one who knew French - I never
 saw him after I left East Boston -
- Q How many times was Soldier in Bennett married -
 A Twice, his first wife, Martha Bennett got
 a divorce from him, it was his only other wife
- Q Did Soldier not marry again after divorce from
 first wife, before he married you -
- A I never heard of any such marriage
- Q It was reported that he had married
 again here in New Haven
- A I never heard of any such marriage, I never
 heard that he had ever been in New Haven
 I am positive that Soldier was never married
 but twice -
- Q Didnt Soldier have a fall just prior to
 his last sickness, and injured his leg -
- A No -
- Q I will read you statement of Francis Pool
- A Soldier did hit his leg on the stairs, the leg that

Mary J Bennett

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of July,
 189 8, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W H Jones

Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Munnitt 9
9 325412

On this 9 day of September, 1893, at
County of Plattsmouth
State of Nebraska, before me, Carroll, a
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

9, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
pension claim, deposes and says: was wounded but it amounted
to nothing it was at least nine weeks
prior to his death. Soldier went to work
the next day and worked right along
up to final illness - He had no operation
performed as a result of the injury - He never
had any operation performed until two
weeks prior to his death, when Dr. Millet
performed an operation, but it had nothing
to do with the injury, which amounted
to nothing.

2 Explain just how he injured himself
a He was going up the iron stairs in
Bill Bates' shop. He struck his wounded
leg against the iron step but it did
not bother him to any extent.

2 By whom can you prove that you
were never married prior to your
marriage to soldier

a All the witnesses in Milford Mass.

2 By whom can you prove that soldier
was only married twice

a His sister Mrs. Delia Shaw his half
brother Prescott Shaw, both of Rockland
Mass. I never lived anywhere
but East Boston Mass. where I
was born, and Milford Mass. prior
to my marriage to Soldier

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I never was considered as married
to Daniel French, I went around with
him in East Boston for about a year,
just before I left East Boston I never
saw or heard of him, after leaving
East Boston - "I have heard you read the
testimony taken in my claim and
having nothing to say - I have
understood your questions, and my
answers are correctly recorded -
Mary J Bennett

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of July,
1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C. H. Jones
Special Examiner.

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Bennett Civ. No. 325412

On this 24th day of July, 1898, at
New Haven, County of New Haven
 State of Conn., before me, Wm. J. G. Jones,
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Mrs. Ellen A. Dyer,

who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am fifty seven years old. No occupation. Boarder #205 Orchard St. New Haven Conn. I am a sister of claimant Mary J. Bennett - when claimant first came to Milford Mass. in 1866 she lived with me, and continued to do so until she married the late Samuel Bennett. Before that she had always lived at East Boston Mass. I remember very well when claimant & soldier were married - he had been married before and his wife had secured a divorce - claimant had never been previously married - claimant and soldier lived happily together were never separated, nor divorced she has not remarried since his death - claimant's maiden name was Farmer. ~~Claimant's~~ Marriage Cert - shows her to have been married under the name of French - That was a fake, she used to go with a man named Dan. French in East Boston but she was never married to him nor ever lived with him as his wife - I think that claimant had told soldier in a joke that she had been married to French, and he believed it and had the marriage cert made out that way, but I am positive that she was never married to French.

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2 Soldier was never married but the Court -
 2 There was a report that he had married
 again in New Haven -

A I never heard of it, I don't believe
 that he was ever in New Haven
 I only knew Soldier a short time
 prior to his marriage & claimant
 His health seems to be good but
 he complained of one of his legs I forget
 which one, he said it got hurt in the
 Army he didn't tell me how -
 I last saw Soldier about four or five
 months before he died - I always supposed
 his death to be due to his bad leg

2 Did you hear that he had injured his
 leg a short time before his death
 A No -

2 I will read you statement of Anna Paul
 A I never heard anything about that -
 2 Can you refer to anybody in East Boston Mass
 who would remember Claimant or Daniel French
 A No - but I am quite positive that
 she was never married to French
 I have no interest in claimant
 He above correctly recorded

Ellen A. Dyer
 Deponent

Deponent.

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of May,
 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

B. B. Jones
 Special Examiner.

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary Bennett Oct No. 325,412

On this 20th day of July, 1898, at
New Haven, County of New Haven
 State of Conn., before me, C. B. Jones,
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared William H.
Preston, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am registrar of marriages
 birth & deaths of New Haven Conn. Upon a
 search of the marriage records of this
 town, between the years 1860 and 1885
 I do not find that the name of Samuel
 D. Bennett as having been married
 between those dates - the above
 correctly records -

William H. Preston

Registrar

deponent
 sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of July, 1898 and I certify
 that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing
C. B. Jones
 Special Examiner

[3-218 a.]

Memo Ex'r.
Wid. O. No. 386 986

Act of June 27, 1890.

Mary J. Bennett
Kent Hillsfield Co. Mass.
109 1/2 1st St. Newbury
Widow
Samuel D. Bennett
Ct. 56 Mass. Inf.
Died at *Mary 8*
86-

other claim.

Wid. O. 386 986

_____, 18 ____
Numerical No. *376 80*

Clerk.

Application filed:

Attorney:

P. O.

and

Aug 22, 1890
Austin Howard
Milford
Mass.

Oct. 12-6-90 L.S.
Apr. 28. 91.
Atty. H. deatherdrivel
ME. 1st wife. C. A. M.
July 28th 91. Atty. address of club on June
N. H. 19th own signature & property
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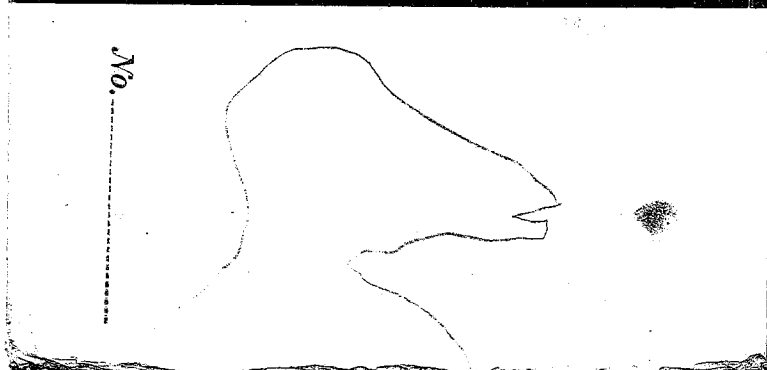
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R. I. namr. C. A. M.

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DEL.



Eastern Division.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Dec. 7, 1891*

No. Claim, *386,986,*

Cert. No.

Claimant,

Soldier,

Co.

Mary J. Bennett
Samuel H. Bennett
C, 56 Reg't Mass. Inf.

