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 Ser. No. 114,597
 George W. Sawyer
 Co. E, 26th Reg't Mass. Inf.

Department of the Interior,
 BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., December 7, 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,

Mr. George W. Sawyer,
 Ashland,
 Middlesex Co., Mass.

Alfred Evans
 Commissioner.

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

Answer: Have been twice married. Both wives are dead.

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

married first to Bessie C. Merritt Oct 11, 1840
 " Second to Kate E. (Beshon) Barber Jan 27, 1879

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

First marriage in Hingham Mass.
 Second " " Ashland "

True clerk's records probably show both

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: First wife died in Acton Mass Apr 7, 1874. Second wife died in Ashland Mass June 18, 1897

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their

birth. Answer: George E. Sawyer born Dec 16, 1841
 Sarah A. " " Mar 12, 1844
 Mary E. " " May 28, 1846, Deceased
 Martha J. " " June 9, 1848, Deceased
 Alfred " " Sept 17, 1849
 Eva L. " " Sept 27, 1852
 William O. " " Mar 10, 1855
 Albert H. " " Jan 28, 1858
 Lizzie " " Aug 16, 1860

Date of reply, Dec 17, 1897.

George W. Sawyer
 (Signature.)

Claim for Invalid Pension.

State of Massachusetts }
Suffolk County, } ss.

On this twelfth day of July A. D. 1869, personally appeared before me
 (1) Chief Superior Court, within and for the County and State aforesaid,
 (2) George W. Sawyer aged forty seven years, a resident of
 (3) Acton in the State of Mass

who, being duly sworn, according to law, declares that he is the identical (2) George W. Sawyer
 who enlisted in the service of the United States, at Acton on the 9th
 day of September in the year 1861 as a (4) Private in company (5) C
 commanded by Captain Wm. H. Chapman in the (6) 26th
 Regiment of (7) Mass Vols in the war of 1861, and was honorably discharged on the 26th
 day of August in the year 1865; That while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, he

was disabled in the following manner, viz; by reason of having been
captured by rebel Cavalry on 26th of October 1864 near Kenton
Pa. while guarding a freight train under Com. of St. Louis Division;
sent to Libby Prison at Richmond Va where by reason of barbarous & ill
treatment he became debilitated, had fever, scurvy & sores & was paroled from
Prison Feb. 1865 & sent to Camp Parole at Annapolis Md. and thence to Dept. at
Michigan Pa. his partial disability was left with him Aug. 12. 1865

And the said applicant declares that he has not been engaged in or aided or abetted the existing rebellion in
 the United States.

He hereby constitutes and appoints Wm. H. Hobbs Jr. of Boston Mass.
 his attorney, with power of substitution, to prosecute his claim and procure a certificate. Hereby authorizing and
 empowering his said attorney to do all necessary and lawful acts and things whatsoever in the premises, except
 drawing the money, which will be hereafter provided for.

(9) George W. Sawyer ✓
 Also personally appeared J. F. Upham a resident of Boston
 and W. H. Chapman a resident of Charlestown 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 him sign his name to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear, that they have every reason to
 believe, from the appearance of the applicant, and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he
 represents himself to be, and they further state that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

(10) James F. Upham ✓
W. H. Chapman
 Sworn to and subscribed before me, this twelfth day of July
 A. D. 1869; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

(11)

Address of claimant,

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Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *July 3*, 1891.

Respectfully returned to the
Officer in charge of the Record and
Pension Division of the War Depart-
ment for claimant's full military
history and hospital treatment.
He claims additional pension
on account of rheumatism
and catarrh and deafness
at New Orleans, La., June '63

bH. # 114, 597
George W. Sawyer
E. 26 Mass. Vol's,
1 enclosure.

Geo B. Raum
Commissioner.

War Department,

Record and Pension Division,

JAN 6 1891

Washington, _____, 18 .

Respectfully returned to *the Commissioner*

of Pensions

With the information that *George W*
Sawyer, Co E 26 Mass Inf
is reported on rolls from
enrollment to Aug 31/64 present
**** Dec 31/64 + Feb 28/65*
about Prisoner of War since Oct 26/64
*apl 30 + June 30/65 present, ***
is was in action at Newtton Va
Oct 26/64

Prisoner of War Records show
him captured at Newtown Va
Oct 26. 64 brought from
Stanton Va and Conf at Richmond
Va Oct 29. 64. paroled at Cox's
Wf. Va. Feb 5. 65. capt'd at Camp
Park's Inds. Feb 13. 65. sent to Camp
Discharge Va. April 4. 65. Other records
furnish nothing additional bearing upon case
No medical record found.
BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Wainwright

Captain and Ass't Surgeon, U. S. Army.

