

State of Massachusetts  
County of Suffolk

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1866  
before me Clerk of the Superior Court within  
and for said County, personally appeared  
Silas Conant residing at Acton, in  
Middlesex County, aged 63 years, who, being  
first duly sworn according to law, doth  
on his oath make the following declaration  
in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions  
made by the Act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862  
and the 12<sup>th</sup> Sec. of an Act, approved June 6, 1866.

That he is the father of Albridge Conant  
who was a private in Co. E. 6<sup>th</sup> Mass Infy  
Vols. in the war of 1861 and who died  
at Suffolk Va. on the 10 day of Feb. 1863  
by reason of brain fever, contracted in the service

Hee further declares that his said son  
upon whom he was wholly or in part dependant  
for support, having left no widow or minor child  
under sixteen years of age surviving, declarant  
makes this application for a pension under  
the above mentioned Act, and refers to the  
evidence filed herewith, and that in the  
proper department to establish his claim

He also declares that he has not in any way been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States, that he is not in the receipt of a pension under the aforementioned Act or any other act.

And he hereby appoints Josiah Fletcher of Boston Mass to be his attorney to prosecute this his said claim and to receive the Certificate to be issued therefor

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of June 1864  
 S. P. Bonant

Also personally appeared Daniel Tuttle and Luther R. Furbush residents of Acton Mass persons of lawful age, whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn say that they were present and saw S. P. Bonant sign his name to the foregoing declaration and power of attorney and know him to be the identical person he therein represents himself to be, and that they are not interested in this claim

Daniel Tuttle  
 Luther R. Furbush

147 214.

Heton Mass December 27 1867

This certifies that Elbridge Conant - son of Elyse Conant - belonging to Company E., Sixth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, we do depose and say that the said Elbridge Conant - did furnish support for his mother before his death such as store goods and money and did send all his pay to her while in the service, and that she is now in needy circumstances and we further depose that we have no interest in the claim whatever and that the claimant has no any property, and the son furnished her support previous to going to war

John E. Cutter  
Ralph Lawrence

Heton December 27 1867

Then personally appeared the above named John E. Cutter and Ralph Lawrence two creditable witnesses and made oath the above statement is true and have no interest in the claim.

Before me

Daniel Webster

Justice of  
the Peace

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Acton Mass December 27 1867  
 This certifies that Elbridge Conant son of  
 Elya Conant belonging to Company E., 6th  
 Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers we  
 do depose and say that the said Elbridge  
 Conant did furnish support for his mother  
 before he went to war some three years  
 to our knowledge paid her money and  
 furnished her necessaries of life, and we  
 further depose that we have no interest in the  
 claim whatsoever and that the claimant has not  
 any property and is in needy circumstances,

Charles A Conant  
 Edward Tuttle

Acton December 27 1867

Then personally appeared the above named  
 Charles Conant and Edward Tuttle  
 and made oath that the above  
 statement is true and they  
 are two credible witnesses

Before me Daniel Methuener Justice  
 of the Peace

State of Massachusetts }  
Suffolk County, } ss.

On this 25 day of Aug 1866 before me, the undersigned, a Clerk of Superior Court in and for the County and State above named, personally appeared Luther R. Forbush a resident of Acton and Daniel Tuttle a resident of Acton who are known to me as credible persons, who being duly sworn according to law, declare that they are personally acquainted with Mrs. Lisa Corant of Acton father mother of Elbridge Corant who is an applicant for a pension, by reason of the death of her said son, from wounds received or disease contracted in the service of the United States, and know that he was dependent wholly or in part upon the said son for support.

That the father of the said soldier is unable to earn his own  
subsistence by reason of old age and  
debility

That their knowledge of her dependence on her son above named, and that she received her support from him during the period stated, either wholly or in part, is derived from the following circumstances within their knowledge, viz:

the said Elbridge has been employed by said Forbush  
~~who~~ paid his wages to his father and know that  
his father was dependent upon his earnings, and  
the said Tuttle knows is derived from an intimate  
acquaintance of about 20 years and knew that he was  
dependent upon his said son

That the soldier above named, the said Elbridge Corant was an unmarried man.

That the said soldier left surviving at his death, n sister, under sixteen years of age, whose names and ages are at the date of this affidavit as follows, viz:

They further testify that they have no interest in this claim for a pension.