Respectfully

referred to the
Hon. Commissioner
for his consideration,
there appears no reason
why the claim should
not be made special.

Dec. 7, 1891

☒ This claim will not be made
special.

By order of Commissioner,

W. H. SCUDDER,

Dec. 8 1891

Marion Hill

Chief of *Eastern* Division.

Act June 27, 1890. 46.

PENSIONER DROPPED.

United States Pension Agency,

BOSTON, MASS.

FEB 28 1903, 190

Certificate No. 345,412

Class Widow.

Pensioner Mary J. Bennett

Soldier Samuel D.

Service Corp. S. C. Mass. B. D. 2. 140. R. C.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

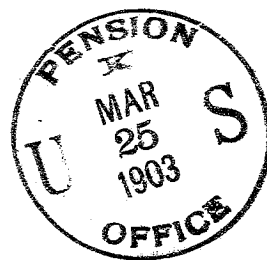
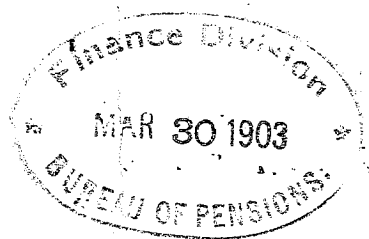
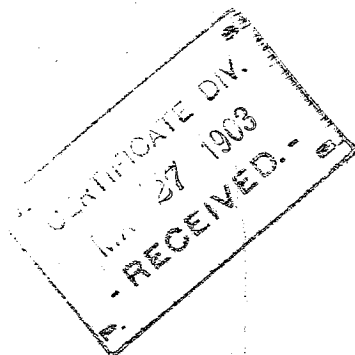
SIR: I have the honor to report that the
above-named pensioner who was last paid
at \$8, to Mar. 4, 1902.
has been dropped because of REPORTED DEATH.
May 23, 1902.

Very respectfully,

A. J. Holt

United States Pension Agent.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at once,
and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death
when known.



Claim of Mary J. Bunnett Ex. No. 325412

[illegible]

Jas.
APR 14 1898 (3-450.)
S. E. D.

eg. No. 325412

Claimant: *Mary J. Bennett.*

Soldier: *Samuel R. Bennett.*

P. O. address: *New Haven*

County: *New Haven* State: *Ch*

Recommendation: *Purchase Examination*

J. H. Johnson.

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

_____, 189____

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

_____, 189____

Reviewer.

ACTION.

April 15, 1898
To Phila. Pa.
Legal widowhood
(See summary.)

Chas. Evans

Commissioner.

DEPOSITION *A*Case of *Mary J. Bennett*, No. *325412*.On this *4th* day of *April*, 1898, at
Boston, county of *Suffolk*.State of *Mass.*, before me, *Chas. Boorum*, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared*Geo W. Cartwright*, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:I am *56* years of age; my post-office address is *Room 402,
31 North St. Boston Mass.*I was Capt. of Co. C. 56th Regt. Mass. Vols. from
May 17th 1864 to July 12th 1865. I was 2nd Lieut.
of same Co. from July 30th 1863 to Nov 1st 1863.
1st Lieut. from Nov. 1863. to May 17th 1864.I first knew *Samuel H. Bennett* when
he joined Co. C. and my acquaintance
continued during his service in the Co.
I have not seen or heard from him since.2. Did you know him contracting any disease
or disability or receiving any wound or
other injury during his service in Co. C. 56th
Mass Vols.A That I can't tell you from memory. I
made an affidavit once in this claim, &
when I made the affidavit it was based upon
data & information I obtained from comrades
and others.2. Can you give me the names & addresses of
any of the comrades from whom you obtained
the information upon which you based
the affidavit?A I cannot give you the name of a single one.
I have mislaid my notes and cannot find
them.

2 Was Bennett in the battle of the Wilderness?

A I believe he was. That was the first battle
our Regt. went into.

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2 Were all serious casualties reported by you
from the battle?

A All serious casualties would.

2 If this man received a wound at that
battle would it have been reported.

A Yes sir.

2 If he was wounded in the hand would
the report so state or would it state
he was wounded in the leg.

A It would probably state the correct
location of the wounds. Our surgeons
& medical officers were very careful in
making up their reports.

2 The records show this man was treated for a
g.s.w. of right index finger received May 11th
and treated occasionally after that date
until May 29th 1864 when he was transferred to
the D.R.C. would you accept that as correct.

A Yes sir I should.

2 You made an error in this claim in which you
stated Bennett received a g.s.w. of the leg. now if
such was a fact why was there no record made
of it?

A My office was undoubtedly incorrect. I must have
made a mistake and stated it was the leg instead
of the finger. I have no recollection as to the nature or
location of the wound, but depended upon the witness
and such other collateral evidence as I could
find - and that is where I obtained the basis
of my office.

I fully understand the question & the answer
are correctly recorded.

John H. Carter, Jr. 1st Capt. 606. 80th Regt.
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of April
1895, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

C. H. Brown.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION BCase of Mary J. Bennett., No. 325412

On this 8. day of April, 1898; at
Chelsea, county of Middlesex
 State of Mass., before me, Ch. Boorum, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared.

Margaret Foley., who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 38 years of age; my post-office address is #78 Maverick
St Chelsea Mass.

I am a niece of Mary J. Bennett the claimant.
 I have not seen her for over 20 yrs. when I last
 saw her she lived in Milford Mass. with my Aunt
 Margaret Foley. and she came to our home in East
 Boston on a visit to my father. She was known
 as Mary J. Farnum at that time. I always understood
 she was an old maid until about 5 yrs ago I
 saw a letter my sister received from Aunt
 Margaret Foley saying Aunt Mary J. had got
 married to a man named Bennett. That
 is the first & only message I ever heard
 she had.

Q. Did you ever know her by the name of
 French?

A. No sir. I always knew her by the name of
 Farnum until I read this letter that she
 had married a man named Bennett.
 I don't recollect that I ever heard that
 Mr Bennett was dead. The letter may
 have stated that he was dead but
 if it did I have forgotten.

I have a faint recollection of hearing my
 sister Mrs. Merys say Aunt Mary J.
 had married a soldier.

I fully understand the questions & the
 answers are correctly recorded.

It was my step mother Elizabeth Farnum that I heard

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say that Aunt Mary J. had married a soldier
 I suggest her in writing that I received
 the information from my sister Mrs. Mumps.
 Margaret Stoley

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of April, 1895, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

O. R. Brown.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Bernutt, No. 325:412.

On this 7th day of April, 1898, at
East Boston, county of Suffolk,
 State of Mass., before me, E. R. Bosson, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Catherine McAvoy, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 62 years of age; my post-office address is 71 Liverpool
Street - East Boston Mass.

