

Act of April 19, 1908.

## DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

STATE OF CaliforniaCOUNTY OF Los Angeles

ss:

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and eight personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Catharine Bass, aged 60 years, a resident of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles State of California, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain pension under the provisions of the ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED April 19, 1908.

That she is the widow of John H. Bass, who was enrolled under the name of John H. Bass, at Reedville Mass. on the Eleventh day of July, 1864 as a Private in Co E 16th Regiment Massachusetts Infy. and honorably discharged October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1864, having served ninety days or more during the late civil war.

That he also served As Private in Co E 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion Infy. Mass. Veteran Volunteers and discharged from same August 26<sup>th</sup> 1865 at Savannah Georgia.

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

That she was married under the name of Catherine Gibbons to said soldier at Boston Mass. on the Twenty third day of January, 1869, by O. J. Walker Pastor of Boston Square Church that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had not been previously married; that the soldier had not been previously married, (If there was a prior marriage of either, the date and place of death or divorce of former consort or consorts should be stated.)

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

That the said soldier died October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1908, at Winchester Massachusetts that she was not divorced from him, and that she was not remarried since his death.

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

\_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.

That she has not heretofore applied for pension. (If prior application has been made, the number thereof, the service on which it was based, and the name of the soldier should be stated.)

That she hereby appoints none, of \_\_\_\_\_, her true and lawful Attorney, to prosecute her claim, and she directs that the sum of Ten Dollars be paid to said Attorney.

That her post-office address is 2633 E. First St Los Angeles County of Los Angeles State of California

Attest: (1) Geo. S. Myers

(2) Elizabeth Woodworth

Catharine Bass  
(Claimant's signature in full.)

Also personally appeared Claude Myers, residing in Los Angeles California, and Louie Woodworth, residing in Los Angeles California, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being

by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Catharine Bass, the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her of four years and two years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Claude Myers  
Louie Woodworth  
(Signatures of witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, A. D. 1908 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words O. J. Walker, Boston and Gibbons, erased, and the words O. J. Walker, Bow and Bass, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Geo. S. Myers  
(Signature)  
Notary Public  
(Official character.)

Validity accepted  
S. A. Cuddy,  
Chief, Law Division  
per JTM 1 5 09



# Town of Winchester,

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

FROM THE RECORDS OF DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER,  
MASSACHUSETTS, U. S. A.

1. Date of Death, - -	October 28 1908
2. Name, - - - -	John H. Cass
Maiden Name, - -	
3. Sex, and whether Single, - -	male
Married, or Widowed, - -	married
4. Color, - - - -	White
5. Age, - - - -	61 Years 10 Months 5 Days
6. Disease or Cause of Death, - -	Arterio Sclerosis
7. Residence, - - - -	18 Glen Road
8. Occupation, - - - -	Retired
9. Place of Death, - - - -	Same
10. Place of Birth, - - - -	Charlestown mass
11. Name of Father, - - - -	Geo H. Cass
12. Name of Mother, - - - - (Maiden Name)	Elvira Plummer
13. Birthplace of Father, - - - -	New Hampshire
14. Birthplace of Mother, - - - -	Amesbury mass
15. Place of Interment, - - - -	Mount Auburn

I, Geo H. Carter depose and say,

that I hold the office of Town Clerk of the Town of Winchester, County of Middlesex, 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 Records of Deaths in said Town, as certified by me.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of said Town, on the ninth

day of January 1909

Geo. H. Carter  
Town Clerk.

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EDWARD W. MCGLENEN,  
CITY REGISTRAR.

## REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.—CITY OF BOSTON.

County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

5 OLD COURT HOUSE.

Boston, April 16 1909

I, *E. W. McGlenen* hereby certify that I hold the office of  
 City Registrar of the City of Boston, as created by Chap. 314 of  
 Acts of 1892, and have the custody of the records relating to Births,  
 Marriages and Deaths, in said City; and I further certify that it appears  
 by the said Records, that *John H. Cape, 21 yrs., first marriage*  
*and Catharine Gibbons, 23 yrs., first marriage*  
*were married in Boston, January 23, 1869 by*  
*Rev. O. J. Walker*



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*E. W. McGlenen* City Registrar.

