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DEPOSITION

Case of June E. Holmes, No. Feb. 470.

On this _____ day of _____, 189____, at _____, County of _____

State of _____, before me, _____, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared J. Sherman Coward, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

my affidavit when I signed it, and it is not a true statement, except as I have testified herein.

Coward has been a man of sobriety as far as I have personal knowledge.

I would not be able to state the extent of Chit's disabilities, service discharge, as he has not been under my observation.

Q What was his condition at the time he came home from the army?

A He was complaining night and day. I came home with the car with him.

Q Did he require the attendance of any other person then?

A I know he went to some doctor - can't say whom - and that I came away from Smith Acton in the spring following my discharge, and did not

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see the claimant after his re-
change his he came here.

That related or interested
understand questions and
answers are correctly re-
order given

J. Sherman Leonard

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of June
1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. F. Fort

Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION DCase of Frederic E. Holmes, No. 868470On this 21st day of June, 1894, at
Boston, County of SuffolkState of Mass., before me, W. F. Fort, a
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Frederic J. Sherman
Comant, who, being by me first duly sworn to answertruly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
pension claim, deposes and says: My age is 47 years; oc-cupation, carpenter; do. o.
address, 25 Charlestown St.,
as above.I have known Frederic E. Holmes
from the time of my enlistment
in Co. E, 6th Mass. Vol. Inf. He
and I served together in same Co. and Regt.Q Did he show any disability
in that service?A I remember his complaints of rheum-
atism while we were on guard duty
at Fort Delaware, Del., in October
of 1864, just before his discharge.Q Did he show any manifestations
of rheumatism?A He was stiff and lame at the
time. We were on an island, and
it was very foggy and damp at
night. I thought he incurred
rheumatism from this exposure.

Q Was he otherwise disabled?

A That is all I remember. I did
not write my own affidavit.
Clamantse wrote it and read

it over to me before I signed it. Did you remember that he had kidney disease at the time you testified?

Well, he thought it was kidney troubles. He had pains in his back right here [pointing to lumbar region - Ex. 2]. No, sir, I never knew him to have any trouble with his urinary organs.

Ever know him to have any catarrh? I knew him to cough a good deal, but did not know what it was. That was before he complained of rheumatism.

Have you seen much of him since discharge?

Not a great deal. Have seen him occasionally since he has been in Boston, meeting him on the street. Have seen him about once a month in Boston for the last 3 or 4 years, but know nothing about him otherwise since discharge, as I came right here after my discharge. The clause in my affidavit saying I have seen him at least once a year since the war is wrong. I don't remember that being in

J. Sherman Conant
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of June, 1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. F. Fort

Special Examiner.

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

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DEPOSITION

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Case of True E. Holmes, No. 868, 470.

On this 1 day of June, 1894, at
Boston, County of Suffolk
 State of Mass., before me, W. F. Fort, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared True E. Holmes, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: My age is 47 years; occupation, cook; p.o. add. No 9 Eaton St. Boston, Mass.

I am the identical True E. Holmes who served in Co. E. 6th Mass. Val. Inf. from July 8/64 and ~~was~~ to Oct. 27/64, when ~~was~~ ordered out with the company. I ran away from home to enlist.

I was living out ^{West} Acton, Mass., when I enlisted. Walter Gilmore, a cousin, still lives there. Capt. Whitcomb and Lucius Horner also knew me.

Q What do you base your claim for pension on?
 A Rheumatism, catarrh of head and throat and disease of kidneys.

My tent-mate was a Melvin by name; he is now dead, can't think of his Christian name. I tented with Lucius Horner and Eben Wood, too, now at So. Acton.

Q When and where did you contract rheumatism?
 A At Fort Delaware, Del., where we were located, along in October, 1864. We bunked in some old, dilapidated sheds and were much exposed to rain and cold.

Q Did you get any treatment for rheumatism?

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a I got no treatment whatever in the service, for anything.

q When did your contract expire?

a I was bothered with it soon after enlistment, with cough from the dropping of the mucus down my throat. It has bothered me ever since.

q When did disease of kidneys first affect you?

a About 10 or 12 years ago. It began to bother me a good deal. I had no kidney trouble to speak of in the service, except pains across the back. Have been troubled with my urine recently. It has affected me for about the period above mentioned, but is worse in the last few years.

q Did you have any treatment after discharge?

a Dr. Fenn treated me for 6 years after my discharge. He is dead. Also a Dr. Hall, soon after that gave him the same treatment. He is also dead.

Dr. Simpson has been my doctor for the past month. He is on Chambers St.

q By whom can you prove incurrence of these disabilities?

a By comrades Coolidge, Conant and McMaster, who have already testified.

q And their continuance?

a C. P. Osman, John Lord, A. B. Harrington. I came to Boston in 1872-1866. Have worked for James Brown, 15 No. Mt. St. - Oscar A. Jones, 32 Merchants Row, worked with me, and has known me ever since. This was up to 1891. Also worked

ever said - was was up to it. was was
 Clessor P. Osborn, worked for him about a year
 or so. Worked with James about 9 yrs
 in all. Worked for Campbell, now of Barist
 Tractor Lilmore, West Astor, knew
 me before and after my service.

