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ACTS OF JUNE 27, 1890, AND MAY 9, 1900.  
DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk.

State of Mass., County of Essex, ss:  
On this 1st day of April May, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and eight, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Ida E. Boss, aged 53 years, a resident of Swampscott County of Essex, State of Mass. who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of William H. Boss, who enlisted under the name of William H. Boss, on the 1 day of May, A. D. 1863, as a Mass. H. A. in Company D, in the 3 Regiment of Mass. H. A. Volunteers, and served at least ninety days in the late War of the Rebellion, in the service of the United States, who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED mustered to U. S. A., and died March 27, 1907 at Swampscott - That he was employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above March 27, 1907 at Swampscott that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.)

That he was never employed in the military or naval service of the United States after the day of 18 That she was married under the name of Ida Moreasey to said William H. Boss, on the 20 day of May at Lynn, Mass., there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that she had not been previously married; that her said husband had not been previously married. (4) a prior in bride to John Woods Jr. Oct 19, 1888 at Salem, Mass.; a prior in. groom to Emma Wells who d. at New Sharon Maine 23 yrs ago That she has not remarried since the death of the said William H. Boss

~~That she is without other means of support than her daily labor and an actual net income not exceeding \$250 per year.~~ That the names and dates of birth of all the children of the soldier, now living, and under sixteen years of age, are as follows:

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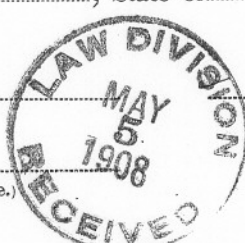
That she has not abandoned the support of any one of her children, but that they are still under her care or maintenance. That no prior application for pension has been filed by herself or the soldier.

(If prior application has been filed, either by soldier or widow, so state, giving number assigned to it.)  
That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States, under the provisions of the acts of June 27, 1890, and May 9, 1900. She hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,

Tolman & Co. of Lynn, Mass. her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS, payable as prescribed by law.

That her POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is 11 Reddington St. Swampscott, County of Essex, State of Massachusetts

ATTEST:  
1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Two witnesses who write sign here.)  
Ida E. Boss.  
(Claimant's Signature—FULL name.)



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SPECIAL NOTICE.—The civil officer before whom this affidavit is executed should be careful to fill in all spaces, both in the caption and jurat.

## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Mass., County of Essex, ss:

In the matter of pension claim of Ida E. Boss,  
widow of Wm H. Boss

ON THIS 1 day of September, A. D. 1910, personally appeared before me  
a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer  
oaths Ida E. Boss aged about 55 years, a resident of Swampscott  
in the County of Essex, and State of Mass.  
whose Post-office address is 11 Redington St., Swampscott.

well known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid  
case as follows: That I am unable to prove that my husband

William H. Boss did not serve in the military or

(NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gains a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.)

naval service of the U. S. prior to May 1, 1863. I have

corresponded with those who served with him but while

they knew him after so many years they have no

recollection. I have no reason to suppose that he served except

as given and am positive he did not.

To the best of my knowledge my said husband, William H.

Boss was born in Charlestown, Mass. about 1842; when

enlisted his home was in Acton although he boarded in Boston;

when I first knew him <sup>he</sup> was about 5 ft. 7 in. tall; blue eyes;

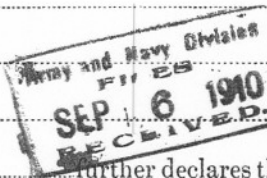
dark curly <sup>hair</sup>; light complexion; had injury to eye, thick glass, caused

by having scissors run into it when a child. He had W. H.

Boss: was pierced in one arm but cannot now recall which

and I think it was on the arm when he enlisted in the army

Mrs. Ida E. Boss.



PENSION B

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Further declares that U. S. has no interest in said case and not concerned in its prosecution.

(Signature of Affiant.)

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

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT,

Jan. 2. 1909 189

I, Milton D. Porter, hereby certify that it appears by the Record of Deaths in said Swampscott, that William Henry Boss,  
Age 64 yrs. 10 Mos. 15 dys. Married,  
died in said Swampscott on the twenty-second day of March  
in the year nine ~~eighteen~~ hundred and ninety ~~ninety~~ seven.

The Record is in the following words and figures to wit:—

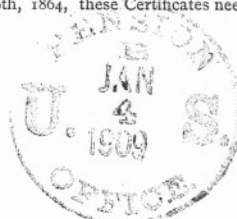
Date of Death, March 22. 1907  
Name and Surname of Diseased, William Henry Boss  
Name and Surname of Father, Robert P. Boss  
Name and Surname of Mother, Hannah Sampson  
By whom Registered, Milton D. Porter Town Clerk.

I, Milton D. Porter above named, depose and say, that I hold the office of Town Clerk of the TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, in the County of Essex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that the Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths, in said Town, are in my custody, and that the above is a true extract from the Record of Deaths, in said Town, as certified by me.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, on the day and year first above written.