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

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

INCORPORATED.		ANNEXED.
Roxbury,	September 28, 1630.	January 6, 1868.
Dorchester,	September 7, 1630.	January 3, 1870.
South Boston (Part of Dorchester).		March 6, 1804.

INCORPORATED.		ANNEXED.
Charlestown,	June 24, 1629.	January 5, 1874.
Brighton,	February 24, 1807.	January 5, 1874.
West Roxbury,	May 24, 1851.	January 5, 1874.



Eastern Division

Wid, Orig, No 111, 012

Catherine Cass

John H. Cass

E, 26 Mass. Vol. Inf.

## Affidavit

(GENERAL)

State of California

ss

County of Los AngelesSarah Mac Connell

being duly sworn

deposes and says:

I knew Catherine G. Cass before she was of marriageable age. I have known her intimately ever since, having come to California with her. I know that she was never married except to John H. Cass and she has not re-married since his death. Mrs Cass was abandoned by her late husband in the year 1888 after which she supported two daughters at her own expense and by hard work.

I attended the worlds fair in Chicago in the year 1893 at which time I met John H. Cass who then told me that he never intended to apply for divorce from his wife Catherine G. Cass and that he never intended to re-marry.

I knew him, as I did Mrs Cass, before he was of marriageable age, having lived near them. I am sure he was a creditable person and that he was never married except to Mrs Cass. My age is 65 years.

I have no interest in claim of Mrs Cass for Pension. My address is 2633 East First St Los Angeles California

Subscribed and sworn to before me

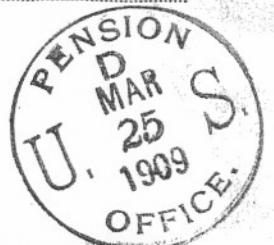
this First day of February A. D. 1909

Geo. S. Myers  
Notary Public.

Sarah Mac ConnellIn and for the County of Los AngelesState of California

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Dead!





Western Division  
 Wid. Orig. No 911,012  
 Catherine Cass  
 John H. Cass  
 E, 26 Mass. Vol. Inf.

# Affidavit

(GENERAL)

State of California

SS

County of Los Angeles

Lottie E. Hall

being duly sworn

deposes and says: I am the daughter of Catherine  
Cass. My mother and myself have lived  
together or near each other since I can  
remember. She has never been divorced from  
my father and certainly never re-married  
or contemplated being married again.

My age is      years. My Post Office address  
is 2633 E. First St Los Angeles California

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1909

Geo. S. Myers  
 Notary Public.

Lottie E. Hall.

In and for the \_\_\_\_\_ County of Los Angeles

State of California

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*[Handwritten signature]*



Eastern Div.  
 Wid. Orig.  
 No. 911012  
 Catherine Cass  
 John H. Cass  
 E.26 Mass. Vol. Infy.

## AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Illinois  
 COUNTY OF Cook )SS

John R. Schofield Being duly sworn, deposes and says: In  
 the claim of Catherine Cass for pension, I hereby certify as follows:

I became acquainted with John H. Cass after he came to Chicago, which as  
 near as I can remember was in July 1880. I knew him until he returned to  
 Boston in the year 1908.

For a part of the time he was connected with the same business as  
 myself.

To my knowledge he did not remarry during that time.

I am in no way interested in the claim of Catherine Cass for Pension.

John A. Schofield  
9 N. Randolph St  
Chicago, Ill.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
 this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1909

Adolph J. Kaiser  
 Notary Public  
 in and for the County of Cook  
 State of Illinois



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EAST. DIV.  
 MAY 20 1909  
 RECEIVED

3-1876.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,**  
**BUREAU OF PENSIONS,**  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.,**

Boston, Mass. April 9, 1910.

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

Sir,-

I have the honor to return herewith, together with my report all the papers in claim No. 911,012, Catharine Cass, widow of John H. Cass, late of Co. E 6. Mass. Inf. and Co. E. 26. Mass. Inf. P. O. Address, No. 2688, East First Street, Los Angeles, Cal. Claim under the Act of April 19, 1908.