Luther R. Forbush  
Daniel Tuttle

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year above written, and I certify that I am not interested in the claim, or concerned in its prosecution.

Edwin A. Wadleigh, Ass. Clerk

Town Clerk's office Acton  
August 4<sup>th</sup> 1870

Copy of Marriage of Silas Conant &  
Eliza Wheeler. in words as follows, to wit:

"Mr Silas Conant and Miss Eliza  
Wheeler both of Acton were married  
by Thomas Whittmore at Cambridgeport  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1825."

Witnesses of the Town of Acton  
Attest Wm D. Tuttle  
Town Clerk of  
Acton

midday 20. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 1870 Mass  
subscribed & sworn to  
Before me  
J. Wetherbee Justice  
Peace

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

146.116  
Act of July 14, 1862.

FATHER'S PENSION.

146.116

Silas Conant

, Father of

Elbridge Conant

Rank, Priv.  
Company, "E"  
Regiment, 6<sup>th</sup> Mass. Vols.

Residence, Middlesex County, and State of Mass.

Post office, Upton, Middlesex Co. Mass.

Attorney, M. G. Howe, Boston, Mass.

Fee, \$ 10. No contract on file.

Rate of pension, \$ 5 per month, commencing February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1870, the date  
of Mother's death, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_, the date

of \_\_\_\_\_

ADMITTED, November 19, 1870.

Lewis C. White, Examiner.

APPROVED, \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_.

[Signature], Reviewer.

, Chief of Division.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

Enlistment, <u>Aug. 31</u> , 18 <u>62</u>	Father's app. filed, <u>June 8</u> , 18 <u>70</u> .
Muster into rank, <u>Aug 31</u> , 18 <u>62</u>	Claim completed, <u>Nov. 18</u> , 18 <u>70</u> .
Discharge, _____, 18____	Marriage of parents, <u>Feb 22</u> , 18 <u>25</u> .
Death, <u>Feb 10</u> , 18 <u>63</u>	Death of mother, <u>Feb 16</u> , 18 <u>70</u> .
Invalid app. filed, _____, 18____	Re-marriage of claimant, _____, 18____
Invalid paid to _____, 18____	_____ , 18____

CAUSE OF DEATH, Meningitis Cerebris. PLACE OF DEATH, Suffolk Va.

ALLEGATIONS OF CLAIMANT.

Not receiving a pension, Alleged.

Loyalty, Alleged.

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

The Mother's claim was allowed under Cent. 108, 548 and paid to Feb 16 1870 date of the Mother's death.

No contract.

PROOF AS TO SERVICE.

The Adjutant General U. S. A. reports name on rolls as *Elbridge Conant*  
 and the rank, company, and regiment, and the dates of  
 as stated on preceding page. He also reports *Enlistment Muster &c*

PROOF AS TO DEATH.

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| 1st. Report of Adjutant General. | 5th. Testimony of Officers.            |
| 2d. Report of Surgeon General.   | 6th. Testimony of Fellow Soldiers.     |
| 3d. Certificate of Disability.   | 7th. Testimony of Attending Physician. |
| 4th. Testimony of Army Surgeon.  | 8th. Other testimony.                  |

1. A.G. reports Died Feb 10 1863.

2. S.G. reports Died Feb 10 1863 of  
*Meningitis Cerebris*

Dr. Burnham Surgeon swears soldier was taken sick  
 with Typhoid Malaria and died of the same Feb 10/63

NAMES, &c., OF WITNESSES.

PROOF AS TO CELIBACY OF SOLDIER.

the ~~Soldier~~ <sup>and</sup> Daniel Guttle Swears soldier was the son of ~~claimant~~,  
and died unmarried.

PROOF AS TO LEGITIMACY OF SON.

Marriage in 1825 Shown by Record.

PROOF AS TO DEATH OF MOTHER.

Credible witnesses show The Mother died Feb 16 1870 while drawing  
a Pension and Records show the same  
has been paid to Feb 16 1870

PROOF AS TO DEPENDENCE AND SUPPORT.

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| 1st. Disability of Claimant.        | 3d. Other means except aid from son. |
| 2d. Property, and income therefrom. | 4th. Contributions of son.           |

Dr. Cowling <sup>And Surg</sup>  
Rev Stevens certify

That claimant is totally disable from  
labor by reason of Rheumatism, Pleurisy  
and Inguinal Hernia.