I am the wife of James McAvoy and
 I knew Mary J. Farnum from her early
 childhood along during her childhood
 & up to the war time we lived near where
 she used to be out & in our house every
 hour in the day. I knew her very intimately
 as long as she lived here.

Q Did you ever know or hear that she married
 a married French while here in East Boston?
 A No sir I did not. I know she was not married
 to Jean French, but I know that she had a
 child by him when she was only a
 child herself and Jean French ran
 away. or I guess he would have been
 dealt with pretty severely. Jean French
 ran away & his mother came back here
 since. at that time he could have been
 put in State prison for what he done.

Q Did the child live?
 A It lived about 18 months. & then died
 & it was a bright little boy.

Q Do you think that had Mary J. Farnum
 got married at any time before she
 left East Boston from that you would
 have known & remembered it?

A Yes sir I do I know she was never married
 while I know her. the last I know of

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he was his father sent him away
to live with his sister Margaret-
Lynn in Milford Mass. after the
child was born. it was a great
blow to his father. and he would have
died soonly with Dean French if
he had caught him.

I am not related or interested in
this claim for a pension
I understand the questions & the
answers are cruelly handled.

Attest

Mrs. L. Wadley
C. R. Brown

his
Catherine X M. Gray
over

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of April
1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

C. R. Brown

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

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Case of Mary J. Bennett, No. 325412

On this 7th day of April, 1898, at
East Berlin, county of Suffolk,
 State of Mass, before me, Ch. Borron, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Eliza J. Manges, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 27 years of age; my post-office address is 271 Paris St
East Berlin Mass.

I am a niece of Mary J. Bennett, the claimant.
 She is a sister of my father. My father & mother
 are both dead. I have not seen my Aunt
 Mary Jane for 20 yrs. She has always lived with
 my Aunt Margaret Eger. as long as I have known
 any thing about her. and my mother always
 told me that Aunt Mary J. and Aunt Margaret
 lived together before I knew her.

2. Did you ever know or hear that your Aunt
 Mary Jane was married.

A. No sir. I never heard of it until about 3 yrs
 ago Aunt Margaret wrote me that Aunt Mary
 J. was married and her husband's name was
 Bennett. and in the same letter she said
 that Mr Bennett had died & left Aunt Mary
 a pension. She said he had been in the Army.

2. Did you ever know or hear that your Aunt
 Mary J. had married a man before she
 married Mr Bennett.

A. No sir. I always heard her spoken of as an old
 maid. and I always supposed she was never
 married until Aunt Margaret wrote that she
 had married Mr Bennett.

2. Did you ever hear that she lived with & had
 a child by David French.

A. No sir. I never heard of that.

2. Then you have not seen her for 20 yrs.

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Q. Now, she was living in Milford Mass when I saw her. I never lived over her, and never saw much of her.
I understand the questions & the answers are correctly recorded. Eliza J. Menges.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of April, 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C. A. Brown

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *E*Case of *Mary J. Bennett*, No. 328-412

On this *7th* day of *April*, 189*8*; at
East Boston, county of *Suffolk*,
 State of *Mass.*, before me, *C. R. Boorum*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

James M. Avey, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *64* years of age; my post-office address is *#71 Liverpool St East Boston Mass.*

I knew *Mary J. Farnum* a number of yrs
 before she ever lived in a home on
Liverpool St East Boston Mass. and the house
 her father & mother lived in was on *Erin Alley*
 just opposite where I lived. I was well
 acquainted with her & her family.

2 Did she get married while she lived in
East Boston Mass.

A Not to my knowledge

2 Did you ever hear that she had a child by
 one *Dean French*.

A Yes I heard so. but I never heard they
 were married.

2 Do you know where *Dean French* now
 lives.

A I heard he is living in *Phila Pa.* married &
 keeping house there. he was a *Catholic*.

2 Did you ever hear *Dean French* say any
 thing about having married *Mary J. Farnum*

A No sir I never did. I worked with him in
New York in 18*60* and 18*61*. he left here very
 sudden just after it was said that
Mary J. Farnum had a child by him.
 and he has never been back here since
 to my knowledge.

2 Do you fully understand the question &
 on the answers yourself made.

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A. Gurnea

James E. Gurnea

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of April, 1895 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C. R. Brown.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION 7Case of Mary J. Bennett, No. 325412

On this 7th day of April, 1897, at
East Berlin, county of Suffolk,
 State of Mass., before me, C. H. Burron, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

William H. Farmer, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 32 years of age; my post-office address is # 80 Brook
St East Berlin Mass.

I am a nephew of Mary J. Bennett she was my
 father's sister. I have not seen her for 22 yrs.
 at the time I last saw her she was living in
Worcester Mass. with my Aunt Mary Ann Lyon.

2 Was your Aunt Mary J. ever married
 Q Not to my knowledge

2 Did you ever know or hear that she married
 and had a child by Leamuel French in
East Boston Mass.

Q No sir I never heard so. I stayed with her &
 my Aunt Mary Ann in Worcester about a
 week when I was 10 yrs old and I always
 heard she was an old maid.

2 Have you ever heard that she was married
 since you saw her in Worcester Mass.

Q My sister Mrs. Manges got a letter from
 my Aunt Mary Ann saying Aunt Mary had
 married but I did not hear the name &
 understand she (my Aunt Mary) was then
 living in Worcester Mass. I did not hear
 what he did for a living. I have not
 heard from my Aunt since either
 directly or indirectly.

I could state the questions & the answers
 as exactly as possible.

William H. Farmer

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of April,
1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

C. A. Brown.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Bennett, No. 325-412

On this

Copy of record of birth - 1891
 , county of _____

State of _____, before me, _____, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared _____
 , who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am _____ years of age; my post-office address is _____

Births

96. Feb'y 26th 1860. Moses Adam French.

Male. #3 Erin Alley. father Daniel. Mother

Mary J. residence of parents Boston Mass.

occupation of father Culten plan of birth

of parents East Boston.

The above is a true copy of the record

C. A. Bennett

Special Examiner

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DEPOSITION ACase of Mary J. Bennett Ref No. 325,412

On this 5th day of July, 1898, at
New Haven, County of New Haven
 State of Conn., before me, Edw. J. Smith, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Mary J.
Bennett Claimant, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am fifty three years of
age, housekeeper, Residence #12 Dixwell Ave. New Haven Conn.

Q What were the names of your father & mother
 A John and Margaret Parker

Q What was his occupation
 A He was a machinist and worked in Sugar
House in East Boston, for thirty five years,
I don't know the name of Sugar House, I
think it is still there, it was the only
one of the kind.

Q Where did they live in East Boston
 A On Brainerd St. that is in Adams Alley,
the second house from Brainerd St. I
forget the number, that is where we were
living when I left East Boston. I
had lived there always in East Boston.

