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SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATE

SOLDIER

216889
Jack H. Thompson

RANK

Private

Co. B. 1st Infantry

REGIMENT

1 EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 1

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 328.661.....

State: Mass County: Worcester

Post Office: Worcester Nov 30th, 1881

We hereby certify That we have carefully examined
Joel M. Hosmer, late a private
Applicant's service. Co. B., 12th Reg't, Mass

in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an
invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from g. & w. right arm
shell wound left shoulder and deafness right ear

Degree of disability.

In our opinion the said Hosmer
is incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence
by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before us
it is our belief that the said disability did originate in the
service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable duration.

The disability is permanent

Particular description.

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Height, 5-9; weight, 150; complexion, Light
age, 40; pulse, 68; respiration, 14

We find a ball hit lower end middle third right arm and passed
under the skin and out about an inch and half from place
of entrance leaving that arm very slightly curved

Disability fourths

We find a piece of shell hit middle of left scapula &
left a large adherent cicatrix and some loss
of muscular substance - ^{scap}Heel breaks out at times

Disability half ft

We find no abnormal appearance of right ear

Oranah Martin
Mark Nord

J. Marcus Rice
Examining Surgeon.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to fix
the proportionate degree of disability as $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, total, &c., through
the grades, without any regard to dollars and cents, and to make
such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the
ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.

1 SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 1

IN CASE OF

John H. Hosmer
Co. B, 15th Reg't, Mass

Application for Pension.

No. 328, 661

Date of Examination: *1881 Nov 30th*

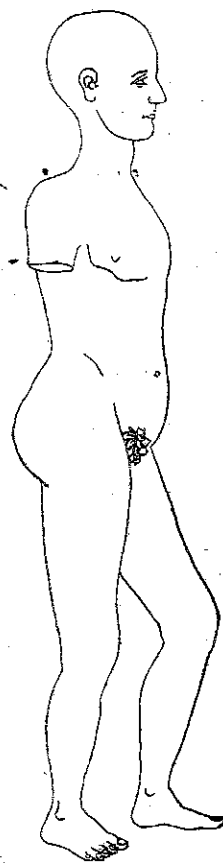
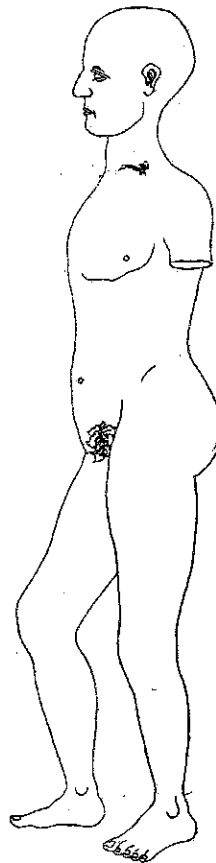
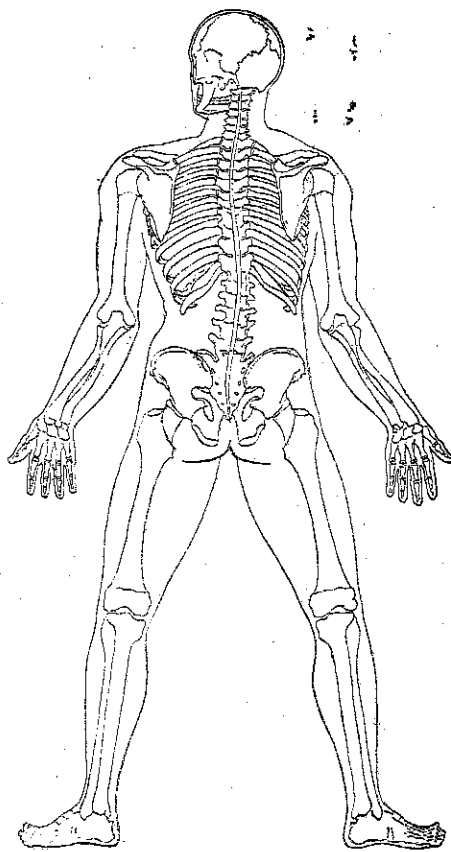
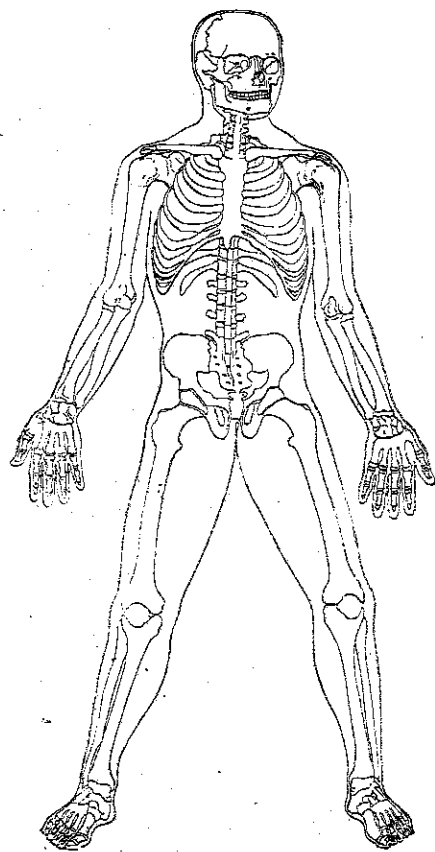
Oramus Martin
Alfred Ward
J. M. Rice
Examining Surgeon. A

Post Office, *Worcester*

County, *Worcester*

State, *Mass*

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1 EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 1

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 328.661

State: Mass. County: Middlesex

Post Office: Ayer. Oct. 14, 1881

I hereby certify That I have carefully examined Joel K. Kramer, late a Co. B, 15 Reg't, Mass. Vols.

in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from S.S.M. right arm, shell wound of left shoulder & forearm.

In my opinion the said Joel K. Kramer is 1/2 total incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before me it is my belief that the said disability did not originate in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

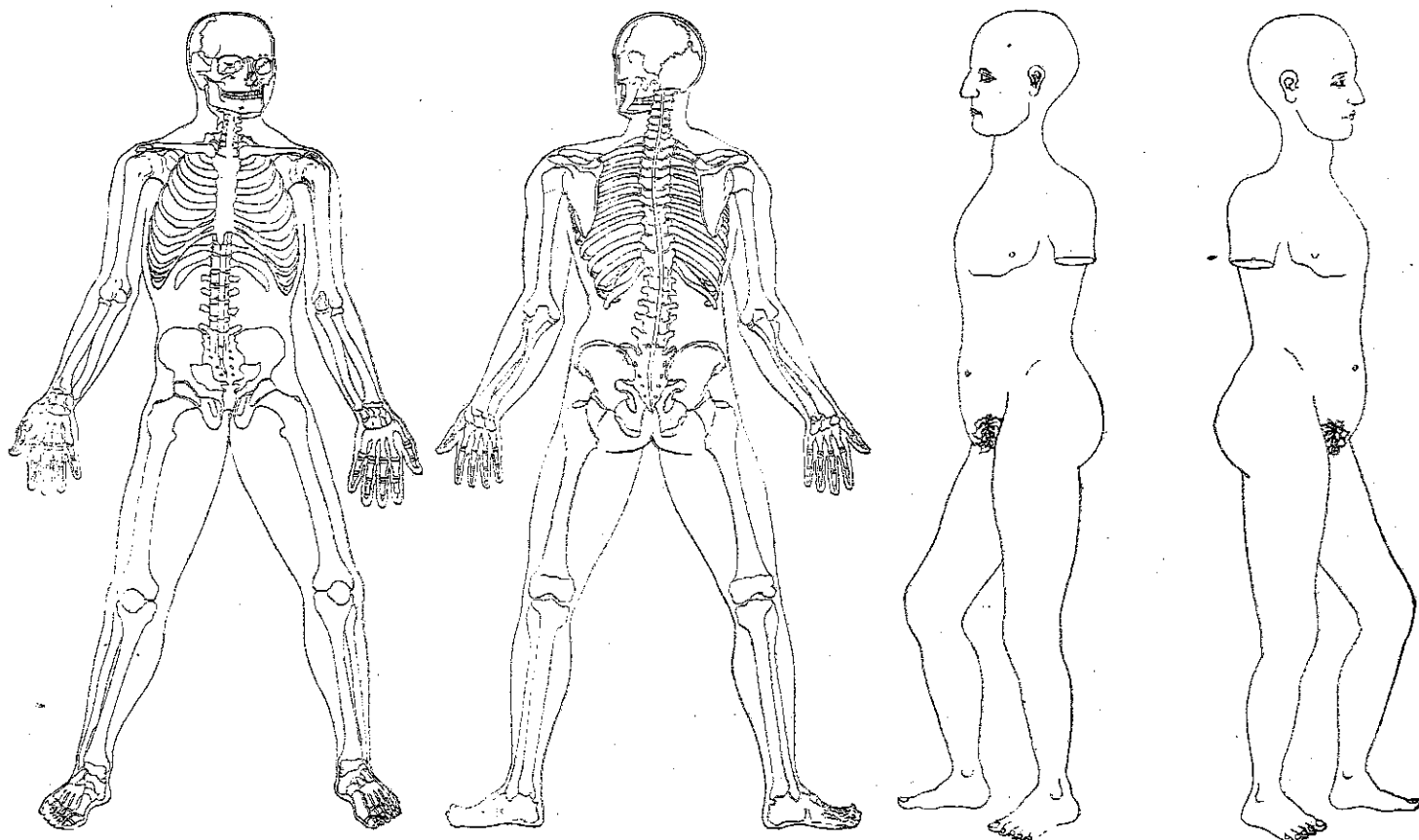
The disability is Permanent.

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:
Height, 5-10; weight, 145; complexion, Light
age, 41; pulse, 68; respiration, 18.

The claimant's physical condition is good. There is a cicatrix of bullet over the traps muscle midway between the elbow & shoulder of right arm. I do not consider it a disability. There is a cicatrix of shell wound over the left scapula, & numerous small cicatrices as from suffocation it, & front of the shoulder. The shoulder & arm are disabled 1/4 total from this. Rate, 2.00. The right ear is normal in appearance, and the tympanum is intact, but from the manner of conversation, & holding the sword I think that the dominant is deaf in the right ear. Dis. 1/4 total. Rate, 2.00.

