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Cert # 325412

Mary J. Bennett

Oct June 27, 1890.

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No. 328413

DEAD.

Harry B. Bennett

Widow of
Samuel D. Bennett

Rank Corp.

Company 6

Regiment 56 Mass. Vol Inf
+ Co. G. 1st V. B. C.

Rate per Month, \$ 8

Commencing 22. Aug. 1890

Ending

Do. You Agency.

Issued Feb 27, 1892

Mailed Mar 8, 1892

Fee, \$ 10.

La. 22/96 - R. & P. O. verify bapt. cert.
 Wm. J. H. - See orig. jacket for other en-
 circlaments. etc.

Feb'y 9/99. Rej. old
 law claim (wid's)
 Saldre's death not
 due to service.

Clairt (thru. Hon.
 W. D. Sperry), and
 atty Austin Howard
 info. D. H. F.

EST. 15 1901 SECRETARY

DECISION TO APPELLANT,

JUL 25 1901

CLA.

NOTIFIED

CLAIMANT NOTIFIED

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DROPPED

2/28 1903.

And. adv. Death

Apr 10/03 HC

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DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

To be Executed before a Court of Record or some Officer thereof having Custody of the Seal.

State of Massachusetts
County of Nampan } ss.

On this seventh day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine personally appeared before me, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Norfolk, a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid Mary J. Bennett aged 43 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the Pension provided by Acts of Congress granting pension to widows: That she is the widow of Samuel D. Bennett who, under the name of Samuel D. Bennett was enrolled in Company B. of the 56 Regiment of Mass. Vols. on or about the 29 day of Feb. 1865, who was discharged on or about the 1885 day of July 1885, who died on the 8 day of July 1885, at Rockland in the State of Mass. his death resulting from disability contracted in the service aforesaid; (~~that he was a pensioner of the United States under certificate No.~~, or, ~~he was an applicant for invalid pension No.~~); that she was married under the name of Mary J. Farmer to said Samuel D. Bennett on the 1 day of June A. D. 1881, at Milford Mass. by Rev. R. T. Sawyer there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that ~~neither she~~ nor her husband had been previously married but she had not. (If either have been previously married so state, and give date of death or divorce of former spouse.)

that she has to present date remained his widow; that the following are the names and dates of birth of all his legitimate children yet surviving who were under sixteen years of age at the father's death, viz:

	of soldier by	, born	18	, at
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	of soldier by	, born	18	, at

That ~~she~~ has not abandoned the support of any one of her children, but that they are still under her care or maintenance [For such children as are not under her care claimant should account.]

that no prior application has been filed by herself or said deceased, except as above stated; that she has not in any manner engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States.

That she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Austin Howard of Milford Mass., her true and lawful attorney to prosecute the above claim.

That her residence is No. 510, High Street, in Norfolk Mass. and that her Post-Office address is the same

ATTEST: Geo. W. Percy

Mary J. Bennett
Claimant's Signature

Also personally appeared George W. Percy residing at No. 343, in High
Street, in said Holyoke and John Vines residing
at No. 56, in Bow Street, in said Holyoke, persons whom I
certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw
Mary J. Bennett, the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the
foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their
acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest
in the prosecution of this claim.

If either witness signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.

George W. Percy
John Vines
Signatures of Witnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this seventh day of January

A. D. 1889, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above decla-
ration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and
witnesses before swearing, including the words July 1 1885

[SEAL.]

erased, and
the words May 1 1885

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

{ Any erasures or inter-
lineations in the foregoing
declaration should be certi-
fied by the Magistrate, in
his jurat, as having been
made before execution. }

Albert A. Tyler
Signature.

Deputy of the Police Court of Holyoke
Official character.

JAN 17 1889
WIDOW.

Claim for Pension.

ORIGINAL.

Mary J. Bennett Applicant,
Widow of Samuel D. Bennett

Late Pvt. Co. B., 5th Reg't,
Mass.

FILED BY
Austin Howard
Milford
Mass.

Claimant
~~GENERAL~~ AFFIDAVIT.

NOTE - Write the affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places, as near as you can remember, according to the requirements in the case in which your testimony is to be used; also state how you know what you say to be true; whether from personal observation or otherwise.

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

SS.

In the matter of the claim for *Pension of Mary J. Bennett widow*
of *Samuel D. Bennett*

late of Company

B Co - 14 Regt. V.R. & C. 56 Regiment, *Mass.* Volunteers, *and*

Personally came before me, a

Notary Public

in and for aforesaid County

and State,

Mary J. Bennett

, aged

43

years,

a resident of

Kent

, in the County of

Litchfield

, State of

Conn.

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

That she cannot procure the evidence of the Surgeon or Asst. Surgeon of her husband's Regt. for the reason that her Attorney has written them and they reply that "he cannot remember" and Surgeon Roberts letter was returned unclaimed. She further declares that she cannot get the evidence of Officers or comrades of her husband's Co. for the reason that she does not know where they are. Her husband was in Chestnut Hill Hospital in fall of 1864. and she hereby refers to his military record for proof of the incurrence of his disabilities in service. Said Hospital was situated in Philadelphia Pa. she further declares that the residence of Physicians who have treated her husband are unknown to her but she sends herewith this testimony of two of his old acquaintances to prove his condition since discharge till death and she requests that this evidence may be accepted and her claim allowed.

She further declare that she has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution, and is not related to said claimant.

Affiant's Signature,

Mary J. Bennett

P. O. Address.

Kent
Litchfield County
Conn.

Attest when any affiant signs BY MARK 2 persons sign here.

nd subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted *her* with its contents before *she* executed the same; that said affiant *is* personally known to me; that *she is* credible person and so reputed in the community in which *she* resides. I further certify that the words were erased, and the words were added before execution, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Witness my hand and seal this *29* day of *Sept* 189*0*

ADD SEAL HERE.

Any erasures or interlineations in the foregoing affidavit should be certified by the Magistrate, in his jurat, as having been made before execution.

Jessie H. Gibbs
Magistrate's Signature.
Notary Public
Official Character.

NOTE.—This may be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If sworn before a NOTARY or JUSTICE, then the official character and signature of such officer should be verified by certificate of the Clerk of Court, on the form which follows:

I, Clerk of the Court, in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that Esq., who hath signed his name to foregoing affidavit, was, at the time of so doing, a 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 the seal of said Court, this day of 18 ..

..... Clerk.

[L.S.]

Claimant

Signature of Claimant. *Original, Widow*

No. *386, 986*

Claimant, *Mary E. Bennett*
Widow of J. P. Bennett
Daniel D. Bennett

Late *Prof. J. P. Bennett* 56 Reg't,
Co. B. 14 Reg't R. C.
Mass. Vols.

AFFIDAVIT OF
Claimant

FILED BY *130*
Amos H. Bennett
Justice of the Peace,
W. D. Claim Agent.
Worcester, Mass.

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15 Exchange Street, Boston.

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DIVISION

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Respectfully returned to the
Adjutant General, U. S. A.,
requesting a full medical
history of this soldier's
widow's claim No. 386,986,
Samuel L. Bennett,
Co. C, 56th Mass. Vol. Inf.

Commissioner.

War Department,

Record and Pension Division,

Washington, APR 29 1891, 18 .

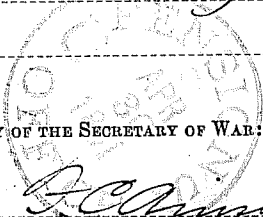
Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,

With the information that the medical records show

*The within named man as
 Copple served May 11 to 14/64
 Fract of right forefinger, re-
 ceived at Wilderness, May 6/64:
 May 15 to Oct 19/64 P. S. M. M.
 Index, and ² to duty; June 22
 /64 P. S. M. fore finger right hand,
 June 23 to July 8/64 P. S. M. M.
 hand: Oct 24 to Nov 4/64 Re-
 manded, furloughed, & Nov 16
 /64 to — ; Examined by Med
 Board for transfer to V. R. G. Wound
 right hand. Wilderness, May 11/64
 Nothing additional found.*

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:


D. C. Munroe
 Captain and Asst Surgeon, U. S. Army.

Per Major *

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

NOTE. Write the affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places, as near as you can remember, according to the requirements in the case in which your testimony is to be used; also state how you know what you say to be true; whether from personal observation or otherwise. This blank can be used for the testimony of either one or two persons.

STATE OF Connecticut }
COUNTY OF New Haven } ss.

In the matter of the claim for Pension under General Laws of May 2
of Bennett widow of Samuel D. Bennett
late of Company C. 56 Regiment, Mass Volunteers, and
Co. 14 V.R.C.
Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County
and State, Mary J. Bennett, aged 51 years,
and _____, aged _____ years,
resident of New Haven, in the County of New Haven, State of

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

"I Cannot procure the evidence of other Doctor than those
filed for the reason that Dr. Edward Mellet of Bridgewater
Mass. is dead. But send herewith the evidence of two of my
late husbands old friends to show his Physical Condition from
date of his discharge until he died. I further declare I have
applied for a pension under act of June 27-1890. and received
a pension certificate numbered 325412 therefor. That this claim
is for pension under old or General laws. I hereby request
~~that~~ that said evidence may be accepted in lieu of Doctors evidence
for reason stated above. I hereby appoint with full power of Substitution
& revocation Austin Howard, of Milford Mass. ~~my true~~ & lawful attorney
to prosecute the said claim & I hereby request that the fee agreement
which have been filed in his behalf be paid to him, whenever said
claim is allowed. to which I do hereby agree & do affirm & ratify
& confirm all that I or my attorney has done in my said claim
for Pension under the old or general laws. I further declare
that my late husband was not in the service subsequent to
July 15-1865 when he was discharged from said service"

The above statements were made to the Notary whose seal
is attached, by me at the office of said Notary at the
time of filling out this testimony. & the statements were made
from oral statements by myself March 25th 1896

and that _____ no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

witnessed by

Frank Thompson

John Beers

Attest _____ two persons sign here.

Affiant's Signature,

Mary J. Bennett

P. O. Address,

Affiant's Signature,

P. O. Address,

General Law.

NEIGHBORS AFFIDAVIT.

Please read these instructions before filling up your affidavit.

State of Conn County of Litchfield ss.
In the matter of the claim of Mary J. Bennett, widow of Samuel D. Bennett late a Private in Company B of the 56 Regiment of Mass. Vols.
Ruth Eaton aged 54 years, a resident of Kent Conn
Charles A Eaton aged 36 years, a resident of Kent
whose Post Office address is Kent Litchfield County Conn
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, 1, 2, 3, 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 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, 1, 2, 3, 4, has he now for following his usual occupation. If his disease has been aggravated by intemperance or other bad habits, so state.

