

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Pension Form 5036

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF THIS BLANK BEFORE USING IT

APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

This form not to be used if the deceased pensioner left a widow or minor children under sixteen years of age

STATE OF Massachusetts
COUNTY OF Norfolk } ss:

On this 25th day of February, A. D. 1932, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Ruth E. Edwards, aged 38 years, a resident of Winthrop, County of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, who makes the following declaration as an application for, and claim is hereby made for, reimbursement from the accrued pension for expenses paid (or obligation incurred) in the last sickness and burial of George R. Dannelled, who was a pensioner of the United States by certificate No. 1695429 and who DIED May 23, 1931, at Winthrop, Mass. and was buried at Aston, Mass.

That the answers to questions propounded below are full, complete, and truthful to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that no evidence necessary to a proper adjustment of all claims against the accrued pension is suppressed or withheld.

1. What was the full name of the deceased pensioner? George R. Dannelled
Soldier, 14th Battery, Mass. Volunteers
2. In what capacity was decedent pensioned? (As soldier or sailor, or as a widow, minor child, dependent relative, etc.)
Soldier, 14th Battery, Mass. Volunteers
3. If decedent was pensioned as a soldier or sailor—
 - (a) Was he ever married? (Answer yes or no.) yes
 - (b) How many times, and to whom? 2 - Clara M. Dannelled
Emma R. Dannelled
 - (c) If married, did his wife survive him? (Answer yes or no.) Emma R. Dannelled
 - (d) If so, is she still living? (Answer yes or no.) no
 - (e) If not living, give full names and dates of death of all wives Clara M. Dannelled - Apr. 1, 187
Emma R. Dannelled - May October 4, 1931
 - (f) Was he ever divorced? (Answer yes or no.) no
 - (g) If so, is the divorced wife still living? (Answer yes or no.) _____ (If living, a copy of the decree of divorce must be filed.)
 - (h) If not living, give her full name and the date of her death. _____
4. Did pensioner leave a child under 16 years of age? (Answer yes or no.) _____
5. Is any such child still living? (Answer yes or no.) _____
6. Were any sick or death benefits paid on pensioner's account? If so, give name of society and amount paid.
\$100 Burial paid by U. S. Government
7. Was there insurance (life, accident, or health) in force on life of pensioner at time of death? (Answer yes or no.) no
8. If so, give the name of each company in which a policy was carried and the amount in which each policy was written. _____
9. Who was the beneficiary named in each policy? _____
10. What was the relation of each beneficiary to the pensioner? _____
11. Were the premiums paid by the deceased pensioner? _____
12. If not paid by the deceased pensioner, state the amount of premiums paid by each person who made payment on that account. _____



JAMES J. MULVEY
CITY REGISTRAR

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Widow Division
W. O. 1695429
George Rouillard
14th Indpt. Batty.
Mass. L. Arty.

County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
CITY HALL ANNEX.

No. 19

ABSTRACT OF RECORD.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I hold the office of City Registrar of the City of Boston, as created by Chapter 314 of the Acts of 1892, and have the custody of the records of Births, Marriages and Deaths required by law to be kept in my office and from such record it appears that

*George Rouillard, &
Clara M. Dummells, were
married in Boston, Mass.,
on Jan. 29, 1867*

and I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract from said records.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Registry
Department at Boston on this 8 day of July 1931.

James J. Mulvey
City Registrar.

FOR GOVERNMENT PURPOSES ONLY. NO FEE.

By Chap. 314 of Acts of 1892, "the certificates or attestations of either Assistant City Registrar shall have the same force and effect as that of the City Registrar."

By annexation, the Records of the following-named cities and towns are in custody of the City Registrar of Boston:—

Roxbury,	annexed	January 6, 1868.
Dorchester,	"	January 3, 1870.
South Boston,	"	March 6, 1804.

Charlestown,	annexed	} January 5, 1874.
Brighton,	"	
West Roxbury,	"	
Hyde Park,	"	January 1, 1912.



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W. O. 1695429 CITY HALL ANNEX.
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14th Indpt. Batty.
Mass. L. Arty

No. 1811

ABSTRACT OF RECORD.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I hold the office of City Registrar of the City of Boston, as created by Chapter 314 of the Acts of 1892, and have the custody of the records of Births, Marriages and Deaths required by law to be kept in my office and from such record it appears that

Clara M. Rouillard, age 26 yrs. 6 mos. 17 days
died at Boston. Mass. April 1, 1874. and
is buried at Acton. Mass.

and I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract from
said records.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Registry
Department at Boston on this 8th day of July 1931.