Daniel Weatherbee

Swears that claimant is now very old  
much broken down and has no means and  
no one to depend upon.

Ralph Lawrence

Swears that soldier supported his Parents  
before enlistment by buying them store goods  
&c for their use.

Edwards Guttle

Swears that for three years before enlistment  
soldier supported his Parents by furnishing  
them money, necessaries &c.

Guthrie Forbush

Swears that soldier worked for him ~~and~~ before  
enlistment and the wages were paid to  
claimant.

John E. Cutter

Swears that while in the army soldier  
allotted \$10 per month to claimant and  
witness as one of the Selectmen received  
the money from the U.S. P.M. and  
paid the same over to claimant  
for his own use.

Daniel Weatherbee

swears that claimant and Mother of  
soldier were dependent since soldiers  
death upon the Pension, and since the  
Mother's death, claimant has lived on  
about \$100 the mother had saved from her Pension

*1 Boston*  
**WAR OF 1861.**

Act of July 14, 1862.

CLAIM FOR MOTHER'S PENSION.

*108848*

BRIEF in the case of *Eliza Conant*, Mother of  
*Elbridge Conant, Private Co. "E", 6<sup>th</sup> Mass. Infy Vols.*

resident of *Middlesex* County and State of *Mass.*

Post Office address *Acton, Mass.*

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service. *Elbridge Conant was must<sup>d</sup> August 31, 1862.*  
*A Father's application was filed in this case, but was*  
*rejected and consolidated herewith.*

Death. *Adj't. Gen'l reports: "Died February 10, 1863, of 'Brain Fever', at Suffolk, (Va.)"*  
*Surg. Gen'l reports: "Died February 10, 1863, of 'Meningitis cerebri', Suffolk, (Va.)"*  
*Dr. Burnham, (late Surg. 6<sup>th</sup> Mass. Vols.) certifies that dec<sup>d</sup> was taken sick*  
*Feb'y 6/63, and died Feb'y 10/63, of Typho Malaria, which was contracted*  
*while in service and line of duty. Capt. Handley also testifies that*  
*dec<sup>d</sup> belonged to his Co. and died as above stated.*

Celibacy of Soldier. *Dec<sup>d</sup> Soldier was an unmarried man, and left neither widow or*  
*minor child or sister.*

Relationship. *Proven.*  
 Death or disability of husband. *Dr. Geo. Stevens Jones, Ex. Surg., certifies that husband of claimant, is 63 years old,*  
*but has the appearance of being 75; is quite feeble, and incapacitated for performing*  
*any laborious duty, or obtaining subsistence for himself & family by manual labor.*

Dependence. *It is in proof that the wages of dec<sup>d</sup> were regularly used by his parents for*  
*their support previous to his enlistment; and that after enlistment he*  
*allotted \$10 of his monthly pay to their support, which was paid to them*  
*by the Treasurer of Acton. His parents are possessed of but little*  
*property, and in necessitous circumstances*

Loyalty. *Established.*

Agent and his P. O. address. *Josiah Fletcher, Boston, Mass.*

Admitted *February 11<sup>th</sup>*, 1868, to a Pension of \$ *8* *Dolls.* per month,  
 commencing *February 10*, ~~1868~~ *1868*

App'd. *D. E.* *Daniel Welch*, Examining Clerk.  
*per Moore*

Aetor Sept 30 1866

This is to certify that I received money  
from U States Paymaster in the Army  
for Silas Conant from Elbridge Conant  
his Son ten Dollars per month allotted  
to him and I paid it over to him  
for his own use

John E. Cutter } Treasurer  
of Aetor

Then personally appeared John E. Cutter  
and acknowledged the above statement  
to be true  
Aetor Sept 30 1866

Daniel Wetmore } Justice of the  
Peace

October 25 1866

This is to certify that Elbridge Conant  
of Acton in the County of Middlesex and  
State of Massachusetts son of Silas Conant  
of Acton enlisted in Company E  
of the Sixth Regiment of Massachusetts  
Volunteers of nine months <sup>men</sup> and died  
in Suffolk Bay, February 10 1863 with the  
brain fever he did duty under me until  
he was taken sick

