

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Massachusetts } ss.
County of Windsor

On this 15th day of August, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Seven, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, Otto M. Geers, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 70 years of age, and a resident of Ston. Mass. county of Windsor, State of Massachusetts; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at New York under the name of John Brown, on the 29th day of March, 1862 as a Seaman, in U. S. Gunboat Fort Henry
(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 war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Port Royal S. C. (State name of war, Civil or Mexican.) on the 15th day of October, 1878

That he also served (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.) Served continuously in U. S. Navy from March 29th 1862 to 15th day of October 1878.

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, 5 feet 9 3/4 inches; complexion, Fair; color of eyes, Blue; color of hair, Brown; that his occupation was Seaman; that he was born April 26th, 1837, at Turku, Buthemake, Finland

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:

Continuous residence in Ston. Massachusetts
(State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is _____ a pensioner. That he has _____ heretofore applied for pension

Certificate no 4488.

(If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.)

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 February 6, 1907.

That his post-office address is West Acton, county of Windsor, State of Massachusetts

Otto M. Geers

(Claimant's signature in full.)

Attest: (1) Frances A. Stevens

(2) Harold F. Stevens

Also personally appeared Frances A. Stevens, residing in Ston. Mass. and Harold F. Stevens, residing in Charlstown Mass., 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 Otto M. Geers, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him of 20 years and 10 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Validity accepted
S. A. Cuddy,
Chief, Law Division.
per JTH 8 21 07

Frances A. Stevens
Harold F. Stevens
(Signatures of witnesses.)



SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 15th day of August, A. D. 1907, 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 in Finland, erased, and the words April 26th, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

Certificate filed to cover date.

S. A. CUDDY,
Chief, Law Division.

Justice of the Peace
(Signature.)
(Official character.)

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>Sept 12, 1912</u>
2. Name, - - - - -	<u>Otto M Geers</u>
(Maiden Name, - - -	
3. Sex, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed, -	<u>Married</u>
4. Color, - - - - -	<u>W</u>
5. Age, - - - - -	<u>75</u> Years <u>4</u> Months <u>17</u> Days
6. Disease or Cause of Death	<u>Dysentary</u>
7. Residence, - - - -	<u>Stow Mass</u>
8. Occupation, - - - -	<u>Farmer</u>
9. Place of Death, - - -	<u>Stow Mass</u>
10. Place of Birth, - - -	<u>Finland</u>
11. Name of Father, - - -	<u>Unknown</u>
12. Name of Mother, - - - (Maiden Name)	<u>"</u>
13. Birthplace of Father, -	<u>"</u>
14. Birthplace of Mother, -	<u>"</u>
15. Place of Interment, - -	<u>Brookside Cemetery Stow Mass</u>

I, Henry P Smith 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 in said Town are in my custody, and that the above is a
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 30th
day of Sept 1912

Henry P Smith
Town Clerk.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PENSION DEPARTMENT

BOSTON

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

STATE OF Massachusetts [Act of April 19, 1908.]

COUNTY OF Windsor ss:

On this thirtieth day of September, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid Lydia Geers, aged 72 years, a resident of Stow, county of Windsor, State of Massachusetts, 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 Otto H. Geers, who was (Enrolled or commissioned,) under the name of John Brown, at Enrolled, on the 29th day of March, 1862, as a Seaman in New York - N. Y., and honorably discharged April 15, 1865, having served ninety days or more during the late civil war. That he also served Continuously in the U. S. Navy until 1868 (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

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 Lydia Whitman, on the 27th day of February, 1879 by G. R. Bent; 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.) She was married to Bancroft Whitman Jan. 5th 1870 who died Jan 20th 1876

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

That the said soldier died September 12, 1912, at Stow, Mass.; that she was not divorced from him, and that she has 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.)

Left no children

She hereby appoints F. A. BICKNELL, Deputy Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, State House, Boston, her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim (**Without fee**);

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 her post-office address is Stow, county of Windsor, State of Massachusetts.

