

East Division  
A. J.

# Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1897.

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the  
Record and Pension Office, War Department,  
requesting a full military and medical history

(Descriptive list.)

of the soldier.

Please examine all records likely to afford  
any information as to diseases, wounds, or  
injuries incurred by him while in the service.

No other report on file / encl.

Claim No. 8857 697.

Name Oscar B. Phelps,  
Co. G, 57<sup>th</sup> Reg't. Mass. Vol. Inf.

W. D. Murphy  
Commissioner.

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Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

## Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

Oscar B. Phelps.

Co. G, 57<sup>th</sup> Reg't Mass. Inf.  
was enrolled Feb 25, 1864,  
and M. O. with Co. July 30, 1865.

From Jan., 1864, to M. O., 1865,  
he held the rank of Private

and during that period the rolls show him present  
except as follows

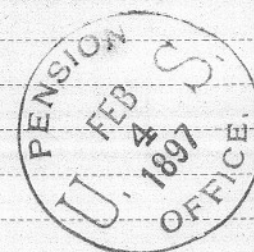
Roll for Mch 10 to Aug 31/64  
Deserted Aug 19, 1864 (Wounded  
in action May 6, 1864 and  
June 17, 1864)  
Oct 31/64 name not borne  
Dec 31/64 Deserter. Taken up  
to correct error in rolls of Aug 31/64

Is. Aug 19.  
Feb 28/65 present Returned to  
duty from desertion Jan 5/65.  
Des. Aug 19/64.  
Apr 30/65 Absent parole prisoner  
June 30/65 present paroled prisoner  
Prisoner of War record shows  
him captured at Petersburg Va  
Mch 25/65. Confined at Richmond  
Va Mch 25/65. Paroled at  
Bulwar & Leop's Wharf. Va  
Mch 30/65, furloughed Apr  
4/65 for 30 days, returned  
May 5, 1865

The medical records show him treated as follows:

as Oscar Phelps, Priv. 1st.  
G, 57<sup>th</sup> Mass., Mar. 23, 64,  
(no diagnosis): as — Phelps  
etc., Apr. 7 & 8, 64, catarrh,  
n.d. to duty: as Oscar B.  
Phelps, etc., Wounded at  
the battle of the Wilderness,  
May 6, 64: as O. B. Phelps  
etc., wound, chest, at  
the battle of Petersburg, Va.,  
June 17 & 18, 64: treated  
June 17, 64 to —, wound  
antrum right side, skull:  
— to June 21, 64, wound  
chest, contusion, skull:

as Oscar B. Phelps, etc.,  
Aug. 23 to 28, 64, acute  
diarrhea: as Oscar B.  
Phelps, Sept. etc., Aug. 28  
to Nov. 11, 64, (no diag-  
nosis), furloughed, Nov. 11,  
64: as O. B. Phelps, etc.,  
Dec. 29, 64 to —, (no  
diagnosis): Missing  
Mar. 25, 65.  
Nothing additional found.



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

W. D. Murphy

Colonel, U. S. Army, Chief of Office.

Per m.

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Washington, D. C.,

(COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.)

JUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Civil War Division, Sec. F,  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

*W. L. S.*  
Washington, D. C., July 15, 1914.

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant General, War Department, for verification of report as to desertion August 19th 1864 to January 5th 1865, attention being invited to the medical record which shows treatment from August 23rd 1864, and practically covering the whole period reported in desertion.

Cert. No. 1,015,296,  
Oscar B. Phelps,  
G, 57th Mass.. Inf.

4 inclosures.

*W. L. S.*  
Commissioner.

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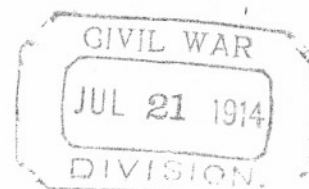
WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, July 20, 1914.

Respectfully returned to the  
Commissioner of Pensions.

The charge of desertion of August 19, 1864, against Oscar B. Phelps, Company G, 57th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, has been removed under the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 2, 1889. The soldier was absent without leave from August 19, 1864, to August 23, 1864.

*Geo. Andrews*  
The Adjutant General.



BOARD OF REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C. *July 9, 1914*

No. Claim, \_\_\_\_\_

Cert. No. *1015296*

Claimant, \_\_\_\_\_

Soldier, *Oscar B. Phelps*

Co. *G*, *57* Reg't. *Mass Inf.*

Respectfully returned to

*Mr. Riffel, Chief Section*

*Mr. Bell, Reviewer*

*I would suggest*

*that we obtain an*

*additional report*

*from the War Dept.*

*to verify military report*

*as to desertion August 19,*

*1864 to January 5, 1865*

*attention being invited*

*to the medical record*

*which shows treatment*

*from August 23, 1864*

*and practically covering*

*whole period reported*

*in desertion.*

*this in order to obtain*

*correct length of pensionable*

*service.*

*J. N. Engle*  
*Chief Board of Review*



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Dec 1 1904

James F Sweeney Esq.

