



A. M. D. G.

# CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM.

PARISH OF BALLYPOREEN, DIOCESE OF WATERFORD AND LISMORE.

Name of Child, *John Freehy (alias Griffin)*

Date of Birth, *10 April 1838*

Date of Baptism, *10 April 1838*

Names of Parents

*Thomas Freehy*  
*Mary O'Connell*

Names of Sponsors

*James Thompson*  
*Robert O'Connell*

Name of Officiating Clergyman,

*Rev. J. Keogh P.D.*

I hereby Certify the above to be correct,

*John Keogh P.D.*

Ballyporeen, *10 June 1838* 19

*Ballyporeen*  
*Lis Tipperary*  
*10 June 1838*

*Dear Mr. Freehy, I Enclose*  
*your Baptismal Certificate*  
*as requested - Should*  
*you wish, or want, other*  
*Copies, we shall always*  
*be glad to give the date, as it is very*  
*difficult to find it in*  
*the old registers -*  
*Yours truly of the Frd*

425 May '99 Cant  
 to send copies = free  
 right to know - that you  
 propose money gift -  
 no value in this  
 country, but I am  
 having it printed as  
 a souvenir - the in-  
 mortal dollar! -  
 There was a Genie  
 of mine (the Genie of the  
 record, public) killed  
 in the American

Am = "He left a bit, & children  
 & I am told they are receipt of a  
 picture = Perhaps you would be  
 able to find out some information  
 for me, from the American Authorities, where  
 Mr. Zuma was killed, & at what  
 of the father, & of  
 I am sure of  
 Of Mr. Zuma?

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Massachusetts, County of Suffolk ss.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM FOR PENSION , No 790810

of John Griffin

late of Co. "E." 6th Reg't Mass. Inf. Volunteers.

ON THIS 23th day of June, A. D. 1909, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths, John Griffin aged 71 years, a resident of Boxborough in the County of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts whose post office address is R. F. D. Box #46, West Acton, Mass.

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

Affiant should state how he gains a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

I am the claimant in the above cited case. When I made my former declaration for pension under the Act of February 6, 1907, I alleged the date of my birth as March 3, 1839. This date I was not positive of but stated it as near as I could from my knowledge. Since making this declaration for pension, I have received a certificate of my baptism from the parish Priest of the Parish where I was baptized, showing the date of my baptism as April 15, 1838. The name stated in the baptism is Greehy, alias Griffin. The surname of my parents was Greehy. I came to this country when I was about ten years of age and ever since that time, I have been known as John Griffin. This statement is made to explain the discrepancy in the dates of my birth and the spelling of my surname.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

John Masters  
If Affiant signs by mark, two witnesses who can write sign here.

John Griffin  
Signature of Affiant



Affiant's Signature should be written close to the end of his statement.



MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING BLACK INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions and extracts from the laws on back of certificate.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Middlesex State Mass Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City or Town Boston No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME John Griffin  
(If in the Army or Navy of the United States, give rank, organization, etc.)  
(a) Residence. No. Boston St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode)  
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 62 years \_\_\_\_\_ months \_\_\_\_\_ days. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? 73 years \_\_\_\_\_ months \_\_\_\_\_ days

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) Married

5a If married, widowed, or divorced  
HUSBAND of Mary Denley  
(or) WIFE of

6 DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year)

7 AGE 85 Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_  
If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ min.

If STILLBORN, enter that fact here

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED Farmer  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work  
(b) Name of employer

9 BIRTHPLACE (City) Ireland  
(State or country)

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER Jeremiah Griffin

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City) Ireland  
(State or country)

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Bridget Murray

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City) Ireland  
(State or country)

14 Informant Mrs. Agnes Griffin  
(Address) Boston, Mass.

15 Filed April 13 - 1923  
(Month) (Day) (Year) REGISTRAR \_\_\_\_\_

16 DATE OF DEATH April 11, 1923  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from April 1, 1923, to April 11, 1923, that I last saw him alive on April 11, 1923 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10 P. m. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Bronchial Pneumonia

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. 10 ds.

