

Stow Mass May 11, 1926.

Commissioner of Pensions, Washington D.C.

I certify that I, George W. Edson of Stow, Co K. 4th Mass. H.A. in the Civil War and pensioner No 255315, whose application for increase of pension under Section two act act May 1, 1920 in support thereof I on oath declares, that those Epileptic fits were of several years duration prior to the date of said application and, increasing in severity until in 1919 I required the care of not only one but many persons including nurses neighbors and Sons of Veterans.

Early in 1921, severe inflammation of the bladder and prostate gland set in causing intense suffering. frequent and constant use of the catheter day and night ended March 14th in drawing of two quarts of blood.

March 16th at the Concord Hospital Dr Francis J Nash of Boston opened and cleansed the bladder preventing infection that was imminent. April 5 he removed the prostate gland. April 25th I was taken home. July 5th he cut a fibroid tumor from my left breast that would have been a cancer within a year. In 1923, Gynitis in a severe form set in and up to the present time has never been subdued. The pain is awful and continuous and there has been a day since that I have been free from it.

Medicine have failed to control it and the only relief I can get is in washing out the bladder from two to six times a day.

The case is so severe and unusual that doctor fear there is a cancer forming in the bladder, seemingly confirmed by my years of pain and suffering up to the present time in 1926.

George W. Edson

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. May 11, 1926.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

Frank O. Webb
Notary Public.



Deposition of

Claimant

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I have had no other regular nurse and attendant, but have at times been assisted by neighbors, when necessary, Edward Bachelder and George Richardson; the former is dead and the latter is living in Hudson. Fred E. Chapman, who lives on the next farm here has given me a good deal of aid and assistance.

I have been married just once. That was to Claire MacKay, April 19, 1922. Neither of us had been married before. My wife and I have lived together constantly since, without separation or divorce.

I have received notice of the examination of my claim, and been advised that I have the legal right to name witnesses to show that I have as a fact required regular daily aid and attendance since May 1, 1920. I can show that fact by the witnesses named. I do not desire to be present or represented by an attorney during the taking of the testimony.

I have no attorney in my claim. I have prepared all my own papers and have done the writing therein myself.

I have read this statement and it is correct.

George W. Edson.

Deponent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of October 1926 and I certify that contents were fully made known to the deponent before signing.

Chas. G. Townsend
Inspector

Wm. J. McNamee
Saturday Dec 11, 1926.
JC 25-5-3 15 -
I am the owner of Pension No. 145,315. I cannot understand why my last Pension was reduced 2 years, however perhaps I had better accept it with thanks. I appeal to Congress for special legislation in the interest of justice.
Will you now kindly send me the necessary blank applications for increase of Pension to \$90. per month. one for myself, my physician and nurse, with full instructions as to acknowledgment and other George W. Edson 60 K 4th Mass. H.A.
Ston Mass. P.S. I have just been brought home from a Boston Hospital where I have been for treatment for over 6 weeks and for over three weeks suffering from hemorrhage of the nose and under the care of experts on the nose and mouth. I am as helpless as a babe and have to be in bed most of the time. I do not feel able to write this but having no one to do it for me, I have to Respectfully Submitted, George W. Edson, Ston Mass.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 25, 1926

The Commissioner of Pensions;

Sir;

SUBJECT

I.C. 255,315
George W. Edison,
Co. K 4th Mass. H.A.

REFERENCE

for special examination to determine the merits of the claim under the second section of the act of May 1, 1920, that is as to date when the pensioner became entitled to the benefits of the said section, -see Exhibit A.

ACTION

NOTICE served and the claimant fully informed of his rights during the examination, all of which he specifically waived.

EVIDENCE procured as herewith presented. The deponents are all of good standing and held and accounted reliable in every way. The claimant is known as a splendid man; he has represented his district in the State Assembly; he still seems to retain much of his mental vigor; a sound mind in an unsound body; his frailty is very marked and his expression is indicative of great physical suffering.