That they are well acquainted with the aforesaid Mary J. Bennett and know that she has not remarried since the death of her above named Soldier Husband, Samuel D. Bennett, that she is a woman of good moral character, and is without other means of support than her own labor. Their relations with her are of such an intimate character that they believe, were the facts otherwise they would have known of it.

State your source of information concerning Claimant.

They know these facts from having lived as neighbors seeing her often and being well acquainted with her.

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

Two Witnesses {
when signed
by mark:

Ruth Eaton
Charles A Eaton

NOTE.

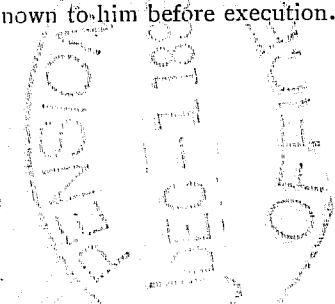
This should be sworn to before a Clerk of Court, Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace. If before a Justice or Notary, then Clerk of County Court must add his certificate of character hereon and not on a separate slip of paper unless said Justice or Notary already has a certificate on file in the Pension Office showing official capacity. If such be the case, he must say so in his Jurat.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of Nov 1890.
at Kent in the County of Litchfield

State of Connecticut 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.

James F. Fish
Magistrate's Signature.
Notary Public
Official Character.

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*Wpda
= Miller
East*

Two Neighbors TESTIMONY.

Nature
of Claim

Widow

*Act June 27 1890
Vol. Laws.*

No. *386.986*

Claimant,

May J. Bennett

widow of

Samuel D. Bennett

Late

Pvt.

Co.

B. 56

Reg't,

Mass.

7 1890

Vols.

Vol. 14 R.C.

AFFIDAVIT OF

*Ruth Eaton and
Charles A. Eaton
both of Kent. Ct.*

FILED BY

Austin Howard

Justice of the Peace,

W. S. Claim Agent.

Milford, Mass.

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15 Exchange Street, Boston.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss.

At the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts begun and holden at Lowell within and for the County of Middlesex on the third Tuesday of April, being the sixteenth day of said month Anno Domini 1872.

Martha M. Bennett of Charlestown in said County, Libellant vs. Samuel D. Bennett of parts to said Libellant unknown, Libellee in a matter wherein, among other things, the said Martha prays to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, existing between her and the said Samuel, for the cause of adultery on the part of the said Samuel, as is fully set forth in the libel on file and of record in said Court. The libel was filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, on the twenty sixth day of May A.D. 1870, and an order of notice issued thereon that the Libellant notify the Libellee to appear before this Court at the term thereof holden at Cambridge in said County, on the third Tuesday of October then next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in the Boston Post, a newspaper published in Boston in the County of Suffolk, once in a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be ninety

days at least before said last mentioned day, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted. At which said term the Libellant appeared and entered her said libel, and it appeared to the Court that notice had been given pursuant to the order aforesaid, yet the said Libellee, although called to come into Court, did not appear but made default. And the evidence produced in support of said libel being seen and understood, the Court considered that the material facts alleged therein were satisfactorily proved, whereupon a divorce from the bond of matrimony was ordered and decreed nisi, in favor of the Libellant, all of which will more fully appear, reference being had to the decree filed of record in the case, and the Libellant was allowed to resume her maiden name. Thence said libel was continued from term to term of said Court to this time. And now, on this seventeenth day of April A.D. 1872, it appearing to the Court that notice has been given pursuant to the decree aforesaid, and that all the terms thereof have been fully complied with, and no objection having been made thereto, on motion of the Libellant, said decree nisi is made absolute. It is therefore on this seventeenth day of April A.D. 1872, considered by the Court, that the bond of matrimony heretofore entered into between the said Martha M. Bennett and the said Samuel D. Bennett, be, and for the cause aforesaid, is dissolved.

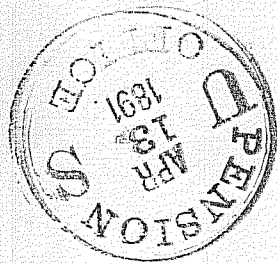


In testimony that the foregoing is a true copy
of record I hereto set my hand and affix the seal
of said Court, this seventh day of April, A.D.
1891.

John L. Ambrose

J. L. Ambrose Clerk.

Wm. H. H. H.
 No. orig 386 986



May J. Bennett
 widow of -
 Samuel D. Bennett
 late Pvt. Co B. 56 Regt.
 Mass. vol's also. of
 Co - J. 14 Vet Res. Corp.

El. has applied under
 both old & New Laws.
 The claim under old
 Laws needs evidence of
 comrades of Soldier Co.
 unless there is a record of
 his treatment in Chestnut
 Hill Hospital Philadelphia,
 Pa.

Certified Copy of divorce
 of first wife of Soldier

Filed by
 Austin Howard
 Justice of the Peace,
 W. D. Claim Agent.
 Milford, Mass. April 10/89.

NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts County of Plymouth ss.

In the matter of the claim of May J. Bennett Widow of Samuel D. Bennett late a Private in Company B of the 56 Regiment of Mass - Vols.

Spencer L. Brooks aged 55 years, a resident of Rockland Mass

Andrew G. Mansur aged 60 years, a resident of Rockland

whose Post Office address is Rockland, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

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

That they have been well acquainted with the above named Samuel D. Bennett ever since his discharge from the army and saw him immediately subsequent to his discharge on his arrival home he was then suffering from a wound of his right leg, he was unable to labor for some months he then got so as to go to work on boots which occupation he followed when able until he died, he was not able to labor more than about 1/2 the time on account of the wound mentioned above and blood poisoning therefore he suffered continuously with pain, weakness and finally died from the effects of it at Rockland Mass. May 8/85. He was a man of good character and temperate habits.

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.

State your source of information concerning claimant.

They know these facts from personal knowledge gained by him and his neighbors seeing him and hearing him complain of it.
They have no interest whatever in his claim, and are not related to claimant.

Two Witnesses
when signed
by mark:

Spencer L. Brooks
Andrew G. Mansur

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of August 1890 at Rockland in the County of Plymouth

State of Massachusetts I certify that I am disinterested, that the affiant are to me well known, and are respectable, and worthy of full credit as a witness, and that the contents of the above affidavit were made known to him before execution.

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.

Charles Beece
Magistrate's Signature.
Justice of the Peace
Official Character.

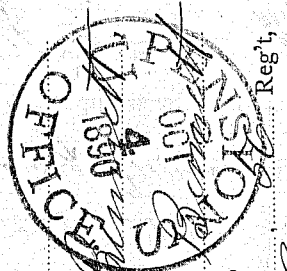
STATE OF Massachusetts
COUNTY OF Plymouth ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Charles Beuce before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, was at the execution thereof, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Plymouth and State of Mass duly authorized to administer oaths, and that his signature thereto is genuine. His Commission was dated May 18 1888 and will expire May 17 1890

Ota W. Smith
(Official Signature,)
Clerk of the 2^d Dist.
Court of Plymouth

Sworn
for Neighborhood
TESTIMONY.

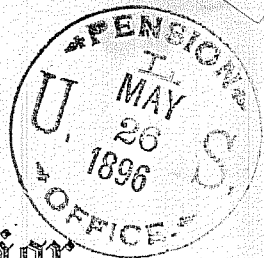
Nature of Claim { Indemnity
No. 386986
Claimant, Mary J. Brooks
Widow of J. Brooks
Samuel D. Brooks
Late PT Co., B
Dec. 9 14 U.S.
Vols. 56



AFFIDAVIT OF
Specimen L. Brooks and
Andrew J. Marsen
of Rockland Mass
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Justice of the Peace,
Pa D. Claim Agent.
W. Moffatt, Mass.

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Mr. Ex'r.

Mr. West No. 325412

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Mary J. Bennett,

Samuel D. Bennett,

Co. 6, 56th Reg't. Mass. Vol. Inf. Washington, D. C., May 20, 1896

Return this with your reply.

SIR:

To further aid this Bureau in determining the merits of the above-entitled claim for pension, be kind enough to answer in your own handwriting the following questions, giving more complete details than your affidavit affords.

Very respectfully,

Am. Lockman

Commissioner.

Spencer L. Brooks, Esq.,

Rockland,

Mass.

When did you first see soldier after he returned from the Army, and how do you fix the date?

Answer:

Of what disability did he complain, and how was he affected?

Answer:

How frequently did you see him after your first acquaintance?

Answer:

If he continued to suffer with such disability, please describe the symptoms which were apparent to you, and state to what extent he was disabled for manual labor thereby during each year?

Answer: I never signed any papers for Samuel D. Bennett and if you receive from me it was without my consent
Spencer L. Brooks

My means of knowing the facts of the case are these:

Very respectfully,

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,
Washington, D. C.

NEIGHBOR'S AFFIDAVIT.

State of Mass., County of Plymouth, ss:
 In the matter of the claim of Mary J. Bennett widow of
Sadford D. Bennett late a
Priv. in Company C of the 56 Regiment of Mass. Vols. 14
Andrew J. Dunham, aged 62 years, a resident of Rockland
George P. Shaw, aged 46 years, a resident of Rockland
 whose Post-Office address is Rockland Mass. Plymouth
County
 who being sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That they first became acquainted with said Soldier in the year 1859 at Abington now Rockland State of Mass., at that time was a rugged and hardy man, saw him soon after he came in July 1865. He was suffering from a gunshot wound in his right leg which was in a bad condition he was unable to labor for a long time after his discharge his occupation was that of a Shoemaker But he was unable to labour one fourth of the time ~~on the~~ on the account of said wound troubling him so much, he had a running sore on his leg caused by said wound which caused blood poisoning from which he died May 8th 1880 he was a man of no vicious ~~that~~ habits that we knew of always temperate in his habits

This affidavit is written in presence of the above named witnesses By Wm B. Seavey and from their oral statements without records or prompting in any way

know these facts from personal observation

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

Andrew J. Dunham
George P. Shaw

Two Witnesses
 when signed
 by mark;

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IN THE CLAIM OF


Mary J. Bennett.
Widow of
Samuel D. Bennett.
Late 121-60. 6. 56 R-97. Mass. 200.
+ Co. J. 14 V. R. Co.
FOR Additional Pension.

No. 386.986
City & Co. New York 325-413

AFFIDAVIT OF

Andrew J. Durham.
George P. Shant.

Booths of Rockland Mass.