This claim was referred to the S.E. Division to determine whether the claimant is the legal widow of the soldier, and to this district, notice waived, for the testimony of Mrs. Mary Seavey, Mary Hiller, and mother, and Donna Maria Ladd, (sister of soldier) and for search of divorce records.

I submit the depositions of Donna Maria Ladd, and Rebecca R. Hiller, both are of good reputation and impressed me as honest. I talked with Mary Hiller, the daughter of Rebecca R. Hiller, and as she corroborated all that her mother said, and added nothing new, I did not take her deposition. Mrs. Mary Seavey, is a woman for whom the claimant did domestic work, at Mattapoisett, Mass. during the Summer season, as I was informed by Mrs. Hiller. Mrs. Seavey is now in San Diego, Cal. and will not return until after May 1st. As I am satisfied that she would not add anything to the evidence now in the case I believe that it is unnecessary to hold the case longer in this district.

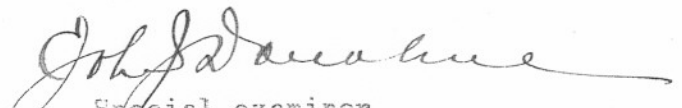
I examined the books referred to in the statement of Rebecca R. Hiller, and found them to be a set of mercantile records of John H. Cass, the records show accounts covering dates from Sept. 1876 to July 23, 1880.

Search of records for divorce in Suffolk, Bristol and Plymouth Counties Mass. shows no record of divorce between claimant and the soldier.

I submit the case for further examination, as follows, for the testimony of, Maud Reynolds, wife of William Reynolds, Colorado Springs, Col.

✓ Search of divorce records El Paso Co. Col. Milwaukee Co. Wis. and Vermilion Co. Illinois, or as may appear necessary from replies to Bureau letters, as per slip attached to face of report No. 2.

Very respectfully,

  
 Special examiner.

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# DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

Act of June 27, 1890.

This may be executed before any Person Authorized by Law to Administer Oaths for General Purposes. The Certificate of the Clerk of the Court need NOT be attached; but will be procured hereafter if called for.

State of Ill County of Cook ss:

On the date hereinafter mentioned, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public (Title of Magistrate.) within and for the County and State aforesaid John H. Leass (Name of Applicant.), aged 51

years, a resident of the City of Chicago County of Cook

State of Ill, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical John H. Leass (Name under which service was rendered.) who was ENROLLED on the

day of Aug, 1865, in Co E 26 Regt Batt Mass (Here state rank, company and regiment, in military service; or vessel, if in the Navy.)

Inf. Ws Va in the war of the Rebellion, and served not less than ninety days, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Savannah Ga, on

the 26 day of Aug 1865, That he is to a material extent disqualified from earning a support by manual labor, by reason of Lacumotor Ataxia (Here name all diseases, wounds or injuries from which disabled for manual labor.)

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent. That he has not served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, otherwise than as above stated, except Co E 6 Mass Inf July 64 to Oct 64 (State other service, if any.)

That he is not a pensioner, No prior application (If a pensioner, so state, giving certificate number; if not a pensioner, so state; if a prior application is pending, so state, giving case number.) filed No service prior to July 64 or subsequent to Aug

That he 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. He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution, MILO B. STEVENS & CO., of Chicago, Ill, their successors or legal representatives, his true and lawful attorneys to prosecute his claim under said law, and agrees that they shall be allowed and paid, upon the issuance of a certificate, a fee of ten dollars.

That his POSTOFFICE ADDRESS is 617 N. Clark St CHICAGO, ILL.

John H. Leass (Signature of Claimant.)

(Two Witnesses who can write, sign here.)

ATTY FILED

N. B.—Examiners should be particular to have affiants sign on the line next below the closing words of their depositions, so as to leave little or no space between their signatures and the end of their depositions.