REMARKS

The pensioner lives in the old home where he was taken when a small lad; this is located off the main highways and as a matter of fact the only other families living on the same byroad or in the immediate vicinity are the Chapmans and the Russells who have for some years resided in the tenant cottage on the Edison place. The George Richardson, named by claimant, has not lived there for some seven years; he was formerly caretaker for a physician whose place some years ago passed into the hands of a colored association and is now being changed into what I am told is the only colored golf club in the country. Mr. Richardson has seen pensioner but a very few times since 1919 and really knows nothing as to his condition during period involved in this claim. He now works in Hudson, Mass and lives there; he knows that pensioner had these sinking spells in 1918 and 1919 and was then often laid up for days at a time.

The post office at Stow, Mass is located only about two miles from pensioner's residence, yet the postmaster told me that he had not seen Mr. Edison more than two or three times in last four or five years, and not at all for last three years. From my general inquiry as well as testimony herewith it is evident that he is confined at home all the time. I interviewed Mrs. Russell, wife of man who lives in pensioner's tenant house within a hundred yards of his own

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home. Her husband works in Gleasondale a few miles away. She stated that Mr. Edson has been right about home for last three years; ever since they came back from Florida after his operations; that he goes only about yard and then very slowly; that she has seen him out in good weather as far as the garden; that he does not do anything at all; in respect to his requirements as to aid and attendance she professed to really know nothing further than that the pensioner's wife has seemed to wait on him about almost everything for years, watching over him as a mother does over a child. She said that she had been summoned a few times, even at night, when he would be having one of his sinking spells when he seemed to become unconscious; that such spells had not seemed to bother him for some months now. As to necessity for use of catheter etc she knew nothing except most general understanding that he had some such trouble constantly and was often clearly in very severe pain, bent over with his head resting on his hands. The testimony of Mrs. Russell could not well be taken day I was there as her engagements of work prevented.

Archibald Amirault, husband of the Beatrice M. Amirault whose testimony was taken; he stated that ever since 1918 he and his wife had often gone to pensioner's home when he would be having bad attacks of unconsciousness and that pensioner has had to his knowledge had to be waited on right along and watched over and cared for constantly ever since he first knew him him closely about 1919. It was considered that his testimony would have been merely cumulative and a duplicate of that of his wife and for that reason same was not taken.

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N

In order that the Bureau may have the benefit of all medical testimony obtainable it is suggested that claim be referred to

TARPON SPRINGS, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

for testimony of Dr. Albaugh, whose full name I did not secure.

Said physician is doubtless only one of that name there. It may be that the Reviewer will hold that such reference is unnecessary. Dr. Francis J. Nash who performed operations in 1922 has no knowledge as to conditions except during period of his professional attention; he performed the operations but left case entirely to Dr. Annis after his surgical work.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. G. Townsend
Inspector

DECLARATION OF A WIDOW FOR ACCRUED PENSION

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss:

On this seventh day of December, 1931, before me the undersigned, personally appeared Mrs. Clara Mackay Edson, who makes the following declaration as an application for the pension which had accrued to her husband, named below, at the time of his death.

That she is 57 years of age; that she was born September 10th, 1872 at Bath Maine, and that her post office address is Maynard - Massachusetts R. F. D. Box 62

That she is the widow of George W. Edson who served in Co. H. 4th Heavy Artillery (State designation of organization or name of vessel) and who was a pensioner of the United States by Certificate No. 2553157; that the last payment of his pension was made to the fourth day of November, 1931; that he died on the 26th day of November, 1931

THAT SHE WAS MARRIED under the name of Clara Mackay to said pensioner at Emerson Hospital on the 19 day of April 1922 by Rev. Sidney Moulton; that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had never been previously married; that the soldier had never 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)

(Two attesting witnesses)	(1) <u>Adrian P. Russell</u> (Signature of first witness)	<u>Clara Adelaide Edson</u> (Claimant's signature in full)
	<u>Maynard, Mass.</u> (Address of first witness)	<u>Maynard - Massachusetts</u> (Claimant's address in full)
	(2) <u>Euphemia V. Russell</u> (Signature of second witness)	<u>R. F. D. Box 62</u>
	<u>Maynard, Massachusetts</u> (Address of second witness)	

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 7th day of December, A. D. 1931, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words _____, erased, and the [L. s.] words _____, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Daniel D. Rose
(Signature)
Justice of the Peace
(Official character)
W. C. Brown, Mass.
(Post office address of officer)

Widow Subdivision S.C.
George W. Edson 255,315.