 Austin Howard
 Justice of the Peace.
 Warm Springs

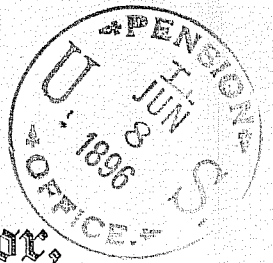
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Washington, D. C.

STATE OF, COUNTY OF, ss:

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 _____

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No. Ex'r.

No. 325,412

Mary J. Bennet

Samuel D. Bennet

Co. 6, 56th Reg't. Mass. Vol. Inf. Washington, D. C., May 20, 1896.

Return this with your reply.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

SIR:

To further aid this Bureau in determining the merits of the above-entitled claim for pension, be kind enough to answer in your own handwriting the following questions, giving more complete details than your affidavit affords.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

George P. Shaw, Esq.,

Rockland,

Mass.

When did you first see soldier after he returned from the Army, and how do you fix the date?

Answer:

I don't remember just the date but soon after the War was over

Of what disability did he complain, and how was he affected?

Answer:

He said the War had hurt him and could not work

How frequently did you see him after your first acquaintance?

Answer:

most every day

If he continued to suffer with such disability, please describe the symptoms which were apparent to you, and state to what extent he was disabled for manual labor thereby during each year?

Answer:

He seemed to be all run down and tried to work but very little

My means of knowing the facts of the case are these:

I lived in the same house with him for a long time

Very respectfully,

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,
Washington, D. C.

NEIGHBOR'S AFFIDAVIT.

State of Mass, County of Plymouth, ss:

In the matter of the claim of Mary J Bennett widow of
Samuel D. Bennett late a

Co. 8. 14 P. R. Corps in Company C of the 56 Regiment of Mass Vols. and
Nathan A Beal, aged 52 years, a resident of Rockland Mass
and Isaac Hill, aged 60 years, a resident of Rockland Mass.
whose Post-Office address is Rockland Mass.

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

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, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 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 $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 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.

That the undersigned witnesses for Mary J Bennett became acquainted with Samuel D. Bennett in 1858. They know that at the time of his discharge in the year of 1865 on his return ^{to} East Abington now Rockland, he was suffering from a gunshot wound on his right leg which was in a very bad condition. He was not able to do much labor not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the time, his occupation was that of a shoemaker. On the account of the gunshot wound he had a sore broke out on said leg causing blood poisoning from which he died May 8th 1883. He was a man of temperate habits. No vicious ^{habits} that we knew of. I lived a near neighbor to him saw him often. To the best of our knowledge he was a sound man before he enlisted. This affidavit was written by Mrs B Beal from our oral statements without any written statements or prompting in any way.

know these facts from The known
Personal observations

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

Two Witnesses
when signed
by mark;

Nathan A Beal
Isaac Hill

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Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17th day of Aug, A. D. 1896
at Rockland, 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.

certificate on file
STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, ss: Wm B. Sweeney
Justice of the Peace

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.
1st Co. 65th Regt. Mass.
Vol. V Co. I. 14th V.R. Corps.
FOR Pension under Grant
Laws claim No 386986
of No. 325412. (Act Jan. 27/1890)

AFFIDAVIT OF

Nathan A. Beal,
and
Isaac Hill.
both of Rockland
Mass.

FILED
1896
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Justice of the Peace,
Claron Agent.
W. H. Moore & Co.,

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Washington, D. C.

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—This affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions should be carefully observed before writing out the statement. All the facts in the possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be fully set forth, and the dates of treatment should be specifically given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

State of Mass, County of Plymouth, ss:

In the Pension Claim No. 325 412

of Mary J. Bennett widow of Samuel D. Bennett late of Co. C. 56 Regt Mass. Vols & Co. I. 14 Vt. C.
Company and regiment of service, if in the Army, or vessel and rank, if the Navy.

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid
Official character of magistrate.

County and State Charles S. Miller a citizen of Rockland
in the County of Plymouth, and State of Mass.

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 he is a practising physician, and that he has been acquainted with said Soldier for about five years, and that he has before attending said soldier at

Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures

his home he showed me the
or interlineations will be permitted unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.

scar of a wound on his right leg
about two inches above the

ankle of the right leg which
always looked red and inflamed
and the tissue in that region was
osteomatous and sore and tender.

In April 1885 said physician was
called to attend said soldier on account
of a phlebitis and cellulitis which
was present in the right leg and which
seemed to be most violent in the
region of the wound and which finally
necessitated a large opening to evacuate
the pus. That he attended said soldier daily
from March 14-1885 to May 10-1885
when said soldier died
from embolism although no autopsy
was made. That he has written this
statement without any assistance except
his own accounts. That said embolism
phlebitis was evidently caused primarily
by the wound, he has no doubt.

NOTES.

The Physician's Affidavit should show the following facts:

1st. Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment; the length of time he has known him, how intimately, and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition, whether as his family physician or as a neighbor; and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state, adding, if true, that had he been unsound he would have known it.

2d. If he treated claimant while in the service, either as his regimental surgeon or while claimant was home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown, as well as the nature of his disability and dates of treatment.

3d. If he has treated soldier since discharge he should so state, giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with a complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates, as near as possible of the prescriptions.

4th. The extent to which claimant has been able to perform manual labor since discharge.

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He further declares that he has been a practitioner of medicine for fifteen years, and that he has no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Charles S. Millet
Affiant's Signature. Give rank and service, if in the army.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16th day of April, A. D. 1895
and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practising physician in good professional standing ; that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known to him before swearing, including the words _____ erased, and the words _____ added ; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

*Certificate of appointment
as Justice of the Peace
on file in the Pension
Office at Washington, D.C.
Sept 29, 1896*

Laurence J. Donovan
Magistrate's Signature.

Justice of the Peace
Official Character.

I certify that _____, Esq, who has signed his name to the foregoing 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 _____, 189

[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 official character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

General Law.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Affidavit of

Charles S. Millet, M.D.

Rockland Mass.

Claim of

Mary F. Bennett
Widow of
Laurence D. Bennett.

Pt. Co. C.,
U. S. 6 Reg't.

Mass.
4 Co. I. 140th Reg't.
R. C.
for

Additional Pension.
Reply to call of Dec. 3, 1894.

Filed by
Quarant

Justice of the Peace,

Claim Agent.

Wigford, Mass.

Sold by W. H. Moore & Co., Box 686, Washington, D. C.

State of Mass County of Plymouth Town of Rockland

Died in Rockland, May 10th 1885.

Samuel D. Bennett, age 56 yrs 11 mos 13 days

Occupation Shoemaker — cause of death, Cellulitis + heart clot

I CERTIFY that the above is a true copy of the record of Death with
~~the exception of the date, which is expressed on the record in fair legible figures, as follows:—~~

I, E. R. Studley above named, depose and say, that I hold the
 office of Town Clerk in the Town, County and State aforesaid, and that the above is
 a true copy from the records of said town, with the exception above named as certified by me.

E. R. Studley } Town Clerk

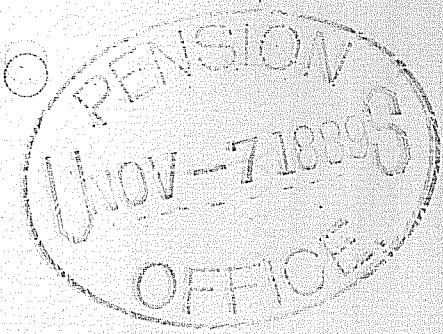
Subscribed and duly sworn to before me, this 28th day
 of January A. D. 1889. I have no interest in this case.

Charles Berne

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Went

May 10, 85



Claim No. 386.986 of
Mary J. Bennett
widow of Samuel D.
Bennett late Co. B.
56 Regt. Mass. vols.
for widows Pension

Filed by
Austin Howard
Milford
Mass

NEIGHBOR'S AFFIDAVIT.

State of *Mass*, County of *Plymouth*, ss:
In the matter of the claim of *Mary J. Bennett, widow of*
Samuel D. Bennett late a
Sgt in Company *C* of the *56* Regiment of *Mass* Vols.
Francis H. Chubbuck, aged *57* years, a resident of *Rockland Mass.*
Charles M. Pearce, aged *50* years, a resident of *Rockland*
whose Post-Office address is *Rockland Mass.*

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

That we are well acquainted with Mary J. Bennett lived a near neighbor to her. We know that she lived with Samuel D. Bennett his wife until he died we were well acquainted with both of them. We also know that she was not divorced and she has not remarried since, and is still his widow.

This affidavit is written by
Chas M Pearce
in the presence of the affiants from their oral statement without any written or printed statements wholly from their memory.

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 $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 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 $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ 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.

They further say that they know these facts from ~~the~~ facts from personal observation and

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

Two Witnesses when signed by mark;

Francis H. Chubbuck
Charles M. Pearce

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6 day of June, A. D. 1896
at Rockland, 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.

Certificate on file
STATE OF Mass., COUNTY OF Plymouth, ss: John B. Seavey
Justice of the Peace

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
late of the Co. 56 Regt.
Mass. vol. & Co. 3. 140 Regt.
FOR Pension, General
Law

No. 286 986 on 6. 25. 412
at 27 1890.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Thomas H. Chubbuck
and
Charles M. Seavey
both of
Rockland, Mass.

John B. Seavey
Justice of the Peace,
Grain Agent,
Rockland, Mass.

(3-128 a.)

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant

Mary J. Bennett

Soldier

Samuel W. Bennett

P. O.

109 Way St., New Haven,

Rank

Corporal, Co. C

County

New Haven, State Conn.

Regiment

56th Mass. Vol. Inf. Trans. to
Co. B, 14th V. R. C.

Rate, \$8 per month, commencing

Aug. 27, 1890,

and \$2 per month additional for each child, as follows:

{ Born, -----, 18 . }	} Commencing -----, 18 .
{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }	
{ Born, -----, 18 . }	} Commencing -----, 18 .
{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }	
{ Born, -----, 18 . }	} Commencing -----, 18 .
{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }	
{ Born, -----, 18 . }	} Commencing -----, 18 .
{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }	
{ Born, -----, 18 . }	} Commencing -----, 18 .
{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }	
{ Born, -----, 18 . }	} Commencing -----, 18 .
{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }	
{ Born, -----, 18 . }	} Commencing -----, 18 .
{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }	

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

All pension to terminate -----, 189--, date of -----

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name

Austin Howard

Fee \$

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Agent to pay.

P. O.

Milford, Mass.

Articles Filed

-----, 189--

APPROVALS:

Submitted for

ad.

Feb. 18, 1892

C. A. Meyers

, Examiner.