James J. Mulvey

City Registrar.

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Widow Division
W. O. 1695429
George Rouillard
14th Indpt. Batty.
Mass. L. Arty.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

FROM THE RECORDS OF MARRIAGES IN THE TOWN OF Acton
MASSACHUSETTS, U. S. A

GROOM.

Name George Rouillard

Color—White

Residence Acton Mass.

Age 32 Years.

Occupation Provision dealer

Place of Birth Acton Mass.

Name of Father Frederic

Name of Mother Sarah Potter

No. of Marriage Second

BRIDE.

Name Emma Rethie Durnells

Color—White

Residence Acton. Mass

Age 19 Years.

Occupation

Place of Birth Belfast. Maine

Name of Father Joshua

Name of Mother Jane

No. of Marriage First

Place and Date of Marriage at Acton Mass. Nov. 26 1874

By Whom Married Rev. F. P. Wood

I, Horace F. Tuttle depose and say,
that I hold the office of Town Clerk of the Town of Acton
County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that the
records of Births, Marriages and Deaths in said Town are in my custody, and that the above is a
true extract from the Records of Marriages in said Town, as certified by me.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of said Town, on the eight
day of July, 1931

Horace F. Tuttle
Town Clerk.

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Form 431

Widow Division
O. 1695429
George Rouillard
14th Indpt Batty.
Mass. L. Arty.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

COPY OF RECORD OF DEATH

TOWN of WINTHROP

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am Clerk of the TOWN of WINTHROP
that as such I have custody of the records of deaths required by law to be kept in my office;
that among such records is one relating to the death of

George Rouillard

and that the following is a true copy of so much of said record as relates to said death, namely:

Date of Death May 23, 1931.

Place of Death 385 Revere St., Winthrop, Mass.

Name George Rouillard

Sex Male Color or Race White

Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Married

Age 89 years 9 months

Residence at Time of Death 385 Revere St., Winthrop, Mass.

Occupation Market Man

Place of Birth Acton, Mass.

FATHER

Name Frederick R. Rouillard

Place of Birth Pepperil, Mass.

MOTHER

Maiden Name Sarah Potter

Place of Birth Concord, Me.

Cause of Death Angina Pectoris, probable occlusion of coronary artery.

Place of Burial Acton Cemetery, Acton, Mass.

Date of Record May 25, 1931.

And I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from said records.

Witness my hand and seal of said TOWN of WINTHROP

on this 7th day of July 1931

SEAL

Donald J. McLeod
Clerk

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION

Act of May 1, 1920

CLAIMANT SHOULD COMPLY FULLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS DECLARATION

State of Massachusetts County of Suffolk, ss:
On this 2nd day of June, 1931, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Emma R. Rouillard, who makes the following declaration as an application for pension under the provisions of the act of Congress approved May 1, 1920.
That she is 74 years of age, that she was born November 22, 1856 at Belfast, Maine
That she is the widow of George Rouillard, who ENLISTED Feb. 18, 1864, at Readville, Mass., under the name of George Rouillard, in 1st Division, 9th Army Corps 14 Battery, Massachusetts Volunteers and was honorably DISCHARGED June 15, 1865, having served ninety days or more, or was discharged for, or died in service of the United States of a disability incurred in the service in the line of duty, during the CIVIL WAR, and who DIED May 23, 1931, at Winthrop, Massachusetts
That he also served in _____
(Here give a complete statement of all other military or naval service, if any, at whatever time rendered)

and that, except as herein stated, said soldier (or sailor) was _____ employed in the military or naval service of the United States;
THAT SHE WAS MARRIED to said soldier (or sailor) November 26, 1874, under the name of Emma Rettie Dunnells, at Acton, Massachusetts by Rev. B. N. Cherry; that she had not been previously married, that he had been previously married;
Clara M. Dunnells who died in Boston April 1, 1874
(If there was a prior marriage of either, the name and the date and place of death or divorce of the former consort, or consorts, should be stated)