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I, Charles Little, M.D. of Acton, Mass. hereby certify that I well know George W. Sawyer of said Acton, late a Private Co. "E" 26th Regt. Mass Vols., that he came under my professional care in March 1867, his physical condition being as follows - viz. He was then much prostrated with symptoms resembling scurvy, but soon improved under treatment appropriate to that malady, & passed from my care.

I have since treated him for similar attacks & he is now in the following condition. to wit According to his statement, which I have no reason to doubt, he is able to perform only about half the amount of labor that he did before his illness, & his general appearance indicates ill health though not entire disability. That in my opinion his present condition is the result of his treatment while a prisoner in rebel hands from Oct. 26th 1864 to Feb. 5 1865 as I learn of his being sound & able bodied prior to entering the service - further that I have no interest in the above statement.

Chas^l Little M.D.

Middlesex S.S. Aug 12th A.D. 1869 Then before me came Charles Little M.D. personally known to me & whom I certify a Physician of good standing in this community, & made oath that the above statement by him subscribed is true. I

WAR OF 1861.

ACT JULY 14, 1862.

Brief of Claim to an Original INVALID PENSION

in the case of George W. Sawyer, a Private
 of Company "E", 26th Regiment Mass. Vols.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS:

Acton Middlesex Co. Mass.
 Enlisted September 9th, 1861. Discharged Aug. 26th, 1865
 Served afterward from _____, 18____, to _____, 18____,

in no re-enlistment Received in January 1871

Declaration and identification in due form, filed Aug. 22nd, 1871.

ALLEGES DISABILITY FROM Scoury, fever & sores, contracted
while confined as a prisoner at Libby Prison, where he
was carried after his capture Oct. 26/64.

A.G. reports: On Muster Roll Co. E. for Jan'y & Feby /64
he is reported, "Present Oct. Vol. Re-enlisted Feby 4/64
Roll for Sept & Oct. /64 reports him absent
Prisoner of War since Oct 26/64. & Mustered
out Aug. 26/65."

Pris. War. Records show him captured at Newton
October 26/64, paroled at Cox's wharf. Va.
Feby. 5/65. furloughed from Camp Parole Md.
Feby. 17/65 for 30 ds. & sent to Camp Distribu-
tion April 4/65."

S. G. - Records at Camp Parole. Annapolis Md. subsequent
to Feby. 65. & records of Hosp. Steamers "Northern Light"
Spaulding & Ben Deford, furnish no evidence in this case.

W. H. Chapman Capt & verified, testifies, "Claimant was cap-
tured by the enemy Oct. 26/64 near Newton Va. while
guarding a forage train & retained a prisoner till
Feby. 5. 1865, when he was paroled. Joined Reg. in
March or April, 65. & was then suffering from effects
of his treatment while in rebel hands & was then

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of Company, Regiment

POST OFFICE ADDRESS :

Enlisted, 18 . Discharged, 18 .

Served afterward from, 18 , to, 18 ,

in

Declaration and identification in due form, filed, 18 .

ALLEGES DISABILITY FROM

suffering from scurvy, and sores and general debility and was in that condition when discharged and has never recovered from it —

Date of receipt not known.

Reported by Surgeon

G. T. Perkins, late Surg. of 26th Regt. testifies, "George W. Sawyer was a strong healthy man when he entered the service of the U.S.. during his time of service he was taken by the enemy while on out post duty & confined for some time in a Southern prison. On his return to the Regt. he was suffering from nervous prostration & chronic irritation of the Stomach. He has never recovered.

Date of receipt. no known.

Dr. Cowdrey testifies: "Since his (claimant's) discharge in 1865 he has frequently been under treatment by my partner for general debility of system, accompanied by severe suffering in stomach, liver & digestive organs generally. Since Dr. Little's death I have frequently had Sawyer in my care on account of severe suffering in digestive organs — with great languor, pale-ness, pain in limbs &c — He has never recovered since he left the prison & we fear he never will.

Date of receipt. unknown.