Approved for

Admission

Feb. 20, 1892

O. H. Skis

, Legal Reviewer.

(3-128 a.)

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

Drop

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant *Mary J. Bennett*
P. O. *109 Day St. New Haven,*
County *New Haven*, State *Conn.*
Soldier *Daniel H. Bennett*
Rank *Corporal*, Co. *C*
Regiment *56th Mass. Vol. Inf.*
Transferred to 14th V.I.C.
Rate, \$8 per month, commencing *Aug. 11, 1890*, and \$2 per month additional for each child, as follows:

Born,	18 ..	} Commencing	18 ..
Sixteen,	18 ..		
Born,	18 ..	} Commencing	18 ..
Sixteen,	18 ..		
Born,	18 ..	} Commencing	18 ..
Sixteen,	18 ..		
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Sixteen,	18 ..		
Born,	18 ..	} Commencing	18 ..
Sixteen,	18 ..		
Born,	18 ..	} Commencing	18 ..
Sixteen,	18 ..		

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

All pension to terminate, 189..., date of

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name *Austin Leonard*
P. O. *Milford, Mass.*
Fee \$ *1.00* Agent to pay.
Articles Filed, 189...

APPROVALS:

Submitted for *ad.*, *Dec. 28, 1891*, *C. R. Maynor*, Examiner.

Approved for *admission*

Jan. 15, 1892, *A. B. Palmer*, Legal Reviewer.

The soldier was *not* pensioned at \$ per month for

Enlisted *✓* *Feb. 29, 1864* Soldier's app'n filed *✓* *Nov.*, 18 ..

honorably disch'd *✓* *July 15, 1865* Clt's app'n under other laws *✓* *Jan. 17, 1889*

Re-enlisted *✓* *Nov.*, 18 .. Former marriage of *deceased*, 18 ..

honorably disch'd *✓*, 18 .. Death of former *✓* *Apr. 17, 1872*

Died *✓* *May 10, 1885* Clt's marriage to soldier *✓* *June 1, 1881*

Declaration filed *✓* *Aug. 11, 1890* Clt *not* remarried *✓*, 18 ..

Claimant is without other means of support than her daily labor.

Clk. writes

No M.C. 5794 b-25m

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

To be executed before a Court of Record or some Officer thereof having custody of its Seal, or a Notary Public, or a Justice of the Peace, whose Official Signature shall be verified by his own Official Seal, if he has one, or by the proper Clerk, under Seal.

Competent
State of *Litchfield*, County of *Litchfield*, ss:

On this *1st* day of *August*, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety
personally appeared before me, a *Notary Public*
within and for the county and State aforesaid, *Mary J. Bennett*
aged *43* years, a resident of the *City* of *New Haven*,
county of *New Haven*, State of *Conn*, who, being duly sworn
according to law, declares that she is the widow of *Samuel D. Bennett*, who enlisted
under the name of *Saml. D. Bennett*, at *Bolton Mass*,
on the *19* day of *March*, A. D. *1864*, in *Co. B. 56 Regt. Mass*
vol as Pvt.
Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in military service,
or vessel, if in the Navy.

and served at least ninety days in the service of the United States in the late War of the Rebellion, who was
honorably discharged *July 19 1865*, and died *May 8 1885*
The cause of death need not be stated.

That she was married under the name of *Mary J. Farmer* to said
Samuel D. Bennett on the *1* day of *June*, *1881*,
by *Rev. R. T. Sawyer*, at *Milford Mass*, there being no legal
barrier to said marriage.

If there was a former marriage of claimant or her husband, state it here and how dissolved.

That she has not remarried since the death of the said *Samuel D. Bennett*
Name of soldier or sailor.

That she is without other means of support than her daily labor; that names and dates of birth of all the
children now living under sixteen years of age of the soldier are as follows: *no children*

_____, born *_____*, 18 *_____*, born *_____*, 18 *_____*
_____, born *_____*, 18 *_____*, born *_____*, 18 *_____*
_____, born *_____*, 18 *_____*, born *_____*, 18 *_____*

That she has heretofore applied for pension and the number of her former application is *386,986*
Be careful to fill

this part of the blank correctly.

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States under
the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

She hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, *Austin Howard*
Milford, of *Milford*,
State of *Mass*, her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, and to receive
therefor a fee of ten dollars; that her post-office address is *151st*
county of *Litchfield*, State of *Conn*

Attest: 1. *Joseph Barton*
2. *Bertha A. Barton*
Two witnesses who can write sign here.

Mary J. Bennett
Claimant's signature.

...nally appeared Joseph Barton, residing at Kent
Kent, and Rutha Eaton, residing at Kent
persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit,
and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Mary J. Bennett,
the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to
believe from the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance with her of last years and els
years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that they have no interest
in the prosecution of this claim.

Joseph Barton
Rutha S. Eaton
Signature of witnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of August, A. D. 1890,
and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the
applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words deceased erased and the words
Commitment added, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

James H. Gibbs
Signature.
Notary Public
Official character.

NOTES.

- The act of June 27, 1890, requires, in widow's case :
- (1) That the soldier served at least *ninety days* in the war of the rebellion and was *honorably discharged*.
 - (2) Proof of soldier's death (death cause need not have been due to Army service).
 - (3) That widow is "without other means of support than her daily labor."
 - (4) That widow was married to soldier prior to June 27, 1890, date of the act.
 - (5) That all pensions under this act commence from date of receipt of application (executed after the passage of act) in the Pension Bureau.

Noty 12-6-90 25

Mr. Widow 386986
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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.
10876807
WIDOW'S CLAIM.
NOIS
Claimant Mary J. Bennett
Soldier Samuel D. Bennett
Service Priv. Co. B. 56. Regt.
Mass vols.
ADDRESS:
Kent.
vt.
FILED BY
Austin Guard
Judge of the Peace,
W. D. Blair Agent
McClard, Mass.
Date of execution
Printed and sold by W. H. Moore & Co., Box 686,
Washington, D. C.

Claimant's GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Connecticut, County of New Haven, ss:

In the matter of claim for Pension of Mary J. Bennett, widow of Samuel D. Bennett, late W. Co. B. Co. Regt. Mass. vols and V.R. Co.

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County and State, Mary J. Bennett, aged 45 years

citizen of the Town of New Haven, County of New Haven, State of Conn.,
Post-Office address.

, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who,

being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case, as follows: That her present

P.O. address is 109 Day St. New Haven Ct.

[NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.]

She further declares that her aforesaid husband the Samuel D. Bennett named above served as a private in Co. B. of the 56th Regt. of Inf. Mass. vols enlisting for 3 years March 19th 1864. he was transferred June 10. 1865. to V.R. Co. and discharged - July 1865. She says she has with a certificate from Adjt. Genl. of Mass. to prove same.

She further declares that she was never married prior to her marriage to said soldier Samuel D. Bennett and has not remarried since his death. She further declares that she is in precarious circumstances, and in need of her pension and hereby refers to the affidavits of George B. Rich and Alvan B. Burrell sent her with which she believes that the record of her maiden name is a mistake of the clerk as the two names, Farmer and French look so much alike. her name was Farmer and not French.

She further declares that she has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution. It is said Claimant.

1. _____

2. _____

Mary J. Bennett

Signature of Affiant.

NOTE.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark, (†) two persons who can write must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.

The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , 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; that she is a credible person and so reputed in the community in which she reside.

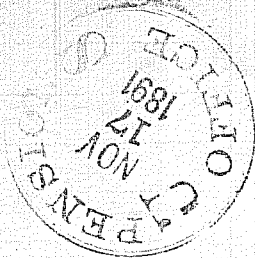
Witness my hand and official seal this 12th day of November 1891

Sign here John G. Chapman
Notary Public

ADD SEAL HERE.
Certificate on file

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.

Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places as near as you can remember, and if of your own personal knowledge and observation, and state how you know what you say to be true.



Check
No 386986
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.
CASE OF
Mary J. Bennett
widow of
Samuel D. Bennett
late Prof. B. S.
Rgt. Mass. Vols. and
Co. J. 14. V. R. Co.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Claimant.

FILED BY

Executive of the Peace,

W. H. Moore & Co., Box 896,

Printed and Sold by W. H. Moore & Co., Box 896,

Washington, D. C.

Claimants
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Boston, Nov. 8— 1888

The name of Samuel R. Bennett
of Bolton

aged 35, occupation _____, is borne upon the
Muster-out Roll of Co. "B" 56th Regt. Mass.
Volunteer Inf. Col. Weld; enlisted

on the 29 day of Feby. 1864, and mustered into
service of United States on the 19 day of Mch 1864,

for 3 years Transf'd as Pvt Co. C. to 14th V.R.C. June 10, 1865. (by G.O. 173. A.G.O.)
Mustered out on the — day of July 1865 from
Ver Res Corps.

Samuel Boston
Adjutant General.

Remarks *X*

4-18-88, 3 M.

She further declares that *she has* no interest in said case, and *is* not concerned in
its prosecution, and *is* not related to said claimant. *Mrs Mary J Bennett*

Affiant's Signature,

P. O. Address,

109 Day st.
New Haven Ct.

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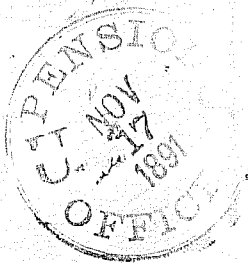
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Nov.
 Milford Mass. ~~Sept~~ 1891
 Hon Andrew Davidson
 Atty. Commissioner of
 Pensions Washington
 D.C.

This Off. of Service
 is filed in order to
 show that said sol-
 dier was in said
 service and the war
 dept. report to you is
 wrong. This also
 coincide with records
 of Mass. records in my
 possession.
 Very Respectfully

Filed by

Austin Howard
 Justice of the Peace,
 U.S. Claim Agent.
 Milford, Mass.



STATE OF Connecticut
COUNTY OF New Haven

ss.

In the matter of the claim for Original Pension of Mary J. Bennett
widow of Samuel D. Bennett
late of Company B. 56 Regt. Mass. and Co. 14. V.R. C. Volunteers,

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County
and State, Mary J. Bennett, aged 46 years,
a resident of New Haven, in the County of New Haven, State of

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

That Her late husband ~~the~~ aforesaid
Samuel D. Bennett was not in
The military or Naval Service of
the United States subsequent to
July 15th 1865. She knows said
fact from having lived with
him as his wife, and hearing
him so state. She has not remarried since
his death, but is still single and very poor, and sick.