MBAB.

I, Clare Mac Kay Edson, widow of said soldier, on oath depose and say in relation to the aforesaid case, as follows:-

That neither the soldier or myself were ever married other than to each other on April 19, 1922; that we were not divorced but lived together as man and wife up to the death of the soldier, November 26, 1931 and that I have not remarried since the death of my said late husband.

My given name was Clare Adalaide Mac Kay under which name I was married. as

Since that time I have used my maiden name "Mac Kay" in place of "Adalaide" as my middle name.

I have never seen my husband's discharge paper. On a copy of an application for an increase of pension is the notation in his handwriting to the effect that he sent the discharge to the Pension Office at Washington with his original application and that the discharge had never been returned to him.

I have no paper bearing the signature of the soldier written at about the time of the Civil War.

The soldier who served in the Civil War in Co. K, 4th. Mass. H.A., was the identical person who, under the name of George W. W. Edson I married as above stated.

I have resided for the past thirty years in the Village of Gleasondale in the town of Stow, Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and I still reside there.

My Post Office address is Maynard, Mass., R.F.D.

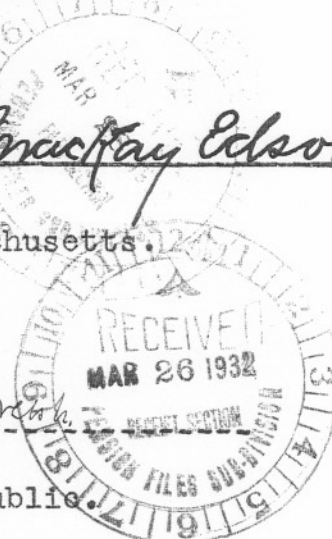
Clare MacKay Edson.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex ss. March 16th 1932.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

Fred O. Webb

Notary Public



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Certificate of Death

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

1. Date of Death, - - -	<u>November 26, 1931</u>
2. Name, - - - - -	<u>George W. W. Edson</u>
(Maiden Name, - - -	
3. Sex, and whether Single,	<u>Male</u>
Married, or Widowed, -	<u>Married</u>
4. Color, - - - - -	<u>White</u>
5. Age, - - - - -	<u>86</u> Years <u>—</u> Months <u>3</u> Days
6. Disease or Cause of Death	<u>Valvular heart trouble — Nephritis</u>
7. Residence, - - - -	<u>Stow</u>
8. Occupation, - - - -	<u>Pattern Maker</u>
9. Place of Death, - - -	<u>Stow</u>
10. Place of Birth, - - -	<u>South Boston</u>
11. Name of Husband or Wife - - - - -	<u>Carie (MacKay) Edson</u>
12. Name of Father, - - -	<u>John Edson</u>
13. Name of Mother, - - - (Maiden Name)	<u>Mary Stevens</u>
14. Birthplace of Father, -	<u>Boston</u>
15. Birthplace of Mother, -	<u>Maine</u>
16. Place of Interment, - -	<u>Hillside Cemetery, Stow</u>

I, Francis W. Warren ———— depose and say
that I hold the office of Town Clerk of the Town of Stow
County of Middlesex ———— and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that the
records of Births, Marriages and Deaths required by law to be kept 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 eleventh
day of February 1932
Francis W. Warren
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

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

GROOM.

Name George W. W. EdsonColor—WhiteResidence StowAge 76 Years.Occupation Pattern MakerPlace of Birth BostonName of Father John EdsonName of Mother Mary StevensNo. of Marriage 1st

BRIDE.

Name Claire Adelaide MackayColor—WhiteResidence StowAge 50 Years.Occupation HousekeeperPlace of Birth Beth MaineName of Father Andrew MackayName of Mother Clara GreeneNo. of Marriage 1stPlace and Date of Marriage Concord Hospital, Concord, Mass. April 19, 1922By Whom Married J. Sidney MoultonI, Francis W. Warren depose and saythat I hold the office of Town Clerk of the Town of StowCounty of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that the

records of Births, Marriages and Deaths required by law to be kept in said Town are in my custody, and

that the above is a true extract from the records of Marriages in said Town, as certified by me.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Town, on the eleventhday of February 19 22Francis W. Warren

Town Clerk.