Reph. Hartwell.
Examining Surgeon.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to fix the proportionate degree of disability as 1/4, 1/2, total, &c., through the grades, without any regard to dollars and cents, and to make such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.



I SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE I

IN CARE OF

Genl. S. K. Krumm
Co. B., 1st Reg't, Mass. Inf.

Application for Pension.

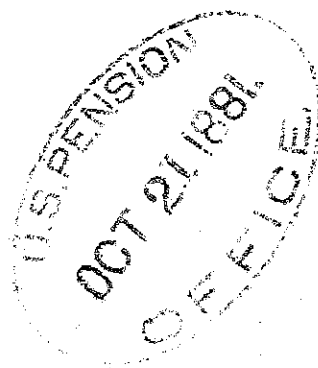
No. *328,661.*

Date of Examination: *Oct. 14.*
1881.

Benj. W. Bartwell,
Examining Surgeon.

Post Office, *Quincy,*
County, *Wichita,*
State, *Mass.*

P. S.—Write Post Office address plain and in full.



(INVALID.)

(3-062.)

(No. 6.)

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE.

Mar 7, 1881.

Sir:

Please furnish this Office a report of hospital treatment in the Claim No 328, 661, of Abel R. Hosmer, late a
Capt Co. B, 15 Mass Inf, from
the data given below.

1. Disability from loss of right arm and shell wound left shoulder at Malvern Hill Va July 1/62; and loss of hearing right ear at Hatteras May 11/65.
2. Treatment, as follows: For first by Regimental Surgeon - then by Surgeon at Division Headquarters at Ft. Harrison Landing Va. -

3. The Adjutant General's report shows: -

4. Discharged Dec 2, 1865.

Very respectfully,

J A Purdy

Commissioner.

The Surgeon General M. D. A.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,
Record and Pension Division,

Washington, D. C., June 25, 1881.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pen-
sions.

No information bearing upon this inquiry has been
obtained from records on file in this
Office. No records of the Report from
Feb'y 1862, to Jan'y 1, 1863; of the Dir
Hospital bearing upon this case; nor list
of casualties in the Report at Malvern
Hill, Va., Feb'y 1862, on file.

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

J. J. Woodward
Surgeon, U. S. A.
(100)
Per J. Frech

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, June 14, 1881.

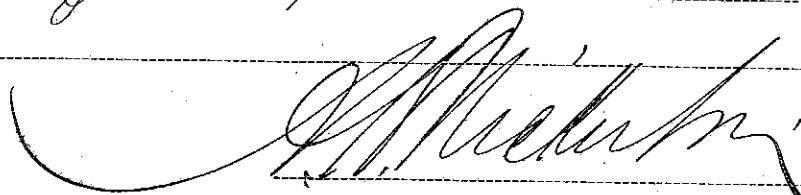
Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Joel K. Hosmer, Private Company D, 15th Regiment
 Massachusetts Volunteers, and mustered in
 was enrolled on the 30th day of
 July, 1861, at Worcester, Mass., and
 is reported: To April 30/62, present. June 30/62,
 absent, wounded in action June 30th.
 Co. was in action that date at White
 Oak Swamp. Aug. 31/62, absent on
 detached service at Gen. Sedgwick's Hd.
 Qrs. Co. was in action July 1/62 at
 Malvern Hill. Oct. 31/62, to April 30/63
 present. June 30/63, to April 30/64, ab-
 sent, detached in Arnold's R. I. Battery.
 Mustered out with Co., July 28th 1864,
 at Worcester, Mass., as Private.

Rolls of Battery A 1 R. I. Art'y Mich & Apl.
 May-June 1864 reports him present.

The records of this Office furnish no
 evidence of wounds July 1/62 - nor
 of disability May 14/64. Location
 of wound June 30/62 - not stated.

A.R.S.
 328661
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Assistant Adjutant General.

(2.)

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ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

212. *Over*
 Claimant, Joel K Hasmer
 P. O., Littleton Centre Rank, Private
 County, Middlesex Company, B
 State, Mass. Regiment, 15th Mass. Vol.
 Attorney, G. H. Estabrook, Worcester, Mass.
 Fee, \$ Agent not to pay
 Rate, \$ 6 per month, commencing July 29, 1864

✓ Disabled by G. S. W. of right arm, ~~shell wound~~ left shoulder ~~diagnosis~~
 Submitted for a. a. June 15, 1882, by D. Birtwell, Examiner.

Approved for G. S. W. of right arm & shell wound of left shoulder. Approved for G. S. W. right arm & shell wound left-shoulder
 $\frac{3}{4}$

Deafness adjudicated under order 82. (Continuance not shown)

June 21, 1882, Vaughn, Reviewer. June 24, 1882, J. G. Stephenson, Med. Referee. Pen

Enlisted July 30, 1861. service from _____
 Mustered July 30, 1861. 18, to _____, 18, in _____
 Discharged July 28, 1864.
 Declaration filed Dec 17, 1879. Not in military or naval service since _____
 Last material evidence filed _____, 18. July 28, 1864, when discharged.

Decla

BASIS OF CLAIM.

Alleges in declaration filed Dec 17, 1879, that at Malvern Hill, Va.
July 1, 1862
in battle he received gunshot wound of right arm
above elbow; also injured in left shoulder by a piece
of shell. Also at battle of Spottsylvania, May 14, 1864,
being detailed as cannonier for Batt. A. 1 R. S. 41 Inf.,
the hearing of right ear was totally destroyed

(over)

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, April 18th, 1881.

328.661

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Company

Regiment

Volunteers, was enrolled on the day of
186, at, and

is reported:

William J. Coulter P.A. Co. C. 15th Mass. Vols.
June 30th & Aug 31st 62 Present, Return for July 62
incomplete, Co. was in action July 1st 62 at Malvern
Hill Va, sub. promoted 1st Lt. of Co. B.

[Signature]

Assistant Adjutant General
(2.)

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(3-061.)

(No. 3.)

T. H. C. Division.

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Mar 7, 1881

Respectfully requested of the ADJUTANT

GENERAL U. S. A. a report from the records of his

Office as to the presence or absence, on or about

July 1, 1862

of *Wm J. Coulter*

1 Lt B, 15 Mass V

of
and the station, at that date, of the *Co*

Claim No. *328 661*

John R. Hooper

B 15 Mass V

O. B. Clarke

Acty Commisr

U.S. PENSION
OFFICE
APR 12 1881

Officer's Certificate of Disability.



Clinton, Worcester County, December 10, 1879
Put place and date here.

NAME AND
RANK OF OF-
FICER.

I, William J. Coulter 1st Lieut., of Company B., of the
15th Regiment of Mass. Vols., certify on honor

that Joel K. Hosmer was a private
in my Company, and is, as I am informed, an applicant for an Invalid Pension; that he was honorably
discharged at Worcester Ms July 28/64 at expiration of
term of service

Give date and
reason of dis-
charge, or, if
not known, so
state.

Here state fully the time, place
and manner in which the wound
or other injury was received, or
disease contracted, and whether
in the service and LINE OF DUTY,
or otherwise.

And I further Certify, That the said Joel K. Hosmer while
participating in the battle at Malvern Hills on or
about July 1, 1862 was badly wounded by a gun shot in
his right arm and by the explosion of a shell above him
a piece striking his left shoulder both injuring the
cords and muscles so disabling him as to cause
his being placed under the care and treatment
of the Surg. of the Regt.

Here state soldier's
condition at the
time of enlistment,
and, if unsound,
from what suffer-
ing.

And that the said Joel K. Hosmer was a strong robust
healthy man

when he entered the service. and a good soldier

Signature
of Officer.

Wm J. Coulter
1st Lieut
Co. B. 15th Reg't Mass. Vols.

If the officer is out of the service he must make oath to his certificate before an officer whose official character is certified by the Clerk of a Court of Record under seal.

State of Massachusetts } SS.
County of Worcester

ON THIS tenth day of December, 1879, personally appeared before me the above-named William J. Coalter, to me well known, and whom I believe to be respectable and entitled to credit, and subscribed and made oath to the foregoing statement, and that he has no interest in the application of the said soldier for r pension; and I further certify that I have no interest in said application.

Frank E. Howard
Clerk of the Second
District Court of Eastern Worcester

I CERTIFY, That, before whom the above affidavit was made, is a duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this.....day of....., 18

[L. S.]

Clerk of the.....



OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE
OF DISABILITY.

.....Co.,Regt.....

POST OFFICE ADDRESS:

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, December 23, 1881.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Company _____,

Regiment _____

Volunteers, was enrolled on the _____

day of _____

, 186 , at _____

, and _____

is reported: _____

Muster Roll of Co. B. 15th Mass. Vol. Inf. May & June
 Co. reports Herbert D. Mc Intire Pvt Present, Mech. &
 Apl. 64 (last on file) absent on det. service Batty. A. R. I.
 Arty. Muster out Roll of Co. dated July 2/64 reports
 of m. him. mustered out with Co. at Worcester Mass on that date.
 Co. was in action June 30/62 at White Oak Swamp,
 Va., in Regt Return sub. to Apl. 30/64 on file.
 Muster Roll Batty A 1st A. I. Lt Arty Vols for
 May and June 1862. reports George J. Greenleaf
 Corp. and Walter Arnold private present. Roll
 May and June 1864 Greenleaf 2^d Lt. Sgt. discharged.
 June 6, 1864. And Arnold Sgt present. Ed. Sturbutt
 D. M. I. Intire private present.

Return for May 1864 does not report them absent.
 Station June 30 1862. In action at Fair Oaks 5th
 And May 14, 1864 in action at Spotsylvania 5th

The records of this Office
 furnish no additional information
 regarding presence or absence
 at time indicated.

A. P. Mendenhall

Assistant Adjutant General.

(2)

G. H. Mendenhall

(No. 3.)

(3-061.)