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She further declares that she has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in
its prosecution, and is not related to said claimant. Mary J. Bennett

Affiant's Signature,

P. O. Address

109 Day St.
New Haven Ct.

Attest when any affiant signs BY MARK 2 persons sign here.

and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted *him* with its contents before *she* executed the same; that said affiant *is* personally known to me; that *she is a* credible person and so reputed in the community in which *she* resides. I further certify that the words were erased, and the words were added before execution, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Witness my hand and seal this *14th* day of *December* 189*1*

ADD SEAL HERE.

Any erasures or interlineations in the foregoing affidavit should be certified by the Magistrate, in his jurat, as having been made before execution.

John G Chapman
Magistrate's Signature.
Notary Public
Official Character.

certificate on file

NOTE.—This may be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If sworn before a NOTARY or JUSTICE, then the official character and signature of such officer should be verified by certificate of the Clerk of Court, on the form which follows:

I, Clerk of the Court, in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that Esq., who hath signed his name to foregoing affidavit, was, at the time of so doing, a 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 the seal of said Court, this day of 18 ..

..... Clerk.

[L.S.]

Act of June 27, 1890.

Memo Nov 28/91
Original Widow
Nature of Claim.

386.982
Nos.
Claimant, *Wm J. Bennett*
Widow of D. Bennett
Claimant's name and

Lat. 36 Reg. 3
Lat. Reg.
Vol. 3
Vols.
Geo. J. 14 Nov. 1890

AFFIDAVIT OF

Plaintiff
Reply to Call No 3
Act of June 27, 1890.

FILED BY
Austin Howard
Justice of the Peace,
W. J. Green Agent
Millard, Mass.

Sold by
CHARLES K. DARLING & CO., Law Stationers,
15 Exchange Street, Boston.

Wm S. S. S. S.

No 109. Day, at New Haven, Ct. Feb. 1892.

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

In reply to your letter
of January. 30. 1892. to my Attorney
Austin Howard, asking for correct spelling
of my surname. I would state
that the correct spelling of my name
is Bennett. and not "Benett."
I spell it with two letters "nn" as
signed below and if it is on
file as "Benett" it is a mistake.
Very Respectfully.

X Elizabeth Bennett

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I N D E X

TO SPECIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT.

Claim of Mary J. Burnett.

No. 325412

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15. 16	William H. Farnum		F.	"
17	Copy of record of birth	G.		

cf. # 325-412

Mary J. Bennett.
New Haven Ct.

Widow of Samuel L. Bennett.
Co. C. 56th & Co. G. 14th V. R. C.
Berlin Mass.

April 11th 1898.

Hon. H. Clay Evans.

Commissioner of Pensions
Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith the papers with my report in the above cited claim which was referred to the P. E. B. to determine whether soldiers death was due to his military service.

Presumption of prior marriage having developed inquiring on that line was desired.

Of the comrades on list Francis E. Donahoe was not known at the address given the letter carrier has been on that route several years & he says he has not been there since he has been on the route. Joseph W. Knowles was not known at the address given by the service. William Biggs I saw but he was detailed in the Ambulance Corps & did not remember Samuel L. Bennett.

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and I did not take his dep.

Capt. Jas H. Cartwright's deposition tends to nullify his former affid. after a search he produced his "notes & memoranda" which turned out to be a verbatim copy of his affid also his letter to the office in relation to the same. the fact is he had no personal knowledge of any wound or injury.

I searched the records of marriages & births from 1852. to 20. There is no record of any marriage of Mary J. French. but I did find a record of the birth of a child born to Mary J French & Daniel French. as per copy attached. I found three of claimant's relatives 1 nephew & 2. nieces whose testimony is herewith submitted with that of James McEvoy & his wife - near neighbors of the French family where they lived on Erie Alley East Berlin N.J. Round tree. Kendall & Florence are all dead. Leant. French. is a cutter by trade & is supposed to be living in Phila Pa. John & James McNulty are also cutters & live in New York City. their post office & residence can be obtained from the Directory of the Cutters Union of Phila & New York. city.

I do not believe that the claimant has ever been previously married. Nor do I believe that her late husband died as a result of any.

disease or disability contracted during his service -

OK
JCS
I think the claim should be returned to an Examiner at Rockland Mass. to obtain sufficient testimony to either verify or controvert the testimony of Mr Pool as to the alleged injury while working in Bates shop. Mr. states "Bill Bates" still lives and a Mr Leavitt. Mr Leavitt worked with him at the time & they can no doubt give the names of others -

Very respectfully

C. R. Brown

Spinal Examiner -

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New Haven Conn.
 Feby. 14th 1898

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions

Sir,

I have the honor, to herewith submit my report, together with the papers, in claim cif no. 325412, of Mary J. Bennett, widow of Daniel J. Bennett, late of hos. 6th Sth Mass. Vol. Inf. and 9th V.R.C.

The claim was returned to me, with Bureau letter of instructions, for the purpose of obtaining another statement from claimant, on the points at issue.

I informed claimant, that she must furnish information as to parties who would remember Daniel Bennett, in East Boston Mass., otherwise that her claim would certainly be rejected, upon this she got tearful, and said that she had been thinking over the matter, ever since I had seen her before, and that she was now determined to tell all she knew, which she had been ashamed to tell before. She now states that she had a child by Bennett, who had taken advantage of her, when she was only fifteen years old, and had deserted her, and that she had never seen him since. Claimant thinks that Bennett is living in New York City, (having married) street and no.

unknown. She is firm in her allegation,
 that she was never married to Munich.
 I am inclined to believe this latest version.
 George W. Coy, knows nothing see his
 answer to circular letter. Brother
 Stack, has evidently run across this
 man before. Some months ago, when I
 had occasion to see Mr. Coy, in another
 claim, I called at his residence in
 Milford, and was informed that he
 left early in the morning, every day
 for New York, returning at 9 P.M.
 I was handed his business card
 and told that he could be seen
 any day in New York City - that is
 why I did not call on him, as I
 thought he could be seen much
 easier in New York - I still consider
 old law claim of doubtful merit,
 further examination as to prior marriage of
 claimant, is recommended as follows -
 Daniel Penak - Philadelphia New York City
 Ben Penak East Boston Mass.
 James McCarry Dep. " "
 John & James McNulty New York City - "
 ✓ Mr. Rountree dead " "
 ✓ Mr. Flounder - (abolished) " "
 If it is ascertained that claimant

Subscribed
 for

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was never married to Penock, the
claimant should be returned to Rockland
Mass. for further investigation of the
rumor alleged by Penock Pool, before
Special Exr. Read, that soldier
injured his leg while employed at
Bill Bates - shop - claimant states
that Bates is still living and also
refers to A. M. Sawitt, who worked there
with soldier, not previously seen -

Very respectfully

C. F. Jones
Special Examiner

(3-459.)

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At

New Haven Conn

april 3, 1897

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION

Case of

Mary J. Bennett

Ref. No. 325,412

To

Mary J. Bennett, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1897, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at New Haven, County of New Haven and State of Conn., and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all material witnesses will be heard.

And you are further notified that you have the privilege of being present, in person or by attorney, during said special examination, and of cross-examining said witnesses and of introducing any material evidence on your own behalf, if you so desire.

Geo. Jones
Special Examiner.

New Haven Conn

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William Consonline in
the Soldiers Home Chelsea
Mass and Capt
Cartwright of Camp 4
56 Regiment
vol 40

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

Cd No. *3257410*

3-594.

Claimant *Mary J. Bennett*

Soldier *Samuel D. Bennett*

Col. 56th Reg't Mass. Inf.

Enlisted *Feb. 29th*, 1864

Discharged *July 15th*, 1865

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Aug. 2^d*, 1898

Mr. *George Eaton*

20 Rutgers St. Newark, N. J.

Sir:

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

You will please fill out, sign, and return this circular, even though you do not remember the soldier or that he was wounded, disabled, or diseased in the service.

The enclosed official envelope for your reply requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

McKay Brand

Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier, *Samuel D. Bennett*, as a member of your company?

Ans. *yes I do*

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service? *Cure*

Ans. *I Remember he was under the doctor*

Q. If you do remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same. *that is all*

Ans. *I could not say the trouble as I have lost ^{my} memory being wounded and I presume I lost all trace of them in ^{long}*

(Signature:) *George Eaton*

(Address:) *148 Littleton ave*

(In cities, street and number.)

Newark N. J.

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SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

Case No. *325-412*

3-594.

Claimant *Mary J. Bennett*
Soldier *Samuel D.*
Co. *C, 56th* Reg't *Mass. Inf.*

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Enlisted *Feb. 29th*, 18*64*
Trans. to R. C. July *15*, 18*65*
Discharged

Washington, D. C., *Aug. 2^d*, 189*8*

Mr. *Charles King.*

Sir: *310 E. 115th St.*

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

You will please fill out, sign, and return this circular, even though you do not remember the soldier or that he was wounded, disabled, or diseased in the service.

The enclosed official envelope for your reply requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

McKay Grand
Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier, *Samuel D. Bennett*,
as a member of your company?

Ans. *I do. Remember Samuel D. Bennett of Co. C, 56th Mass*

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service?

Ans. *I do not Remember*

Q. If you do remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same.

Ans. _____

(Signature:) *Charles King*

(Address:) *422 E. 115th St.*
(In cities, street and number.)

New York City

W. C. H.

(3-450.)

SEP 14 1898

S. E. D.

No. 325,412

Claimant: *Mary J. Bennett*

Soldier: *Samuel J. Bennett*

P. O. address: *New Haven.*

County: *New Haven* State: *Conn*

Recommendation: *For Exp.*

J. H. H. O. O. O.
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

_____, 189____

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

_____, 189____

Reviewer.

ACTION.

Sept 16, 1898
To Esst. C. N. J. as
to origin, as the report

J. L. Davidson
acting

Commissioner.

GBR
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JMC.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
WASHINGTON.

JUL 16 1901

Certificate No. 325412.	(Docket No. 52940.
)	
Mary J., widow of	(
)	Appeal.
Samuel D. Bennett,	(
)	
Co. C, 56 Mass. Vol. Inft.	(Affirmed.

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CLAIM FOR WIDOW'S PENSION UNDER THE GENERAL LAW.

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It does not satisfactorily appear that soldier's death was due to his military service.

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The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

Samuel D. Bennett enlisted February 29, 1864, in Company C, 56 Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry and was discharged therefrom as corporal July 15, 1865.

It does not appear that he ever received or applied for a pension; he died May 10, 1885, and on February 18, 1892, his widow Mary J., was granted a pension under the act of June 27, 1890, the pension commencing August 22, 1890.