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(For typewriter)

Case of GEORGE W. EDSON

I.C. No. 255,315

On this 14 day of October, 1926, at near Stow
 county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts before me,
 Charles C. Townsend, an inspector of the Bureau of Pensions,
 personally appeared George W. Edson, 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:

1 My age is 80 years, as I was born November 23, 1845. My residence is near
 2 Stow, Mass., R.F.D. Mass. is my postoffice address. Maynard, RFD is correct.

3 I am the same George W. Edson, who served during the Civil War in the
 4 26th Unattached Company, Mass. H.A., afterwards Co. K, 4th Mass. H.A. I
 5 enlisted Aug. 15, 1864, and was discharged June 17, 1865. I was never other-
 6 wise in the U.S. Military Service, and was never in the U.S. Navy or Marine
 7 Corps.

8 I am a pensioner under the above named certificate number at \$72 per
 9 month, and have been since January 25, 1926.

10 I filed my claim for increase under the 2nd Section of the Act of May
 11 1, 1920, soon after the passage of the act, and I am claiming that I am
 12 entitled to the \$72 per month rate from the year 1920, and inclusive thereof.

13 I have as a matter of fact required daily aid and attendance of another
 14 person from a date long prior to May 1, 1920, and during the entire period
 15 since the date last named I have as a fact required the daily aid and
 16 attendance of another person.

17 Q. What are the disabilities that you have which have produced this
 18 necessity?

19 A. I have had double hernia a good many years, and severe hemorrhoids.
 20 Along about 1918 or perhaps a little earlier, I began to have fainting spells
 21 when I would suddenly become unconscious and at times would not know any-
 22 thing for a week at a time. I continued to have such spells which seemed to
 23 become more frequent gradually until lately, when I have secured relief there-
 24 from to some extent by the use of a medicine sent me by my wife's sister.
 25 She was then Beatrice M. Lloyd-Amirault. I think it is about a year since I
 26 had my last one, but my wife can tell you the exact date. These spells
 27 have caused my memory to fail a great deal. It was along about 1921,

28 I think that I first began to be troubled with the disease of bladder which
 29 has become and been such a severe disability in my case. In March, 1922,
 30 I was in the hospital for my first operation. I was in said hospital for
 31 a period of six weeks before the necessary operations were completed.
 32 My prostate gland was removed. My bladder was opened and cleansed. I
 33 had been troubled with what the doctor has since called cystitis for some
 34 period prior to the operation. On July 5, 1922 I had a fibroid tumor removed
 35 from my left breast. I have had ever since the period named constant and
 36 copious cystitis, except that for a year and a month following the operation
 37 to which I have referred same was absent, but since then there has not been
 38 a day that I have not had the said condition and the only relief has been
 39 in frequent washings of the bladder, varying in number from five or six to
 40 twenty.

41 Q. For what purposes have you required help daily?

42 A. When I had these fainting spells or spasms I would for long
 43 periods be completely helpless and would have to be waited on continually
 44 until I recovered. Since the bladder trouble has become so disabling I
 45 have had to have daily help about dressing and undressing, at least
 46 for the greater part of such work. I have been able to attend calls of nature
 47 unaided and to feed myself. I have been in such condition that I have been
 48 away from home very infrequently; in the last two years and a half only
 49 on one occasion, and that was when taken to the church in a horse and buggy
 50 to attend the funeral of a comrade. Following the operation in 1922, in
 51 November of that year I went to Florida with my wife and was there for five
 52 months, at Tarpon Springs. I was under doctor's care there a great deal of
 53 the time. Dr. Albaugh was our doctor.

54 I have been myself able most all of the time to perform the necessary
 55 operation of washing out my bladder.

56 I have been under the care of Dr. Annie of Maynard since 1921. Dr.
 57 Christie was my physician before Dr. Annis until his death. He and Dr. Annis
 58 were in the same office. Dr. Albaugh, of Tarpon Springs was the only other
 59 physician who has treated me in this period. Dr. Francis J. Nash was the
 60 physician who performed the operation in the Deaconess Hospital.

61 During the period prior to that operation I was cared for when necessary
 62 by my present wife, then Miss Claire Mackay, and her sister, Beatrice M. Lloyd.