Q Can't you give the names of any associates
 or neighbors who knew you in East Boston
 A Since I last saw you, I have tried to think,
and I recall, a Mr Rountree whose first name
I forget and a Mr Plounder whose first name
I also forget. Kept a Saloon in East Boston,
there are all I can remember.

Q You will have to think of some parties
 who would remember Daniel Punch
 A Came to think he had a brother Ben Punch,
who is probably in East Boston yet. Dan
Punch used to go to Mr Plounder's saloon.

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James M^cAvoy a Caulker on Liverpool st. East Boston would remember much any body living in various ally expect to remember my family - John & James M^cMulty also Caulkers. David Purnoh and are probably still in East Boston. I will now tell you a secret when I was fifteen years old, Dan Purnoh took advantage of me, and when he saw that I was going to have a child, he ran away and left me and I never saw him again. he did not marry me the child was a boy and lived to be a year and a half old when he died - when I was going to marry soldier, I thought it my duty to tell above facts and being under the influence of liquor when we were married, he put my name in as Purnoh this is the truth I believe. Dan Purnoh is married and living in New York City. I forget where I heard this any of the witnesses in East Boston know the above facts to be true - The child's birth was registered - Ben Purnoh is the only relation of Dan Purnoh that I know of.

2 Can you give the names of any men who worked with soldier when he was employed at "Bill Bates"

A Bill Bates is still living at Rockland Mass. Francis Pool and Spencer Brooks, worked there also Andrew Durham, and a Mr. Leavitt first name forgotten. I am sure I am think of. I was ashamed to tell the above facts before I have understood your questions, and my answers are correctly made.

Mary J Bennett

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of Feb., 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Let James H.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Bennett.No. 325-412.

On this 9th day of Sept., 1898, at
Brooklyn.; county of Kings
 State of N.Y., before me, W. Moore., a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Daniel H. French., who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: That his
 age is 58. years; post-office address, 95-Union Ave.
Brooklyn. N.Y.; occupation, balloon.

I was born in Boston, Mass. June 6th 1840.
 my parents were Benjamin F. and Ann French.
 both dead. I lived in East Boston, which
 is part of Boston from about the time I
 was 7 years of age. up to when I was 20
 years old.

Q Were you ever married while living
 in East Boston, Mass.?

A. No Sir.

Q While you were in East Boston, and Boston,
Mass.; can you recall the different places
 you lived?

A. I can recall that when quite young, we
 lived Corner of Commercial and Satutation
St. can not say how long, Boston, Mass. and
 after that my parents moved to East Boston
Mass., we first lived on Bennington St., then
 we lived on Sumner St., they lived at three
 places on said street. can not give numbers.
 I left East Boston, Mass. in Dec. 1859, was
 there until in 1865 and since in 1897.

Q While living in Boston, or East Boston,
Mass. were you acquainted with a family
 named Farmer. if so where did they live?

A. Yes Sir; only knew there was such a family.
 had no acquaintance with them, they lived
 in an alley that started from Border St.

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cannot give the number. but it was several houses from the corner. think it was a two story and attic, I was never in the house as far as I know. There were 5 in the family. Father. Mother. 2 girls, and 1 boy. do not know names of parents. The boy was named Buck. right name not known. one of the girls was named Mary J. The other ones name I do not know. but she was older than Mary J.

Q Were you acquainted with either of the daughters?

A. I was with Mary J. Farmer,

Q How long were you acquainted with her.

A. I first became acquainted with Mary J. Farmer about the latter part of 1857. or the first part of 1858.

Q When you and Mary J. Farmer ever married?

A. No sir, and never had any intention of marrying her.

Q Did you and Mary J. Farmer ever live together as man and wife?

A. We did not.

Q How ^{old} was she when you knew her?

A. About 16 or 17.

Q How old were you?

A. About 17 or 18.

Q Do you know that Mary J. Farmer had a child?

A. I heard she had after I left there, but I am positive that it was not mine, and I

Daniel H. French. Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of Sept. 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J. W. Moore.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. BennettNo. 325-412

On this Continued day of _____, 189____, at _____, county of _____, State of _____, before me, _____, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Daniel H. French, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: That his age is _____ years; post-office address, _____; occupation,

had her word for it, for she told me about 6 months or so before I left that the father of the child was one Minal Gitchell, but in view of the fact that she seemed to like me the best and when it became known at her home that her condition was such and believing that some one would have to marry her and as she did not like this man she put it on me and saying I was innocent I left, and that is all there is to it, I can swear that I only knew her as a friend and acquaintance, and would always meet her two or three times a week on the street.

Q Did your acquaintance with her result in having intimate relations with her?

A I decline to answer that for I have no desire whatever to hurt any woman's reputation.

I will state that I was told by a friend afterwards that she had said she was sorry that she had made the statement that I was the father of the child.

Q Can you give the names and addresses of persons who knew you while living in East Boston, Mass from the time you

first knew Mary J. Farmer, up to ~~the present~~

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A. When you left there,
 John and James McNulty. N.Y. City. N.Y. I think
 James lives on Grand St. near Perry. John
 did live on 3^d Ave. near 128th St. a year ago.
 kept a little store. I will endeavor to find
 them. William Ednis: Colker. East Boston, Mass.
 Frank McGee. Cooper. same place. These are
 the only ones I can think of.
 Yes Sir: I had one brother Benjamin C.
 but he went west sometime in 1878. and
 he may be dead as far as I know. I have
 no sisters. I have an Uncle Thomas Courtney
 in Boston Mass. but I hardly think he
 would know anything about it.
 I have no interest in this claim.
 I have heard this statement read. and
 if it is correct,
 I will state that I was married in Nov. - 1866,
 in Phila Pa. to Sarah J. Mystetus. she is
 there now, can not give address, have it
 at home.
 I have not seen Mary J. Farmer. to speak to
 her since 1859.
 This statement is correct.

Daniel H. French.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of Sept.,
 1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

J. W. Moore.

Special Examiner.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

COUNTY OF WORCESTER, TOWN OF MILFORD.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Milford.

Date of Marriage.

Names of Groom and Bride.

Name and Official Station of Person by whom married.

June first A. D. 1881.	Samuel Dexter Bennett Mary Jane French " " Farmer	Res. Royal Sawyer Pearl Street, Milford.
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I certify that the above is a true copy from the Record, with the exception of the date which is expressed on the Record, in fair legible figures as follows:

"June 1, 1881"

John F. McLaughlin, Town Clerk.

I, John F. McLaughlin above named, depose and say, that I hold the office of Clerk in the Town, County and Commonwealth aforesaid, and that the above is a true copy from the Records of said Town, with the exception above named, as certified by me.