That neither she nor said soldier was ever married otherwise than as stated above.
That she was NOT divorced from the soldier (or sailor) and that she has NOT remarried since his death;
That the following are the ONLY children OF THE SOLDIER (or sailor) who are now living and are under sixteen years of age:
(If he left no children under sixteen years of age, the claimant should so state)
_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____
_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____
_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____
_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____
_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____
_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____

That she did not serve in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States between April 6, 1917, and July 2, 1921, or at any time during said period.
That a member of her family served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States between April 6, 1917, and July 2, 1921, or at any time during said period. son - Richard Paul Rouillard
April 15 1917 Plattsburg NY Discharge March 3 1919
(If any members of claimant's family were in the military or naval service during the period mentioned, state the full name under which each such member served, with the designation of the organization in (or vessel on) which such service was rendered, together with the dates of enlistment and discharge. State also whether any such members are dead, and if so, give the names)

Camp Lee Virginia unattached to any organization
Second Lieutenant
That she has not heretofore applied for pension, the number of her former claim being _____; that said soldier (or sailor) was _____ a pensioner, the number of his pension certificate being 1086154

(1) Angie L. Young Emma R. Rouillard
(Signature of first witness) (Claimant's signature in full)
87 Highland Road Winthrop
(Address of first witness) (Claimant's address in full)
(2) R. B. Edwards 385 Revere Street
(Signature of second witness) (Claimant's address in full)
385 Revere St. Winthrop Winthrop, Massachusetts
(Address of second witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of June, 1931, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant 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.

[L. S.]



Edward A. Barclay
(Signature)
Notary Public
(Official character)
155 Woodside Ave.
(Post office address of officer)
Winthrop, Mass.
Validity accepted
as to execution
Chief, Record Division
Der

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 envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

G. M. Safford

Commissioner.

GEORGE ROUILLARD
BEACHMONT MASS
1086154 ACT MAY
129 BELLINGHAM AVE

- No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. *Jan. 29, 1842 Acton, Massachusetts*
The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. *14th Mass. Battery*
- No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. *Boston*
- No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. *Emma Bettie Dannelle*
- No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. *Nov. 26, 1874 at Acton, Mass. by Rev. B. N. Sperry*
- No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? *(Town Record of Acton) Yes*
If so, where? Answer. *Acton*
- 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. *Yes. Clara Matilda Dannelle - Jan. 29, 1867. Died in Boston April 1, 1874.*
- 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. *Not previously married.*
- No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. *Yes.*
- No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer.
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|--|---------------------|
| <i>George Fred Rouillard - Oct 29, 1861</i> | <i>} First wife</i> |
| <i>Charles Augustus Rouillard - Sept 7, 1869</i> | |
| <i>Gertrude Rouillard - Oct. 18, 1871</i> | |
| <i>Charles Rouillard - April 1, 1874 - Dead</i> | <i>} 2nd wife</i> |
| <i>Arthur Curtis Rouillard - Dec. 12, 1875 - Lillian Vankille Rouillard - May 12, 1875</i> | |
| <i>Louise Rouillard - May 13, 1879 (Dead) John Algernon Rouillard - Jan. 30, 1881</i> | |
| <i>Louise Louise Rouillard - Oct. 10, 1882</i> | |
| <i>Richard Paul Teasdale Rouillard - March 24, 1891</i> | |
| <i>Pauline Evelyn Rouillard - March 12, 1893</i> | |
- Date *April 12, 1915* (Signature) *George Rouillard*

ACT OF FEB. JARY 6, 1907.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Mass. }
County of Suffolk } ss.

On this 19th day of February, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Eleven, personally appeared before me, a Special Commissioner within and for the county and State aforesaid, George Rouillard who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 65 years of age, and a resident of Beachmont county of Suffolk, State of Mass; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Boston, Mass. under the name of George Rouillard, on the 18th day of February 1864, as a Private, in 14th Indpt Batty Mass. S. A.
(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 Boston, Mass (State name of war, Civil or Mexican.) on the 15th day of June, 1865. That he also served
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

No other service

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 feet 8 inches; complexion, dark; color of eyes, blue; color of hair, dark; that his occupation was butcher; that he was born January 29 1842 at Acton, Mass. (Copy Bible Record of birth on file)

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:
Boston 12 years Cambridge 10 years Acton
(State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)
4 years Revere Mass. the balance of the time

That he is now a pensioner. That he has heretofore applied for pension

by # 1086154 (June 90) (S)
(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 129 Bellingham Ave, Beachmont, county of Suffolk, State of Mass.