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## DEPOSITION *A*

Case of *Catharine Cass*, No. *9111012*

On this *9th* day of *December*, 190*9*, at *Los Angeles*, County of *Los Angeles*, State of *California*, before me, *F. W. Tuckman* a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *Catharine Cass*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I am *64* years of age; my post-office address is *2633 East First St.*

*Los Angeles, Cal. No occupation.*  
*I am the widow of John H. Cass,*  
*who served as private in co. E. 6th*  
*Mass. Inf. from July 11, 1864, to Oct. 27,*  
*1864, and in co. E. 26 Mass. Inf. from*  
*Feb. 13, 1865, to Aug. 28, 1865. I show you*  
*his discharge papers. [Discharge cer-*  
*tificates exhibited, showing above name, ser-*  
*vice, and dates. - F. W. T. Ex.] My husband*  
*enlisted but twice, so far as I am*  
*informed, and I never heard that*  
*he was in the navy. He drew pension.*  
*I have never received a pension, nor*  
*the balance of pension due him.*  
*I have made only one application*  
*for pension. I made it here in Los*  
*Angeles about a year ago, before*  
*Mr. Myers, notary public. The application*  
*now shows me, dated Dec. 29, 1908,*  
*bears my signature, and is my original*  
*application. The explanation of the*  
*erasure is this: Mr. Myers told me to*  
*write my full name, and I started*  
*to write it "Catharine Gibbons Cass," and*  
*had written the word "Gibbons," when I*

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26 was told it was not necessary to write  
 27 "Gibbons," and Mr. Myers erased "Gibbons,"  
 28 and then I wrote Cass. Gibbons was  
 29 my maiden name. I am known  
 30 here as Catharine Cass. At the time I  
 31 wrote said signature I had a tumor  
 32 on my forefinger and wrote with  
 33 difficulty. My husband John H. Cass,  
 34 died at Winchester, Mass., on Oct. 28,  
 35 1908. I do not remember the cause  
 36 of his death. I was married to John  
 37 H. Cass, in Boston, Mass., on Jan. 23,  
 38 1869, by Rev. O. T. Walker, pastor of Broad  
 39 Square Church, at the house of said Rev. O. T.  
 40 Walker, and his daughter was the  
 41 only witness. I do not remember her  
 42 name. She was the only witness. I  
 43 have here my original marriage cer-  
 44 tificate, given me at the time of the  
 45 marriage, by Mr. Walker. [Exhibits little  
 46 volume entitled: "The Christian Ministers Affec-  
 47 tionate Advice to a Married Couple," containing  
 48 certificate of marriage, showing names and  
 49 dates as above stated. No date of publication  
 50 shown. P. M. T.] I was not married before  
 51 my marriage to John H. Cass. Neither  
 52 had John H. Cass been married before  
 53 his marriage to me. I knew him  
 54 between two and three years before  
 55 our marriage. He came to board  
 56 where I was boarding. That is how  
 57 I got acquainted with him. We  
 58 had four children, viz: Hattie Sarah,  
 59 born April 4, 1870, at No. 5 Seabury Place,  
 60 Boston; John Henry Cass, Jr., born Nov. 22,  
 61 1871, at No. 35 Lexington St., Charlestown;  
 62 Letta Ella, born March 19, 1875, at 6 Truitt  
 63 St., Charlestown; Helen M., born Nov. 17, 1880,



64 Newton St., Boston, Mass. Of these children  
 65 the two oldest are deceased. The two  
 66 younger are with me here, viz. Mrs. Lottie  
 67 E. Hall, and Mrs. Helen M. Babbe. My  
 68 husband John H. Cass and I did not  
 69 live together continuously from the  
 70 date of our marriage to the date of  
 71 his death. We lived together contin-  
 72 uously up to July 6, 1880, four months  
 73 before my youngest daughter was  
 74 born, when our separation occurred.  
 75 and we were not together after said  
 76 date. We were never divorced nor  
 77 legally separated. I never applied for  
 78 a divorce from John H. Cass. Nor did  
 79 John H. Cass ever apply for divorce  
 80 from me, so far as I know. I never  
 81 received notice of any suit for di-  
 82 vorce instituted by him, and I was  
 83 never informed that he ever entered  
 84 suit for divorce from me. I have  
 85 not remained since our separation, nor  
 86 since the death of John H. Cass. We  
 87 lived together in Boston and Charlestown  
 88 Mass. up to the time of our separation.  
 89 When the separation occurred we were  
 90 living in Charlestown, Mass. on Parker  
 91 Hill Street. He left me. I did not  
 92 leave him. He left his business,  
 93 and for two or three years I did not  
 94 know where he was, nor what had  
 95 happened to him. He was a house-  
 96 and sign-painter, and had a shop  
 97 in Boston. I let his brother take pos-  
 98 session of the shop, and he cheated  
 99 me out of everything. Right after my  
 100 husband went away I went to live  
 101 with my sister, Sarah Mac Cornell,  
 102 in Boston, now dead. At that time my