John F. McLaughlin, Town Clerk.

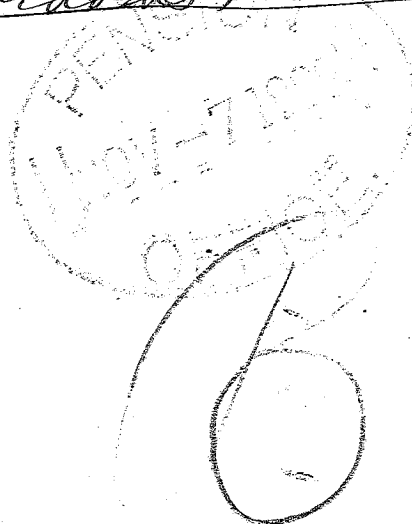
Subscribed and duly sworn to, before me, this twenty third day of January A. D. 1889. I have no interest in this case.

Lewis Hayden
Justice of the Peace.

Cert. of Justice on
file in Washington

Murray
June 1, 81

Claim No 386.986.07
Mary J. Bennett, Widow
of Samuel D. Bennett
late of Co B, 56 Regt.
Mass. Vols for
Widows Pension



Filed by
Austin Howard
Milford
Mass

NEIGHBOR'S AFFIDAVIT.

State of Connecticut, County of New Haven, ss:

In the matter of the claim of May J. Bennett widow late a

1st Lt in Company C of the 56 Regiment of Mass. Vols.

George F. Converse aged 32 years, a resident of New Haven Conn

DeWied Ave whose Post-Office address is Whalley Ave New Haven Conn

who being sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

I know May Jane Bennett for about five years. She is in poor health and rather feeble minded, is subjected to daily hemorrhages of more or less severity from the head and nose. We further declare that the above conditions of the mind and head were caused by receiving severe injuries as a result of being knocked down and run over by a team and is not the result of vicious habits. She has no real estate, no means and no home except where she is now stopping for which she is assisting in doing light house work. By reason of her above named disabilities she is not able to do more than 1/3 of the work that an able bodied woman should perform. We further certify the above statement was written by me on this the eight day of November 1895 at New Haven Conn. and in making the above statement I did not use and was not aided, prompted or guided by any writing, printed or recital prepared or declared by any other persons.

We know these facts from hearsay we have lived in the same house with her & in the house directly across the street from her.

We have no interest whatever in her claim, and are not related to claimant.

George F. Converse (M.D.)
Chas F. Root

Two Witnesses
when signed
by mark;

Please read these instructions before filling up your affidavit.

NEIGHBORS: Please state when (the year at least) you first became acquainted with claimant; if before his enlistment, was he sound and free from his present disability? In what year you first saw him, after his discharge, what disability then affected him and what his physical condition was. To what extent, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, did his disability then prevent him doing manual labor, or interfere with his usual occupation; what was his occupation when you first knew him; and what is it now. In what respect has his disability increased with his age since his discharge; if it has been continuous and what is now his physical and mental condition and what capacity $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, has he now for following his usual occupation. If his disease has been aggravated by intemperance or other bad habits so state.

State your source of information concerning the claimant.

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 unless said Justice or Notary already has a certificate on file in the Pension Office showing official capacity. If such be the case, he must say so in his Jurat.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of February, A. D. 1895
at New Haven, in the County of New Haven
State of Conn. I certify that I am disinterested; that the affiant ^{an} to me
well known, and ^{an} respectable and worthy of all credit as a witness, and that the contents of the above
affidavit were made known to ^{him} before execution.

STATE OF Conn, COUNTY OF _____, ss: Arman S. Smith
Notary Public

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That _____ before whom the
foregoing affidavit was made, was, at the execution thereof, a _____
_____ in and for the County of _____
and State of _____, duly authorized to administer oaths, and that his signature
hereto is genuine. His commission was dated _____, 189 _____,
and will expire _____, 189 _____.

Official Signature.

Two Neighbors TESTIMONY

IN THE CLAIM OF

Mary J. Bennett
widow of
Samuel D. Bennett

FOR Pension under Genl. Law,
Claim No. 386 - 986.
City No. 325, 412

AFFIDAVIT OF

George B. Converse M.D.
1895

Thos. Root
OFFICE

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NEIGHBORS AFFIDAVIT.

State of Mass. County of Worcester ss.
In the matter of the claim of Mary J. Bennett widow of Samuel D. Bennett late a
Bvt. in Company B of the 56 Regiment of Mass. Vols. and
Co. I. 14 V.R.C.
George H. Birch aged 43 years, a resident of Milford Mass
Alvin R. Burrell aged 61 years, a resident of Milford Mass
whose Post Office address is each in Milford Mass.
who being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

NEIGHBORS:—Please state when (the year at least) you first became acquainted with claimant; if before his enlistment, was he sound and free from his present disability. In what year you first saw him, after his discharge; what disability then affected him and what his physical condition was. To what extent, if any, did his disability then prevent him doing manual labor, or interfere with his usual occupation; what was his occupation when you first knew him; and what it is now. In what respect has his disability increased with his age since his discharge; if it has been continuous, and what is now his physical and mental condition, and what capacity, if any, has he now for following his usual occupation. If his disease has been aggravated by intemperance or other bad habits, so state.

That they have been well acquainted with the aforesaid Mary J. Bennett for the past thirty years. They know that she was never married previous to her marriage to said soldier Samuel D. Bennett. Her name at the time of said marriage was Mary J. Farmer. They never knew of her being called by the name of French, but she was always called Mary J. Farmer. They have every reason to believe that were the facts otherwise, they would have known of it. They further declare that she owns no property either real estate or personal and is entirely dependent on her own labor for support. They believe that if the records are different from above that it must be a mistake of some one. They further declare that she is in very precarious circumstances and needful of assistance. They respectfully request that their claims be made specific for above reasons. They know these facts from having lived near her house in Milford until she moved out of town in 1889, seeing and conversing with her often and being on intimate terms with her. They have no interest whatever in this claim, and are not related to claimant.

State your source of information concerning claimant.

Two Witnesses {
when signed
by mark:

G. F. Birch
Alvin R. Burrell

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 unless said Justice or Notary already has a certificate on file in the Pension Office showing official capacity. If such be the case, he must say so in his Jurat.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23^d day of Oct. 1891.
at Milford in the County of Worcester.
State of Mass. I certify that I am disinterested, that the affiant is to me well known, and is respectable, and worthy of full credit as a witness, and that the contents of the above affidavit were made known to him before execution.

Lowell E. Faler
Magistrate's Signature.
Justice of the Peace.
Official Character.

Mr. Priv. Mfr
7/27/90
29p 40r
Act of June 27, 1890.