George Rouillard
(Claimant's signature in full.)

Attest: (1) _____
(2) _____

Also personally appeared Joseph H. White, residing in Somerville, Mass and Edward B. Rendleton, residing in Dorchester, 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 George Rouillard, 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 30 years and 20 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.

Joseph H. White
Edward B. Rendleton
(Signatures of witnesses.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 19th day of February, A. D. 1907, 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.

[L. S.]

Eva B. Holbrook
(Signature)

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER
PENSION DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE
(Official character.)

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(For typewriter)

Case of George Rouillard

No. 1086154

On this 19th day of February, 1930, at Winthrop
 county of Suffolk, State of Mass. before me,
 W. H. Major, an inspector of the Bureau of Pensions,
 personally appeared Emma R. Rouillard, who, being by me first
 duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her
 during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension,
 deposes and says:

My name is Emma Rouillard and am 73 years of age. I was married to the
 claimant on Nov. 26, 1874, at Acton, Mass. I do not remember the name of the
 minister who married us there but it will be on record there. My maiden name
 was Dunnells and am a half-sister to my husband's first wife Clara M. Dunnells
 to whom Mr. Rouillard was married on Jan. 29, 1867. She, that is, my
 husband's first wife, Clara M. Dunnells, died in April, 1874, at Roxbury,
 Mass.

I have been taking care of my husband for the past 6 years until I
 took sick last New Year's Day. I do the best I can now but since I had a
 stroke on New Year's Day I cannot do much for him.

(I stopped this deposition at this point upon the advise of Dr. Johnson and
 owing to the apparent nervousness of the deponent). W.H.M.

I have had the foregoing deposition read to me and it is true to the
 best of my knowledge and belief.

Witness to mark: *Ruth E. Edwards* *HER*
 385 Revere St., Emma R. *MARK* Rouillard
 Winthrop, Mass. Deponent.

Only witness available.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of February, 1930, and
 I certify that the contents were fully made known to the deponent before sign-
 ing.

W. H. Major
 Field Representative.

3-289a

(For typewriter)

Case of George Rouillard

No. 1086154

On this 19th day of February, 1930, at Winthrop
 county of Suffolk, State of Mass. before me,
 W. H. Major, an inspector of the Bureau of Pensions,
 personally appeared Orville E. Johnson, M.D., who, being by me first
 duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him
 during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension,
 deposes and says:

1 My name is Orville E. Johnson and I have been a practicing physician since
 2 1894 and I have practiced in Winthrop since 1895. I am a graduate of Harvard
 3 Medical School of the class of 1894. I have known the claimant for 25 years
 4 and I have been treating him off and on for almost that entire period. For
 5 the past three years I have been seeing him at frequent intervals. Since
 6 Oct. 8, 1929, he has been under my constant care.

7 The claimant, Mr. Rouillard, at the present time is suffering from
 8 vertigo, extreme weakness, severe coughing, poor eyesight, and marked general
 9 debility. He is unable to dress himself, spends a considerable of the time in
 10 bed, has poor appetite and has to be helped from the bed to his chair. Men-
 11 tally he is clear. Diagnosis is general arterio-sclerosis and senile debili-
 12 ty. The attacks of vertigo are due to cerebral arterio-sclerosis. In the
 13 past three or four years he has had numerous small cerebral hemorrhages with
 14 resultant disability and dizziness

15 Q. Will you tell me, doctor, to just what extent Mr. Rouillard is helpless
 16 so far as his physical needs are concerned?

17 A. He cannot feed himself, dress himself, has to be helped about the house,
 18 incontinence of urine and feces. He can sit up in his chair, his hearing is
 19 good, he can read headlines in the paper, that is, coarse print. He can take
 20 a few steps but he has to be helped wherever he goes around the house. He re-
 21 quires the constant presence of an attendant by that I mean some adult member
 22 of the family must be present to take care of Mr. Rouillard all the time.
 23 His daughter must take hold of his hand and guide him from his bed to the chair
 24 in which he sits a good part of each day. He cannot remove his clothes or
 25 dress himself. This condition will continue progressively

26 Q. Is that your signature affixed to an affidavit made on Jan. 22, 1930.

27 A. Yes, that is my signature. (Affidavit accompanying papers in the case).

28 The claimant is able to sit up but after a cerebral attack he is men-
29 tally clouded, confined to his bed anywhere from a week to three weeks.