18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did an operation precede death? No Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
Was there an autopsy? No  
What test confirmed diagnosis? Physical signs  
(Signed) Herbert B. Royal, M.D.  
(Address) Harvard Mass  
Date April 13, 1923  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL St. Marys Church  
(Cemetery) (City or town) DATE OF BURIAL April 14, 1923

20 UNDERTAKER M. E. McRiff  
ADDRESS 112 Main St. Hudson Mass  
Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date of issue April 13 Permit No. 2

Answer to Pension Bureau circular, 3-077

I John Griffin late of Mass. 6th Regiment Company E whose claim for pension, act 27 June, 1890, is No. 811,239 do solemnly swear that I have not been employed or paid in the Army, Navy, or the Marine Service of the United States since June 5, 1865

Then personally appeared the above-named John Griffin him subscribed was true, before me. I have no interest in said claim for pension. He read the above statement or it was carefully read to him before he signed and made oath to it.

I know to be reputable and entitled to credit, and made solemn oath that the above statement by whom, whom

Justice of the Peace. J. W. McArthur

State of Mass County of Middlesex act 27 June, 1890

Full name of soldier John X Griffin Address of next of kin Agnes Griffin

Witnesses Agnes Griffin John Griffin

Two signs by if soldier witnesses

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



11 MAR 11

Bolborough Mass March 4 1892

I the undersigned John Griffin  
make the following statement under  
oath

While on duty at Blackwater  
River in the Spring of 1863 I caught  
a violent cold causing rheumatism.  
The camp was in a very situation  
blankets placed on rails were used  
for rest. Rheumatism settled in  
left arm. Soon after my discharge in  
1863 I called the attention of Dr. Dow  
then of Harvard, now of Reading Mass.

My arm had become a running sore.  
Dr. Dow could give no relief. On the 8<sup>th</sup>  
of January 1865 I went to the Mass-  
General Hospital. The sore became  
healed. Before I went to the hospital  
the sore had eaten away the flesh to  
the bone on the left fore arm. My arm  
now is lame, cold, numb and cramps  
when grasping an object. This unfitting  
me for the continued heavy labor that  
I am obliged to do to get my living.

Trouble about my heart commenced  
to be noticeable six or seven years ago  
it grows worse for the last three years  
has been very troublesome often I feel  
fainting to the ground.

John <sup>his</sup> Griffin  
formerly <sup>in</sup> ~~was~~ in Company E  
6<sup>th</sup> Regt Infantry Mass; Vol.

Middlesex S.S.

Bolborough March 4<sup>th</sup> 1892

Personally appeared the above John Griffin  
before me, and made oath that the above  
statement made by him is true.

Ephraim B. Woodleigh  
Justice of the Peace



Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, &c.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim. Original Pension Claim No. 811239  
[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]  
 Name and rank of claimant. John Griffin, Rank, Private  
 Company E, 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't Mass Vol Inf. Fitchburg Mass State,  
 Claimant's post-office address. West Acton Mass Oct 28<sup>th</sup> [Post-office address of the Board.]  
 [Date of examination.] 1891.

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred

Cause of disability. in the service, viz: Injury of Left Arm, partial loss of sight, loss of teeth, dizziness in head.

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives a pension of 72 dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Original  
[Original, increase, restoration, &c.]  
Was hit on the left arm at the Blackwater, by a piece of shell, my arm was mangled and blood came, a son broke out after I came home I went to Mass Genl Hospital and remained 6 months, had a running sore & they cut out the flesh. It took 8 years and 4 months for it to heal up. It's been sore ever since. though I have washed a good deal since. I am not so strong as I used to be. Have break times in the pit of stomach. my teeth are very poor. cant

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 72; respiration, 20; temperature, 98; height, 5 feet 3 inches; weight, 140 pounds; age, 36 years. See to read fine print or coarse. left eye is the best. cant see to write my note. break spells come on once a week or month. sight better my eye. do not fall down but sit down. have no strength in my limbs or body. cannot run. my breath leaves me. do not sleep well. Appetite good bowels regular pass water well. Circulation good muscles firm hands hard. Lungs clear spleen and abdomen normal. Heart apex beat 1 3/4 inches below nipple and 1/2 inch outside seen across the room rough sound heard between apex and sternum. initial murmur heard at apex. palpation is hard. Left shoulder 1 inch higher than right. slight curvature of spine. There is a scar on left arm. outlined in diagram. covering a surface about 8 inches by 4. it does not seem very tender or interfere much with use. He reads. No 15 with left eye. at 12 feet. No 40 with right eye 12 feet. He has 7 poor black stumps of teeth above the gum below. except as noted above all organs healthy and no evidence of disease.