January 17, 1889, the widow applied for a pension under the general law and the same was rejected February 4, 1889, on the ground that the evidence, 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; that the principal witnesses as to origin have been found on cross examination to have no personal knowledge of the facts they had previously sworn to.

February 24, 1899, the widow appealed, claiming injustice.

The claim is based upon a wound in the right leg, alleged to have been received in the battle of the Wilderness in 1864; that the wound finally caused inflammation and suppuration and resulted in an embolism from which soldier suddenly died.

The record is quite voluminous; it is deemed unnecessary to recite the testimony. Witnesses, who in the form of

affidavits, had testified that soldier was wounded in the right leg in battle, and other witnesses who had testified that soldier, on return from the service, was suffering from a wound, were interviewed by special examiners in 1898, and said witnesses were found to possess no personal information whatever that soldier was wounded, or that he suffered therefrom as stated by them.

Indeed, the case on special examination collapsed for want of testimony.

The records show that soldier received a gunshot fracture of the right fore finger in the battle of the wilderness, but there is no record of the alleged wound in the leg. Nor is it conclusively shown that soldier's death was due to "an ulcer" of the leg, which ulcer it was claimed was due to the alleged wound.

The action appealed from is affirmed.

The papers in the case are herewith returned.

Very respectfully

J. L. Campbell
Assistant Secretary.

Assistant Secretary

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The action and award from is returned.

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dier's leg, had testified that soldier was wounded in the right

JUL 31 1901
Board of Review
JUL 19 1901

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Ex'r.

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No.

386.986

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

12 ~~Mary J. Bennett~~
~~109 1/2 High St. Holyoke Mass.~~
~~Widow~~

Samuel D. Bennett
 Pvt. B. C. 56 "Mass. Inf."
 V. R. C.
 Died at Rockland, Mass.
 May 8-85

other claim.

Jan. 22, 1889

M. O. Roberts

Clerk.

Application filed: Jan 17, 1889

Attorney: Austin Howard

P. O.

Milford, Mass.

MASS
 FEB 19 1889

Jan 30-89
 Nov. 1, 89. ~~at~~
 atty. H. C. M. dis. to death,
 N. H. date & name of marriage
 & date of death, husband C. G. M.

~~_____~~
 C. G. M.

Vt. Sept. 10, 90
 atty. H. C. M. entered dis.
 death & my marriage.
 MASS. C. G. M.

R. I. April 7, 91
 H. C. M. for full history
 & N. H. for names
 Conn. address. C. G. M.

July 28, 91 ~~att. atty. addresses of~~
 N. Y. ~~first contacts~~

Dec. 8, 91
 N. H. name & address
 atty. H. C. M.
 DEL.

Dec 9/94 Ch. G. M.
 J. P. Pigitt for
 and Evil showing
 and at discharge
 & reach your to
 about the cause of
 death & poor health

Feby 27/96 Clt 70 1700
 in D Army Cont. from
 discharge in 1870

May 20/96 - R. + P. O. ~~resigning~~ bartwright.
 Howard - divorce.

P. M. Rockland, Brooks, Mansur,
 Dunham, Shaw, Leavitt.

Letters Brooks, ~~Mansur~~, Dunham
 + Shaw + bartwright.

S. E. D. bartwright. K.L.

June 6/96. Howard - add 20. can-
 fully deser. wound legs + effect of
 same on soldier's health. Brooks
 denies making aff. Mansur
 is dead + Dunham + Shaw fail to
 state how long sore lasted, or con-
 dition, symptoms + soldier's com-
 plaints when sore was treated.

Feb 6/97 at N York City
 F.H.

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

File No. 325412

3-594.

Claimant *Mary J. Bennett*

Soldier *Samuel D. Bennett*

Co. *E-56* Reg't *Mass. Vol. Inf.*

Enlisted *X*, 18*X*

Discharged *X*, 18*X*

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *July 1st*, 189*8*

Mr. *Geo. W. Boy*
Milford Conn.

SIR:

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

You will please fill out, sign, and **return** this circular, **even though you do not remember the soldier** or that he was wounded, disabled, or diseased in the service.

The enclosed official envelope for your reply **requires no stamp.**

Very respectfully,

McKay Brandt
Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier, *Samuel D. Bennett*
as a member of your company?

Ans. *He was not a member of my Co.*

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service?

Ans. _____

Q. If you do remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same.

Ans. *I served in Co D and was wounded June 17th 64 - Know nothing about his health or his service in the Regt*

(Signature:) *Geo W Boy*

(Address:) *Milford*
(In cities, street and number.)

Conn

Please answer as soon as possible

S.E. Division.
K.N.

East. Dist.

EX A

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 29, 1898.

Mr. Chas. H. Jonas, Jr.,
Special Examiner,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Herewith are returned to you the papers in pension claim Cert. No. 325,412, Mary J. Bennett, as widow of Samuel Bennett, late of Co. C, 56th Mass. Vol. Inf., together with your report therein which is not satisfactory.

The certified copy of the record of the marriage of this claimant and the soldier raises the presumption that she was previously married to a man named French. Her statement before you tends to confirm this suspicion, although she denies any previous marriage. She admits that she was waited upon for a year by one Daniel French of East Boston, Mass., and that the name French instead of her maiden, Farmer, was given by soldier, when they were married. Claimant's sister's, Ellen A. Dyer's, explanation of the name French in the certified copy of record of marriage is, "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 certificate made out that way".

While the statements of claimant and her sister may be true,

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the doubt that such is the case is not lessened by claimant's statement that she is unable to refer to any one who knew either herself or said French in East Boston. Claimant lived in East Boston, according to her statement, from her birth for 18 years and was there waited upon for a year by said Daniel French. Her statement that she cannot refer to any one who knew either herself or said French there is not credible. You are, therefore, instructed to again call upon her and insist that she give the names (and present post office addresses, if she can) of her associates there and of some who there knew said French. Did said French have any relatives there or elsewhere? If so, what were their names? For the purpose of identification and by way of assisting the Examiner who will investigate the case at East Boston, let claimant state the names of her parents and the street or part of East Boston in which they lived, and other details as well.

Cannot claimant give the names of those employed with soldier when he sustained the injury by falling when at work in the shop of "Bill Bates"?

While the business address of Geo. W. Coy, is as stated in your summary, #90 Front Street, New York City, his residence is Milford, Conn. You are, therefore, instructed to procure his testimony, if material.

You will make this letter an exhibit in your supplemental

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report which you will submit at an early date.

very respectfully,


Commissioner.

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S. E. D.

Co. No. 325412

Claimant: Mary J. Bennett

Soldier: Samuel D. Bennett

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

County: New Haven State: Conn.

Recommendation: Per Exam.

C. H. Jones
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

_____, 189____

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

_____, 189____

Reviewer.

ACTION.

To April 22, 1897
Plymouth Co.,
Mass.
Merits

C. H. Evans

Commissioner.

CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT

DEPOSITION B

Case of

Mary J. Bennett Ct. No. 325412

On this

3d

day of

April

, 189

at

New Haven

, County of

New Haven

State of

Conn.

, before me,

Edmond

, a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Mary J. Bennett

the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

Q. If it should become necessary to further examine your claim, by taking the testimony of witnesses elsewhere, do you desire to be present in person or be represented by an attorney, or both, at such further examination? If so, you will be notified as to the place and time when it is to be made.

A.

No -

Q. Should you change your mind and desire to be present, or be represented by an attorney during any further examination of your case, will you at once address a letter to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.," giving the name and the number of your claim, informing him that you have so changed your mind, and desire to be notified when your claim is to be further examined?

A.

Yes -

Q. State the names of the person or persons and their post-office addresses, instrumental in the prosecution of your claim for pension.

A.

My atty is Austin Howard of
Wieland Mass.

Q. State what contract or contracts you have made with such person or persons for their services in prosecuting your claim for pension, and whether such contract or contracts were written or verbal.

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, Deposition

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A. I have signed the agreement to pay my atty. \$20

Q. State the amount of fees paid by you or at your instance, to whom paid, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction.

A. nothing

Q. Please give me the names of all witnesses that you desire examined elsewhere, with their post-office addresses, and also state what you expect to prove by each witness.

A.

Q. Have you any complaint to make as to the conduct, manner, or fairness of the examination of your claim? If so, please state specifically what it is.

A. No-

Q. Do you desire to introduce any more testimony before me?

A. No-

Mary J Bennett

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3^d day of apl., 1897.

and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Chas Jones

Special Examiner.

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New Haven Conn.
 Sept. 8th, 1897

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions
 Sir,

I have the honor to herewith submit my report, together with the papers, in claim of No. 325,412, of Mary J. Bennett, widow of, Samuel D. Bennett, late of Co. B "56th" Mass. Inf. Regt. and "14th" V.P.C. The claim was referred, for special examination, to determine, whether soldier's death, was due to service. Claimant is a pensioner, under act June 27/90. She was duly advised, of her rights, in the premises, and waived notice, of further examination. Claimant works out, as cook and housekeeper, and her employers state, that she is a good honest woman. She is in poor health, and is not very strong in mind. She claims that soldier's death, was the result, of a G.S.W. of right leg, incurred in service, there is no record of said wound. There are no witnesses in this district.

I consider the claim of doubtful merit, and recommend further examination, as follows:

origins - Capt. Jas. H. Cartwright - # 31 - West St. Boston Mass.

Joseph W. Knowles - # 241 - Boston St. Dorchester "

and others if necessary, as per list -

Condition at discharge and since

Jarvis W. Havitt and G. Prescott Shaw - Rockland Plymouth Co. Mass.

Spencer L. Brooks and Andrew J. Mansur " " "

Andrew S. Dusham " " "

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RJ-5-

" 7-

" 8-

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Cf- 9 Nathan A. Beal and Isaac Hill - Rockland - Plymouth Co. Mass.
 new law Af-6 Geo. J. Birch and Alvin H. Russell - Milford - Worcester Co. "
 Claimants statement page 6 Mrs. Delia W. Shaw - Rockland - Plymouth " "

Treatment

D- Chas. J. Millett - " " " "

I took up this claim at Headquarters,
 in conjunction with other work.

Very respectfully

C. J. Jones Jr.
 Special Examiner

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Claim of Mary J. Bennett, Ctf. No. 375,412

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widow's effno. 375,412
 Mary J. Bennett, widow of
 Samuel D. Bennett, late
 Corp. Co. "C", 56 Mass. Vol. Inf.
 P.O. add, 14 Dixwell Ave. New Haven, Conn.