30 Q. What is the condition of the claimant's eyesight?

31 A. He can read the heavy type in a newspaper and that is all.

32 Q. Doctor, a claimant for the \$90.00 rate to be entitled to the same must
33 be totally blind or helpless. Do you consider the claimant in this case
34 totally helpless.

35 A. Yes. I have read the foregoing deposition and it is true to the best of
36 of my knowledge and belief.

Orville E. Johnson M.D.

Deponent

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40 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of February, 1930, and
41 I certify that the contents were fully made known to the deponent before sign-
42 ing.

J. H. Major
Field Representative.

3-289a

(For typewriter)

Case of George Rouillard

No. 1086154

On this 18th day of February, 1939, at Winthrop
 county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts before me,
 W. H. Major, an inspector of the Bureau of Pensions,
 personally appeared Ruth Edwards, who, being by me first
 duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her
 during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension,
 deposes and says:

1 My name is Ruth Edwards and I am the wife of Roby Blanton Edwards.
 2 I am the daughter of the claimant and I have always lived with my father and
 3 mother with the exception of two winters when I left someone here to look out
 4 for them. My husband works in Boston but comes home to this house every
 5 night. I work for the Audobon Society part times when I am able to get
 6 some one to stay home and take care of my father and mother. When I work
 7 I have my sister-in-law come to take care of the folks. I only work one or
 8 two days a week - in fact anytime that I can get away. Somebody must be
 9 here all the time to take care of my parents. My niece Elsie also lives
 10 here in this house with us. I am 36 years of age will be 37 years of age
 11 in March. My husband is an electrician and works in Boston for the Pullman
 12 Company.

13 Q. Will you tell me, Mrs. Edwards, just what your father can do for him
 14 self, if anything, - in fact, I would like to have you tell me just the
 15 condition of your father since he had the first paralytic stroke back in
 16 1922.

17 A. My father had very good health up to the time he had the first stroke
 18 October 12, 1922. He was in bed for along time after that stroke - I don't
 19 remember just how long. Ever since then he has been more or less dependent
 20 upon some one. Last spring around about April or May he had a minor shoke
 21 and was in bed about a week. Following the second stroke and since then
 22 he has not been able to get about by himself at all. My father went out twice
 23 for an automobile ride between the time he had his second stroke and this last
 24 one but he had to be carried to the automobile by my brother. The last time
 25 he has been out of the house was just before Labor Day and that was the occasion
 26 on which my brother carried him from the house and back into the house. My
 27 father was most certainly not able to go up or down them stairs alone.

28 My father took his last shock at 2 o'clock on the morning of October 6,
29 1929. No, I am wrong about that date. It was on Friday, the 4th of
30 October. I remember the date now because it was the date on which I was
31 going to the office to work and I was working only on Mondays and Fridays
32 and this happened on a Friday because I remember that I called up the office
33 and told them that I couldn't go to the office that day because my father
34 had a shock. At two o'clock on the morning of the fourth we called in
35 Dr. Johnson and he told us that he was not certain that father was going
36 to live. I asked him if it would be advisable for me to send for my brother
37 in New Hampshire right away and he told me to wait until 11 o'clock that
38 morning and he would inform me if there was any immediate danger of my
39 father not living. About noon of that day father recovered his speech.
40 Since the last stroke he has been in worse shape than he was before. It
41 was three weeks before we was able to get him out of bed and after that we
42 were able to get him to his chair near the window and he has been either
43 in that chair near the window or in bed.

44 Q. Where is the claimant's bedroom?

45 A. It is that room just to the left of where you are sitting.

46 (The distance from the bedroom of the claimant and the chair in which he is
47 now sitting is about 25 feet. - wlm).

48 My father is not able to go alone from his bed to his chair. Either
49 I or someone else has to help him because we are afraid that he will stumble
50 if we let him do it by himself.