Attest: (1) Otto H. Geers (2) Margaret O'Connell - Lydia Geers (Claimant's signature in full.)

Also personally appeared Otto H. Geers, residing Stow, Mass., and Margaret O'Connell, residing in Attenton, Mass., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Lydia Geers, 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 20 years and 10 years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

power of attorney valid as to execution. S. A. Cuddy, Chief, Law Division.

Otto H. Geers
Margaret O'Connell
(Signatures of witnesses.)

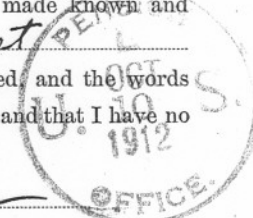
Subscribed and sworn to before me this thirtieth day of September, A.D. 1912 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words not, erased, and the words

[L. S.]

interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Here husband covered was pensioner with left #4488
S. A. Cuddy, Chief, Law Division.

G. H. Stevens
Justice of the Peace
(Official character.)



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary.

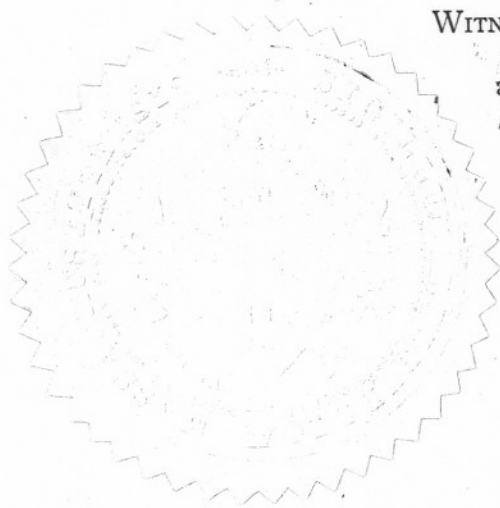
Boston, October 9, 1912.

I **Hereby Certify** That the **MARRIAGE** of Otto M. Geers,
 of Boston, son of Christopher and Esther (———),
 aged 41 years (First mar.), and Lydia (Austin) Whitman,
 of Stow, daughter of Timothy and Lydia (———),
 aged 39 years (Second mar.), solemnized at Stow, on the
27th day of Feb in the year 1879, by G. R. Bent, Clergy-
man, appears of record in this office by duly attested Return
 of the Clerk of the Town of Stow for that year.

WITNESS THE GREAT SEAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH hereunto
 affixed at the date first above written.

Albert P. Langtry

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.



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Navy Inv. Co. No. 4488
Otto M. Geers ^{alias} *John Brown*,
 U. S. Navy

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *July 13, 1907*

Sir:

Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully,

Mr. Otto M. Geers,
Nest Acton,
Middlesex Co., Mass.

J. Warner
 Commissioner.

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: *Yes*

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: *Stow Mass*

Feb. 27th 1879.

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: *Recorded in Town*

clerk's office Stow Mass

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former consorts. Answer: *No.*

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth. Answer:

One adopted son
Born March 14th 1887.
Otto M. Geers



Date of reply, *July 24th*, 1907

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Otto M. Geers
 (Signature.)

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J. M. Ex'r.

Navy In Cg No. 4488
Otto M. Geers
U S Navy

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

O. W. & N. DIVISION
JUL 29 1907

Washington, D. C., *July 13, 1907*

SIR: To aid this Bureau in preventing any one falsely personating you, or otherwise committing fraud in your name, or on account of your service, you are required to answer fully the questions enumerated below.

You will please return this circular under cover of the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.
 Very respectfully,

Mr. Otto M. Geers,
West Acton,
Middlesex Co., Mass.