Rate for EACH cause of disability. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 8/18 rating for the disability caused by Disease of Heart. 4/18 for that caused by Impaired Vision and 4/18 injury of left arm for that caused by and 4/18 for loss of teeth

George Jewett, Pres. A O Hitchcock, Sec'y. E. P. Miller, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.



DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

Act of May 1, 1920.

State of Massachusetts, County of Norfolk

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 192 3, personally appeared Mary Griffin before me the undersigned, who makes the following declaration as an application for pension under the provisions of the act of Congress approved May 1, 1920.

That she is 82 years of age, that she was born December 24th, 1922 at Galway Island Ireland, and that her post-office address is R.F.D West Acton Massachusetts

That she is the widow of John Griffin, who ENLISTED August 25th, 1862, at Dorchester, Massachusetts under the name of John Griffin, in "E" Company 6th Regt Mass Infantry (Here state company and regiment, if in the Army; or vessel, if in the Navy.) and was honorably

DISCHARGED June 3d, 1863, having served ninety days or more, or was discharged for, or died in service of the United States of a disability incurred in the service in the line of duty, during the CIVIL WAR, and who

DIED April 11th, 1923, at Boxborough, Mass.

That he also served in \_\_\_\_\_ (Here give a complete statement of all other military, naval, or coast guard service, if any, at whatever time rendered.)

and that, except as herein stated, said soldier (or sailor) was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States;

THAT SHE WAS MARRIED to said soldier (or sailor) June 18th, 1865, at Washua N.H., by Rev. O'Donnell

that she had not been previously married, that he had \_\_\_\_\_ been previously married;

That she was NOT divorced from the soldier (or sailor) and that she has NOT remarried since his death;

That the following are the ONLY children OF THE SOLDIER (or sailor) who are now living and are under sixteen years of age; (If he left no children under sixteen years of age, the claimant should so state.)

none under 16 years of age  
\_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_

That she has not heretofore applied for pension, the number of her former claim being \_\_\_\_\_; that said soldier (or sailor) was \_\_\_\_\_ a pensioner, the number of his pension certificate being 740810

(1) J. J. Sherry (Signature of first witness.)  
Harvard Mass. (Address of first witness.)  
(2) Maurice Griffin (Signature of second witness.)  
Harvard Mass. (Address of second witness.)  
Mary X Griffin (Claimant's signature in full.)  
West Acton, Mass. (Claimant's address in full.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 192 3 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 words \_\_\_\_\_ added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Allen Brooks Parker (Signature.)  
Notary Public (Official character.)  
West Acton, Mass. (Post-office address of Officer.)

[L. S.]

Declaration accepted  
as a widow's claim  
under Act of May 1, 1920.  
Per [Signature] Chief, Law Div.



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.Middlesex, ss.

On this Seventh day of July 1923, before me, the undersigned, a NOTARY PUBLIC, within and for The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, personally came the undersigned, George B. Parker, of Acton and Charles T. Wetherbee, of Boxborough and both in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and both of whom are to me personall known and known to be credible witnesses, and having both been first duly sworn by me in accordance with law do upon their several oaths depose and say

FIRST that they are residents of the towns of Acton and Boxborough respectively in said Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that they are 85 years and 63 years of age respectively; that their post office addresses are West Acton, Massachusetts and West Acton, Massachusetts. R. F. D. respectively.

SECOND that they are personally acquainted with Mary Griffin of Boxborough in said Commonwealth who is a claimant for a widow's pension as the widow of John Griffin, late of said Boxborough, deceased and that we have been acquainted with said Mary Griffin 55 years and 55 years respectively.