George W. Edson

Widow Subdiviaion S.C.
255,315.
George W. Edson.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

HIGHLANDS COUNTY:

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Personally appeared before the undersigned authority, authorized by law to administer oaths in and for said State and County, MORTON M. EDSON, who after being first duly sworn deposes and on oath says:

That he is seventy-one years of age, having been born in Stow, Mass., and that for many years past and now deponent is a citizen and resident of said Stow, Mass.

November That George W. W. Edson, who departed this life during ~~December~~, 1931 at Stow, Mass. at the time of his death was eighty-six years of age, and was a brother of this deponent.

That the said George W. W. Edson left surviving him as his sole heir his widow, Clare MacKay Edson, of Stow, Mass., and that there were no children or other heirs of said marriage.

That the said George W. W. Edson married the said Clare MacKay Edson when he was about seventy-five years of age, and that previously to said time was a batchelor, never having married; that the said Clare MacKay Edson was the only wife of said George W. W. Edson, and there were no other heirs of said George W. W. Edson.

Deponent makes this affidavit for the purpose of assisting the said widow, Clare MacKay Edson, in obtaining the pension of her deceased husband, George W. W. Edson.

Morton M. Edson
MORTON M. EDSON

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this March 5th, 1932.

M. L. Litch
Notary Public State of Florida
My Commission expires ~~May 22, 1933~~
My Commission expires May 22, 1933



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

I. C. No. 255,315, George W. Edson, Private, Co. K, 4 Mass.

H. A. Address: Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

Section 2, Act of May 1, 1920.

In cases submitted for special examination the papers should be indexed to show page numbers, names and addresses of claimants and witnesses, dates of filing, and subjects covered, a separate index being required for each brief. In indexing surgeons' certificates, dates of examination, not of filing, should be stated.

- 1 Edith Nourse Rogers, M. C., letter April 1, 1926, requests status.
- 2 Pensioner, letter Feb. 26, 1926, states that he required the regular aid and attendance of another from June 19, 1920, and indicates that he can furnish proof of same.
- 3 Pensioner, letter March 29, 1926, to Congresswoman Rogers requesting her aid in the prosecution of claim.
- 4 Pensioner, letter March - 1926, to Mrs. Rogers, showing that the \$72 rate should have been made to commence June 19, 1920.
- 6 Declaration, filed June 19, 1920.
- 7 Pensioner, aff. June 18, 1920, states that he has fainting fits which come on him causing him to drop unconscious, and that it is usually a week to ten days before he realizes what has happened to him.
- 8 Declaration, filed January 27, 1926.
- 9 Clare Mac Kay Edson, Stow, Massachusetts, aff. Jan. 25, 1926, states age 53, and that she was nurse to pensioner from 1918 to 1922, married him in hospital April 19, 1922, and represents that from 1918, his condition has been such as to require a regular attendant, and that she has been his nurse.
- 10 Dr. S. B. Annis, Maynard, Massachusetts, aff. Dec. 21, 1925, states age 40, and that pensioner has been under his care since the beginning of 1922; that April 5, 1922 his prostate was removed; that he has had cystitis ever since; that there is probably cancer of the bladder; high blood pressure; frequent attacks of uremia, becomes unconscious at time and so remains for a few hours to two weeks; bladder has to be washed out; has hemorrhoids, double hernia and a varicocele, and requires the aid and attendance of another; should be in hospital where he could have trained care and nursing, and a companion to constantly wait on him.
- 11 Soldier's marital history statement, March 20, 1915, states was never married.
- 12 Soldier's marital history statement, June 6, 1898, not married.

April 27, 1926.

Shaner
Reviewer.

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 Stow Mass Feb 26, 1926, No 255315
 Commissioner of Pensions, My Dear Sir,
 On the 20th day of Feb I received my new
 Pension certificate at \$72. per month for
 which I am duly thankful but the date of
 granting is from Jan 25, 1926 when it should
 be June 19-1920 when my application was filed.
 You say that the evidence on file fails to
 show that I required the regular aid
 and attendance of another person prior
 to Jan 25-1926. If you will kindly send
 one blank for my physician two for my
 nurses I will quickly establish the fact
 that I absolutely required continual
 care and nursing at that time as it
 certainly could not be otherwise
 under the circumstances.