J. Warner
 Commissioner.

1. When were you born? Answer. *April 26th 1837*
2. Where were you born? Answer. *Finland*
3. When did you enlist? Answer. *March 29th 1862*
4. Where did you enlist? Answer. *New York*
5. Where had you lived before you enlisted? Answer. *Finland*
6. What was your post-office address at enlistment? Answer. *Had none*
7. What was your occupation at enlistment? Answer. *Sailor*
8. When were you discharged? Answer. *Oct 12th 1878*
9. Where were you discharged? Answer. *Port Royal S. C.*
10. Where have you lived since discharge? Give dates, as nearly as possible, of any changes of residence.
Ston. Mass
11. What is your present occupation? Answer. *Furmer*
12. What is your height? Answer. *6* feet *10* inches. Your weight? *210 lbs*
 The color of your eyes? *Blue* The color of your hair? *Brown* Your complexion?
Fair Are there any permanent marks or scars on your person? If so, describe them.
Scars of arms on right fore arm.
13. What is your full name? Please write it on the line below, in ink, in the manner in which you are accustomed to sign it, in the presence of two witnesses who can write.

Otto M. Geers



1. *Otto M. Geers*
 2. *H. F. Stevens*
 [Witnesses who can write sign here.]

Date: *July 24*, 1907

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Massachusetts
County of Middlesex ss.

On this 21 day of May, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, Otto M. Geers, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 75 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 New York City under the name of John Brown, on the 29th day of March, 1862 as a Seaman, in U S Gunboat Fort Henry
(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 war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at on U S Steamship Potomac on the 25th day of May, 1865. That he also served Continuously in the U S Navy until Oct 15th 1878
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

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, 5 feet 10 inches; complexion, Fair; color of eyes, Blue; color of hair, Brown; that his occupation was Seaman; that he was born April 15th, 1837, in Finland.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: has resided continuously in Stow Mass since his final discharge from the U S service
(State date of each change as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 4488.

That he has applied for pension under original No. 4488.

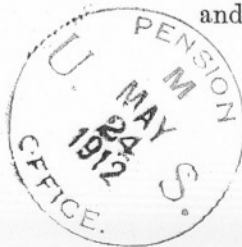
That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of May 11, 1912.

That his post-office address is West Acton, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts.

Attest: (1) Edward W. Cooney atlas John Brown
(2) Frances A. Stevens
(Claimant's signature in full.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, A. D., 1912, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words in Finland and the words April 15th and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]



Certificate on file
date.
S. A. C. U. S. DEPT. OF WAR
Chief Clerk Division

Dr. H. Stevens
(Signature.)
Justice of the Peace
(Official character.)

Validity accepted
erased, added;
Chief, Law Division
H. M. H.

IF A PENSIONER, DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PENSION DEPARTMENT,

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts,

County of *Widdlesex*

SS.

In the matter of the claim for *pension*
of *Lydia Geers Widow of Otto M Geers.*
Seaman U. S. S. Vita

of Company....., Regiment..... Vols.:

Personally came before me, a *Justice of the Peace* in and for
aforesaid County and State, *Lydia Geers.* aged *75* and

Nancy S Lewis aged *78*, resident of *Stow*

in the County of *Widdlesex* State of *Mass*, who being
and *William H Clark* aged *62* years of *Stow* State and County
duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows:—

That her former husband *Brancroft Whilman*
was never in the U. S. Service. And that it is impossible
for her to prove by witnesses that the sailor *Otto M Geers.*
had been previously married as he was a Russian
by birth and joined the Russian Merchant Service at the
age of fifteen and continued in that service for seven
years when he enlisted in U. S. Navy, in which he
served seventeen years. That her first acquaintance
with him began soon after his final discharge from said
service. When she married him he claimed that he had never
been previously married. That she lived with him until his death
and never had reason to doubt the truth of his statement.

Lydia Geers
+ *Stow, Mass.*

The said *Nancy S Lewis* and *William H Clark* declare
that they have been intimately acquainted with the said
Lydia and *Otto M Geers.* for the last *35* years and *18*
years respectively - and know them to be credible persons.
and have no doubt that the above statements are
true in every particular

We further declare that *we* no interest in said claim, and are not concerned
in its prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK two persons sign here.