THIRD that to our several knowledge the said Mary Griffin and John Griffin, late deceased as aforesaid, who was a member of "E." Company 6th Massachusetts Infantry, Civil War, lived together as husband and wife for more than fifty years and until the date of the death of said John Griffin; that during the whole of this time they lived together in said Town of Boxborough; that said John and Mary Griffin were recognized by us and by a very large number of acquaintances to have been lawfully married; that they had a family of children, each by the other; that so far as our several knowledge goes and we are severally informand believe that said

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
STATE INFIRMARY  
TEWKSBURY

DR. JOHN H. NICHOLS  
Superintendent

June 22, 1923.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that the records of the State Infirmary show that Mary Griffin, age 34 years, died January 31, 1866. Cause of death--Hip Disease.

*John Nichols*  
Superintendent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 23rd day of June, 1923.

*Thomas D. Dwyer*  
Justice of the Peace.



S. Certificate on file to cover  
July 19, 1922 to July 18, 1929  
H. P. Willey,  
Chief, Law Division.

John and Mary were never divorced; that to the best of our knowledge and belief said Mary Griffin was never married prior to her marriage to said John Griffin; that we are severally informed and believe that said John Griffin was formerly married to one Mary Flanagan, but that said Mary Flanagan (the first Mary Griffin) died many years ago in a State Institution at Tewksbury, Massachusetts; that neither of us have any interest in this claim by said Mary Griffin for a pension.

*George B. Parker*  
*Charles T. Wetherbee*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned, by the said George B. Parker and Charles T. Wetherbee, the day and year above written.

*Allen Brooks Parker*

Notary Public.

My commission expires February 15, 1928.

*OK*

Office of Allen Brooks Parker,  
West Acton, Massachusetts.

July 25th. 1923.

Department of the Interior  
Bureau of pensions

Dear Sirs:--

In the matter of the claim of Mary widow of John Griffin of  
Co. "E" 6th Regt Mass Inf # 1204888.

The writer is acting as the attorney to assist this widow in obtaining the required evidence to prove her claim. This widow has handed me yours dated 17th inst in which you ask for additional evidence of the marriage of this widow to the <sup>soldier</sup> ~~pensioner~~. I am informed that the only evidence in addition to what has already been furnished you, viz that these tow lived together as husband and wife for more than fifty years, would be the affidavit of the claimant stating that she was married in Nashua N. H. the date of which she can only approximate, the church she can not recall nor the name of the priest. She does not know whether any certificate was ever issued or not. She now has none. Only one witness, so far as she know, is now living, Mrs Callahan of Littleton, Massachusetts. a sister of the soldier, a person af very advanced age. I can probably obtain an affidavit from this person stating her knowledge of the marriage in lawful manner. The chainant in this case is very aged and without a knowledge of reading and writing. She is personally known to the writer of this letter and has been for forty years and it is common knowledge to which scores of witnesses would testify that she and the soldier have lived together as husband and wife for many years and are believed to have been lawfully married. Will an affidavit from the widow and also from the sister be sufficient to meet this case. I await your reply.

Allen Brooks Parker,

*Allen Brooks Parker*





*Borroughs, Mass*  
*160 790810*  
*April 17, 1923*  
*Deputy John Griffin*  
*Bureau of Pension*  
*FINANCE*  
*APR 21 1923*  
*BUS. AD.*

*Dear Sir:*  
*I notify you that*  
*John Griffin*  
*who was a private Co. F.C.*  
*6 Regiment*  
*Massachusetts Infantry.*  
*died April 11<sup>th</sup> 1923 at*  
*12 o'clock at night. Cause*  
*Thrombosis.*

*he leaves a widow*  
*Mary Griffin quite helpless*  
*and in need for circumstances*  
*1864*

Widow Division  
W.O. 1,204,888  
Mary Griffin  
John Griffin  
E 6 Mass. Inf.

August 1, 1923.

Mrs. Mary Griffin,  
R.F.D., West Acton,  
Massachusetts.

M a d a m :

The above cited claim awaits a verified copy of the public record of your marriage to the soldier. The same may possibly be obtained by writing to the City Clerk at Nashua, New Hampshire. If no such record exists, a statement to that effect should be furnished from that officer.