Mr. Neighbors TESTIMONY.

Nature of Claim

Original - Widow.

No. *386.986*

Claimant, *Mary J. Bennett*
widow of
Samuel D. Bennett

Late *Pot.* Co., B., *5-6* Reg't,

and Co. I. 14. V. R. C. Mass. Vols.

AFFIDAVIT OF

George F. Birch
Milford, Mass.

Alvin Burrell of said
Box 1332 Milford

FILED BY

Austin Howard
Justice of the Peace,
Off. & Claim Agent.
Milford, Mass.

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15 Exchange Street, Boston.



CLAIMANT'S APPEAL TO THE SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR.

State of Conn County of New Haven, ss.

In the matter of Claim for Widows Pension No. 64. 325. 412.

Mary J. Bennett Claimant.

Personally came before me a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County and State

Mary J. Bennett, widow of Samuel D. Bennett

late Priv. Company E, 54 Regiment Mass. Volunteers and Co.

a citizen of the town of New Haven, County of New Haven

State of Conn, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being

duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

That his Claim for Original Pension No. 386. 786 having been rejected for the following reasons:

On the ground that the evidence on file including
[Here state the reason why rejection was made.]

that adduced on special medical examination,
fails to show that the soldier's death was due to any
cause which had its origin in the military
service

and that the extent of his disability is soldier is dead
[State fully the extent to which the disability interferes with manual labor.]

she is in very poor health

the Claimant appeals for a Reconsideration of his said Claim for the reasons
[Here state fully the reason why a review of the claim should be made.]

that her late husband was badly wounded in
the right leg at the battle of Petersburg Va. March
28. 1865. this wound he never recovered
from it had erysipelas in it and at last
mortified and was finally the cause of
his death. the evidence has been filed
to prove all this and she believes that
a careful reconsideration of the claim
will show that under the laws she
has a right to a pension of \$12. per
month from the date of his death.
she hereby requests that all the
evidence filed in her case be
reconsidered and reviewed and that
her claim be adjudicated thereon.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Arthur Howard
 of Wilmington Mass, as his true and lawful attorney
 to prosecute his claim. her Post Office address is 12 Dixwell Ave. New Haven
Conn.

x William H. Everett

x Chas. F. Root

[Two persons who can write must sign here.]

x Oliver J. Bennett
 Signature of Claimant.

STATE OF Conn, COUNTY OF New Haven, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of Feb. 1899,
 and I certify that I read said affi-
 davit to said affiant, including the words erased, and the words
 added
 and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in
 nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally
 known to me and that she is a credible person.

Herman E. Smith
 Official Signature.
Notary Public
 Official Character.

[L. S.]

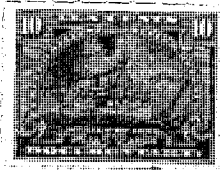
I, Edward A. Ankettell, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for aforesaid County
 and State, do certify that Herman E. Smith, Esq., who hath signed his name
 to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was at the time of so doing a Notary Public
 in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and 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 17th day of February, 1899.

[L. S.]

Edward A. Ankettell Clerk
 of the Superior Court within and
Clerk of the for New Haven County
State of Connecticut.

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.



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APPEAL

FOR

RECONSIDERATION.

IN CLAIM FOR

Additional Pension.

No. 674 325-412.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Mary J. Bennett
widow of
Samuel D. Bennett.

Reg't
Co. C., 56 Reg't

Mass.
+ Co. I. 14 Reg't V. R. Co. Vols.

Austin E. Reed
Notary Public
Justice of the Peace,
and Claim Agent.
Milford, Mass.

WIDOW'S PENSION

325412

Claimant Mary J. Bennett Soldier Samuel D. Bennett
P. O. 12 Dixwell ave. New Haven Rank Corporal, Co. C
County New Haven, State Conn. Regiment 46 Mass vol Inf.
Rate, \$ 8 per month, commencing May 10, 1885, and \$12 from Mar. 19, 1886
and two dollars a month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	Born,	18	}	Commencing	, 18
	Sixteen,	18			
	Born,	18	}	"	, 18
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	Born,	18	}	"	, 18
	Sixteen,	18			
By last marriage.	Born,	18	}	"	, 18
	Sixteen,	18			
	Born,	18	}	"	, 18
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	Sixteen,	18			

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

All pension to terminate, 18, date of

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name Austin Howard Fee \$ 25 Agent to pay.
P. O. Milford, Mass. Articles filed Jan. 17, 1889.

APPROVALS:

Submitted for Off. Ex., Feb 18, 1897, F. L. Churchill, Examiner.

Approved for Rejection upon the ground that the evidence from
after special examination - fails to show the soldier's death
was due to any cause which had its origin in the military
service of the United States. The claim had not been established
prima facie when it was sent to the field, and the principal
witnesses to origin have been found on cross-examination - to have
no personal knowledge of the facts they had previously sworn to.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Enlisted Feb 29, 1864. Invalid application filed none, 18
Mustered, 18, Invalid last paid to, 18
Discharged July 15, 1865. Former marriage of soldier yes, 18
Died May 10, 1885. Death of former wife April 17, 1872.
Declaration filed Jan. 17, 1889. Claimant's marriage to soldier June 1, 1881.

no m. e.

War Department,

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, NOV 2 1889 18

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

(Ret.)
 Samuel I. Bennett, a Private of Company C,
 56th Regiment Mass. Volunteers, was enrolled on the

29th day of February, 1864, at Bolton Mass.,
 for 3 years, and is reported: Mustered into service

at Readfield Mass. March 19/64. Return
 March/64. reports him Recruit recd. no date.

No Rolls Returns or Co. Books covering Apr./64.

Subsequent Rolls to Dec. 31/64. Absent wounded
 in action Wilderness Va. May/64. Co. was in
 action at that place and date.

Co. M. J. O. Roll. dated Alex Va. July 12/65.

Transfd. to 14th Regt. U. S. C.

No evidence of service with Co. B.

He was transferred to Co. G 14th Regt. U. S. C. Nov. 29/64.

Cause not stated and M. O. on Det. M. O. R. July 15/65.

at Washington, D. C. as private and during that period

the rolls show him present.

By authority of the Secretary of War.

J. C. Mcintosh

Capt. and Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A.

Per

R.

Mrs Mary J Bennett
Milford Mass
41 South Main St

Milford Dec 25/895

Mr Lockren Hon Commissioner of pension
Dear Sir I sent you my affidavit some time
ago and have not as yet heard from it. Will
you ~~kind~~ please let me know ^{you} if received it.
as I am on a visit to my sister at Milford
Mass and intend to remain a few days
my former address is Mrs Mary J Bennett
12 Dixwell Ave New Haven Conn

Trusting to hear from you soon I remain
Yours With Respect

Mrs Mary J Bennett Widow of
Samuel D Bennett Late. 1st Co. B. 56
Regt Mass Vols. and. Co. I 14 V.R.C.
Claim No. 386,986. Genl Laws
Ch. No 325 412 New Law
Pg

enclose please find stamp

NEIGHBOR'S AFFIDAVIT.