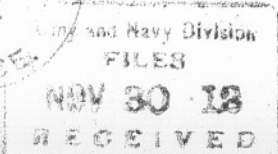
Affiant's Signature, *Nancy S. Lewis.*

P. O. Address, *Stow, Mass.*

Affiant's Signature, *William H Clark*

P. O. Address, *Stow Mass*

5-21-1912, 5,000.



[OVER]

ORIGINAL NAVY INVALID CLAIM.

Soldier, *Otto M. Heers alias John Brown*

P. O., *Stow*

County, *Middlesex*

State, *Mass*

Rates, \$ *2.*

Rank, *Seaman*

U.S.S. Richmond

per month, commencing *April 3 - 1882*

Pensioned for

Injury to left hand

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, *Abel Prescott Deal*

P. O., *Ayer*

Fee, \$ *10.00*, Agent to pay.

Articles filed, 18

APPROVALS:

Submitted for admission *June 5, 1886*, *S.D. Carrman*, Examiner.

Disabled by *injury to left hand.*

Approved for *Injury to left hand* Approved for *Injury to left hand*

By H. L. by rejected on the ground that it is shown by the record that the same was not while on duty. Malarial poisoning. Under Order June 11, 1886 H. W. Hagg, Legal Reviewer.

Geo. L. Fox AM. Ex. June 16, 1886, Medical Reviewer.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Enlisted *December 8, 1868*

Discharged *November 11, 1871*

Declaration filed *April 3, 1882*

Formal decl *Sept 1 - 1882*

Prior service from Mar 29 - 1862 to April 15, 1865 and May 25, 1865 to October 1 - 1868. Sub service from Mar 25 - 1872 to July 27, 1878, and Oct 14, 1875 to Oct 15, 1878 in U.S. Navy. Not in military or naval service since Oct 15, 1878.

BASIS OF CLAIM.

Injury to left hand on U.S.S. Richmond while moving the steamer at Leghorn Italy. During last service contracted malarial poisoning from exposure. At Montevideo Uruguay Jan 1875 while on shore, fell in hole near sidewalk injuring left leg. Claim for injury of left leg submitted for rejection same not having been received in line of duty.

Philadelphia ^{Nov} Oct 11 1871.

This is to show that John
Barnes late Captain of the
Held on board the U. S. S.
Richmond received the injury
by which his finger is
practically disabled in the
line of duty on board said
ship. Two of his metacarpal bones
being fractured by an accident
while working at the Compressor.

I would state also that he
discharged his duty during
about one year on board said
ship after this accident occurred
and that he is a good and
faithful man.

Edw. Kershner
P. A. Surgeon
U. S. N.

OFFICE OF
HEIRS OF JOSHUA BENNETT,
No. 25 KILBY STREET.

OFFICE HOURS:
9 to 10 A. M. and 1 to 2 P. M.

BOSTON, *May 5th* 1886

In whom it may concern

This certifies that
Otto M. Geers boarded in the Sailor's
Home after discharge from U. S. Navy
and reenlisted again joining U. S. Steam
Ship "Hartford" under the name of John
Brown. I have known John Brown and
Otto M. Geers as the same person for
ten years or more.

D. A. Jacobs
Late Supt. Old Sailor's Home
Boston Mass.

Boston May 6th 1886

This certifies that I have known John Brown
and Otto M. Geers as the same person for
20. Twenty years or since 1865-

Isaac B. Wood
Clerk in Sailor's Home in 1865

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.

