

Acton Mass Feb 25-1889

To the Commissioners of Pensions

Sir, your letter

of the 18 inst is at hand, & in answer to your request, I respectfully submit the following statement in regard to my disability. I was taken sick with malarial fever & ague at Fort St. Phillips La. early in July 1862. on our arrival at New Orleans, about 15th of the month I was sent to the Hospital at Odd Fellows Hall, was in Hospital about two months at the time, Was taken again with the chills & fever & diarrhoea about Jan 1 '63 at Mechanics Institute Building and again about the first of March was sent to Marine Hospital with Chronic diarrhoea & Measles. Went back to Regt about the first of May I think, but was not able to do ordinary duty for some weeks on account of the diarrhoea, was clerk for Co at this time.

I continued to suffer from these diseases with more or less severity at times during the remainder of my term of service and since to the present time.

My disability gradually increased until I was obliged to stop work in the spring of 1886 and have

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not been able to do anything since, and have not been able to perform near the amount of labor at any time since the war as I could before it occurred.

I did not have the regular attendance of a Physician until I was unable to work, called in Dr. C. B. Sanders of Acton in May 1886, have been under his care ^{since} except as stated below. Was treated by Dr. Geo. Beard (now deceased) of South Framingham Mass two or three months in winter of 1875. By Dr. S. S. Fox of Lowell Mass few weeks in Oct or Nov '86. By Dr. Green 34 Temple Place Boston 2 months courses commencing about 13 of Dec '86. By Dr. W. Collier of Waltham Mass for five ^{or six} weeks commencing I think in Aug '88. Dr. John Harlow of Woburn came to see me and consulted with Dr. Sanders in regard to my case in winter of '87 & '88. Dr. B. C. Hartwell of Ayer Mass also in the winter of 1886-7. I had a severe attack of chills & fever last Oct, and have been quite sick and confined to the House nearly all Winter. Am now under the care of Dr. Sanders.

Dr. Bradt my Regimental Surgeon is dead.

My occupation has been farming & the raising of small fruits.

Very Respectfully Yours

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Jonathan W. Loker
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DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

To be Executed before a Court of Record or some Officer thereof having Custody of the Seal.

State of Massachusetts }
County of Middlesex } ss.

On this 20th day of June, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine
personally appeared before me, Charles of the Police Court, a court
of record within and for the County and State aforesaid Almira H. Roker
aged 37 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order

to obtain the Pension provided by Acts of Congress granting pension to widows: That she is the widow of
Jonathan W. Roker who, under the name of Jonathan W. Roker
was enrolled in Company C of the 26th Regiment of Massachusetts Vol.
on or about the 7th day of September 1861, who was discharged on or about the 7th
day of November 1864, who died on the 29th day of May 1889, at
Acton in the State of Massachusetts his death resulting from disability
contracted in the service aforesaid; (~~that he was a pensioner of the United States under certificate No.~~,

~~he was an applicant for invalid pension No. 679890~~); that she was married under the name of
Almira H. Burnham to said Jonathan W. Roker on the

20th day of May A. D. 1873, at Acton Mass by
Rev. P. P. Wood there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that neither she

nor her husband had been previously married and that he left
(If either have been previously married so state, and give date of death or divorce of former spouse.)

no children, and

that she has to present date remained his widow; ~~that the following are the names and dates of birth of all his~~
~~legitimate children yet surviving who were under sixteen years of age at the father's death, viz:~~

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That she has not abandoned the support of any one of her children, but that they are still under her care or
maintenance and she respectfully refers to

the evidence filed in his claim above mentioned
[For such children as are not under her care claimant should account.]

that no prior application has been filed by herself or said deceased, except as above stated; that she has not in any
manner engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States.

That she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, John A. Frye
of Lowell Massachusetts, her true and lawful attorney
to prosecute the above claim.

That her residence is No., Street, in Acton Mass.
and that her Post-Office address is Acton Centre, Mass.

ATTEST:

Almira H. Roker.
Claimant's Signature.