DR *Eastern* Division.

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,

Nov 19, 1881.

Respectfully requested of the ADJUTANT
GENERAL U. S. A. a report from the records of his
Office as to the presence or absence, on or about
June 30, 1862 May 14, 1864,
of Priv Herbert D. Mc Intire
Co B 15 Mass Vols
2nd. Serps Geo J Greenleaf
Priv Walter Arnold
of Batt A 4 R I Lt. arly
and the station, at that date, of those men

Claim No. *FT & 661*

Jose K Hosmer

Wm M Dudley

Commissioner.
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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Feb'y, 2^d, 1882.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Charles E. Griswold Pvt Company B, 15th Regiment
Mass. Volunteers, was enrolled on the _____ day of
_____, 186____, at _____, and

is reported: on Muster Roll of Co. for Jan. Feb'y 63. discharged
for Disability Feb 26th 63. name not borne on
sub. Rolls of Co.

J. P. Nicholson,

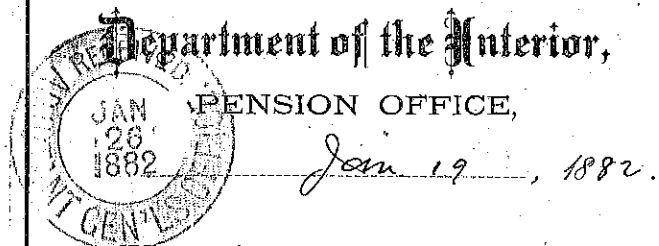
Assistant Adjutant General.
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278 *Eastern* Division.



PENSION OFFICE,

Jan 19, 1882.

Respectfully requested of the ADJUTANT
GENERAL U. S. A. a report from the records of his
Office as to the presence or absence, on or about
May 14, 1864,
of Pri. Charles E. Griswold

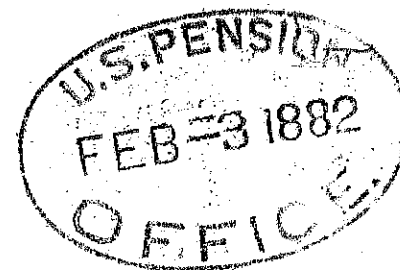
of Co B 15th Mass. Vols
and the station, at that date, of this man

Claim No. *328 661*

Joel R. Hoar

Wm. Dudley

Commissioner.



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Cert. No. 212,887

Name, *Joel K. Hosmer*

Rank *Private*; Service, *6th B. 15 Mass. Vol.*

Original Roll: *Boston. Mass.*

Agency Transf'd _____, 18____, to _____

" _____, 18____, to _____

Issued *June 29th*, 188*7*

Mailed *July 2nd*, 188*7*

Rate and Period, \$ *10*, from *July 29*, 188*7*

Deductions:

Disability *G. S. Wright arm
shell wound of left shoulder*

Issued _____, 18____

Mailed _____, 18____

Rate and Period, \$ _____, from _____, 18____

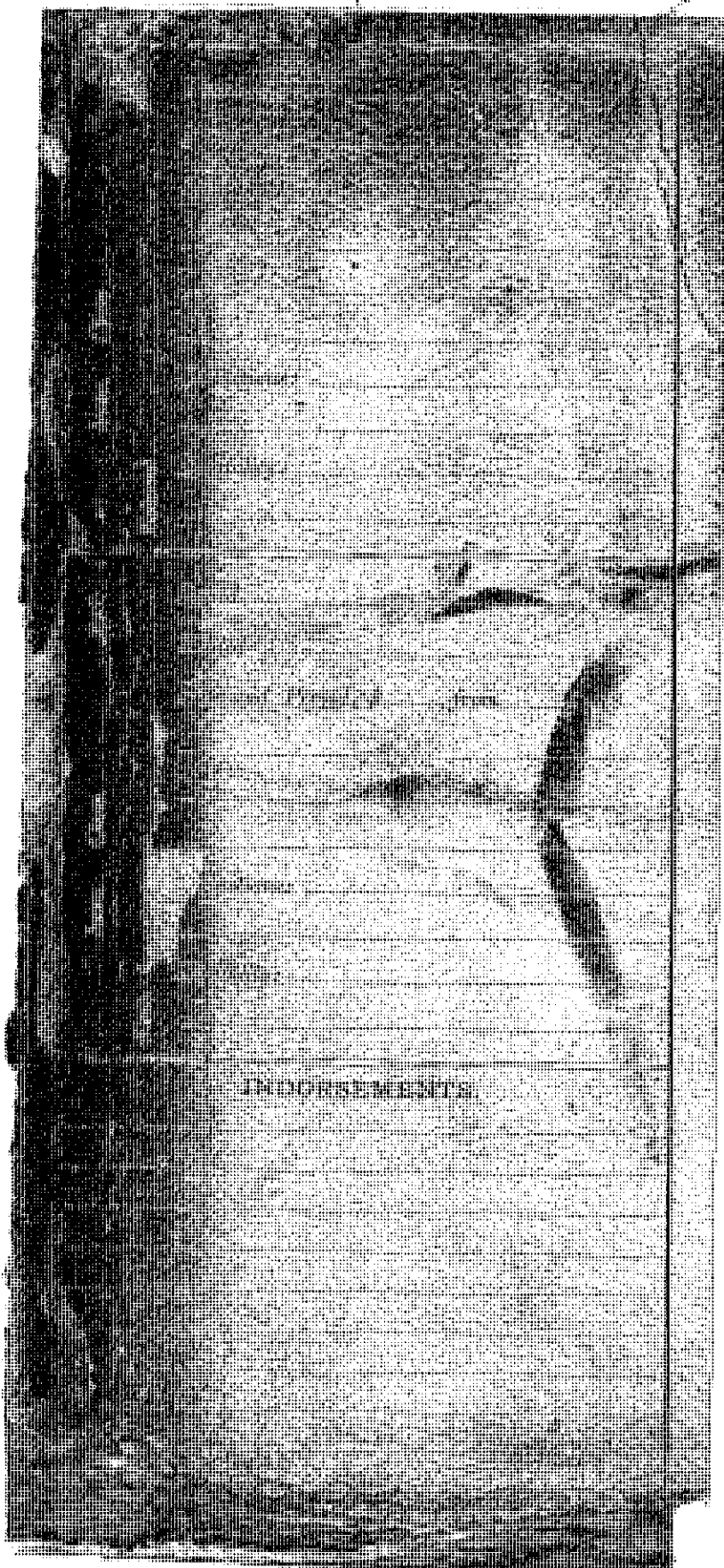
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Disability:

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No.

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Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

Joel K. Hosmer

P. O. *Littleton Center, Worcester,*

Middlesex Co. Mass.

Service:

Pri. Co. B. 15-Mass. Inf.

Enlisted:

July 30, 1861.

Discharged:

" 28, 1864.

Application filed:

Dec. 17, 1879.

Alleges:

*Lost arm & leg at battle of Antietam
at Malvern Hills Pa. July 1/62 - &
lost hearing ear at Hottel's Landing May 4/64*

Re-enlisted:

Attorney:

G. H. Estabrook

P. O.

Worcester,

Mass.

Recognized.

Contract.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for

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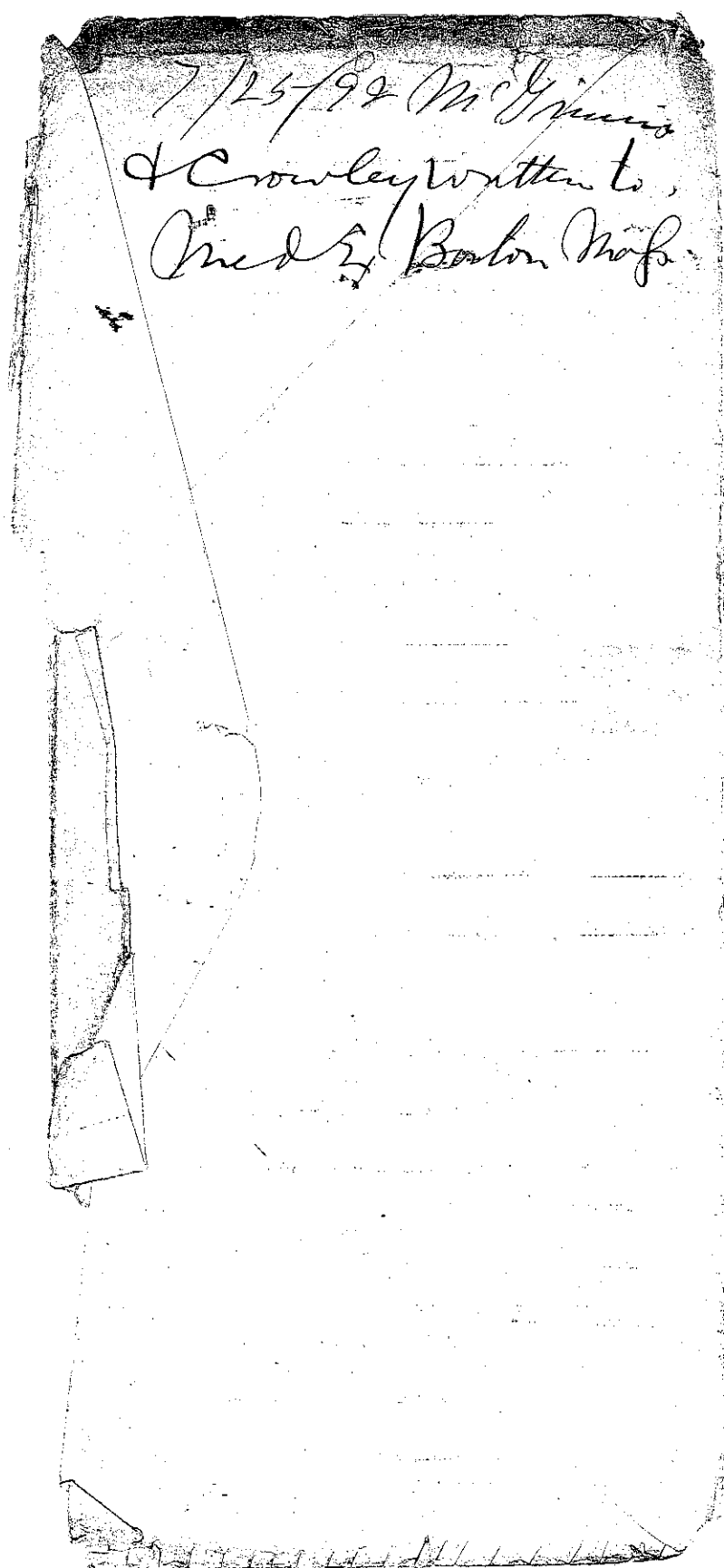
Mae & Dr. Decker
+ for aff of doc for
deafness + Decker
for deafness + both
unwilling + children
as to condition from
discharge for deafness
Dec 13/81