51 Q. What is the condition of your father's eyesight.

52 A. Not very good. He can see to read the headlines in the paper and that
53 is all.

54 Q. Can your father dress and undress himself?

55 A. No. He is absolutely helpless in that respect. My mother used to
56 dress and undress him up until she had a shock on New Years Day but she is not
57 able to do that herself now so I have to do it. He has no control of his bowel
58 movements and unless we watch him and get him to the toilet he will soil his
59 underclothing. At night time we always have to use a night pan for his wants
60 along that line.

61 My fathers mental condition is very good for a man of his age. His
62 hearing is fairly good and he has a very good recollection of dates. His

Ruth E. Edwards
Deponent

Case of George Rouillard.

, No. 1086154

Deposition of Ruth Edwards

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1 physical condition is what is bad - his mental condition as I said before is
2 remarkable good for a man of his age.

3 Q. Can your father take care of his wants so far as feeding himself is
4 concerned.

5 A. My father's diet consists almost entirely on soft foods and juices.
6 Someone has to be present all the time while he is eating. We have to do
7 everything but chew his food for him. If we leave him alone he spills his
8 milk or whatever he is drinking all over himself. He doesn't eat any meat at
9 all except chicken. He can't cut any of his food at all. That has to be
10 done for him. He can use a fork to raise the food to his mouth, and that is
11 about all.

12 Q. Can your father do anything at all for himself?

13 A. Well, I will go over his daily routine for you if you want. My
14 father wears practically all of his clothes to bed and in addition to this
15 he wears a bathrobe. He has a hot water bottle at his feet summer and winter
16 and it is beyond me how he can stand it sometimes in the summer. Everyday
17 about 10 or 11 o'clock we, that is, my mother and myself and most of the time
18 myself, put on his trousers for him. Dressing him consists only of putting
19 on his trousers and taking the bathrobe which he has been wearing and putting
20 on another bathrobe. Before the last shock father used to be able to get to
21 the table for breakfast but since the last shock he eats breakfast in bed.

22 Q. Does he eat breakfast in bed by himself?

23 A. No. He has to be fed because if he wasn't he would spill everything
24 all over himself and the bed. His breakfast consists of coffee and porridge.

25 After father is dressed either I or someone else (mother when she is
26 able) takes him over to that chair by the window where you see him now and he
27 stays there all day except we sometimes move him over near the radio where he
28 sits and listens to the radio.

29 Q. Now you say that you dress your father in the morning, help him eat
30 his breakfast and assist him to his chair near the window and you do this
31 every day. Didn't you say that you are employed part time?

32 A. I have never gone to work at any time before noon since my mother had
33 a shock last New Year's day. I can't leave either my father or my mother
34 alone at any time. I only work two days a week and that is only in the after-

35 noon. At lunch time we take his food to him in the chair. Sometimes at night
 36 we bring him to the table to eat. Yes, most of the time we bring him to the
 37 table to eat but once in a while he prefers to eat sitting in the chair and
 38 then we bring the food to him. We help him to bed around about 7:30 or 8:30.

39 Q. What other ailments does your father suffer with besides paralysis?

40 A. My father has had kidney trouble as far back as I can remember and he
 41 suffers with sick headaches. He also has dizzy spells and during those spells
 42 his mind is clouded. Dr. Emerson in Weymouth back in 1923 told my father
 43 that he had a growth on his kidneys but that was never verified and I don't
 44 know just how much faith to place in Dr. Emerson's statement. Dr. Johnson
 45 never told us anything about that.

46 Q. Will you tell me about the marital history of your father?

47 A. My father has been married twice. He was married on Jan. 29, 1867.
 48 He had four children by his first wife - three living and one dead. His
 49 second marriage took place on Nov. 26, 1874. His first wife died in April,
 50 1874. There was eleven children in all in my family, that is, I have had
 51 three sisters and seven brothers.

52 Q. You know, Mrs. Edwards, that a soldier to be entitled to the \$90.00
 53 rate must be totally helpless or blind. Do you think your father is totally
 54 helpless?

55 A. Yes, I think my father is totally helpless and I think he is entitled
 56 to the increase of pension

57 I have read the foregoing deposition and it is true to the best of my
 58 knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of February, 1930, and
 I certify that the contents were fully made known to the deponent before sign-
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Ruth E. Edwards
 Deponent.

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W. H. Major
 Field Representative.