There seems to have been some mis-
 understanding on my part probably
 owing to sickness and loss of memory
 for which I am sincerely sorry, for I have
 been patiently waiting for instructions
 from the department that never came.

But now as I know why you decided
 as you did I see no reason why it cannot
 be corrected so that I can receive the back
 pay that is due me. I sincerely hope and
 trust that you will kindly rectify your
 decision as I most truly wish to avoid
 referring the matter to any Representative in
 Congress if possible. Awaiting your valued
 suggestions and advice, Most Truly & Respectfully yours

George W. Edson.
 2 Co K. - 4th Mass. H. A. in Civil War

1896
1896

Stow Mass March
The Hon. Edith N. Rogers M.C.

My Dear Mrs Rogers. I am a Pensioner of the war of the 4th Rebellion having served in Co K. 4th Mass Heavy Artillery my Father serving in Co B. 13th Mass Infantry, 3 years also in Co K. 4th Mass H.A. in addition to which I had 4 years served 3 years enlistments one being killed and one severely wounded at Cold Harbor with a grape shot in the shoulder from which he a few years after died. As a family I feel that we did our duty. After the passage of Fuller Pension bill I made application for the \$72. rate on the claim of requiring the attendance of another person, papers for which were filed in the Bureau of Pensions June 19. 1920. The act decreed that the date of Pension should be that of the date of Application. Too sick to do anything

Send a statement of your case to Mrs Rogers and she will fix it up all right for you. She looks out for the Veterans. So I have made bold to do so, hoping and trusting that you will see the justice of my case and act accordingly. I am falling afflicted with paralytic from unconscious and sometimes weeks of hours to days and sometimes weeks of time. 1918 Miss Pearl MacRay was engaged as nurse and proved a worthy, competent and Not alone could she nurse Beatrice but was assisted by Carrie L. Howe Lloyd of Boston and her Edgar Bachelder of Concord and her the lighting. of a neighbor, to do the lighting. a neighbor and her 13 years since died. Both two have and her 4 years nurse These bills continued for 4 years and returned to Boston and sent me a special medicine for bills that proved

more about it at that-time. I
 reated contentedly under the impres-
 sion that when I was able to go
 ahead with it - my pension would
 run from June 19, 1920.

In Jan 1926 The National Tribune
 sent me some Pension Blank's
 and my physician urged me to file
 them out and send them in which
 we did as you will see by the
 copies that - Send you. I presume
 that you can examine original papers
 at the Pension Bureau. These affidavits
 were intended to serve as evidence in support
 of the application of 1920 and not as a new
 one. The department evidently ~~took~~ them as new
 and granted the increase from Jan 25, 1926.
 and issued a new pension certificate accordingly
 much to my disappointment as it deprived
 me of \$ 1414. back pension.

When Dr Annis came he said, why this is
 all wrong, those affidavits filled the bill
 and covered every thing and you should
 receive your back pension. Now you

To be a valuable remedy and
 though expensive I have never been
 with out it since. In early 1922
 severe inflammation of the bladder
 set in and you will see by Affidavits
 how things stand to day.
 While the Department say there is
 nothing to show that I required the
 aid and care of another person,
 I wish you would notice how Rogers,
 that - was MacKay's date of service
 runs back to 1918, and consider
 the amount of aid care and service
 in such a case and of such long standing
 Unable to work for the past 10
 years unable to go away from home for
 nearly 3 years, suffering severe and con-
 tinuous pain with no prospect of ever get-
 ting well and with the Surgeon's certifi-
 cing the possibilities of an open ^{INTENT} ^{INTENT} ^{INTENT}
 the bladder for the present's ^{INTENT} ^{INTENT} ^{INTENT}
 look is not pleasing to an 80 1/2 year old
 veteran, who humbly begs your pardon for
 his presumption in be quelling your services in
 his behalf. Very Truly, Geo W. Edison Stow, Mass

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ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