To atty again for
surg for treat for
deaf. + embolism
Nov 19/81
Cec & to atty

To atty for surg. affd
for deafness - request
+ sub treatment or
other evidence of deafness
Dec 13/81
since discharge
Cec & to atty

Jan 19/82 To P. M. of Fitchburg for
stg of Fitchburg, Vermont
Pro Decker + Decker
on surg
To atty for more definite
statement of atty as to
Jan 19/82 residence since discharge
Cec & to atty for ex plan
Cec & to atty for ex plan

(3-217.)
INCREASE
Redmond
NEW D.
 No. *2119.887*
Joel K. Hosmer
 P. O., *% John Campbell Esq.*
 County, *# 157 Richmond St*
 State, *Boston, Mass.*
 Application filed *June 17, 1886*
 State Service: *Pol. B. 15 Mass. Cir.*
1886 June 30: In B. B. B.
Mon. Note of the
Summons for returning
the neighbor abiding
deafness from 1868 to
1879.
1886 Oct 15: Repeated the
call to the deafness
and return
 Disability, *G. S. W. Rt. Arm.*
Shell Wd. of Left Shoulder.
Deafness.
 Attorney, *Freeman & Co.*
 P. O., *4 State St.*
 County, *Boston*, State, *Ma*
 [4974-50 M.]



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, etc.

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.

Additional

Pension Claim No. 212, 887

Name and rank of claimant.

Joseph R. Hosmer

, Rank,

Company B, 15 Reg't Mass Vol.

Bozma

Mass

State,

(Post office address of the Board.)

Claimant's post office address.

Bozma

Mass

Sept-9th

, 1886.

(Date of examination.)

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 in the service, viz:

Cause of disability.

gun shot wound right arm, & shell wound left shoulder & deafness

If a pensioner, fill in the amount, if not, erase the whole line.

and that he receives a pension of six dollars per month.

Pulse rate per minute, 76; respiration, 20; temperature, 98.5; height, 5 feet, 7 1/4 inches; weight, 139 pounds; age, 44 years.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for †

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

When there is a change of weather has pain in his wounds.
Asks for additional disability from deafness was in 57 days of weeks.
Was found totally deaf in right ear & some deafness in left. Can not hear a watch in contact with either; with left hand or in any time of voice at 2 feet. drums of each ear are slightly thickening, with one or two shots of thickening.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

Here give a full symptom picture of the case, embracing all the physical and rational signs, but confining it to the present condition of the claimant.

On the lateral aspect of right arm at junction of mid & lower third. Each cicatrix is size of 10 cent piece, non-adherent & not tender, each lies on either side of & close to cephalic vein which is uninjured. The ball entered by anterior of two cicatrices, clipped underneath vein & came out 1/2 inch other side of same. The muscles are uninjured & there is no disability. At latest no rate.
There is another cicatrix, said to be size of a shell wound, halfway between the angle of left scapula & its spine & 1/2 inch from its inner border. Its size of 2.5 c. piece, non-adherent, not tender, & causes no disability. Bone beneath is uninjured. The skin in neighborhood of left scapula is beset with numerous small cicatrices, said to be caused by ulcerations from blood poisoning. no disability. no rate.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to give an opinion as to the proportionate degree of disability, as to total, &c., through the grades, without any regard to dollars and cents, and to make such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.

From the existing condition and the history of this claimant, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment, probable that the disability was incurred in the service as he claims, and that it has not been prolonged or aggravated by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a specific

Rate for each cause of disability. If prolonged by vicious habits, the word not should be erased and the reason for the erasure given.

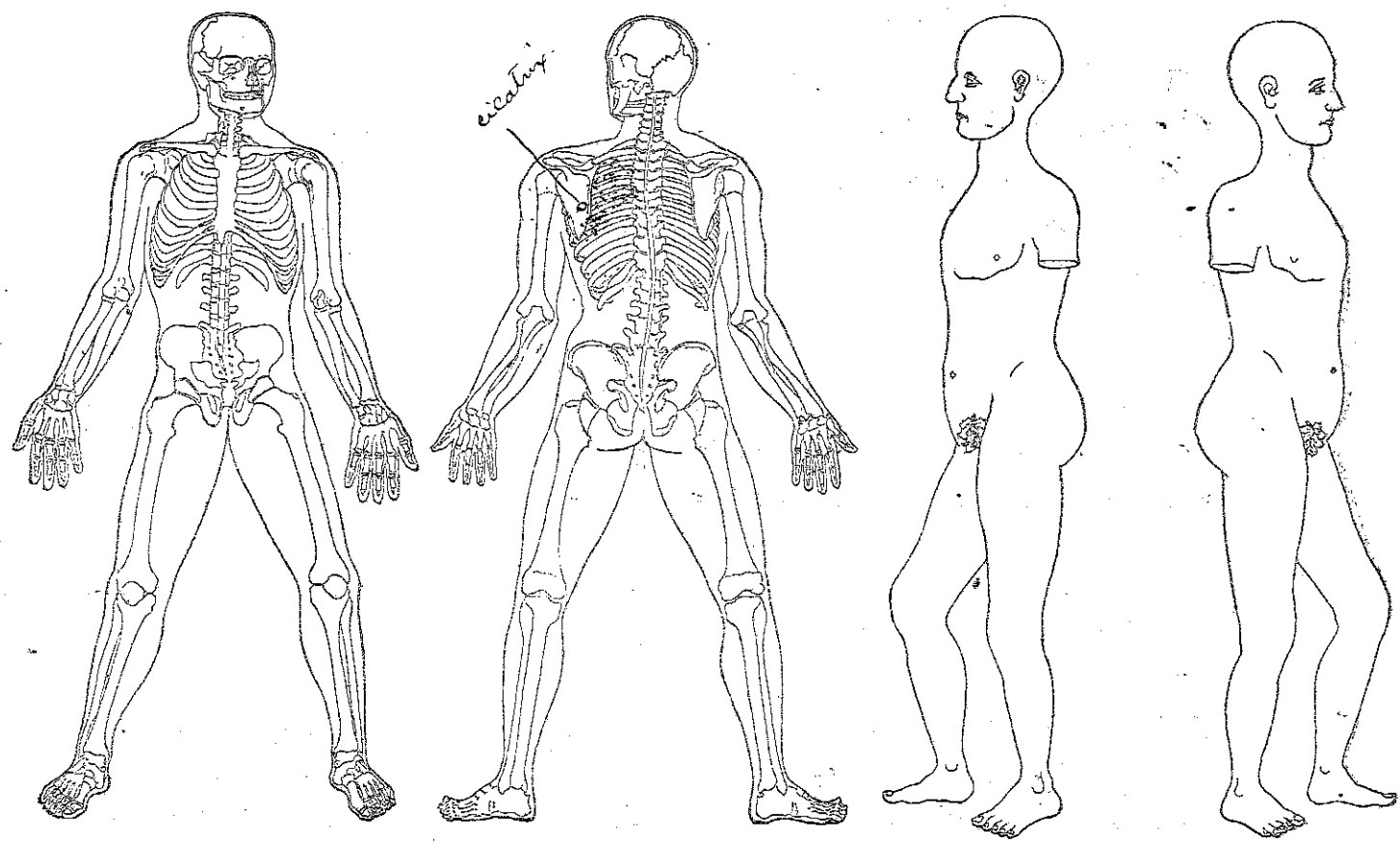
rating for the disability caused by total deafness of right ear & for that caused some of other, and caused by

* See the back.

† Here state whether for original, increase, restoration, or renewal, or for a re-rating.

C. J. Johnson, Pres. George Bantrott, Sec'y. M. T. Tamm, Treas.

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

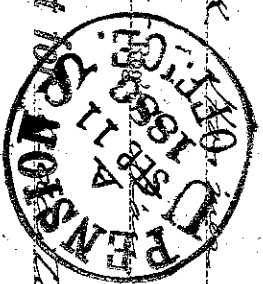


Single surgeons will use this blank, changing "we" to read "I," and "our" to read "my." They will erase the words "Pres.," "Sec'y," "Treas.," and "Board" where the words appear, and sign at the foot of the certificate, and also on the back of the same.

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Doc. R.
Co. B, 14
Applicant *for* *License*



No. 212, 887

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

Sept. 8, 188*6*

W. A. L. L. L., Pres.,
W. A. L. L. L., Sec'y,
W. A. L. L. L., Treas., } BOARD.

Post office, *Barham*

County, *Wayne*

State, *Alabama*

P. S. Write your Post-Office address plainly and in full.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.]

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J. Joel K. Hosmer late of Co. B. 15 Regt. Mass. Co. No. 212,887 do solemnly swear that I contracted deafness at battle of Spottsylvania and have been deaf in right ear ever since. I have proved that I was deaf from that time to 1868 and from 1879 to the present. I cannot, at the present time, procure testimony to cover the time from 1868 to 1879. but I claim that the nature of my deafness is such that I must have been deaf from 1868 to 1879 as I was previous to that period and have been since.

I claim that the strong presumption in my favor warrants the allowance of the claim.

It was simply impossible for me to have had the sense of hearing in my right ear from 1868 to 1879.

~~I have no interest in this claim for pension.~~

[Full Name.]