State of Mass, County of Dorchester, SS:
In the matter of the claim of for Pension of Mary J. Bennett, widow of Samuel D. Bennett late a

Priv. in Company B. Co. of the 56 Regiment of Mass. Vols.
Jairus W. Seavitt, aged 59 years, a resident of Rockland Mass.
& G. Prescott Shaw, aged 45 years, a resident of Rockland Mass.
whose Post-Office address is Rockland Mass.

who being sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows :

We the undersigned knew Samuel D. Bennett from 1856 until he died we also know that he never was in the service until he enlisted in Feb. 1864 when he enlisted in said Co. G. Regt. we know said facts from personal knowledge and seeing him often during eight or ten years before he enlisted we each of us have boarded with him during a portion of that time how much of that time we cannot say but saw him often during that time.

This affidavit is written by Wm B. Seavey at the dictation of Said Affiants from their oral statements

we know these facts from as above stated

we have no interest whatever in his claim, and are not related to claimant.

Jairus W. Seavitt
G. Prescott Shaw

Two Witnesses
when signed
by mark:

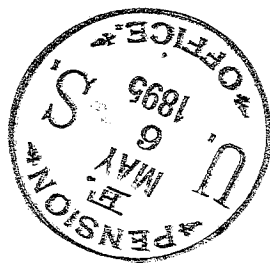
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of April, A. D. 1895
 at Boeklund, in the County of Plymouth
 State of Mass. I certify that I am disinterested; that the affiant is to me
 well known, and is respectable and worthy of all credit as a witness, and that the contents of the above
 affidavit were made known to him before execution.

*Recd
 Feb 25, 1892
 " 24 1899*

*Wm B. Searcy
 Justice of the Peace
 certificate on file*

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That _____ before whom the
 foregoing affidavit was made, was, at the execution thereof, a _____
 _____ in and for the County of _____
 and State of _____, duly authorized to administer oaths, and that his signature
 hereto is genuine. His commission was dated _____, 189 ,
 and will expire _____, 189 .

Official Signature.



Law.

Two Neighbors TESTIMONY

IN THE CLAIM OF

Mary J. Bennett, widow of
Samuel D. Bennett
Late Pvt. Co. C: 56 Regt Mass. Vols.
& Co. I. 14. V. R. C.
FOR *Additional Pension.*

No. *ctf. 325:412.*

AFFIDAVIT OF

Jairus W. Leavitt.
G. Prescott Shaw.

Both of Rockland Mass.

Reply to call of Dec. 3. 1894.

Austin Howard

Justice of the Peace,

Claim Agent.

Milford, Mass.



FIDAVIT OF OFFICER OR COMRADE.

State of *Massachusetts*, County of *Suffolk*, ss:

In the Pension Claim No. *116* of *Mary J. Bennett, widow of Samuel D. Bennett.*
late a *Private* in Co. *B. 6.* of the *56* Reg't of *Mass.* Vols. *and*
personally appeared before me, a *J. J. Hunter* of the *14* *U. S. A.* in and for the aforesaid County, duly

authorized to administer oaths, *James W. Fairbank* aged *52* years, a resident of
Boston, Mass. in the County of *Suffolk* and
State of *Mass.* who being duly sworn according to law, state that *I*

acquainted with *Samuel D. Bennett* applicant for Invalid Pension, and know the
said *Samuel D. Bennett* to be the identical person of that name who enlisted or
volunteered as a *Private* in Company *B. 6.* *56* Regiment of
Mass. Vols., and who *was discharged from my*

60 - at *June 16* / *1865* on or about the *15* day of *July*, 186*5*
by reason of *wounds*
Here insert the reason of the soldier's discharge; if known, so state, or, if he died, so state.

That the said *Samuel D. Bennett* while in the line of duty, at or near
The Wilderness in the State of *Pa* did, on or
about the *6* day of *May* 186*4*, become disabled in the following manner, viz.:

Here state the time and place and manner in which the wound or other injury was received. Describe the wound or injury, the part of
Wounded in right leg - (2)
the body wounded or injured, and all the circumstances attending ~~it~~ *the* state the time and place when contracted, and what
caused it, the name of the sickness, and how it affected him.

Under G.O. # 173, Adj. Gen's Office
he was transferred to Veteran
Reserve Corps - Washington D.C.
in July 1865.

His Widow is Mrs Mary J. Bennett
of New Haven Conn.

That the facts are personally known to the affiant by reason of *my being the*
Captain of B. 6. 56 Mass Vols
command at the time the claimant contracted his disability, or whether his knowledge was otherwise obtained. All the facts known to
all of the foregoing statements I prepared, and
affiant relative to the soldier's medical treatment for his disability while in the service should be stated, giving time and place, if possible.
have written myself, without dictation
from any person.

And deponent further state that I am well acquainted with the claimant, having known him for at least the term of his service and further, that my knowledge of the facts above stated are derived from said acquaintance, and from having served as 1st Lt. Co. 6 of the 56th Regiment of Mass Volunteers, from the 1863 to the 1865. And deponent further state that the claimant was a sound and able-bodied man at and prior to enlistment, so far as I knew, and that I am totally disinterested in this claim.

Post-office address of affiant is # 31 North Room 36, Boston Mass

If affiant signs by mark, two persons who write sign here

STATE OF Mass, COUNTY OF Suffolk, ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of June, A. D. 1894 and I

certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words

erased, and the words

added, and acquainted him with its contents before I executed the

[L. S.]

same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me, and that he is credible person.

Official Signature:

Official Character:

This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary; if no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

General Law.
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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.
PROOF OF ORIGIN.

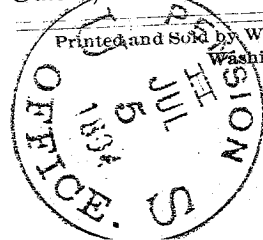
CLAIM OF

Mary J. Bennett widow of
Samuel D. Bennett.
Late Private.
Co. B., 1st (C) 56 Reg't. 74
Mass. Vols. 7
Co. I, 14 Reg't. V.R. Co.
No. 386. 486 Old Law.
No. 67. 325. 412. new law.

Reply to call of Sept. 13, 1890.

Filed by
Austin Howard
Justice of the Peace,
W. S. Claim Agent.
Millard, Mass.
Date of Execution

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Washington, D. C.