Milton D. Porter, Town Clerk.

NOTE.—By decision of the Commissioner of Pensions, Dec. 6th, 1864, these Certificates need not be sworn to. The Seal of the Town is sufficient, without further attestation.





Form No. 43. 500-9-24-07.

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Essex

City of Lynn

The following is a copy from the Record of Marriages in said city:

## GROOM

Name William H. Boss  
 Color .....  
 (If other than white.)  
 Place of residence Lynn  
 Age 47 Years.  
 Occupation Railroad agent  
 Birthplace Charlestown  
 Father's Name Robert P. Boss  
 Maiden Name of Mother Hannah D. —  
 Number of Marriage Second

## BRIDE

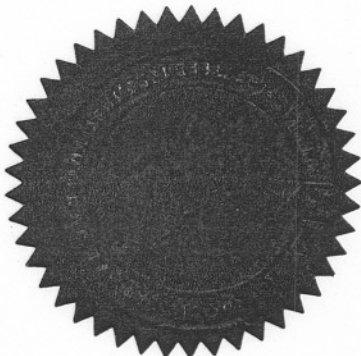
Name Ida E. Morrissey  
 Color .....  
 (If other than white.)  
 Place of residence Lynn  
 Age 34 Years.  
 Occupation At home  
 Birthplace Lewiston, Me.  
 Father's Name Peter —  
 Maiden Name of Mother Hannah —  
 Number of Marriage Second

Name, residence and official station of Person by whom married J. M. Pullman, Clergyman  
 Place of Marriage Lynn

Date of Marriage May 28, 1889

I, Joseph W. Attwill depose and say, that I hold the office of City Clerk, of the City of Lynn, in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that the Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths, in said City, are in my custody, and that the above is a true extract from the Records of Marriages in said City, as certified by me.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the said City of Lynn,



this 2 day of Jan. 1909  
Joseph W. Attwill City Clerk.

NOTE. By a decision of the Commissioner of Pensions, December 6th, 1864, the Certificates need not be sworn to. The seal of a city is sufficient, without further attestation.



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Essex, ss.

At the Superior Court begun and held at Lawrence, within and for the county of Essex, on the first Monday of March, being the fourth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine.

183 Wood, lib'l't. vs. Wood.

Ida E. Wood of Lynn in the county of Essex, libels and represents that she was lawfully married to John L. Wood, now of Malden in the county of Middlesex, in said Commonwealth at Lewiston in the state of Maine on the first day of June, A. D. 1875, and thereafterwards the libellant and the said John L. lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, at said Lynn; that the libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said John L. being wholly regardless of the same, at said Malden at divers times, between the first day of January, A. D. 1888, and the date of this libel, committed the crime of adultery with some lewd woman whose name is to the libellant unknown, and at divers other times, as well as during the time before named, the said John L. has committed the crime of adultery in said Malden and elsewhere with divers women whose names are to the libellant unknown.

Wherefore the libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between the libellant and the said John L. Wood and that she may have authority to resume her maiden name, Ida E. Morrissey.

This libel was entered at June term, to wit, on the first Monday of August, 1888, and continued to September term 1888, when it appeared to the Court that all proceedings required by law had been had upon the same. And the said John L. Wood although solemnly called to come into Court and show cause why the prayer

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of said libellant should not be granted, did not appear, but made default. And the evidence adduced in support of said libel having been heard and understood, the Court were of opinion that the material facts therein alleged, were satisfactorily proved. It was therefore considered and decreed nisi by the Court that the bonds of matrimony theretofore entered into between the said Ida E. Wood and the said John L. Wood for the cause of adultery by the said John L. Wood be dissolved; and that the libellant be allowed to resume her maiden name of Ida E. Morrissey; the decree to be made absolute on the application of either party to the Court, or any justice thereof, after the expiration of six months from the entry of said decree, unless the Court should have sufficient cause, on application of any party interested, otherwise ordered; and now it appearing that said six months have expired, and that no objection has been made; it is ordered, upon the application of the libellant in said cause, that said decree nisi be made absolute, of which all persons interested are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Decree, May 4, 1889.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Essex, ss.

I, Ezra L. Woodbury, Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court, for the County of Essex, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of record.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Superior Court this sixth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine.

*Ezra L. Woodbury*

Asst. CLERK.



JAN 9 1889  
MASS.

Ida E. Boss.

William H. Boss.

U. S. Navy.

Act of April 19, 1908.

Postal address,

129 Elmwood Road, Swampscott, Mass..

Essex Co..

Notice waived.

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Boston, Mass., December 28, 1910.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C..

Sir:-

I have the honor to return herewith all papers and to render my report in the above described claim which was referred to the S.E.Division for special examination to determine whether the sailor had a prior service and to this district for the initial examination.