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(For typewriter)

Case of George Rouillard

No. 1086154

On this 18th day of February , 1930 , at Winthrop, Mass.,
 county of Suffolk , State of Mass. before me,
 W. H. Major , an inspector of the Bureau of Pensions,
 personally appeared George Rouillard , who, being by me first
 duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him
 during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension,
 deposes and says:

1 My name is George Rouillard and my pension number is 1086154. I
 2 served in the 14th Mass. Battery during the Civil War and I am now 88 years
 3 of age. I live here in this house with my wife Emma, my daughter Ruth and
 4 her husband who have a little daughter Elsie who is my grandchild. I have
 5 been living in this house for eight years and my health has been bad all that
 6 time. On Oct. 12, 1922, I suffered a stroke of paralysis and have been under
 7 a doctor's care since then. Yes, I am now receiving the \$72.00 rate and
 8 think that I am entitled to an increase to \$90.00. My health is broken down
 9 and I have to sit here in this chair and sometimes I have to remain in bed.
 10 Q. Mr. Rouillard, what is the condition of your eyesight?
 11 A. My eyesight is failing me. When I was quite young I suffered with
 12 cataracts but that is not my trouble now. It is just that my eyesight is
 13 failing me because of old age. I can see to read the very large headlines
 14 in the paper and can look out of the window but that gets very monotonous.
 15 Q. You say that you had a stroke of paralysis back in October of 1922.
 16 Have you had any other strokes since then.
 17 A. Yes, I had a stroke last October around about the time of the family
 18 reunion and also had a slight stroke last spring in April or May. I was con-
 19 fined to bed for three weeks right after the last stroke not able to get up
 20 at all. Since then I spend my time either in bed or in this chair. I am
 21 what you might call a broken down hulk. My wife has taken care of me for
 22 eight years - she has been my nurse all that time but she herself has had a
 23 stroke of paralysis and it won't be so good from now on. I have no organic
 24 disease that I know of but suffer with dizzy spells. I am afraid to get up
 25 and try to do anything for myself on account of dizzy spells and I am afraid
 26 of another stroke. By holding on to a chair sometimes I can get to a table
 27 to eat but I must be helped to the toilet and even after I am in there I

28 sometimes need help.

29 Q. Mr. Rouillard, you understand that a soldier to be entitled to the
30 increased rate must be totally helpless or blind. Do you think you are
31 totally helpless?

32 A. Yes, there is nothing that I can do for myself. I have to be waited
33 on for practically everything. My nerves are not steady. I have to be helped
34 to the toilet and even in there I have to be helped.

35 I have had the foregoing deposition read to me and it is true to the
36 best of my knowledge and belief.

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ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

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DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Massachusetts, County of Suffolk, ss:
 On this 21 day of May, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Twelve, personally
 appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid,
George Rouillard who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 70
 years of age, and a resident of Beachmont, county of Suffolk,
 State of Mass.; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Boston
Mass., under the name of George Rouillard,
 on the 15th day of Feb., 1864, as a Private, in 14th
Massachusetts Light Battery
 (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 Readville, on the 15th day of June, 1865.
 That he also served _____
 (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

In other service
 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 feet 5 inches; complexion, light; color of
 eyes, Brown; color of hair, D. Brown; that his occupation was Butcher; that he
 was born Dec Jan 29, 1842, at Acton - Mass.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Boston 1865-1873 -
Acton 1873-1877 - Cambridge & Beachmont 1877-1912
 (State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

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

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 1, 086, 15-4. That he has _____ applied for pension under original
 No. _____

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 May 11, 1912.

That his post-office address is Beachmont - 129 Bellingham Ave., county of Suffolk,
 State of Mass.

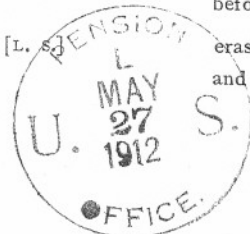
Attest: (1) _____
 (2) _____

George Rouillard
 (Claimant's signature in full.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 21 day of May, A. D. 1912, and I hereby
 certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant
 before swearing, including the words _____, added;
 and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Richard R. Flynn
 (Signature.)

(Official character.) **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS



S. A. CUPPY, IF A PENSIONER, DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER. U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE, LAW DIVISION

Certificate on file to cover

Soldier Division
S.O. 1086154
George Rouillard
14 Indpt. Batty.
Mass. L.A.