It is shown in papers on file in the claim that you were married to the soldier by the Rev. P. Odonald, pastor of the Catholic Church at Nashua, New Hampshire.

The above evidence was called for in communications addressed to you under dates of June 1 and July 7, 1923, to which no response has been received.

Respectfully,

is she entitled to a patent  
his pension or not will  
you please inform me.

address to

Miss Agnes Griffin  
Harvard

Box 46A. Mass



W.O. 1204888

Mary wid of John Griffin

Co E 6th Regt + Mass Inf

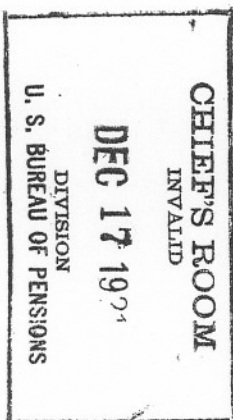
St. Patrick's Rectory  
Nashua, New Hampshire

Extract from the Reg. of marriages of  
this church —

" June 10<sup>th</sup> 1866  
John Griffin and Mary McConick  
wits Michael McSherry + Ann McSherry  
J. O. Donnell. "

Nashua N.H. July 24-1923

The above is a true copy of record  
Matthews Creamer, P.R.



Dear Sir:  
I am writing you  
once again in behalf  
of the old age pension  
my application was sent  
in about a year ago  
and I was told then  
that I was to be sparing  
by the state examining &c.  
of my earnings. I was told  
he would come to see  
me at year was almost  
gone and I am failing



Rec

Harvard Mass  
Dec 14, 1921



most with a number of  
disabilities together.  
So you should begin to  
take in any hope of I  
ever getting the old age  
a shadow. I would like  
to hear from you some  
time in regard to it  
for an old civil war  
veteran

John Griffin  
Harrold Mass  
278.  
Box 46A  
Post office address.

very fast my pension that  
has come for the three  
months is gone as my  
store bill and pay out  
for cutting my fire wood  
has most all of it. And  
I sit almost heart broken  
with an injured wife as  
old as I am thinking of  
the three long months  
yet to pass before my  
pension comes again. Debt  
is almost unbearable to  
me as to have to face  
it alone and helpless as  
I am eighty four years

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# DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

Act of May 1, 1920.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

STATE OF Massachusetts COUNTY OF Worcester, ss:  
 On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., A. D. 1920, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the county and State aforesaid, John Griffin who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 81 years of age, and a resident of Borborough Mass. county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Lowell, Mass. under the name of John Griffin on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1862, as a Pirate in Company E Sixth Regiment of Infantry (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 Lowell Mass. on the third day of June, 1863 That he also served (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 3 3/4 inches; complexion, Fair color of eyes, Blue; color of hair, Black; that his occupation was Farmer; that he was born in March, 1838, at Pine County Ireland

That he requires the regular personal aid and attendance of another person on account of the following disabilities: Enlarged Prostate causing frequent urination, Rheumatism Dign feeling in head, Sleeps poorly, Little from infirmities of age (State in this space the nature of any and all disabilities.)

That since leaving the service he has resided at Borborough Mass all the time

and his occupation has been Farmer

That he has applied for pension under Original No. 790810 That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 790810 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 witnesses.)  
 (1) Emily G. Turner. (Signature of first witness.)  
Harvard, Mass. (Address of first witness.)  
 (2) Agnes Griffin (Signature of second witness.)  
Borborough Mass. (Address of second witness.)

John Griffin (Signature of claimant in full.)  
Mass. (Claimant's address in full.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, A. D. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, added; [L. s.] \_\_\_\_\_, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Certificate not filed to  
 over date. Dec 23 1920  
 Notified

Arthur H. Turner (Signature)  
Justice of the Peace (Official character.)  
Harvard, Mass. (Post-office address of officer.)

Chief, Law Division.  
1884

Per MH  
 2, 200 May 1, 1920  
 Chief, Law Div.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

JOHN GRIFFIN  
WEST ACTON MASS  
790810 ACT MAY  
R R 1

*G. M. Sargent*

Commissioner.