In the matter of Otto M Geers who shipped by the name of John Brown applicant for a Pension

ON THIS 26 day of August A. D. 1889, personally appeared before me, a

The District Court of Central Middlesex and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths,

Otto M Geers age 52 years, a resident of Stow

in the County of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

that I was in the naval service of the United States on board the Sloop Ship New Hampshire in Port Royal Bay South Carolina in December 1877. and while in the discharge of my duty on said ship at work painting the foremast the staging plank broke and I fell to the deck a distance of twelve feet, and struck on my feet and sprained my right ankle and injured my left foot. and was placed on the sick list on board said ship and under the charge of the Surgeon thereof and treated for the injury for about three months. That since that time and now I have and am suffering great pain in the right ankle, and it troubles me in walking and prevents my sleeping nights, and disables me one half the time from work farming. That I was honorably discharged from said service Oct 11th 1878, and was unable to again serve on board ship by reason of said sprain and injury, and had to give up the sea & go to farming

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

My Post Office address is West Acton Middlesex Co Mass

further declares that _____ no interest in said case and _____ not concerned in its prosecution.

John S. Ketch

Otto M. Geers alias John Brown

[If affiant signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.]

[Signature of affiant.]

Return all evidence direct to JOSEPH H. HUNTER.

U. S. S. "Lancaster" (2nd rate).

Portsmouth, N. H. July 24th 1875.

John Brown, Seaman, was under treatment on board this vessel from January 25th to June 7th 1875, with Fracture of Tibula of left leg -

The scar on front of ankle was occasioned by pressure of apparatus applied in Hospital, Montevideo, U., producing a deep slough.

I consider him perfectly cured, and see no reason why he should not re-enter the Service.

Francis Greene.
S. A. Surgeon. U. S. N.

CLAIMANT'S AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Massachusetts

COUNTY OF Middlesex } ss.

In the matter of the original invalid pension claim No. 8036 for Invalid Mary Benson
of Otto M. Gear No.

ON THIS 20th day of Decr, A. D. 1882 ; personally appeared before me, a

Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
Otto M. Gear also John Brown aged 45 years, a resident of
Stow in the County of Middlesex, and State
of Mass, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit

and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to his claim for pension as follows: My post office address is
Stow Mass. or West Acton Mass. his letter with
reference to my claim for pension I desire sent to Apr Mass via St. Paul St.
For 4 years immediately preceding my enlistment into the service of the United States on the 29th day of

March 1862 I resided in the following-named places: Bury during said
time from 1858 in the Merchant Service as a
Sailor had no regular home my father & mother
being dead before he left his native country Finland

and my occupation was that of a Sailor as above stated

Since my discharge from said service on the 15th day of Apr, 1878, I have resided in
Sailors home Boston corner of North Bennett & Salem
St. where resided about 2 months & 15 days then
went to Stow Middlesex Co. Mass. where I have resided
to the present time
and my occupation has been that of a Farmer

I further state that the disability for which I claim a pension arises from Injury to Left Hip and Injury
to Left foot and muscular paralysis resulting from exposure
which was contracted on the service in the U.S. Army
(Here state the time, place, and all the circumstances under which the disability for which pension is claimed originated.)

My declaration for Pension: Except in addition to above
claim was disabled at Port Royal S. C. while on board
the Star Line New Hampshire in June 1878 while engaged in the
duty of Boatman the fore mast the Plank or Staging on which
he was at work gave way and he fell a distance of about 15
feet striking on his feet spraining his right ankle and
materially adding to the injury previously received by the left one
From my said discharge to the present time, I have received the following medical treatment for said disease

Dr. Livermore of Stow who commenced treating him
(Give the name and address of each physician employed, and the date when each commenced and ceased to treat you. If any of them are
deceased, so state.)
in the winter of 1879 & 80 was under his care about 2

or 3 months when not receiving much benefit called upon
Dr. McColister of Apr Mass who treated him for several
months and am still taking his prescriptions
was while at the Soldiers home troubled with Blood
poisoning for which I received some medicine from the
Receiving Ship Wabash

Since the origin of the disability for which pension is claimed, I have suffered with the following acute diseases:

Gland had no acute disease not connected
(Mention all attacks of acute disease, the time when such attacks occurred, their character and violence.)
with the above named troubles

for which I was treated by Dr. was treated as above stated for
Gland first mentioned
Name and address and date of treatment.