Q How much do you consider yourself
 disabled for the performance of
 manual labor since your discharge,
 by reason of your disabilities, above
 alleged.

A Oh, off and on about $\frac{1}{2}$ of my time I
 have been laid up.

Q If you were disabled to that extent, why
 did you delay applying for a pension
 until 26 years after your discharge?

A I did not need it.

I understand your questions
 and my answers are as set
 forth herein.

John E. Holmes

Deponent.

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of June
 1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. F. Fort,

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Special Examiner.

Boston, Mass., July 14, 1894.

The Hon. Com^r of Pensions,

Washington, D.C.

Sir-

I have the honor to return the papers in claim No. 868,470, of Isaac E. Holmes, late pri. Co. E, 6th Mass. Vol. Inf. and submit my report herewith.

The claim was referred for special examination to determine origin and continuation of the alleged disabilities. Claimant received the usual notice and was given the privilege of reading over the testimony taken.

The soldier has been in Boston practically since his discharge, working in restaurants as waiter, cook, etc. He has had no outdoor work and is a robust, fine-looking man, apparently in good health.

Holmes now acknowledges that the kidney trouble alleged by him as due to his service did not affect him until 10 or 12 years ago. Mr.

Holmes has been what is called a moderate drinker - a little over-indulgent for a few years after discharge, but moderate from that time

p. 4 The claimant puts up a very good case as to rheumatism, but is unable to show anything satisfactory as to vision & the hearing, while the superior examination shows no disability for either. That he has cataracts is not to be doubted. There are very few people in this climate without it. He manifested no trouble with it while I saw him; he was present when Mr. Couart, Coult, Deborn and Harrington testified.

Of the parties he referred me to, Eben Wood and James Haines, whose salaries I carried were tent mates, said they were not, save for a week at the start. Capt. Whitcomb laughingly said the soldier was a hearty boy in the service; he knew nothing of any disability or sickness in the service. Haines has been away from Acton so long that his comrades have almost forgotten him. I failed to find Peter Lea, Robt. Wayne or Geo. W. Knowlton. Lt. Isaiah Hutchins, Corporal Oscar E. Preston, Channcey A. Fuller, E. B. Forbush, Moses S. Page, Wm. Roach and Henry O. Burnham knew nothing about any sickness. I made two trips to

Acton before examining the list, many of the men being employed elsewhere. Few of the men could recall the soldier without their memory being refreshed by claimant's statement. He could not have been very much disabled, or permanently affected by the disabilities alleged, to be the vigorous looking man he is to day. I endeavored to have him examined by the Board of Surgeons, in view of the testimony as to origin of rheumatism, but he is a cook and is away for the summer at some resort, just where I could not ascertain.

I regard the claim as of doubtful merit, except as to possible rheumatism.

There are two more comrades on the list, but I do not think it worth while calling on them, for his old comrades near Boston - at least in a country that trades here - know little about him. I recommend that an order be issued for his examination, ^{later in the season} and then, if rheumatism is found, that the claim for that disability be allowed, as it appears to be meritorious in that respect.

Very respectfully,

W. F. Fort,

Special Examiner

Eastern Div.
 Claim No. 868470.
 True E. Holmes,
 Co. E, 6th Reg't Mass. Vol. Inf.

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Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 19, 1898.

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. True E. Holmes,
 22 South Russell St.,
 Boston, Mass.

A. C. Brown
 Commissioner.

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

Answer: Wife Deceased Aug 28th 1889 Lavinia L. King

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

10th Sept 1878 Rev Roland Neale at Boston Mass

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer:

At City Hall Boston Mass

No. 4. 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: No

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

Date of reply, Jan 20th, 1898.

True E. Holmes
(Signature.)

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

NOTE.— Write the affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates, places, as near as you can remember, according to the requirements in the case in which your testimony is to be used; also state how you know what you say to be true; whether from personal observation or otherwise. This blank can be used for the testimony of either one or two persons.

STATE OF Massachusetts }
COUNTY OF Suffolk } ss.

In the matter of the claim for Orig. Inv. Pension No= 868.470
of Jane E. Holmes.

late of Company E, 6th Regiment, Mass. Inf. Volunteers.

Personally came before me, a Notary Public, in and for aforesaid County
and State, Jane E. Holmes, aged 51 years,
and _____, aged _____ years,

resident of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, State of
Massachusetts,

who being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:
In the winter of 1893 while engaged as a cook
in the camp of lumbermen in Sudbury, Mass.
I was taken with severe pain in my left side
which in a few days developed into a large
lump. the following spring I came to
Boston. I applied White and Company and
they made a truss for me which I have
worn ever since. I am unable to state
the cause of the rupture. The work which
I was doing required heavy lifting and I
believe I strained myself at that time, as I
never felt any signs of a rupture before
going into the woods that winter. I am unable
to furnish the evidence of other persons as to the origin.
This statement was written in my presence this
4th day of January, 1897 by M. F. Chadwick at
Boston, Mass. from my oral statement—made
to said Chadwick. I'm doing so I was not
aided or prompted by any written or printed
statement prepared or dictated by any other person.

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

Affiant's Signature,

P. O. Address, 4 More Place, Boston, Mass.

Affiant's Signature,

P. O. Address,

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