April 4, 1930

Mrs. Ruth Edwards
385 Revere St.
Winthrop, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Your letter relative to your father's case has been received.

The claim for increase under section 1, act of July 3, 1926, filed Oct. 23, 1929, was rejected March 7, 1930, on the ground that the evidence on file failed to show that your father was totally helpless or blind.

The words "totally helpless" are held by this bureau to mean inability to feed oneself, to sit up, put on or take off a garment or walk at all; in short, a bedridden or equally disabling condition.

If your father is now totally helpless or blind he is at liberty to furnish the evidence indicated in the enclosed circular letter and upon receipt of such evidence it will be given prompt attention.

Very truly yours,



E. W. MORGAN
Acting Commissioner.

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385 Revere Street,
Winthrop, Mass.
March 10, 1930

Mr. Earl D. Church, Commissioner,
U. S. Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: -

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Just what does total helplessness mean in the eyes of the law? To me it would seem that when my father is on his deathbed which is liable to be at any time, he already having suffered from three shocks, that should I immediately get in touch with your Department, you probably would send an investigator at a cost of his travel and maintenance while in this vicinity and if my father is really dying you would probably grant the increase to be paid to him and by the time it would have gone through the necessary formalities he would be in his grave and the money would go back to the apparently needy U. S. Treasury. As it is why isn't my father allowed this small sum of \$18.00 a month extra to provide he and his wife with the few necessities and comforts they need. Can you tell me how it can possibly be arranged for a man, helpless as he is (apparently the Doctor and myself who took oath to his helplessness are liars) with a wife who suffered a shock recently and has been in a most pitiable condition since your investigator came here and through his long grind of inquiry to me and my father and the thought that she would have to go through the same thing, can live in comfort on even \$90.00 a month and yet you expect it done on \$72.00. Why doctor's calls twice a week (should be more but it can't be done) and medicines total \$40.00 a month. Figure it out yourself if such can be done through the needless red tape of your Department.

This rejection will not only prove a disappointment to my father but it will, I fear, cause more than that as he feels that he has done his bit and it hurts him severely to think that an Old Civil War Veteran should receive such treatment and in behalf of my father I feel that I am right in making statements against your unjust decision.

But then, the same thing happened to my great grandmother on my mother's side. She had a Son in the Civil War, who came home sick, blind and helpless and was a great care to her. After a long time of red tape my great grandmother was proved eligible for the Pension which came to her by an Investigator (\$1600) three weeks after her death. What good did it do her, she had struggled under difficulties and the money went back, nobody knows where.

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Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Ruth Edwards

JOHN A. ROUILLARD
130 REDLANDS ROAD,
WEST ROXBURY, MASS.

February 27/32

Veterans Administration,
Washington, D. C.

George Rouillard No. 1695429

Mr. E. W. Morgan, Director of Pensions

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your communication of February 8th, reference "MBAB" regarding accrued pension check for \$66.67, deceased pensioner George Rouillard, No. 1695429, I am enclosing herewith "Application for Reimbursement" in favor of my sister, Mrs. Ruth E. Edwards.

I might add herewith that my father was attended from date of his first shock, October 12, 1922, until June, 1930, by his wife, Emma R. Rouillard, and she was assisted in this by Mrs. Edwards. In June, 1930, my mother, Mrs. Emma R. Rouillard, was stricken with a shock and my sister then had full care of George Rouillard, together with stricken mother. Mrs. Edwards cared for my father until his death, and my mother until her death in October.

In November accrued pension check (JS-#1086154-(#2098)--dated November 1st, 1931 (widow subdivision W. C. 1695429)--for \$66.67 was marked for my mother, then deceased. Had my mother lived she would have received this check and would have given it to my sister, as she always felt that my sister did not receive near what she should for the faithful care and attention given her parents.

I am making this length statement as I feel that the accrued pension check for \$66.67, which was due my mother from my father, should rightfully go to my sister, Mrs. Ruth E. Edwards, as an offset against the balance of \$282.00 which she has noted in a bill attached to "Application for Reimbursement".

Trusting with all these facts before you it will be possible to allow this accrued pension check in favor of my sister, I remain,

Yours very truly,



JOHN A. ROUILLARD, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
ESTATE OF GEORGE ROUILLARD AND
EMMA R. ROUILLARD

ENCLOSURES