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103 two oldest children were dead, and  
 104 my youngest child not yet born. She  
 105 was born at my sister's. After a time  
 106 I took rooms by myself, in Boston.  
 107 I do not remember the street. My sister  
 108 lived on Newland St. when I was with  
 109 her. That is where Helen was born, not  
 110 Boston, but Newland St. When Helen  
 111 was about two years old, we moved  
 112 to Mattapoisett, Mass., and my sister  
 113 went also. I had to work for my living.  
 114 I did sewing. I remained at Matta-  
 115 poisett, Mass. until Oct. of the year of  
 116 the World's Fair at Chicago, when we moved  
 117 to Colorado Springs, Colo. My sister  
 118 had gone to Colorado Springs a year  
 119 before we did. We went there because  
 120 she did. I came from Colorado Springs,  
 121 to Los Angeles nine years ago, as near  
 122 as I can remember, and have been  
 123 here ever since. My sister came here  
 124 a year before I did. She died here  
 125 in October of this year. - After my  
 126 husband left me, I first learned of  
 127 his whereabouts while I was at  
 128 Mattapoisett. My sister, when on her  
 129 way to Colorado Springs, stopped at  
 130 Chicago, and she, or her daughter looked  
 131 for his name in the directory, and found  
 132 it, and went to see him. They found

Catharine Carr

Deponent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dec.  
 1909, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent  
 before signing.

F. W. Tuckerman

Special Examiner.

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## DEPOSITION *A*

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1 him at a place called the "Tray  
2 Lunch Room", near the depot. I think  
3 it was on Adams St. number unknown.  
4 They had a talk with him, and he  
5 took them to dinner, and hired a carriage  
6 and took them to see the building that  
7 were being erected for the World's Fair.  
8 My sister asked him if he had mar-  
9 ried again, and he said, "No. Do you  
10 suppose I want a rope around my  
11 neck?" I do not know that she asked  
12 him pointedly as to divorce, nor that  
13 she asked him as to the cause of his  
14 desertion. But she did ask him  
15 if he would do something for the  
16 girls, and he refused, saying they did  
17 not care for him. He never did  
18 do anything for them after he left  
19 me. My sister wrote me of this  
20 correcting my husband. She wrote me  
21 from Colorado Springs. That was the  
22 first definite report I had as to the  
23 whereabouts of my husband after he  
24 left home. I had suspicion he was  
25 there, however. I think it was his



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26 aunt, Ellen Mason, who told me he  
 27 was in Chicago, and that she heard it  
 28 through his family. But I never wrote  
 29 to him. When I passed through Chicago  
 30 I did not go to see him. I proposed to  
 31 my children to go to see him, but they  
 32 would not consent, so I did not go.  
 33 After I came West I had no definite  
 34 information as to his whereabouts ex-  
 35 cept once, before his death. That once  
 36 was when a gentleman who was  
 37 boarding at my sister's in Colorado  
 38 Springs, went to Chicago, and looked  
 39 him up, and wrote my sister that  
 40 he was boarding in a private family  
 41 and was regarded as a bachelor. The  
 42 name and address of the family I do  
 43 not know. The name and address of  
 44 the gentleman who wrote the letter I can  
 45 not remember. I believe my husband  
 46 was in the same business before stated.  
 47 After his death I learned of his  
 48 death by a letter from his sister, Maria  
 49 Ladd, 18 Glenwood Road, Winchester, Mass.  
 50 She sent me his pension papers and  
 51 his discharge certificates. She informed  
 52 me he used to make visits to Winchester  
 53 from Chicago, and that he was in the  
 54 Soldiers' Home a short time. So far as  
 55 I know or am informed, the only  
 56 places where my husband was after  
 57 he left me were Chicago, and the  
 58 Soldiers' Home, and Winchester, Mass.  
 59 I do not know in what branches of  
 60 the Soldiers' Home he was. My husband  
 61 was born at Charlestown, Mass. His father  
 62 was Geo. Cass. I know him. He is dead.  
 63 His mother was Almira Plummer. She