Dear Sir

When Mr Oscar B. Phelps wrote to me about his birth last June I made a thorough search for a record and could find none and so informed him. Upon your application in his behalf I renewed the search. I found nothing in the indexes of such matters. I went over all the reports sent in by physicians of births, no small job - I have been over them again with the same result. I have done still more. A friend of mine has two large volumes of Phelps Genealogy. I have thoroughly searched these. I found a large number of Oscar Phelps but no Oscar B. This does not decide that Oscar B. was not born here but that there is no record. I should have replied sooner but have been sick. I have this hint to give you: that when you seek the birth of any person be sure and give the name of the father. Not a quarter of the children born here have any name.

but are recorded as the first 2<sup>d</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> &c <sup>child</sup> of the  
 parents. The law requires Physicians to report  
 births in six days and, <sup>as</sup> I have said, few are  
 named in that time.

I am sorry I cannot keep you Perhaps as  
 you can find some other record or proof of his  
 birth.

Yours best friend

Charles of Lebanon N.H.

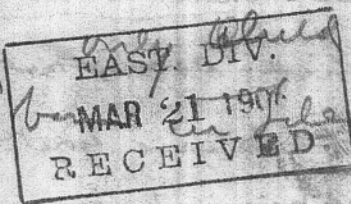
Julius & Sarah Phelps

June 23, 1839



Older child  
 Julius Phelps

Blakesley



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 velope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

*G. M. Safford*

Commissioner.

OSCAR B. PHELPS,  
CHELSEA, MASS.  
IOI5296 ACT MAY.  
SOLDIERS' HOME.

No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. *June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1839 Jackson*  
The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. *Co. G 54 Mass*

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

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. *Mrs. A. Jones Crockett*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. *April 29 1865*

*Rev. S. C. Guenard*

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

If so, where? Answer. *Windsor Mass*

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. ....

*Wife & she died Aug 11 1905*

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. ....

*W. C. Jones married 1860 Enrolled 13 Sept 1861 Co. D 6th Mass. Three years discharged 34 April 1862 at Ship Island by Surgeon's certificate*

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

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer. *No children*

Date .....

(Signature) *Oscar B. Phelps*



# DECLARATION FOR INCREASE OF PENSION

## Under the Act of June 27, 1890.

NOTE.—This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss:

ON THIS 24th day of July A. D., one thousand nine hundred and two, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Oscar B. Phelps, aged 63 years, a resident of Maynard County of Middlesex State of Mass., who

being duly sworn according to law, declares he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the Boston Pension Agency at the rate of Six dollars per month, Certificate No. 1015296; by reason of disability from earring

[Here name the disability for which pension was granted.]

a support by manual labor.

That he was a Private in Co. G, 57 Reg't Mass. Infantry Vols.  
[Here state rank, company and regiment, if in the army; vessel, if in the navy.]

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on the ground that the rate allowed him is too low and not commensurate with extent of his present disability. He therefore requests that he be favored with another medical examination with the view of determining his right to \$12 per month, the full rate allowed under the Act of June 27, 1890.

Claimant is a wool sorter by trade and on account of defective eye-sight is obliged to wear powerful glasses that magnify so much that his services as a wool sorter are much injured. Claimant has Liver and Kidney trouble also.



That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation Abbie M. Saunders of Concord, Mass., his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim and receive a fee of \$ 10. His post-office address is Maynard, Mass.

G. B. Whitman

(Signature of Claimant.)

Israel Jones  
(Two witnesses who can write sign here.)

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Belaine No. 15969  
Oscar B. Phelps  
Co. B., 57 Reg't Mass. Inf

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., October 27, 1897.

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,

Mrs. Oscar B. Phelps  
Maynard.  
B. O. Reg. 154 Mass.

Acting Commissioner.

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

Answer: Mary C. & Elizabeth Phelps Mary C. & Elizabeth Phelps

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

Andover Mass  
April 29 1865 by Rev. S. C. Leonard

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

Certificate

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

Date of reply, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Oscar B. Phelps  
(Signature.)

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

# DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Massachusetts } ss.  
County of Middlesex

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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, Oscar B Phelps, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 70 years of age, and a resident of Maynard county of Middlesex, State of Mass.; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Leominster Mass under the name of Oscar B Phelps, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1864, as a private, in Company E. 57 Regt. Mass Volunteers (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 Delany House D.C., on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1865. That he also served (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5' 5" feet 5 inches; complexion, light; color of eyes, gray; color of hair, light; that his occupation was Teamster; that he was born June 23, 1839 at Lebanon N.H.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Lawrence Mass. to about 1872, Andover Mass to about 1876 and Maynard Mass since 1876 (State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner. That he has heretofore applied for pension \$1015296

(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.

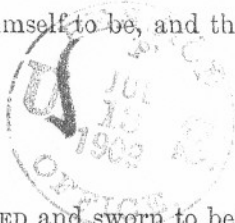
He hereby appoints F. A. BICKNELL, Deputy Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, State House, Boston, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim (Without fee);

That his post-office address is Maynard, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts

Attest: (1) Mr. R. Hall (Claimant's signature in full.)

(2) John W. Mahoney

Also personally appeared Mr. R. Hall, residing in Maynard and John W. Mahoney, residing in Maynard, 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 Oscar B Phelps, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him of 25 years and 25 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.



Mr. R. Hall  
John W. Mahoney  
(Signatures of witnesses.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 10 day of July, A. D. 1909, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words, erased, and the words, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Charles H. Gervais  
(Signature)  
Justice of the Peace  
(Official character.)