And during all of the said time my physical condition and ability to perform manual labor has been as follows:

For the
time I was in the Sailors Home was unable
State whether you have performed any manual labor since your discharge, and if so, what kind, and whether at any time and for what
to do any manual labor after moving to New
was unable to perform any labor except of a very
light character taking care of the cattle & doing the
chores about the house until treated by Dr. Lumsden when
for 2 or three years more I could do no work and was
transferred to the house. For fully 1/4 of the time since
discharge have been unable to do any manual
labor. Considerable part of this time required the personal attention
of some one. As at no time when able to
work have I been able to do more than the one
half the general manual labor I could do before entering
in the U.S. Service by reason of the malarial poison contracted in the
service

[Two witnesses who can write sign here.]

Otto M. Evers

[Signature of Claimant.]

STATE OF Massachusetts COUNTY OF Worcester ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant and I certify that I read the said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in the prosecution. The following interlineations and erasures were made before executing said affidavit:

was of "the" "years"
past two of this term

Erased words "good"

General Certificate
on File in P Dept.

George H. Stuart

[Magistrate's Signature.]

Justice of the Peace

[Official Character.]

I certify that..... Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit was at the time of so doing..... in and for said county and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this..... day of..... 188

[L. S.]

Clerk of the

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT, must add his certificate of Official character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIMANT.

No.

Claim of

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CLAIMANT'S AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Massachusetts
 COUNTY OF Middlesex } ss.

In the matter of the original invalid pension claim No. 8036 for Immanuel Mary Pension
of Otto M. Gear No

ON THIS 28th day of Decr A. D. 1882 ; personally appeared before me, a
Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
Otto M. Gear alias John Brown aged 45 years, a resident of
Stow in the County of Middlesex and State
of Mass

and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to his claim for pension as follows: My post office address is
Stow Mass. or West Acton Mass. but all letters with
reference to my claim for Pension I desire sent to Apr Mass care A. Bennett
 For 4 years immediately preceding my enlistment into the service of the United States on the 29th day of

March 1862 I resided in the following named places: Birney during said
term from 1858 in the Merchant Service as a
(Give all the places in which you resided during the period above stated prior to your enlistment.)

Sailor had no regular home my father & mother
being dead before he left his native country England

and my occupation was that of a Sailor as above stated

Since my discharge from said service on the 15th day of Aug 1878 I have resided in

Sailors Home Boston corner of North Bennett & Salem
(Give the name of each place with date of any change of residence.)

St. where remained about 2 months & 15 days then
went to Stow Middlesex Co. Mass. where I have remained
to the present time
 and my occupation has been that of a Farmer

I further state that the disability for which I claim a pension arises from Injury to Left Leg & Hip
to Left foot and muscular bones resulting from severe discharge
which was contracted in the service in the late Civil War
(Here state the time, place, and all the circumstances under which the disability for which pension is claimed originated.)

My declaration for Pension Except in addition to above
claim was disabled at Fort Royal S. C. while on board
the Steamer Shaw New Hampshire in June 1878 while engaged in the
duty of Guarding the fire in the Powder or Magazine on which
he was at work you saw and he fell a distance of about 15
feet striking on his feet & bruising his right ankle and
materially adding to the injury previously received by the left one
 From my said discharge to the present time, I have received the following medical treatment for said disease

Dr. Livermore of Stow who commenced treating him
(Give the name and address of each physician employed, and the date when each commenced and ceased to treat you. If any of them are
in the winter of 1879 & 80 was under his care about 2
deceased, so state.)

or 3 months other not receiving much benefit called upon
Dr. Mc Collier of Apr Mass who treated him for several
months and am still taking his prescriptions
was while at the Soldiers Home troubled with Blood
poisoning for which I received some Medicine from the
Receiving Ship Wabash

Since the origin of the disability for which pension is claimed, I have suffered with the following acute diseases:

Cholera had no acute disease not assisted
(Mention all attacks of acute disease, the time when such attacks occurred, their character and violence.)
with the above named troubles

for which I was treated by Dr. was treated as above stated for
Cholera first mentioned
Name and address and date of treatment.