DECLARATION FOR PENSION

The Pension Certificate should not be forwarded with the Application

STATE OF Massachusetts, COUNTY OF Middlesex
 On this 18th day of June, A. D. 1920, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public
 within and for the county and State aforesaid, George W. Edson, who, being duly
 sworn according to law, declares that he is 74 1/2 years of age, and a resident of Stow,
 county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts; and that he is the
 identical person who was ENROLLED at Boston, Mass, under the name
 of George W. Edson, on the Fifteenth day of August 1864
 as a Private, in the 26th Unattached Co Mass H.A., afterwards
 (Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)
 in the service of the United States, in the Co K. 4th Mass H.A. Civil War
 (State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)
 war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Fort Richardson Va on the 17th day of June, 1865
~~That he also served~~ that he sent his Discharge Paper with his Original
 (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any)
Application for Pension. It has never been returned. Cannot remember description.
 That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal
 description at enlistment was as follows: Height _____ feet _____ inches; complexion _____; color of
 eyes _____; color of hair _____; that his occupation was that of a Toy maker
 that he was born November 23d 1845, at Boston, Mass. That he has frequent fainting fits
falling Unconscious, without warning, weeks passing before Reason returns. That he cannot go out
 (State in this space the nature of the disability by reason of which the regular personal aid and attendance of another person is required)
alone, but must be under the constant care of a nurse or an attendant. That this, with a bad
double Hernia and Severe Hemorrhoids prevents him from earning any income whatever,
 That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: (State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)
Hudson Mass. up to 1873. Since then to present time Stow, Mass.
 That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 255,315. That he has now applied for pension under original
 No. 255,315.

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 May 1, 1920.

(Two attesting and identifying witnesses.)
 (1) Florence E. Wilson
 (Signature of first witness.)
Hudson, Mass.
 (Address of first witness.)
 (2) Woodbury Parker
 (Signature of second witness.)
Hudson Mass.
 (Address of second witness.)

George W. Edson
 (Claimant's signature in full.)
Stow, Mass.
 (Claimant's address in full.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 18th day of June, 1920, and I hereby
 certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant
 before swearing, including the words _____
 [L. S.] _____, added,
 and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

John O. Walsh
 (Signature.)
Notary Public
 (Official character.)

Declaration accepted as
 a claim under act.
 ACT OF MAY 1, 1920
 Chief Law Division
 Per. W. H. H.

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Stow Mass June 17th 1920

The Commissioner of Pensions

My Dear Sir. In connection with my declaration regarding Pension act of May 1st 1920, I wish to say that my invalid Certificate no 255,315 allows me \$22,50 a month from Nov 23^d 1920. Now since the act of May 1st 1920 gives every one \$50,00 a month regardless of disability. Should I not, on that ground alone, be entitled to the \$50. a month in addition to the \$22,50 granted for disability making \$72,50 a month in all.

Perhaps I am wrong but it looks that way to me. Now in regard to those fainting fits mentioned in the declaration they come on without any warning, no dizziness no premonition whatever.

When I have one of those spells I simply

sleep unconscious where ever I may happen
 to be, and it be ten minutes or more before
 I can be roused on 'a week to ten days
 before I realize what has happened and
 two or three weeks before I am permitted
 to get out of bed. Then after that, with
 the least exertion, off I go again.

Thus you will see that numbers and attendants
 are indispensable. I cannot do any where alone
 but must be kept in continual surveillance and
 am utterly unable to do any business whatever.

I am a draughtsman, designer and pattern
 maker of machinery, but for the past
 four years I have not been able to take
 advantage of the prevailing high wages
 and have earned absolutely nothing.

I find that I must be content not to
 over exert but to take things easy but I
 also find it very hard to do so and make
 both ends meet. Not only am I left
 weak and useless but much to my regret
 it has seriously affected my memory to
 that extent that the past six or seven
 years are almost a complete blank.
 I have no recollection of when war was

declared and have no knowledge of
 the workings of the draft and thou-
 sands of other family or things have
 gone from my memory completely.
 I hope and trust that you will not
 consider me vain or egotistical in
 pending you those old Campaign Cards,
 used when elected to the Massachusetts
 Legislature of 1911 and 1912. I simply
 send them so that you can see that
 I am not an unprincipled scamp and
 that you can realize how keenly I feel
 the terrible difference between now and then.
 Most truly and respectfully submitted.

George W. Deane,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

March 25. June 18 1920

Sustained and seen to before the
 find a result.