Aaron C. Handley

} Captain of Company  
E Sixth Regiment of  
Volunteers from  
the Town of Acton

Then personally appeared the above named  
Aaron C. Handley and made oath that  
the above statement is true

October 25 1866

Before me, Jona N. W. Wetmore } Justice of  
the Peace

No. 103,835

I, Daniel Netherbed of Acton, aged 55 years on oath do say that I have lived in the town of Acton with Silas Bonant, the father of Elbridge Bonant, for forty five years and that I have known him during this period, intimately, he having worked for my father and for me. That during the past few years he has had no property whatever and was mostly dependent for a living upon the assistance of his said son, until ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> decease.

That for ten or twelve years past he has been in poor health, by spells, and for the past 8 or 9 years he has been disabled from doing much of any thing by reason of a rupture, rheumatism & pleurisy, ~~his~~ occupation during his life has been farming, working for those who would employ him.

He has two sons living, aged 43 & 45 years respectively - neither of whom has assisted his parents or been able to, both having families & having no property. One works out at farming when he is able to, but has

been sick for five months past and not  
 able to work, the other son is a tinner by  
 occupation but his father tells me that on  
 the average he does not get employment more  
 than half the time. Mr. Conant,  
 the father, is a broken down man and  
 looks as if he was 80 years of age. His habits  
 are good and have always been very good.  
 When I said he had no property it did not  
 occur to me that at the time of her death, his  
 wife Eliza Conant had about one hundred  
 dollars in the Savings bank, other pension  
 money, he has been depending on this money  
 for a sustenance. I have no personal  
 interest in his claim to a pension.

Daniel Hetherbee

Suffolk Co. August 4 1870.

Subscribed & sworn to

Before me, notary

disinterested

Notary Public for Suffolk County, Massachusetts

# Father's Mother's Declaration for Army Pension.

State of Mass }  
County of Suffolk } SS.

On this third day of June A. D. 1870 personally appeared before me, (1) The Register of the Probate Court of the County of Suffolk State of Mass Mr. (2) Silas Conant a resident of (3) Acton in the County of Middlesex and State of Mass aged 67 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following

declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862: That she is the (4) father of (5) Elludge Conant who enlisted at Acton who was a (7) private in Company (8) E commanded by Captain A. C. Howdley in the (9) 6th Regiment of (10) Mass. Vol. in the war of 1861, who (11) died at Suffolk Va. of disease contracted in the service, Feb. 16. 1863. And who enlisted in Sept 1862 for 9 months -

He further declares that ~~he~~ said son, upon whom ~~he~~ was wholly or in part dependent for support, ~~having~~ left no widow or minor child under sixteen years of age surviving (12) nor any brothers or sisters under that age. And that applicant was married to the mother of said son at Cambridge Mass Feb. 22. 1825. and that he has not before received or applied for a Pension. declarant makes this application for a Pension under the above mentioned act, and refers to the evidence filed herewith and that in the proper department, to establish his claim. that the wife of the declarant who was known by certificate 108,848. by reason of said death, died Feb 16. 1870.

He also declares that ~~he~~ has not in any way, been engaged in, or aided, or abetted, the Rebellion in the United States; and that ~~he~~ is not in the receipt of a pension under the 2d section of the act above mentioned or any other act, (13)

He hereby constitutes and appoints M. G. Brown, of Boston ~~his~~ attorney, with power of substitution, to prosecute ~~his~~ claim and procure a certificate. Hereby authorizing and empowering ~~his~~ said attorney to do all necessary and lawful acts and things whatsoever in the premises, except drawing the money, which will be hereafter provided for. His Post office address is Acton Mass.

(2) Silas Conant

Also personally appeared Daniel Wetherbee a resident of Acton and Jeremiah Hosmer a resident of Boston 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 Elludge Conant age ~~the~~ foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with ~~her~~ that ~~he~~ is the identical person ~~she~~ represents ~~herself~~ to be, and that we have no interest in the prosecution of this claim

(14) Daniel Wetherbee  
Jeremiah Hosmer  
third day of June

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this A. D. 1870; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct, or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

(15) M. G. Brown, Justice of the Peace, 1203 1/2 St. for Suffolk County.

Post Office address of claimant