

State of Massachusetts County of Middlesex Town of Acton

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Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age
December twenty-second Eighteen Hundred & Sixty-four	John Putnam	Thirty years Eight months & twenty days.
Occupation	Names of Parents	Place of Birth
Railway Engineer	Cyrus & Louise R. Putnam	Acton

I CERTIFY that the above is a true copy of the record of the death with the exception of the date, which is expressed on the record in fair legible figures, as follows:—

“Dec 22^d 1864” of John Putnam.

William D. Tufts

I, Wm. W. Tuttle above named, depose and say, that I hold the office of Town Clerk in the Town, County and State aforesaid, and that the above is a true copy from the records of said town, with the exception above named as certified by me.

Wm D. Tuck } Town Clerk
of Acton

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me, this Twenty First day
of May A. D. 1869. I have no interest in this case.

Henry M. Smith
Justice of the Peace.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., *November 22^d*, 18*70*.

[CERTIFICATE.]

In the case of *Private John Putnam,*
Co. *E*, *25th* Reg't *Mass.* Vol. *Regt.*

reference has been made to the records of the following named Hospitals, filed in this Office,
but no information regarding the soldier obtained therefrom:

St. James and Marine Gen. Hupl., New Orleans, La. —
The Regtl. Hupl. Registers are not on file. —
The Regt. from 1862 to 1864 was in N.C. and Va. —

Reference has also been made to the following additional records:

Med. Dir's Office, Dept. of the Gulf. —

By order of the Surgeon General:

J. J. Woodward

Brev. Lieut. Col. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army.
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(NOTE.—This certificate should not be detached from the accompanying papers. If additional information is desired relative to the case, this paper should accompany the application therefor.)

Officer's Certificate to Disability of Soldier.

Boston Mass

June 8th 1869

I, *Wm. H. Chapman* do hereby certify that I *was* *Captain* of Company *C* of the *26th* Regiment of *Mass Infy* Volunteers, and *was* acquainted with *John Putnam* who was a member of my Company, and, as I am informed, is an applicant for an Invalid Pension. That the said *John Putnam* was mustered into service on or about the *2^d* day of *September* 186*1*, and discharged ~~for disability~~ about the *7th* day of *November* 186*4*, having become disabled from doing duty as a soldier from on or about the *August* 186*2* while in the service of the United States, and in the line of his duty as a soldier, in the manner and at the place as follows:

viz: while in defenses in vicinity of New Columbia, by means of Miasmatic Climate and exposure of the Campaign contracted Diarrhea & first sent to Saint James Hosp. and at times to Marine Hosp. the Diarrhea however the disease seemed to follow him persistently and continuously - partially well at times and then down again when he next left for Belgium Jan. 1864 he was left in France - sent to Camp - joined the Regt at Halle Sept. 1864 & from was

That the said soldier was in good health at the time he entered the service, and the disability above referred to effected him while in the service and at his discharge, as follows: *viz: Chronic general debility & unfitted him for active duty. I knew him well from a boy up & believe him to have been as sound a man as ever entered the service and that said disability was contracted in the service in line of duty & was the cause of his death. I have no interest in adverse statement.*

W. H. Chapman
Late Capt & Lt Col
26 Mass

Attest: May 25th 1869
I hereby certify that I attended
professionally Mr. John Putnam
a private in Company (C) 26th
Regiment of Massachusetts Infy,
detached after his Discharge
from the service of the United States
for chronic diarrhoea which
followed him six weeks and
his days, after his discharge finally
causing his death. No discharge being
given in the army. I have no interest
in this matter. I have made this
statement that justice may
be done the deceased.
Attest: C. J. Freeman
Physician
Witnessed & sworn to before me
this 24th May 1869
I have no interest
in this matter Charles Freeman

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Wm. H. Chapman

New Orleans, Nov. 8, 1862

Dear Mother

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house is furnished the best
I have a piano to play on
as much as I please tell Mother
that I shall git a hand of
her time an music if she
is not carefull we draw our
rations and cook them our
self in the house live
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I told you a bout my money
9 dollars but I did not
no that you had got
any I send home 10 dollars
a month and you cant get
it any faster than I do
when I get paid you can

get it from
I have been paid since
I got the box and now
you will get 2 clothes
and you will not get
any more before the
middle of January
you say you have a lot
of apples but we have
plenty of them here
I am enjoying my self as
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