My father

DECLARATION FOR PENSION

ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

During the Worlds War
Dr *Edison* is was a Lieutenant
Surgeon in France.

The Pension Certificate Should Not Be Forwarded With the Application

State of....., County of.....ss:

On this.....day of.....19....., personally appeared before me, a.....

within and for the county and State aforesaid, *George W. Edison*, who, being duly

sworn according to law, declares that he is *80* years of age, and a resident of *the Town of Stow*.....

county of *Middlesex*....., State of *Massachusetts*.....; and that he is the

identical person who was ENROLLED at *Boston, Massachusetts*....., under the name

of *George W. Edison*....., on the *Fifteenth* day of *August*.....18*64*

as a *private*....., in *the 26th Unattached MASS H.A. afterwards Co K 4th MASS H.A.*
(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the *Civil*.....
(State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)

war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at *Fort Richardson VA*, on the *17th* day of *June*.....18*65*

That he also served.....
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

As I sent my discharge paper with my first application for pension and it was never returned to me I cannot remember the following descriptive questions
That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height.....feet.....inches; complexion.....
color of eyes.....; color of hair.....; that his occupation was *A Toy maker*.....;

that he was born *November 23d*.....18*45* at *Boston Massachusetts*.....

That he requires the regular personal aid and attendance of another person on account of the following disabilities: *Fainting fits remaining unconscious from a few hours to two weeks and over. A very severe case of inflammation of the bladder and cystitis, medicines donot cure or help, pain is fearful, Only relief, washing out the bladder from 2 to 6 times a day, A very bad and troublesome double Hernia, Hemorrhoids and Varicocele. Have to have and keep going to bed going up dressing and putting on stockings and shoes.*
(State in this space the nature of any and all disabilities.)

That since leaving the service he has resided at *Hudson Mass until 1873. Since then Stow Mass being*
and his occupation has been *Pattern maker & Farmer* That he has *not been away from home for over two years, strictly confined to the house. I cannot*.....applied for pension under original
No..... That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. *255315*.....can not stop to pick up any thing
stand the jar or shock of riding, or walking any distance. *I am unable to work and have not earned a cent for over 10 years.*

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 May 1, 1920.

(Two attesting and identifying witnesses.)
(1) *Fred E Chapman*.....
(Signature of first witness.)
Stow Mass.....
(Address of first witness.)
(2) *Geo. A. Coolidge*.....
(Signature of second witness.)
Hudson Mass.....
(Address of second witness.)
George W. Edison.....
(Claimant's signature in full.)
Stow, Mass......
(Claimant's address in full.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *25th* day of *January*.....A. D. 19*20*, and I hereby

certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words.....

[L.S.].....erased, and the words....., added;
and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDANT

IN CLAIMS FOR THE \$72 RATE UNDER THE ACT MAY 1, 1920.

In the matter of the pension claim of George W. Edson No. 255315

State of _____, County of _____, ss:

On this _____ day of _____, 19____, personally appeared before me,

a _____ within and for the County and State

aforesaid Clare MacKay Edson, aged 53 years,

whose post-office address is Stow MASS., who states

in relation to the aforesaid claim as follows:

The affiant should state fully the kind of aid and attendance rendered pensioner.

From 1918 to 1922, I, Miss Clare MacKay, was engaged as nurse and attendant to George W. Edson who was afflicted with fainting spells, falling unconscious and remaining so for hours, days and sometimes weeks. In 1921 severe inflammation of the bladder with prostatic trouble set in causing great suffering. After the death of Dr. Christie in 1922 Dr. Ames assumed charge of the case. On April 5, 1922 the prostate gland was removed at the Concord Hospital. Owing to the nature of the case and its requirements, Mr. Edson and I were confined at the hospital April 9, 1922. I, taking charge of the case, In 1923, Cystitis set in and has not been over since. Confined to the house, unable to be out or leave home for two years. He is a constant sufferer. His bladder being washed out four to six times a day affording some relief. Assistance in dressing and undressing absolutely necessary and requires the assistance of a nurse.

Clare MacKay Edson
(Affiant's Signature.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of January, 1926; and I certify that the contents of this affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before the oath was administered, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

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Fred. Webb
Notary Public
(Official Character.)

116-1665 Hudson Mass
(Address of Magistrate.)