No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. *April 18<sup>th</sup> 1834 Ballypurine Ireland*  
The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. *Co E. 5th Reg. civil war*

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. *West Acton Mass.*

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. *full name Mrs. Mary Griffin*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. *miss Mary Mc Colvick*

*1869* *Nashua N. H. P. McDonald pastor*

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? *Yes, catholic church*

If so, where? Answer. *Nashua N. H.*

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, 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 wives. Answer. ....

*Yes*  
*Miss Mary Flanigan 1856*  
*died 1867*  
*Lawrence Mass.*

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. ....

*No.*

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. *still living with my present wife.*

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer. *living*  
*Mrs. Agnes E Griffin Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1878*  
*Mrs. Mary Billings Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1862*

*Dead.*  
*Mr. Jerry Griffin July 5<sup>th</sup> 1860.*  
*Mrs. Esther Masters July 20<sup>th</sup> 1871*

Date *March 25<sup>th</sup> 1915*

(Signature) *John Griffin*



ACT OF JUNE 27, 1860.

3-402.

BOSTON,

Certificate No. 790810  
Name, John GriffinDepartment of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner of Pensions.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. Yes Mary Griffin Mary McCarmackSecond. When, where, and by whom were you married? June 18 1868Answer. Rev Father John O'DonnellThird. What record of marriage exists? Records in the city of Washington D.C.

Answer. \_\_\_\_\_

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. Yes Mary Flanigan died March 20 1865

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. Mary A Griffin born Aug 25 1867 Jerry Griffin  
born Mar 26 1869 Eric R Griffin July 21 1872  
Agnes E Griffin born Feb 23 1877

Date of reply, June 4, 1898



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(Signature)

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# Declaration for Pension

Under the Act of February 6, 1907

 The Pension Certificate should not be forwarded with the application. 

**INSTRUCTIONS.** This form may be used for Original Pension or Increase of Pension. Declaration and testimony in support of same to be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature and term of office must be certified by the proper State, County or City officer under his official seal, unless such certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

State of Massachusetts, County of Suffolk, ss:

On this 28th day of June A. D. one thousand nine hundred and nine personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid John Griffin, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 71 years of age, and a resident of Boxborough County of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Lowell, Mass. under the name of John Griffin on the 25th day of August, 1862 as a Private, in Co. E, 6th Regt. Mass. Inf. Vols.

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 Lowell, Mass. on the 3rd day of June, 1863

State name of war, Civil or Mexican

That he also served 1 Here give a complete statement of all other services if any

That he was not employed in the military or navy services of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height 5 feet 7 inches; complexion, fair; color of eyes, blue; color of hair, black; that his occupation was farmer; that he was born April, 1838, at the Parish of Ballyporeen, Ireland

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Boxborough, Mass.

State the date of each change

continually.

as nearly as possible

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

Cert. 790810

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.

His post-office address is R.F.D. Box 46, West Acton County of Middlesex

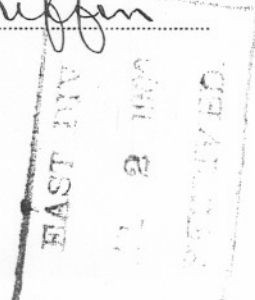
State of Massachusetts

Claimant's signature

Attest 1

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Two witnesses who write, sign here







A. M. D. G.

# CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM.

PARISH OF BALLYPOREEN, DIOCESE OF WATERFORD AND LISMORE.

Name of Child, *John Feehy (alias Tipperary)*

Date of Birth, .....

Date of Baptism, *15 April 1838*

Names of Parents

*Jeremiah Feehy*  
*Mary Dunlavy*

Names of Sponsors

*David Theobald*  
*Maymont of Kill*

Name of Officiating Clergyman, *V. Rev. P. Keogh P.P.*

I hereby Certify the above to be correct,

*John Keogh P.P.*

Ballyporeen, *7 June 1838*

*Ballyporeen*  
*Co Tipperary*  
*15 June 1838*

*Dear Mr Feehy, I enclose*  
*your Baptismal Certificate*  
*as requested - Should*  
*you wish, or want, other*  
*Copies, we shall always*  
*be glad to give the date, as it is*  
*difficult to find it in*  
*the old registers -*  
*Yours truly*  
*John Keogh P.P.*