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Wid. Cert. No. 325,412

Mary J. Bennett (wid.)

Samuel H. Bennett, (decd.)

Co. B, 56th Reg't Mass Vol. Inf.

Return this with your reply.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., May 20, 1896.

SIR:

To aid this Bureau in the adjudication of the above entitled claim for pension, please furnish a statement in your own handwriting setting forth all the facts within your personal knowledge relative to the incurrence of the disability about which you gave testimony in your affidavit of June 20, 1894.

In your reply please be as specific as possible in respect to dates, and describe, as clearly as you can, the nature, symptoms, and extent of the disability.

Your immediate answer upon the reverse of this letter will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

Am. Lockman

Commissioner.

Capt James W. Cartwright,

Room 36, # 31 Milk Street,

Boston, Mass.

NOTE.—If you are unable to write, it is suggested that you request some competent person to aid you in replying to this circular, your signature to be witnessed by the Postmaster or some other United States official, who should certify that the contents were fully made known to you before signing.

Post-office address: #31, Mick St. Room #42. Boston Mass.
May 21st, 1896.

SIR:

In reply to your request I have to state that in the case of the application of Mrs Mary J. Bennett - widow of the late Samuel J. Bennett who was a Private in "C. Co." 56th Mass. Vols. That he was enlisted Feb'y 29th 1864 in said Co - and Mustered into service Mar 19/64. On May 6th 1864 at Battle of The Wilderness, he was wounded in right leg - above ankle - . He was transferred to 14th V.M.C. by G.O. #173 A.H.O. June 19/65 and mustered out in July 1865.

This covers about all the data I can give owing to the fact that at the great Boston Fire of Nov/87. all my retained Records were burned up, and I have to rely on Memory, and such collateral facts as can be obtained. This applicant seems to be an honest, and very poor Woman. If she establishes her identity to the Dep't. should say she was an eminently proper person to rec. a Pension.

Very respectfully,

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C.

James M. Hartwig W.
Late Capt. of C. Co.
56th Reg.

(WRITE NOTHING ABOVE THIS LINE.)

East. Division.
 189 Examiner.
 Mary J. Bennett Claimant.
 Samuel D. Bennett Soldier, etc.
 Co. 6, 56 Mass. Reg't V. Inf. Organization.
 Ship.
 Milford No. 325, 1412 No. of Claim.

Department of the Interior,
 BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., May 20, 1896.

In above entitled claim James W. Bastonright, whose
 post-office address is No. Room #36, No. 31 Essex Street, Boston, Mass.
 who is by occupation a (not stated), DID, on
 June 20, 1894, EXECUTE an affidavit at Boston.

The claimant's post-office address is No. Street, New Haven, Ct.
 and the attorney's name is Austin Howard,
 whose post-office address is No. Street, Milford, Mass.

The affidavit was executed before S. H. Hamilton
 a Notary Public, in and for the city and State aforesaid, whose post-office address is
 No. Street, setting forth that the soldier was
 wounded in the right leg at the Wilderness, Va., May 6th, 1864.

The reputation of this witness for veracity and credibility is desired. The Special Examiner will make his report accordingly. He will take the witness' deposition only in the event that he shall have reason to believe that the facts within the witness' knowledge differ from those set forth in the affidavit; but, when taken, such deposition must show what the witness knows of his own personal knowledge, and his means of knowledge; and any improper practice in connection with the preparation of the affidavit and the part borne by whoever may be in fault.

J. P. Lockman
 Commissioner.

I, J. G. Steptoe, Special Examiner, do certify that the
 reputation of James W. Bastonright, for veracity and credibility
 is Excellent

I further certify that I have personally interviewed the above affiant, fully questioned and that his replies manifested full personal knowledge of the facts as stated in his original affidavit.

Date: Sept-2-1896
 J. G. Steptoe
 Special Examiner.

2nd day of Sept- 1896, at Boston
County of Suffolk, State of Mass., before me,

J. H. [Signature], a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared James D. Bennett, who, being by me first duly sworn to

answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him, deposes and says I am 54 years of age. I am born and have been residing in Boston, Mass. No 402. 31 Milk St.

I am 2nd Lieut. promoted to 1st Lieut. and Capt. of Co. C 56 Regt. Mass Inf. I was in this from June 1863 to the end of the war. I remember that D. Bennett he was a member of my company and was discharged from the service on account of being physically disabled. I have known him since. By the way the applicant of Henry J. Bennett his brother who was a private in Co. C 56 from the 1st of July 1864 in our company and was promoted into the same from 1st of July 1864. July 1864 was the first time he was promoted in the Regt. by first above the rank. He was promoted to the 1st of July 1865. A.D. 173 A.D. 173. and was promoted and July 1865. Henry to the fact that the first Boston fire are very clear and were burned in my office and I have had to be before examining and collecting applications. These men were under arms in this way. I am very anxious.

Witness: [Signature] Late Capt. C. B. [Signature] Deponent.
Witness:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of Sept- 1896, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

[Signature] Special Examiner.

Mil. Ser. No. 3225, 412
Henry J. Bennett (widow)
Samuel D. Bennett (deceased)
Co. C, 56th Reg't Mass. Inf. Regt.

Respectfully referred to Chief of Special Examination Division for ascertainment of credibility of James D. Bennett.

Date: May 20, 1896

Respectfully referred to Mr. [Signature] at [Signature], Special Examiner for ascertainment of credibility of above affiant.

Date: [Signature] Chief S. E. Division

Respectfully returned to Chief of S. E. Division.

Date: Sept 2, 1896

P. O. Address: Boston

Respectfully referred to Chief of Division

Date: [Signature] Chief S. E. Division

RECORD & PENSION OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT

Wm. L. Lockman (3-061.) CALL No. 10.
East. Division.
Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
May 20, 1896.
Respectfully requested of the Officer in
charge of the Record and Pension Office,
War Department, a report from the records
of his Office as to the presence or absence, on
or about May 6, 1864,
of Capt. James H. Cartwright
of Co. C, 56th Mass. Vol. Inf.
and the station, at that date, of the Co.
Mil. Legt.
Claim No. 325,412
Samuel D. Bennett
Co. C, 56th Mass. Vol. Inf.
Wm. L. Lockman
Commissioner.

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

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT
MAY 21 1896

Washington, _____, 189 .

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

The rolls show that

James W. Cartwright

mentioned in the preceding indorsement *was* present
during the period named in that indorsement except
as follows:

*Mon. Rept. May 2/64 reports
him present sick*

*Other records furnish nothing
addl as to presence or absence
at date indicated*

During the period named the station of the company
and regiment was as follows: *May 4/64*

Near Beaufort Sta, Va.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

F. A. Mearns

Colonel, U. S. Army, Chief of Office.

Per *m*