+ Joel K. Hosmer

State of Massachusetts

County of

Suffolk Sept 10, 1889

Then personally appeared the above-named

Joel K. Hosmer

, whom

I know to be reputable and entitled to credit, and made solemn oath that the above statement by him subscribed was true, before me. I have no interest in said claim for pension.

George B. Moore
Justice of the Peace.

Joel K. Hosmer

Co. B. 15 Mass.

Recd No. 212 887

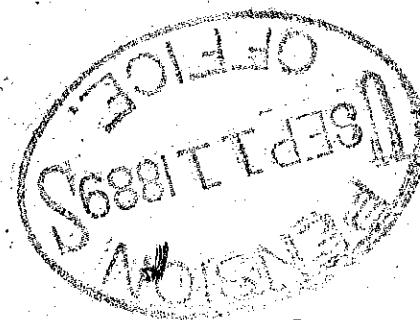
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Filed by

F. Emmons

No. 4 State St

Boston
Mass



In the claim for pension of Joel K. Hosmer late
of Co. B. 15 Mass Ves. I Jeremiah A. Crowley
aged 43 years whose P. O. address is Boston
Custom House Mass. do solemnly swear that
I was with said Hosmer during the years
1867 and 1868 in the west, on the line of the
Union Pacific R.R. I saw him often during
those years, and was with him for weeks
at a time. During those years he was deaf
(totally) in right ear. I had to speak loud to
make him ^{hear}. He complained of being totally
deaf in right ear and he certainly appeared
so. I did not see him from the close of the
year 1868 to about 1879 when I met him in
Boston Mass. When I first met him in
the year 1867, he complained of having ^{been} deaf in
right ear ever since he was in the army.

I Have no interest in this claim for pension.

[Full Name.]

State of

Massachusetts

County of

Suffolk

1889

Then personally appeared the above-named

Jeremiah A. Crowley

, whom

I know to be reputable and entitled to credit, and made solemn oath that the above statement by
subscribed was true, before me. I have no interest in said claim for pension.

George B. Moore
Justice of the Peace.

In the claim for Pension of Joel K Hosmer late of Co. B. 15th Regt Mass Vets. I William A. McGinnis aged 50 years whose P.O. address is 43 So Russell St Boston Mass do solemnly swear that I saw said Hosmer in the year 1867 our west. and he was then deaf in right ear. He complained of being unable to hear anything with right ear then and he appeared to be totally deaf in that ear. I had to speak 'very loud to make him hear unless I was on his left side. I have not seen him 1867 till about one year ago when I met him about a year ago he was just the same as regards deafness. He told me in 1867 that he got deaf in the army

I Have no interest in this claim for pension.

[Full Name.]

William A McGinnis

State of

Massachusetts

County of

Suffolk Aug. 9

, 1887

Then personally appeared the above-named

William A McGinnis

, whom

I know to be reputable and entitled to credit, and made solemn oath that the above statement by him subscribed was true, before me. I have no interest in said claim for pension.

George B. Moore
Justice of the Peace.

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(PENSIONER DROPPED.)

U. S. Pension Agency,

BOSTON, MASS.

31 JAN 1893

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How Green B. Bacon

Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of Joel K.
Horner, who was a pensioner on the rolls
of this Agency, under Certificate No. 212887 and who was last paid
at \$6., to 4 Sept, 1889, has been dropped
because of FAILURE TO CLAIM. (Sec. 4719.)

Very respectfully,

R. H. Q. Brown

Pension Agent.

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.

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DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

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TO BE EXECUTED BEFORE A COURT OF RECORD OR SOME OFFICER THEREOF HAVING CUSTODY OF ITS SEAL.

State of Mass
Worcester County, } SS.

On this 14 day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine personally appeared before me, apt. Clerk of the Central Dist Court of Worcester, a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Joel K. Hosmer aged 38 years, a resident of the City of Worcester, county of Worcester, State of Mass, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Joel K. Hosmer who was ENROLLED on the 30 day of July, 1861, in Company B of the 15 Regiment of Mass vol commanded by Capt. Clark S. Simonds and was honorably DISCHARGED at Worcester Mass on the 28 day of July, 1864; that his personal description is as follows: Age, 38 years; height 5 feet 8 inches; complexion, fair; hair, black; eyes, blue.

That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at Mahorn Hills, in the State of Virginia, on or about the 1 day of July, 1862, he while participating in the battle

at said place was badly wounded by a Gun shot in his right arm just above his elbow injuring the cord and muscles. Also he was wounded by a piece of shell which exploded over him injuring his left shoulder. He also at the battle of Spotsylvania May 14/64 being detailed as Commissary for Battery A 1 Regt B I Light Artillery

by being near his piece totally destroyed the hearing of his right ear from the effect of the several injuries he has suffered more or less ever since being

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: first by Surg. J. Regt. then by Surg. at Division

head quarters at Harrison's Landing Va

That he has not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above

the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the Cities of Boston and Worcester in the State of Mass and his occupation has been that of a freighter

That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled a clerk. That he is now disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, G. H. Estabrook of Worcester Mass, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That he has not received nor applied for a Pension. That his POST OFFICE ADDRESS is Worcester county of Worcester State of Mass

Claimant's signature, Joel K. Hosmer

ATTEST: Daniel M. Egan
E. J. Ruffell

Also personally appeared David M. Eale, residing at Worcester Mass
 and E. J. Russell, residing at Worcester, persons whom I
 certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw
Joel K. Mosman, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the
 foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their
 acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest
 in the prosecution of this claim.

David M. Eale
E. J. Russell
 (Signatures of Witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of November,
 A. D. 1879, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above decla-
 ration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and
 witnesses before swearing, including the words
 [SEAL] erased, and
 the words
 added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution
 of this claim.

William Lee
 (Signature.)
Asst Clerk Dist Court
 (Official character.)

The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.

Declarations and other papers should be as legible and clear in statement as possible.

Where any evidence is already on file in any Department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it will render it available in any subsequent claim.

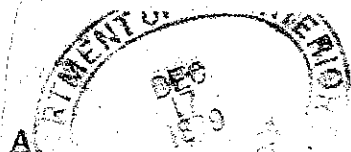
The Post Office ADDRESS (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be embodied in or accompany every application, *and all evidence in each claim*; and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.

The fees for the prosecution of claims for pensions will not be allowed to exceed twenty-five dollars; no part of which is payable before the certificate for the pension has been issued.

Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.

Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.

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CLAIM FOR PENSION

ORIGINAL.

Joel K. Hosmer Applicant,

Private Co., *B 15* Reg't,

Mass Vols.

Enlisted *July 30*, 1861.

Discharged *July 28*, 1864.

FILED BY

G. H. Estabrook
(Atty) *Worcester*
Mass

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DISABILITY AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Mass
COUNTY OF Worcester } SS.

In the Matter of the Original INVALID Pension Claim No. 328661
of Joel K. Hosmer Co B 15th Regt Mass Vols

ON THIS 15 day of Oct A. D. 1881, personally appeared before me, a
in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer
oaths Joel K. Hosmer, aged 39 years, a resident of
Littleton 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....
Littleton Centre Mass
[Give present address in full.]

For four years immediately preceding my enlistment into the service of the United States on the 30
day of July, 1861, I resided in the following-named places: Boxborough
and Fitchburg Mass
[Give all the places in which you resided during the period above stated prior to your enlistment.]

and my occupation was that of a Clerk in Store and going to School
Since my discharge from said service on the 28 day of July, 1864, I have resided in
Fitchburg Mass 1 Yr and Western States & Territories 14 Yrs
[Give the name of each place with date of any change of residence.]
and Worcester & Littleton Mass since my return

and my occupation has been that of a Provision business, teamster and
I further state that the disability for which I claim a pension arises from wounds & their effects
which were contracted at Malvern Hills Va July 1/62 and at Spotsylvania Va
[Here state the time, place, and all the circumstances under which the disability for which pension is claimed originated.]
about May 14/64 See application for particulars

Has never been treated in any Hospital, and by Regt Surg &
Dev Surgeon

From my said discharge to the present time, I have received the following medical treatment for said disease
troubles Dr Cowdrey of Acton Mass now deceased
[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.]

Since the origin of the disability for which pension is claimed, I have suffered with the following acute diseases:
None
[Mention all attacks of acute disease, the time when such attacks occurred, their character and violence.]

for which I was treated by Dr.....
[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:...

In the first year after my discharge I done light work in a provision store for the next 14 Years I labored with a team doing the lightest kind of work, and since then for nearly two years I have not been able to do anything, being totally disabled ever since my discharge year by year for doing hard manual labor such as is done on farms.

I further state that the entire service rendered by me is as follows: *about 3 Years*.....

[Here claimant should state the dates of enlistment and

discharge of each term of service rendered by him whether in the army or navy, and the company and regiment, or name of vessels, in which he served.]

and that I have not served in the Army or Navy either prior or subsequent thereto.

Isaac R. Hasmer
Claimant's Signature.

[Two witnesses who can write sign here.]

State of *Mass*..... County of *Norcesta*..... ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day, by the above-named affiant; and I certify that I read 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: *John A. Cornwall*.....

Just. of the Peace

John A. Cornwall
Justice of the Peace

Official Signature.

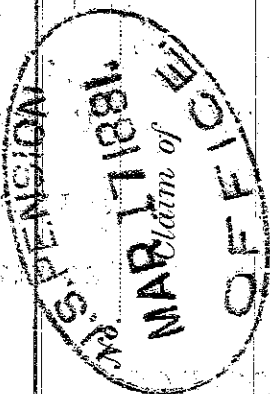
NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of Official character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

I,, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do 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.

[L. S.]

Clerk of the

DISABILITY AFFIDAVIT.



For

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Printed and sold by W. H. Moore, 511 11th st., Washington, C. D.