The claimant was fully advised by me as to her rights and privileges in the premises all of which she waived. She bears a good reputation for truth and veracity and her manner of testifying was favorable.

I have examined the entire roster of the 3 Mass. H. A. and do not find any of the members credited to Acton, Mass. the town where the sailor lived with his father previous to coming to Boston and none of the members of the sailor's company who enlisted from Charlestown, Mass. appear to be pensioned on the rolls of the Boston Agency.

As shown by Exhibit "A" hereof the sailor's name does not appear on the rolls of the Adjutant General of Mass. except for the service noted with papers.

The sailor was a man of excellent standing and reputed to be worth about \$30000 until just a short time before his death he lost about all his fortune in a mining venture. I believe that it was owing to his affluent circumstances that he did not apply for a pension.

The witnesses whose depositions are herein are all of first class standing and truthful and honest.

C. A. Welts, B.J. 12, is a brother of the sailor's first wife



and it is possible he may be able to give some information relative to the question of any prior service.

Original affiant George A. Rogers is the husband of deponent Ella A. Rogers herein and a cousin by marriage only to <sup>the wife of</sup> sailor. He was unable to add anything to his wife's testimony.

Further special examination as to prior service is recommended as follows:-

C. A. Welts, B.J.12, Madison, Somerset Co., Maine.

Very respectfully,

*Edw. J. Sorby*  
Special Examiner.



Form No. 3785.  
Ed. May 31-07-5,000.

**Treasury Department,**

OFFICE OF THE  
AUDITOR FOR THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

92212-EAP November 14, 1908.

Respectfully returned

TO THE

**COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.**

William H. Boss enlisted  
from the Army June 29, 1864,  
serving as follows to March  
6, 1865, when discharged.

Seaman.

PRINCETON....to Jul. 11/64.  
TUNXIS....." Aug. 24/64.

GLAUCUS.

Seaman.....to Aug. 25/64.  
Pay steward.. " Mar. 5/65.  
Seaman....." Mar. 6/65.

REK

Auditor.

Wid. Orig. #894,166.  
Ida E. Boss.  
William H. Boss.

(Commissioner of Pensions.)

[A.G.O. 119-1]

Washington, D. C., JUL 11 1908

The Adjutant General.

EAST DIV.  
JUL 13 1908

Commissioner of Pensions.

Respectfully returned to the

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

(Civil War or War with Spain.)

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE.**

William H. Boss  
attached to 1st Regt. Mass. V. Art.  
Co. 8, 5 Regt. Mass. V. Art.  
age 21, height 5 feet, 6 1/2 inches,  
complexion light, hair brown,  
eyes blue, place of birth Charleston, W. Va.  
occupation clerk  
was enrolled May 1, 1863,  
and discharged June 14, 1864,  
at Fort Warren, D. C. by  
Major of Transfer to  
U. S. Navy.  
From May 9, 18, to Aug. 18,  
he held the rank of private, corps  
8th & private.

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

No medical record found.

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A. & N. Div.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

W.O. 27524,  
Ida E. Boss,  
William H. Boss,  
U. S. Navy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19, 1909.

Messrs. Tolman & Co.,

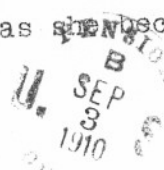
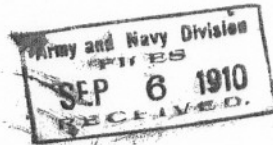
Lynn, Mass.

Sirs:

You are advised in the above-cited claim for pension under the act of April 19, 1908, that the death of the sailor's former wife, Lizzie Boss, should be proved by a verified copy of the public record, or, if no such record exists, by the testimony of the attending physician, or, if claimant is unable to procure the same, by the testimony of credible witnesses who have personal knowledge of the fact and who can fix the exact date of her death.

The testimony of Ella A. and George Rogers, filed May 4, 1908, is not satisfactory on this point as they do not appear to have been present at the time of said wife's death or burial, nor do they fix any exact date thereof.

The claimant should state under oath where the sailor was born, his age, occupation and place of residence at date of enlistment, also give his personal description at that time or as soon thereafter as she became acquainted



with him, including his height, the color of his eyes and and hair and complexion, and the nature and location of any permanent marks or scars on his person. Claimant should file any letters written by the sailor while in the service, or any papers bearing his signature made during or near the time he was in the service, as well as his certificate of discharge, if in her possession.

The testimony of a credible witness having personal knowledge of the fact should be furnished, showing whether the sailor rendered any service in the army or navy of the United States prior to May 1, 1863; and, if so, the name of the company and number of the regiment to which he belonged, if in the army, or the names of all vessels on which he served, if in the navy, with dates of enlistment and discharge should be given.

Very respectfully,

*J. Warner*  
Commissioner.