64 was divorced, and remarried a Mr.  
 65 Schackford, a street car conductor.  
 66 I do not know whether she is living.  
 67 I do not know his first name. He ran  
 68 on a street car in Boston. They lived  
 69 in Boston. I am not sure where, but  
 70 think Shawmut Ave. - My husband had  
 71 but one brother, named Nathan. He  
 72 is dead. I learned of it through my  
 73 husband's cousin, Harriet Butler, widow,  
 74 of George Butler, the man who started the  
 75 five and ten cent store. I do not know her  
 76 address. My husband had only one  
 77 sister, Maria Ladd, 18 Glenwood Road, Win-  
 78 chester, Mass. - I was born in St. John, N. B.,  
 79 lived there until I was about thirteen  
 80 years old and then went to Boston  
 81 and lived there until my marriage.  
 82 My father died when I was four years old,  
 83 and my mother died shortly before  
 84 I went to Boston. I had no brothers, and  
 85 only one sister, Sarah MacConnell,  
 86 now deceased. - Mrs. Ella Nason, Hyde  
 87 Park Hotel, Chicago, knew me in Boston  
 88 before my marriage. I was living at her  
 89 house when I met my husband. She  
 90 was keeping a boarding house. I do  
 91 not remember any one else now living  
 92 who knew me before my marriage.  
 93 Mrs. Nason is my husband's aunt  
 94 by marriage. At Mattapoisett I  
 95 was well known to Mrs. Mary Seavey,  
 96 who spent her summers there, but  
 97 lives in Boston. Address in Boston  
 98 unknown. Mrs. Mary Keller and  
 99 her mother knew me at Mattapoi-  
 100 sett. They live there yet. At Colorado  
 101 Springs I was known to Mrs. Maud  
 102 Fowler, now Mrs. Will Reginald, Mr.



DEPOSITION BCase of Catharine Bass, No. 911,012.

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1909, at Los Angeles, county of Los Angeles State of California, before me, J. W. Tuckerman, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Lettie E. Hall, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

1 I am 34 years of age, wife of Charles  
 2 T. Hall. Address: 2633 East First Street.  
 3 Los Angeles, Cal. I am the eldest  
 4 living child of John H. Bass and  
 5 Catharine Bass. I recollect my  
 6 father. I last saw him in Charle-  
 7 town, Mass., when I was in my sixth  
 8 year. I have always lived with  
 9 my mother except nine months when  
 10 I was in Tucson and here, and she  
 11 was in Colorado Springs. We lived in  
 12 Chaileitown, Boston and Mattapoisett,  
 13 Mass., Colorado Springs, Colo., and here.  
 14 While my mother lived at Colorado  
 15 Springs, Colo., I went to Tucson, Ariz.,  
 16 and then came here, and my mother  
 17 came from Colorado Springs here  
 18 a short time after I came here. I  
 19 never saw my father after I was  
 20 in my sixth year. I never received  
 21 a letter from <sup>him</sup> I wrote to him twice,  
 22 once from Mass., and once from  
 23 Colorado. I wrote to him in Chicago,  
 24 one of the Frog Lunch Rooms on Adams  
 25 Street, the number I have forgotten. I  
 26 learned where he was through my aunt,  
 27 Mrs. MacAnnell, now deceased. I knew  
 28 of my own knowledge that my father had  
 29 left my mother and me. I missed him