This is to certify that I, Joel H. Warner a resident
 of the City and County of Worcester and Commonwealth
 of Massachusetts date of B. 15th Regt. Mass. Vol. on a h. de-
 clare that while participating in the battle at Gettysburg on
 2d July 1863 in close proximity to the guns of the battery
 being Cannonier the battery firing between 2 and 3 thousand
 rounds I came out of the battle deaf in both ears, but in
 after a few days my hearing was partially restored.
 At the battle of Spotsylvania my gun was discharged
 prematurely thereby knocking me down, and as
 a result destroying totally the hearing of my right ear
 which it remains to this day, and partially affecting
 the hearing of my left ear, so disabling me for labor
 that it is hard work for me to get employment in
 any kind that I can do, having tried but being
 discharged as not competent on account of my
 deafness being thus prevented more than one half
 the time from doing any thing. I have sent the affi-
 davits of the comrades (Major Wm. L. S. & L. S. & L. S.)
 and E. M. Intire and can send more if necessary stating
 in their opinion the degree of my disability which
 I can duplicate if not on the files of the Pension Office.
 Yours &c J. H. Warner

From Charles H. Davis

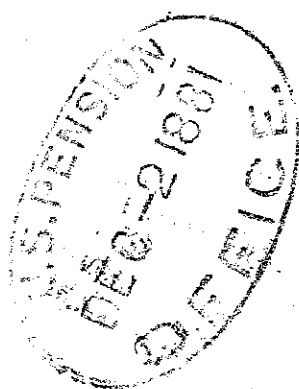
Boston, Me.

Westerly, N.H. Nov 29 1881

Subscribed and sworn to

Before me
James H. Pierce

Notary Public



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Authenticated and Secure

March 29 1861

Boston, March 1st / 81

Hon Charles Stevens.

Attorney General Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

Permit me to

Introduce myself as formally a member of
Co. B. 15th Mass Vols. I am an Applicant
for a Pension. and if you can and will
assist me I shall be under great Obliga-
tions to you. I served my full three
years - was wounded at Malvern Hill
July, 1st 1862 but refused to go to the
Hospital but staid with the Regiment
until able to do duty again I was
wounded through the Arm and in the
Shoulder at the same time. In May
1863 I was detailed (I still remained

Therefore I venture to ask you
I am in need of the Pension asked for

R. I. L. Art- which was in need of additional
men and served with that Battery until
my three years expired. at Spottsylvania
May 15th 1864 the gun at which I was
stationed hung fire and as no. 2 man I
stepped in front of the wheel when
the gun went off throwing me down,
and stunning me and destroying my
hearing in my right ear. the foregoing I
think sufficiently states my grounds for
making an application for a pension.
the reason why I have delayed in
the matter is that in 1865 I went
west came back a little over a year
ago I poor health my wounds prevent
me from doing any severe manual
Labor (I have no trade) and my defective
hearing is a serious impediment in

May 18th 1864 the gun at which
 my three years expired at Shattuck's
 gun and served with that Battery until
 J. J. H. which was in need of additional

I am in need of the Pension asked for
 therefore I venture to ask your assistance
 in pushing my claim for recognition
 I applied about a year ago for a pension
 through Mr G. H. Estabrook of Worcester
 but I only know that the Application is
 on file if you can assist me in
 pushing my claim I shall esteem it
 a great favor

I am very respectfully your
 Oblt-Servant

J. R. Hosmer,

15 Wood Street.

Charlestown,

Mass.

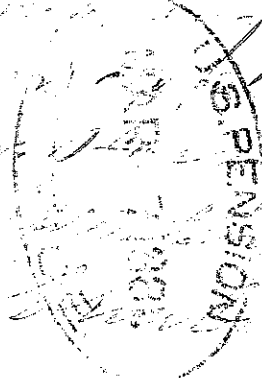
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I would say the within named
 Joel H Hosmer served in Co. B. 15th
 Regt Mass Vol Infy three years
 and was wounded as stated at
 Malvern Hill Va on July 1, 1862

Chas H. Eager
 Late Capt Co. B. 15th Regt Mass.

I am satisfied myself that the
 facts stated in this application
 are true and that the pension
 may be granted immediately.

John H. Eager



Dept. of Justice,
 March 3, 1881.

Respectfully referred
 to the Hon. Commissioner
 of Pensions with the
 hope that this case
 may receive as early
 attention as justice
 to others will permit.

Chas Brown
 Attorney General

This is to certify that I Joel H. Rosmer a resident of the town of Littleton in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts late of C.R. 1st Regt. Mass Vols. on oath, declare that upon my discharge I returned to Fitchburg Mass and there resided about a year, then went to Boston Mass and there remained from two to three months, then I went to Hannibal Missouri and was there about one year, then I went to Western Kansas and was there in various places about a year, then to Eugene Ky. for about one year. Then to Utah about a year. Then to White Pine Silver Mines Nev. about two years, then came back to Utah and remained about a year, then came back to Omaha and remained about six months, then I came back and spent the winter of 1877-78 in Philadelphia Baltimore and Washington, then in April I went to St. Louis Mis. and from there went to Little Rock Ark. and from there to New Orleans La and then back to Arkansas and there remained till I came back to Mass in Nov 1879, and since my return I have resided in Worcester Boston and Littleton Mass.

J H Rosmer

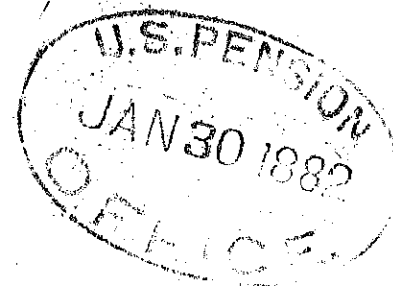
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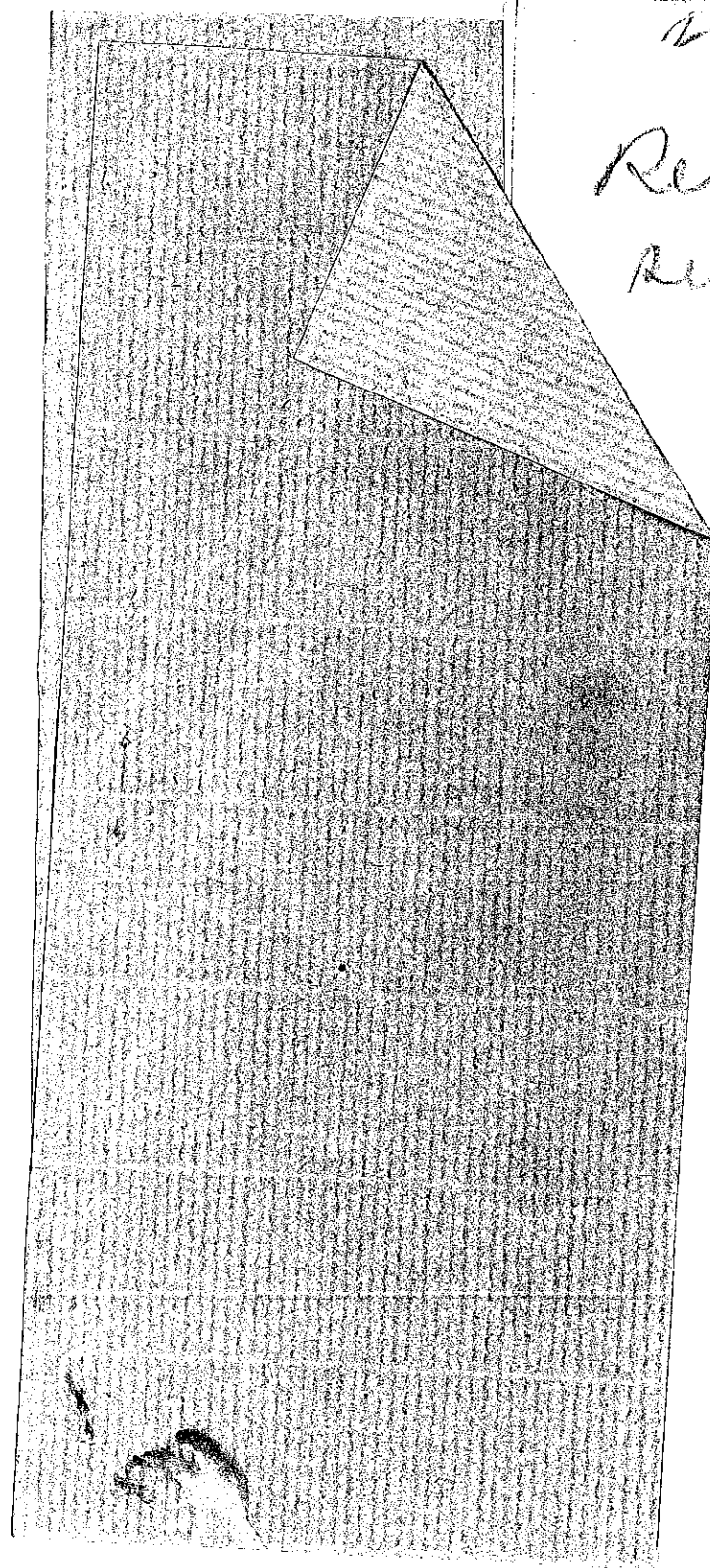
Before me John G. Corcoran

Commissioner

Justice of the Peace



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Worcester Mass July 15. 882
 Hon W. W. Dudley
 Commissioner of Pensions
 Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

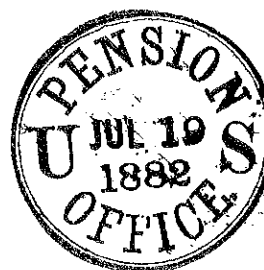
Mr Joel T. Kosmer priv Co B. 11th Regt
 Mass Vols. who has recently been granted a pension
 by Cert no 2, 2887 of \$6.00 mo is very much dissatisfied
 at the result of his application inasmuch as he
 thinks he has proved beyond any question that
 he is badly disabled in consequence of deafness
 contracted in the line of his duty in the service of
 the U. S., he having lost several situations
 which would have been profitable to him if he could
 have had the free use of his ears. but in failing
 to hear he has been discharged and has had to seek
 employment which did not require ear work.

It also endangers his life as he has constantly
 while going from place to place to be upon the watch
 for fear of being run over. &c As nothing was said
 in his certificate about his deafness he fears
 the subject was overlooked and now asks that he
 may be granted a pension on account of his deafness.