2d Endorsement.

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ADDRESS BUREAU OF NAVIGATION, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
AND REFER TO NO.



WASHINGTON, D. C.,

January 28, 1913.

Subject: Pension call (A. & N. Div., Wid. Orig. 994548) of
Jan. 23, 1913, relative to Otto M. Geers, alias
John Brown.

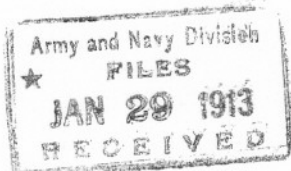
1. Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

2. The Chief of Bureau directs me to state that the records of this Bureau show that one John Brown enlisted in the navy March 29, 1862, at New York, for three years, as seaman, served in the U.S.S. "North Carolina," "Fort Henry," "Nita," "Ohio," and was discharged April 15, 1865, as quartermaster; reenlisted May 25, 1865, at Boston, Mass., for three years, as seaman, served in the "Ohio," "Powhatan," "Vermont," and was discharged October 1, 1868; reenlisted December 8, 1868, at Boston, Mass., for three years, as seaman, served in the "Ohio," "Richmond," and was discharged November 11, 1871, as captain of hold; reenlisted January 25, 1872, at Boston, Mass., for three years, as seaman, served in the "Ohio," "Lancaster," "Vermont," "Portsmouth," "Lancaster," and was discharged July 27, 1875, as captain of hold; reenlisted October 18, 1875, at Boston, Mass., for three years, as seaman, served in the "Ohio," "Colorado," "Hartford," "Franklin," "Wabash," "New Hampshire," "Colorado," and was discharged October 15, 1878.

3. The records show that the above-named man held continuous service certificate number 509.



Commander, U.S.N.



Form No. 61.

Treasury Department,

FOURTH AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

August 10

1882.

Hon.

Ludley,

Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th ultimo, in relation to
John Brown, late Seaman.

You are respectfully informed that from the records on file in this Office,
it appears that he enlisted March 29, 1862, for

three (3) years, as Seaman and served on the
"North Carolina" from that date, to April

1, 1862; on the "Fort Henry" from April 2, 1862, to November
29, 1863; on the "Nita" from November 30, 1863, to April 4,
1865, and on the "Ohio" from April 5, to April 15, 1865, when he
was discharged.

That a John Brown enlisted, as a Seaman, for three (3) years,
May 25, 1865, and served on the "Ohio" from that date, to September
30, 1865; on the "Powhatan" from October 1, 1865, to September 14, 1868,
and on the "Vermont" from September 15, to October 1, 1868, when
he was discharged.

That a John Brown enlisted, as a Seaman, for three (3) years,
December 8, 1868, and served on the "Ohio" from that date, to January
13, 1869; on the "Richmond" from January 14, 1869, to November 11, 1871,
when he was discharged.

That a John Brown enlisted as a Seaman, for three (3) years,
January 25, 1872, and served on the "Ohio" from that date, to March 31,
1872; on the "Portsmouth" from April 1, to June 27, 1872, and on the "Lan-
caster" from June 28, 1872, to July 27, 1875, when he was discharged.

That a John Brown enlisted October 14, 1875, as a Seaman, for three
(3) years, and served on the "Ohio" from that date, to October 27, 1875; on the
"Colorado" from October 28, 1875, to December 7, 1875; on the "Hartford" from December
8, 1875, to September 10, 1877; on the "Franklin" from September 11, to October 3, 1877;
on the "Wabash" from October 4, to November 14, 1877; on the "New Hampshire"
from November 15, 1877, to October 11, 1878 and on the "Colorado" from October 12, to
October 15, 1878, when he was discharged.

The papers inclosed in your letter are herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Reedley
Auditor.

Claim No. 8036.

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44 enclosures.

13 P.W. & N. W. in.
W. H. H.