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30 especially at Christmas time. I under-  
 31 stood from those early years that he  
 32 had deserted us. So far as I know and  
 33 am informed my father never was  
 34 divorced from my mother. I know  
 35 my mother never applied for or re-  
 36 ceived a divorce from my father, and  
 37 that she never remarried after he  
 38 left us, nor since his death. The  
 39 places where he lived after he left  
 40 us, so far as I have been informed  
 41 were Chicago and Winchester, Mass.  
 42 We were informed of his death at  
 43 Winchester, Mass., by my aunt Mrs.  
 44 Ladd. She learned of our whereabouts  
 45 through my wedding announcement,  
 46 which she found in his trunk.  
 47 My aunt, Sarah MacDonnell told  
 48 us of meeting him in Chicago when  
 49 she was on her way to Colorado, and  
 50 that she asked him if he had remarried,  
 51 and that he said he had not and never  
 52 expected to. I do not think that anything  
 53 was said about divorce. - We lived one  
 54 winter in Braintree, Mass., going there from  
 55 Mattapoisett and returning to Mattapoisett.  
 56 I have no pecuniary interest in this  
 57 claim. The affidavit shown and read over  
 58 (B. J. C.) bears my signature. It is correct. I  
 59 have understood the questions asked me.  
 60 I have heard this deposition read. My  
 61 answers are correctly recorded herein with "him" inserted.

Lottie E. Hall.

Deponent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dec.  
 1907, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent  
 before signing.

F. W. Tuckerman.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION 6Case of Catharine Bass, No. 911,012

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1909, at Los Angeles, county of Los Angeles State of California, before me, F. M. Tuckerman, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Heleen M. Babb, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

1 I am 29 years of age. wife of Amos  
2 S. Babb. Address: 2633 East First  
3 St., Los Angeles, Cal. Catharine Bass  
4 the claimant is my mother. I have  
5 always lived with her. I have not  
6 been separated from her at all.  
7 I never saw my father John H.  
8 Bass. When I became old enough  
9 to learn about him I was told  
10 he had deserted my mother and  
11 that he was in Chicago. I learned  
12 of his death through my aunt Mrs.  
13 Gadd. So far as I know and am  
14 informed, he never was divorced  
15 from my mother. I know my  
16 mother has never been divorced  
17 from him since I became old  
18 enough to understand what a  
19 divorce is, and I never heard of  
20 any divorce between them having  
21 been decreed at any time, and I  
22 do not believe there was any such  
23 divorce. I heard my aunt Mrs.  
24 Sarah MacConnell speak of having  
25 met my father in Chicago. It was  
26 she was on her way to Colorado, and  
27 after conversation with him, in  
28 the course of which he stated that  
29 he had not remarried. My aunt

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30 is now deceased. I have been  
 31 informed that my father lived in  
 32 Chicago, and died in Winchester, Mass.  
 33 Since his death I have been informed  
 34 that he was for a short time in the  
 35 Soldiers Home. Mrs. Ladd, my aunt,  
 36 informed us, but I did not learn  
 37 which branch of the House he  
 38 was in. The above named  
 39 places are the only places I  
 40 learned of his being in. I have  
 41 no pecuniary interest in this  
 42 claim. I had understood the  
 43 questions asked me. I have heard  
 44 this deposition read. It is correct.

x Helen M. Babb.

Deponent

Deponent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dec.  
 1909, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent  
 before signing.

F. W. Trickerian,  
 Special Examiner.



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9, 1910.

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The Clerk of the Court,  
Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin.

Sir:

For use in pension claim, W. O. No. 911,012, please advise this Bureau whether or not the records of your county show any divorce proceedings to which Catherine Cass and John H. Cass were parties, during the time from 1893 to 1908, inclusive.

Kindly return this letter with your reply in the envelope herewith.

Very respectfully,

*J. L. Havensport*  
Commissioner.

*Nothing here*  
Replying to the above will say that there is no divorce proceeding during the time above set forth between Catherine & John H. Cass.

Respectfully yours,

*Herbert H. Cord*  
Clerk.

E. M. WILCOX,

County Clerk of Vermilion County

Monday in each mon.  
January, April and September are  
Common Law Terms.

Danville, Ill., *Feb 12<sup>th</sup>* 1910

*J. L. Havensport, Pension Commissioner*  
*Washington D. C.*  
Dear Sir:

*The records of the Circuit Court of this County do not show that there were divorce proceedings between Catherine Cass and John H. Cass between the years 1893 to 1908 inclusive.*

*Very truly yours*  
*Thos J. Wall*  
Clerk