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Joel K. Kosmer
Co B. 15th Mass Col

at 212, 887
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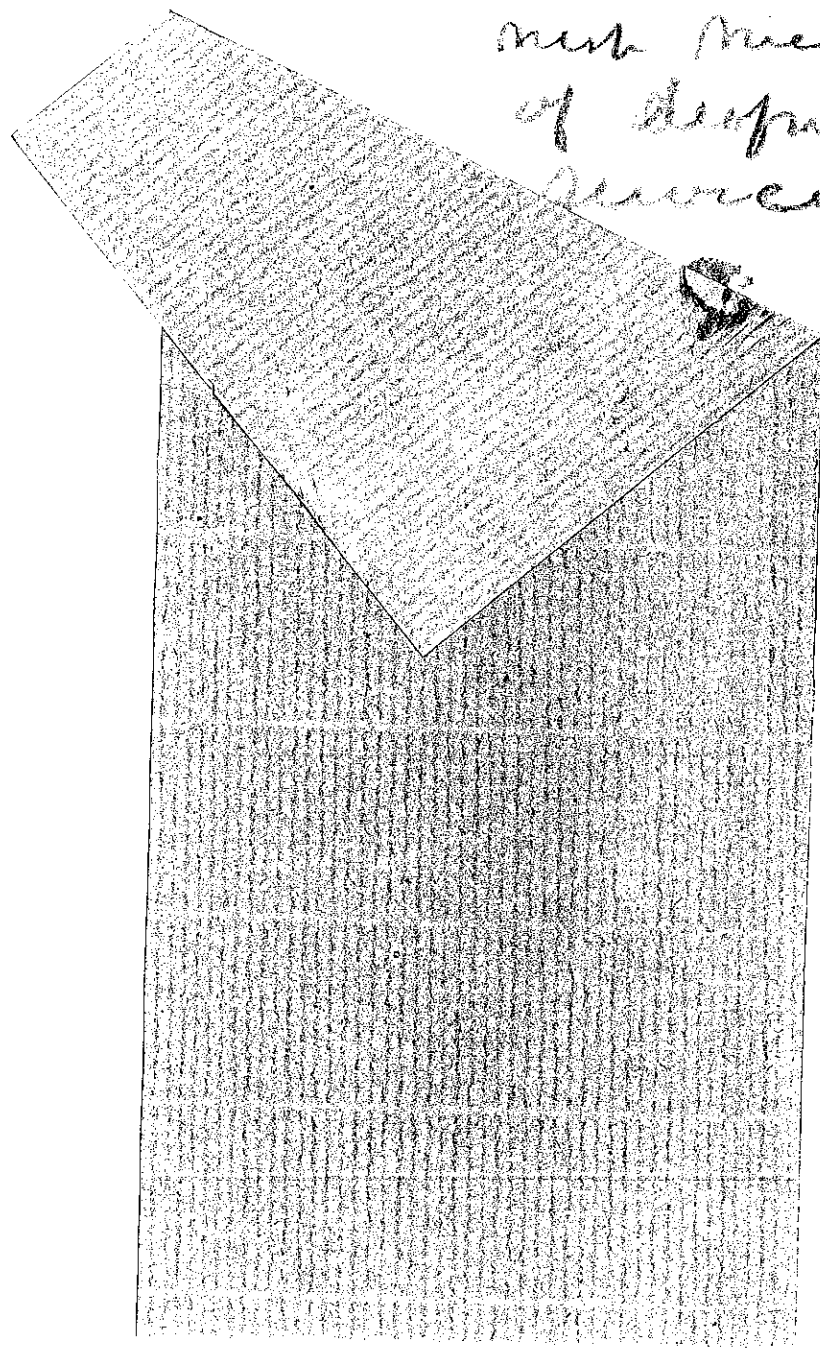
Atty

This is to certify that Joel K Hosmer a resident of the town of Littleton in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts late private in Co B 15th Regt Mass Vols, detailed to act as Cannonier for Battery A 1st Regt Rd Artillery at the Battle of Spotsylvania on May 14/64, on oath, depose and say that I cannot furnish medical treatment for leishness while in the service or since as I have never had any as I have more than once or twice been declared therefore I herewith again present the affidavit of comrades well knowing my condition in the service and since.

Worcester ss. Dec 30/81 J. K. Hosmer

Subscribed and sworn to
Before me Henry O'Hill
If Henry O'Hill

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Reissue and Declaration for Increase of Invalid Pension.

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STATE OF Massachusetts
COUNTY OF Suffolk } ss.

On this June day of June, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty ~~five~~ six, personally appeared before me, a _____ within and for the County and State aforesaid, (A) Joel K. Kosmer, aged (B) _____ years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the Boston, Mass., Pension Agency, at the rate of (C) 6 dollars per month, by Certificate No. (D) 212889, on account of disability from (E) Gun shot wound right arm and shell wound left shoulder incurred while serving as a (F) Private Co. B. 15th Reg. Mass Vols.

He further declares that he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension for the following reasons, to wit:

That (G) his disability from said wounds has increased since he was examined and he hereby applied for a pension for deafness resulting from hard work and exposure incident to the service particularly at battle of Spotsylvania May 12, 1862

that he appoints Freeman Emmons, of Boston, Massachusetts, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim;

that his residence and P. O. address is No. _____ Street in Arlington

County of Mad. Essex and State of Mass and his P. O. address is No. 157 Richmond St. Boston Suffolk Co Mass. C/o John Campbell Esq.

Joel K. Kosmer
(Pensioner's signature.)

(If claimant signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Also personally appeared Eben H. Dodd residing at Boston and Wm McGlinchey residing at Boston persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Joel K. Kosmer, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

(If either witness signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Eben H. Dodd
William McGlinchey
(Signature of Witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June, A.D. 188 6

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the claimant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____ crased, and

[SEAL.]

the words _____ added;

and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

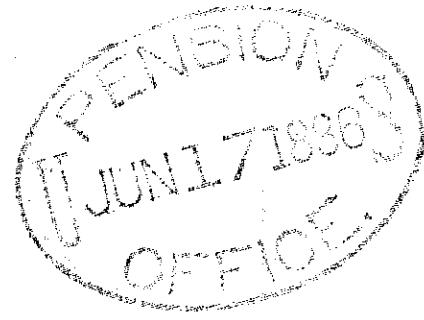
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tified by the Magistrate, in his
jurat, as having been made
before execution. }

John D. [Signature]
(Magistrate's signature.)
[Signature]
(Official character.)

I, _____ Clerk of the _____ Court, in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____ Esq., who hath signed his name to above declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing, a _____ 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 the seal of said Court, this _____ day of _____ 188 .

Clerk.



This is to certify that we the subscribers
residing in the City of Fitchburg, County
of Worcester State of Massachusetts late
members of Co. B 15th Regt Mass. Vols
on oath declare that we well know Joel
K. Gosmer late of said Co. and Regt and
do know that at the time of his enlistment
into said Co. and Regt he was a strong
robust and healthy man apparently
free from any disease or bodily infirm-
ity and particularly free from deafness
also that he has been afflicted with
deafness since his discharge

Henry A. Spooner
Joseph L. Moody

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

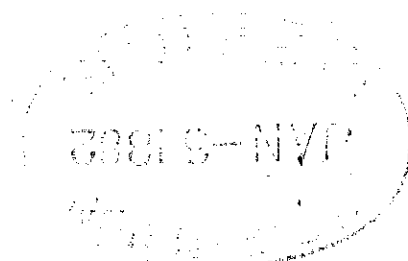
Worcester Dec. 31. 1881 - Subscribed and
sworn to by Henry A. Spooner and Joseph L. Moody
both of whom are well known and

Before me

Edmund P. Spring

Black Police Court Fitchburg

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This May (certify)

Joseph H. Hoerner a private
in Co. B 15th Regt Mass Col. was wounded in right arm above
elbow joint in the Battle of Antietam Sept 17th 1862 He
was treated at Hagerstown Landing by myself for the first
wound. - He also rec'd a shell wound of left shoulder
His wounds compelled him to remain in Hospital for
a period of five months - said wounds have incapacitated
him for his usual amount of physical labor - I am of
the opinion he will never recover his former health and abili-
ty to perform physical labor I have an interest in
an application for Pension

Respectfully

Joseph H. Bates M.D.
Late Surg 15th Mass Regt

Worcester, Oct 25th 1881

Subscribed and sworn to before me

D. S. Johnson
Clerk of Probate Court of
Worcester

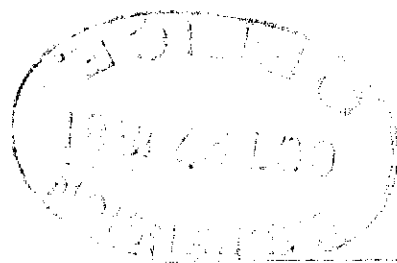
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Joel K. Hosmer

15th Mass

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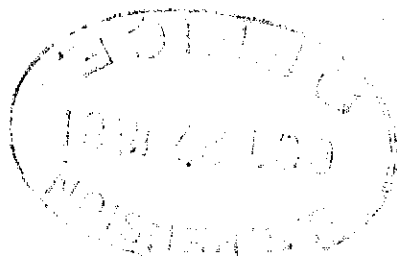


a. L. R.

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Joel R. Hosmer

B¹⁵th Mass



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as to card

This May Certify Joel K. Hosmer

a Private in Co. B. 15th Mass. Vol. Infantry - was wounded
in the Battle of "Antietam Hill" July 1st 1862, in the right
arm four inches above elbow - by musket ball - and also
a wound by shell, on the left shoulder - injuring the
scapula - and rendering unfit for duty for a period
of five months - I certify the wounds of said Hosmer
at Hapalls Landing - en route for Hammonds
Sanding - The said Soldier was not off duty
with disability at that period - I have no interest in
any claim for Pension

Respectfully/
J. S. Bates M.D.