Newark, N.J. Jan'y 11. 99.
 Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,
 Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge
 the return of the papers and to submit
 my report in the above described
 claim referred for special examination
 to determine whether the
 soldier's death was due to
 his service and sent to this district
 notice given to procure the
 testimony of George Eaton
 as to origin. Mr. Eaton's reply
 to Bureau inquiry, sub Exhibit
 A, report of Special Examiner J. W.
 Moore, indicated he possessed
 some knowledge upon the question
 at issue, but upon cross examination
 I found he had no material knowledge.
 I am of opinion the claim
 is without merit, but in view
 of the practice to exhaust all

data before final action, I re-
 commend further examination as
 to origin as follows:

Mr. Edwin A. Wallace, Vincennes, Ind. C. Mich.
 Robt. Dupuy, No. Greenwood Dale, Wictham Co. Conn.
 and elsewhere as per list, if necessary.

Very respectfully.

Mark J. Maloney,
 Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Bennett, No. 325412

On this 7th day of January, 1899, at
Newark, county of Hesset
 State of N. J., before me, M. J. Maloney, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

George Eaton, 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 55 years of age; my post-office address is 1448 Little-
ton Ave. Newark, N. J. occupation
laborer, formerly farmer

I served as pri. in Co. C, 56th Mass. Vols. from
Nov. 1864 to June 1865. I remember the
 name of Samuel D. Bennett, but I can't
 recall the man now I can't even say if
 he was in my company. I have no know-
 ledge of this man being wounded at
 battle of the Wilderness, May 1864 or at
 any other time and place. I cannot
 recall the man at all.

My attention being called to my
 reply to letter of inquiry addressed
 to me by Special Examiner J. W. Moore
 I explain I must have had some other
 man in mind or recalled him at the
 time, but cannot now. My memory
 has been much impaired by reason
 of wounds in head and sunstroke.
 I now recall the name as being one
 called out in the company but that is
 all I do. I am not interested and
 am correctly recorded herein.

George Eaton

Subscribed before me this
7th day of January 1899 and I certify the
 contents were fully made known to de-
 ponent before signing.

Mark J. Maloney
 Special Examiner

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Chf No. *386,986*

Claimant: *Mary J. Bennett*

Soldier: *Samuel D. Bennett*

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

County: *New York* State: *Connecticut*

Recommendation: *For Examination*

Mark J. Maloney
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

_____, 189____

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

_____, 189____

Reviewer.

ACTION.

_____, 189____

Commissioner.

NEIGHBOR'S AFFIDAVIT.

State of *Mass.*, County of *Plymouth*, ss:
In the matter of the claim of *Mary J. Bennett, widow of Samuel D. Bennett* late a
Pvt. U.S.A. in Company *C* of the *56* Regiment of *Mass* Vols. *4 Co.*
Francis W. Poole, aged _____ years, a resident of *Rockland*
Francis W. Poole, aged *36* years, a resident of *Rockland*
whose Post-Office address is *Rockland Co., Plymouth Mass*
who being sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

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, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 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 $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 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.

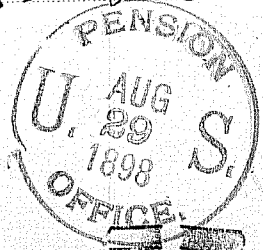
I have known Samuel D. Bennett from boyhood knew him to be a man of more than ordinary physical ability he enlisted in the 56 Mass Vols. was badly wounded and came home of course a physical wreck. he slipped on the stairway in the shop where he was employed. which ^{made} his wound break out anew. I visited him frequently before and after the Deb performed the operation. until he died of Blood Poisoning. I make this statement without comment or citation by others, and that I have no personal interest in the case whatever.
Francis W. Poole

know these facts from *personal knowledge & as above stated.*

I have no interest whatever in his claim, and *am* not related to claimant.

Francis W. Poole

Two Witnesses
when signed
by mark;



Sworn to and subscribed before me, this first day of October, A. D. 189 6
at Rockland, 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.

E. R. Studley
Justice of the Peace

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, ss :

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.

RECEIVED
TESTIMONY
IN THE CLAIMS OF

Mary J. Bennett
widow of
Edward D. Bennett

FOR *Widow's Pension Fund*

Claim - No 386986 - New Laws.
No. 325412

AFFIDAVIT OF

Francis W. Boole
Rockland
Mass.

FILED BY

Justice of the Peace,
Edwin Shepard

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Recd Sept. 12/98.
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Claim of Mary J. Bennett.

С/А № 325-4/2.

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N.Y. City. N.Y. Sept. 13th 1898.

Wm H. Clay Evans.

Care of Pensions.

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith all the papers, and make my report in pension claim ~~of~~ # 325-412. of Mary J. Bennett, widow of Samuel D. Bennett, late of Co C. 56th Mass Inf. and Co G. 14th U. S. Corps. P.O. New Haven, Conn.

Claimant is now pensioned under the Act of June 27th 1890, and is paid through the Boston Agency.

The claim was referred to S. & S. Div. to determine whether soldier's death was due to his military service. Presumption of prior marriage having developed, inquiry on that point was desired.

The claim came to me for further examination, with notice waived to obtain the testimony of Daniel French, who is the person, that is supposed to have married claimant prior to her marriage to soldier,

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Daniel French. Dep. A. Pages 5-68 states that he first became acquainted with claimant, Mary J. Bennett ne Farmer, about the latter part of 1857, or fore part of 1858, but denies emphatically that he ever married her, and never had any intention of doing so, and never lived with her as man and wife, and denies also that he was the father of the child. Affiant left East Boston, Mass, latter part of 1859, and has not seen claimant to speak to her since. He was married in Phila. Pa. in Nov. 1866, and his wife is still living. Affiant impressed me favorably with the candid manner in which he made his statement. In view of the statement of above affiant, and the testimony in the case, it is evident that Daniel French never married claimant, nor lived with her. I am of the opinion that non prior marriage is sufficiently proven, and I did not deem it essential to obtain the statements of John and James

McMully.

I am of the opinion that the claim under the General Law, is of doubtful merit. I would however recommend that the claim first go to Rockland, Rockland Co. Mass. that the following persons be seen, relative to an injury received, alleged by Francis Paul, before Special Ex. Read - Bill Bates, Rockland, do Co. Mass.

B. J. 5-

Mr. J. W. Leavitt

who worked with soldier.

If deemed essential Francis W. Paul might again be seen. In case of opinion in claim, attached to face of this report.

Then if essential elsewhere as to Origin.

List.

Geo. Eaton, 148 Littleton Ave. Newark, N. J.

See his reply, Ex. A. Page - 9

William A. Constantine, Saldini's Home -

Chelsea, Mass. and elsewhere as per list,

Very respectfully,
W. W. Moore.

Special Examiner.

List.

Ps. Char. King, Ex. B. Page. 10 has no knowledge.

W. A. Constantine is in Saldini's Home Chelsea Mass
W. W. Moore 2nd Ex.

Brockton Mass. Jan'y. 10, '98.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to forward together with this report the papers in claim #325,412, Mary J. Bennett widow of Samuel D. Bennett late a Corporal of Co. C 56 Reg. Mass. Vol. Inf. which was referred for special examination to determine whether soldiers death was due to his military service. The claim came to this district to determine merits.

Claimant is now pensioned under Act June 27, 1896, at \$8.00 per month but has a claim under general law pending, in which testimony has been furnished showing soldiers death was due to his Army service.

This claimed soldier received a gun shot wound of right leg which immediately resulted in his death.

There is no record of said wound but Capt James W. Centwright B. 6 testified to origin of same. Said testimony shows he has no personal knowledge of same. The notes he refers to,

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are no doubt contained in a copy of his affidavit.

I have been unable after diligent search, to find any testimony to show said would subsequent to service.

Delia W. Shaw soldier's sister testifies more from hearsay than from personal knowledge. Francis Pool states soldier told him, that he fell just prior to his last sickness, and hurt the leg that he had been wounded in, in the army.

How true this is, I was unable to find out. I interviewed Delia W. Shaw in regard to it, and also Dr. Milled but both said they never heard of such a thing.

Spencer L. Brooks B.J. states the signature to said affidavit is not his, but a comparison with the signature on his ~~affidavit~~ shows them to be identical.

Wm D. Seaver whom he alleges forged his name to the affidavit, is near 70 years old. Said Seaver has been convicted once by the Government for post dating vouchers

but was not imprisoned. He manufactured the evidence in this matter to fit the case.

There are no members of soldiers company in this district that I could ascertain. I interviewed Dennis H. Everson of Rockland Mass. late of Co. D, 56 Mass. who knew soldier well, and he knew of no wound of leg that he incurred in the service.

It is said that Geo. W. Cory of Milford New Haven Co. Conn. knew soldier well in the service, and after discharge, and therefore would know if he was wounded in leg as alleged.

Geo. P. Shaw told me that he heard claimant had been married in New Haven Conn. at some time, but didn't know how true it was.

I recommend that an additional statement be taken from claimant, as to the alleged injury received by her husband just prior to his last sickness.

Andrew J. Mansue B.I. 7 has been dead for some years.

Claimant is of doubtful merit.

Other than above I recommend
further examination as follows:

Origin

B.I.
List
"

Capt. James W. Barthright Boston Mass.
Thomas C. Donahue #108 Everett St. Chelsea "
Wm Biggers #15 Eighth St. East Cambridge "
and elsewhere as per list.

Very respectfully,
F. A. Reed,
Special Examiner.

P.S.

Delia M. Shaw states she has an
interest in claim, but did not wish
it embodied in her deposition. She
said money was borrowed from her
and that claimant was going to
pay it back as soon as she received
her pension.

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New Haven Conn.