Worcester Co. Dec 7th 1881

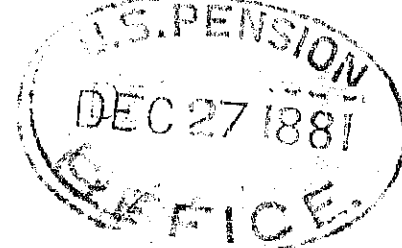
Subscribed and sworn before me

J. S. Johnson
Clerk of Court District of Worcester

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Dec. 3, 1881.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.
Joseph W. Bates Surgeon Company, 15th Regiment
 Mass Volunteers, was enrolled on the _____ day of
 _____, 186, at _____, and
 is reported: on Muster Roll of F.S. for May & June 62
 Present, Officers Casualty Sheet reports him Dismissed
 the service July 17th 62 per L.O. 164 per 14. a. 90. Regt.
 was in action June 30th 62 at White Oak Swamp Va,

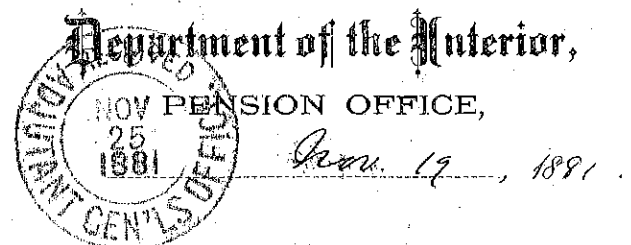
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Geo. D. Ruggles
 Assistant Adjutant General.
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Wm. J. Thurston

(No. 3.)

(3-061.)

Eastern Division.



Jan. 17, 1881.

Respectfully requested of the ADJUTANT
GENERAL U. S. A. a report from the records of his
Office as to the presence or absence, on or about
Jan 30/62 May 14, 1864,
of Surg Joseph N. Bates

of 15 Mass Vols
and the station, at that date, of the *Army*

Claim No. *328 660*

Joel K. Bosmer

Wm M Dudley

Commissioner.

This is to certify that we the subscribers residing in the City of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts late members of Co B 15th Regt. Mass Vol. Inf. do declare that we well know Joel K. Hosmer late of said Co & Regt, and do know that at the time of his enlistment into said Co & Regt, he was a strong robust healthy man apparently free from any disease or bodily infirmity and particularly free from deafness which he contracted while in the line of his duty, acting as Cannonier for Battery A 1st Regt R.I. Light, at the Battle of Spotsylvania Va May 14/64. That he was very deaf ever after that battle while in the service and has suffered more or less from the trouble year by year ever since.

We further certify that we are entirely disinterested in his app^y for a pension
 Charles E. Griswold
 Herbert D. McFetis

Worcester Ms. Dec 31 1881

Personally appeared the abovenamed Charles E. Griswold and Herbert D. McFetis whom I certify to be credible persons and made oath to the certificate by them subscribed

Before me

Edward P. Loring
 Clerk Polk County Fitchburg

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To Whom it may concern.

2 This is to certify, that J. Walter Arnold, of the City and County of Providence, State of Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations, doing business in said City, County, and State, late Sergeant of Battery A. 11th Regt. R. I. Lt. Artillery. do on oath declare, that I was member of said Battery at the Battle of Spottsylvania on or about May 12th 1864. That I was a member of the same detachment, being at that time a lead driver of the same gun, to which Joel K. Hosmer was attached at that time, he having been previously detailed to the Battery, from Co. B. 15th Regiment Mass. Vols. and was present at the said, Battle of Spottsylvania, and participated in said Battle, on or about May 12th 1864. That while assisting in working one of the guns of said Battery on said occasion, he was knocked down with great violence, by the explosion of said gun, which had hung fire, and while in the act of placing a new primer in said gun, and further that by said explosion, the hearing of his right ear was totally destroyed, that I being only a few yards in the rear of said gun holding my horses by the head was an eye witness of the whole affair. I further declare that I have no pecuniary or other interest in the

application of said Homer for a Pension
Providence Oct 7th A.D. 1881.
Walter Arnold.

State of Rhode Island }
Providence } 3

In Providence on this Seventh
day of October A.D. 1881 Walter Arnold
to me personally known to be the person
that he represents himself to be personally
appeared and being duly sworn declared
the foregoing statement in writing by
him signed to true and I hereby certify
he wrote the said instrument with his
own hand and that he is a credible
person

Stephen O. Randall
Notary Public

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Clerk's Office of the Municipal Court of the City
of Providence, in the County of Providence
in said State, exercising Probate Jurisdiction.

I, Geo B Nichols Clerk of said Court, do hereby certify

that the foregoing is a true copy

Stephen O Randall is
a Notary Public duly elected and qualified
to Administer oaths in said City of Providence
and that his signature to the above is genuine.

In attestation whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and have
affixed the seal of said Court, this 7th
day of Oct A. D. 1881

Geo B Nichols Clerk.

of said Court, I further declare that I have
no pecuniary or other interest in the

I am now certifying that ~~the~~ D. McIntire a resident of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts late of Co. B. 15th Regt Mass Vols detailed with A. C. Hosmer & said Co. & Regt into Battery A 1st R. I. Light Artillery on oath, declare that I was near the said Hosmer while participating in the battle at Malvern Hills on July 1/62 when he was wounded by a gun shot in his right arm above his elbow. He was also wounded by a piece of shell which exploded near him injuring his left shoulder.

I was also near him while participating in the battle at Spotsylvania ^{on or about May 12} May 4/64 when he was knocked down by the explosion of the gun of Battery A 1st R. I. Light Artillery causing him ever after deafness in his right ear thereby disabling him for duty or labor being incapacitated totally for hard manual labor, but he can do light work from one quarter to one half of the time.

I further certify that I am entirely disinterested in the application of the said Hosmer for a pension.

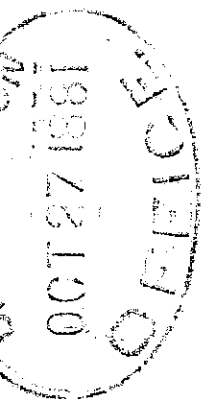
Herbert D. McIntire

Worcester Ms. Oct 10th 1881

Personally appeared the within named
Herbert D McEntire whom I certify to be a credible
person and made oath to the certificate by him
subscribed.

Before me Edward P. Loring

Justice of the Peace
Clark Police Court & Fitchburg



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who is to certify that I, George J. Greenleaf, a resident of Malden in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and doing business in Boston in the County of Suffolk in said Commonwealth, late 2. M. Sergeant of Battery A. First R. I. Light Artillery, do on oath declare that I was a member of said Battery at the time of the battle of Spottsylvania in 1864; that Joel K. Hosmer of Co B. 15th Regt. Mass. Vols. ^{previously} ~~previously~~ detailed to said Battery was present with said Battery and participated in the said Battle of Spottsylvania on or about May 12, 1864; that while assisting in working one of the guns of said Battery on said occasion he was knocked

George J. Grant
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Washington, D.C.
Sept 24, 1891
to Mr. Hosmer
at the Department of the Interior
at Washington, D.C.

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George J. Grant

[Signature]

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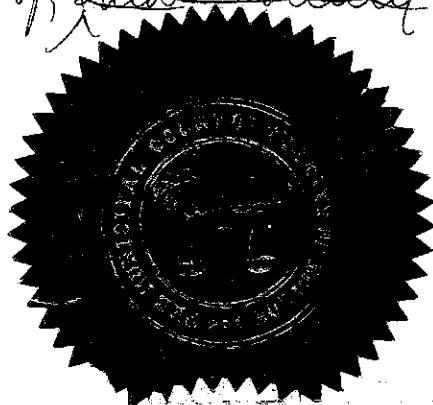
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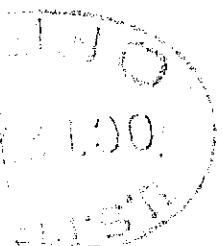
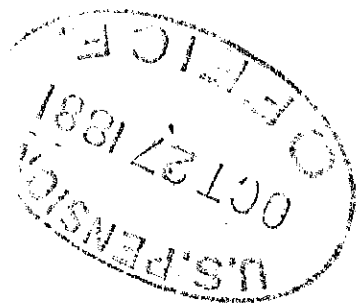
Then personally appeared the deponent
aforesaid, George J. Greenleaf, to me known
to be the person he represents himself to be,
who subscribed and made oath to the
forgoing affidavit in my presence.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand
and affixed the seal of the Municipal Court
of the City of Boston, this 6th day of October 1878,

W. J. Connolly,
Clerk of said Court



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The sum of my Will is now pending
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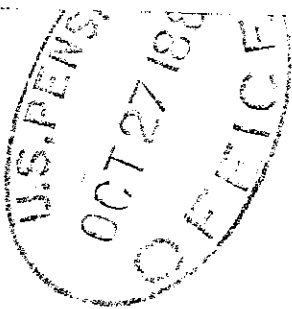
Such Statement, to ~~that~~ ^{the} extend namely, that we did not intend to assert of our own knowledge that such disability existed during all of said period, but that we did know that such disability existed from the time said Hoerners discharge in July 1864, until he left the State, in the fall of 1865, and that it also existed when he returned in the fall of 1879, and exists at the present time, and to our best knowledge and belief it existed during the intervening period.

Charles E. Griswold
Herbert D. McIntire

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Norwich ss - April 15. 1882

Personally appeared the above named Charles E. Griswold and Herbert D. McIntire and made oath that the foregoing statement is true

Before me
Edward P. Irving
Clerk Police Court & Notary



As the undersigned who have testified to our knowledge of deafness of ~~John~~ H. Kosmer late of Co. B. 15th Regt. Mass Vols in the matter of his claim for a pension now pending, being numbered 324.661, having had our attention called to a letter from the Com. of Pensions under date March 22^d not wherein the request is made that neighbors who "have testified to Claimants deafness during each year, since his discharge, should explain under oath how they know as to Claimants condition, during the many years he was not a resident of said State." thinking that perhaps our statement may have directly asserted that we knew the disability existed all of said period, do desire to qualify

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