July. 25th 1898

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions

Sir,

I have the honor, to herewith submit my report, together with the papers, in claim ref. No. 325,412, of Mary J. Bennett, widow of, Samuel D. Bennett, late of Co. "C" 56th Mass. Vol. Inf. and 9th U. S. R. G. The claim came to me, with Bureau letter, for further examination, as to origin, condition at discharge, and for a thorough investigation, as to legal widowhood - The address of George W. Coy, referred to in report of Spec. Exr. Read, is Genl. Manager Franklin Telephone System, # 90 - Front St. New York City. I searched the New Haven marriage records, up to 1885, date of Soldier's death, without finding his name. Claimant states, that she was born and brought up, in East Boston Mass. where she remained until she was about eighteen, when she went to Guilford Mass. where she lived until her marriage to Soldier. She stated that the reason she came to be married under the name, of Punch, was that she used to go with a man named Daniel Punch, in East Boston Mass. and that she teased Soldier about him, and the latter being under the influence

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of Ajma, when they were married, had the name Punch, in eff. as her name, instead of Farmer. Claimant states that she was never married to this Punch, and does not know whether he is living or not, in this she is backed up, by her sister Mrs. Ellen A. Dyer of good repute, with whom claimant resided, in Weymouth Mass. Claimant states, that the fall on stairs received by Sallie, referred to by Francis M. Pool, before spec. Ex. Bd., amounted to nothing at all, however it may be noticed, that she only acknowledged that there was any such occurrence, when confronted with Geo. Pool's statement. Claimant cannot refer to anyone in East Boston, who would remember her, but a careful search of marriage records, and the probability of finding Daniel Punch alive, may throw considerable light on the subject, some old residents of East Boston, would probably recall Punch, or some of his relatives. I believe claimant's statement, as regards, never having been married to Punch, but think it extremely probable, that they lived together. I see nothing to change my former recommendation, that the claim is of doubtful merit - Further examination is recommended as follows - Origin - Geo. W. Coe - #90 North St. - large city legal writer, at East Boston Mass. for a search of marriage records, and any trace of Daniel Punch, and as per claimant's statement -

very respectfully
 C. H. Jones Jr.
 Special Examiner

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S.E. Division.
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W.A. East. Dist. *Jma*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 13, 1898.

Mr. Charles H. Jonas, Jr.,

Special Examiner,

New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Herewith are returned to you the papers in pension claim Cert. No. 325,412, Mary J. Bennett, as widow of Samuel D. Bennett, late of Co. C, 56th Mass. Vol. Inf., together with your report therein and one of later date by Special Examiner F. A. Read, for further investigation as to origin and condition at discharge as per summary of Mr. Read, and for a thorough investigation as to legal widowhood, claimant to be carefully and rigidly cross-examined in reference to the rumored second marriage of soldier at New Haven and the rumored injury just before his death; also in reference to the discrepancy between her statements and the certified copy of record of her marriage to soldier which certificate indicates that claimant was married to soldier under the name Mary Jane French.

The name Mary Jane Farmer also appears in said certificate. While the certificate affords no explanation of this anomaly, the

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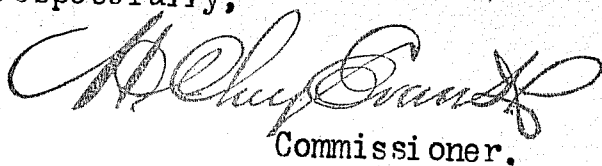
relative positions of the names warrant the conclusion that the record was intended to show that claimant had been previously married- that her maiden name was Farmer and her married name French.

Evidence was filed tending to explain this discrepancy, but in the light of subsequent developments it is not deemed sufficient. At least it should be tested.

It is suggested that the marriage records of New Haven, Conn., be searched for record evidence of the rumored second marriage of soldier, and that claimant be required to give in detail a history of her residence from marriageable age to 1881, and the names and post office addresses of her associates during that period.

Make this letter an exhibit in your supplemental report which should be made at an early date.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION ACase of Mary J. Bennett, No. 386986

On this 4 day of January, 1898, at
Rockland, County of Cheshire,
 State of Maine, before me, J. P. Seal, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared W. Shaw,
 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: Age 73 years. Occupation

Wife. Address, Rockland, Mass.
My acquaintance with Samuel D. Bennett
dates up to his birth. He was the only
brother I ever had.
When he enlisted in the late war
he was living in Acton, Mass. where
he was shoe-making. He came home
soon after the close of the war.
I do not remember in what year
he enlisted. Once during his service
he came home on furlough with
a wounded finger, and I think on
right hand. I know his fore finger
that was injured. I had left
him here in the hospital. He
was being treated for this wounded
finger, which was now destroyed
I think at his discharge he went to Acton
Mass. where he had enlisted,
but shortly after came to Rockland
and took up his abode with me.
At this time he had this wounded
finger, and a wounded leg. He had
some trouble with his leg now,
and always understood that it was
it was a wound. I was the only

leg. that was affected. I know when
 he came home on Sunday with
 his wounded leg, he had this
 wound on top of the leg. I
 pulled down the finger, but
 didn't the leg. I don't saw the
 leg until his last sickness and
 then Dr. Miller showed it.
 I know when he landed with me
 after the war, he had to use a
 crutch at times. Once I remember
 he borrowed Frank's crutch.
 I think he lives here now. He
 was a friend of mine. I think
 the pneumonia & some of my brother's
 death was consumption of the blood.
 He was very badly bloated at his death
 and his blood had turned to water.
 His death was very sudden. I was with
 him one night when his wife
 came to our house and said that he
 had died with a blood clot in
 the heart. I don't think the wound
 of his leg was a serious one, but after
 the doctor found it, I understood
 the blood clot had instead of
 working down it went to the
 heart. His health was never good
 from a nervous system. He would
 tremble the whole of his body
 (shivering) in which he would

John W. Shaw

Deponent.

Given to and subscribed before me this 4 day of January,
 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

DECEASED F. R. Read

Special Examiner.

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION ACase of Mrs. J. Bennett, No. 886986On this 10 day of Aug, 1899, atState of Calif, before me, _____, a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

_____, 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:

suffer much pain, and we would think he wouldn't want to live but a little while. He worked some of course in several different shoe shops, but till he was well. Another trouble was with his kidneys and I think it was kind of a lupin bag. I know he used to take medicine for his kidneys, but I don't know how he was affected. I should say he had this kidney trouble for years or two before he died. The colic spells he had ever after he came out of the army. I think the worst of it was the pain, the cause of death as I think it affected his health ever after. I know of it. He complained as much of it as pain at night and while he worked he would have to keep it bandaged and when he would get home at night, there wouldn't be any relief in his face. He banded it with me for over two years. I don't remember of him ever

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living outside of Mass. after his army service. Before the war he ran an engine in the Prov. and worked on a ship for his summer. He worked in Philadelphia Pa. for a short time but I can't say whether it was before or after his army service.

Ques.

Ans.

When he came to Rockland after his army service what were his symptoms? The effects of him I have before mentioned. He would be taken shaking, then with high fever, and then the severe pain & the shills he had by spells until death.

The only other troubles he had that I knew anything about was the wound of finger, and leg.

At enlistment he was free from all disease and injuries. His leg and fingers were all right then. For all that I don't know I should have heard of it. No for he had no shaking spells followed by fever prior to his army service. When at home he did have a catarrh removed from his right eye, which he thought would keep him out of the service. Sherman, Brooks, Andrew J. Mearns and Francis Pool knew my brother well.

I have no interest in the claim but don't wish it mentioned here. I am correctly recorded here.

John W. Shaw

Deponent.

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of January, 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

DEPOSITION

F. A. Read

Special Examiner.

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(3-446.)

DEPOSITION *B*Case of *Mary J. Bennett*, No. *386986*

On this *4* day of *January*, 1898, at
Rochland, County of *Plymouth*
 State of *Mass.*, before me, *J. H. Read*, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Andrew*
J. D. Dumbaine, 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: *Dear by years. Cepher D. Dumbaine*

Andrew J. Dumbaine *Ad dress, Rochland, Mass.*
 My acquaintance with *Samuel D.*
Bennett began over forty years ago.
 He lived in *Weymouth* in the *land I*
Center *Albany* at that time.
 In the late war we served in
 different organizations. I served
 with him until the time during
 the whole war. I went in
 1861, and came out in 1865.
Bennett always appeared to be
 a well aged, full bodied man. The
 war left him no mark. He was never injured
 or had any disease or never
 knew it. I
 saw him after the close of
 the war but can't say just
 when. When I first met him
 I don't remember that he had
 any trouble. I have a faint re-
 collection of his complaining of
 one leg at some time after his
 service, but my memory is so faint
 in regard to it that it is not reliable.
 I don't remember what he said about
 it, whether it had been injured
 wounded, or what the trouble was.

I never saw the leg and as my
 memory for I don't see anything
 in particular. I don't know for sure
 that he had lost one finger or
 had any trouble with the
 I don't remember that anything
 aided the man until he was
 confined to the house which proved
 to be his last sickness. At this time
 I don't remember the name of the
 and still I say from memory that
 his last sickness I remember me of
 his legs were swollen and thick
 his body. I don't remember any other
 symptoms. I don't remember that I
 part his legs.

He was a sportsman some ten
 or eleven years ago. I don't remember
 that he had any complaint - he was
 very a tender. There was one time when
 we were out and we took a week off
 and went to Rhode Island. At
 this time he seemed to be in good
 health but if I remember exactly
 he complained of aches or pains in
 one of his legs. I don't remember that
 he said he was wounded in the leg,
 neither do I remember which leg was
 affected. I have my signature to affidavit
 you now about, I believe hearing a name
 read can any I ever knew that fact con-
 tained therein they have gone off from
 you. I am sincerely
 I am sincerely
 Deponent.

I was to and recalled before me this 4th day of January,
 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

DECEMBER 7 A. Read

Special Examiner.

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION 7Case of Mary J. Bennett, No. 886986

On this 5 day of January, 1898, at
North Abington, County of Dorchester
 State of Massachusetts, before me, F. R. Beach, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Geo. P.
Beach, 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 48 years. Occupation

Hotel Clerk. Address No. Abington Mass.
My acquaintance with the Bennett's
Bennett's began from my childhood.
He was a much older
than my self but I know him well.
I lived in the same house with
him before he went to war
but haven't since.
I am no relation. My father married
his sister Julia for a second wife.
Some while before he went into
the army he worked and lived in
Acton Mass. At that time he was
in perfect health as far as I know.
I don't remember the date of his
enlistment and discharge. If I ever
testified to same, I have forgotten
it now.
I think he came home from the
army to Rockland Mass. I saw
him soon after he came home
but don't remember about his health.
I being a boy wouldn't know
the first of I know about
his complaints was in the
last few years. I know there
was some trouble he was

but I think a boy don't know when it was or what killed him. Some time prior to death I know he was ill used up with a sore leg and think he pretended it was caused from a wound. I saw the leg at about this time and it was swollen badly and inflamed. I was taken sick soon after him and was in my bed when he died and as should not attend the funeral. I probably knew about this. He troubled a year or so prior to his death. I heard him say some things and another prior to this but don't remember what with. He was a man that I never associated with as he was so much older than myself. I would not have known anything about him if his sister had not married my father.

I have made statements in the clinic and at the time my memory was refreshed by the widow and I did what I could for her as far as I was able. Afterward it has been some time since I signed those papers and because I have forgotten many things I am unable to be recorded here.

George P. Shaw
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.

F. C. Reed
Special Examiner.