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Let 24666

Mary Severance

Bundle 17

Widow's Certificate File Number WC 24666		
SEVERENCE	AGUSTUS	
Soldier's Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial
COO 1	MA	Infantry _____ Cavalry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artillery _____
Company and Regiment		
State		
MARY (LAKES)		
Widow's name		
ELLEN (1)		
Other Dependent: Father, Mother, Minor Child (Include number of and names of children under 16 if known)		

The following were found in this file:

- ☒ 1. Brief & Original Application
- ☒ 2. Proof of Service
- ☒ 3. Proof of Death
- ☒ 4. Proof of Marriage
- ☒ 5. Proof of Children
- ☒ 6. Dropped from the Rolls

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Seal of court.

Application for a Widow's Pension.

Under the Act of July 14, A. D. 1862.

STATE OF Massachusetts }
COUNTY OF Norfolk } SS.

On this Twentieth day of February, A.D.

1864 personally came before me, George White
Name and title of Judge or other officer of
Court. Name of Court.

Judge of the Probate Court.
Name of Widow.

Mary Severence a resident of
Watertown in the county of Middlesex

State of Massachusetts aged forty eight years,
who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in
order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, approved July 14,
1862. That she is the widow of Augustus Severence who

Rank of deceased. letter of Co. was a Capt in Company C commanded by Captain Shaw

State, where from. in the first Regiment of Massachusetts
Cavalry in the war of 1861. Who died at Richmond Va
on the thirteenth day of November A. D. 1863 in consequence
of being captured and being a Prisoner,
details unknown to applicant

Name of soldier. She further declares that she was married to the said Augustus Severence

Date of marriage. on the fifth day of May in the year 1851, that her
husband the aforesaid Augustus Severence died on the day above
mentioned, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by
reference to the proof hereto annexed. She also declares that she has not in any manner been engaged
in, or aided, or abetted, the rebellion in the United States. That the name and age of her
child under sixteen years of age at her husband's decease, and the place of residence is as
follows :

Names, dates of birth, and residence, of children.

Ellen Severence, born March 19, 1855
(no other child) resides with
her mother in said Watertown.

She hereby appoints CHARLES REED, of Boston, Massachusetts, her attorney to prosecute her
claim and to receive the Pension Certificate. Mary Severence

Applicant signs here.

Charles Reed L. S.
Witness, Mary Severence

Witness, _____

Also personally appeared ^{Name of witness.} Samuel Noyes and ^{Name of witness.} Frank D. Murrey residents of ^{Place of residence.} Watutown 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 ^{Name of claimant.} Mary Severence sign her 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 her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Signature of witnesses.

Samuel Noyes
Frank D. Murrey

Sworn to and subscribed, and Power of Attorney acknowledged before me this ^{Day of month.} twentieth day of ^{Month.} February A. D. 1864, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Signature of officer.

George White

Applicant's Post Office address:

Watutown Map

Judge of Probate Court

We, ^{Name of witness.} Samuel Noyes and ^{Name of witness.} Frank D. Murrey residents of ^{Place of residence.} Watutown Map, on oath, say that we have been intimately acquainted with ^{Name of claimant.} Augustus Severence the above

Length of acquaintance.

applicant for an Army Pension, for ^{Number of years.} five years last past. She is now the widow of the late ^{Name of deceased.} Augustus Severence whom we also knew in his lifetime, and who died A. D. 1863. We well know that said ^{Name of deceased.} Augustus Severence and ^{Name of claimant.} Mary Severence lived together as husband and wife for more than

Insert time.

^{Number of years.} Ten years prior to his death, and were reputed to have been legally married, and there are the following children under sixteen years of age of said ^{Name of deceased.} Augustus and ^{Name of claimant.} Mary Severence living, who ^{was} were at his decease of the ages and residing as set against their respective names:

Names, ages, and place of residence of children.

Ellen Severence born March 19, 1855
and lives with her mother in town
Watutown Map

The above-named claimant has not been married since the death of her husband the said

Augustus Severence

Signature of witnesses.

Samuel Noyes
Frank D. Murrey

State of ^{State.} Massachusetts County of ^{County.} Suffolk
Then personally appeared the above-named ^{Name of witness.} Samuel Noyes and ^{Name of witness.} Frank D. Murrey known to me as credible witnesses, and made oath that the foregoing affidavits by them subscribed are true, this ^{Day of month.} twentieth day of ^{Month.} February A. D. 18 ^{Year.} 64

Signature of officer.

George White

Judge of Probate Court

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Widow's Declaration

FOR AN
ARMY PENSION.

No. Act of July 14, 1862.

CLAIMANT.

Mary Severance

Widow of *Augustus Severance*
Captain
Company "C" 1st Regt. Mass.
Cavalry
~~Regiment~~

*Witness of main and will be sent
as soon as obtained -*

CHARLES REED,

Attorney,

Boston, Mass.

24,666

No. 24,666

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Mary Severence, Middlesex Co Mass

Wid of Augustus Severence

Corp 1st Mass Cav

Died at Richmond Va

November 30, 1863

Pension Office.

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Respectfully referred to the Adjutant
General, for official evidence of service
and death.

Joseph H. Barrett

Commissioner.

Received, March 7, 1864.
Charles Reed
Boston

A.

April 29th 1864

Required record evidence
of marriage & sent cir. no. 9.

May 13th 1864

Cir 9 to Atty
" 14 " Surg Genl.

May 26th 1864

Required name of disease.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Apr. 18th 1864.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 46980, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office. In reply to your inquiry of Apr. 16th 1864.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Augustus Lawrence, was enrolled on the 9th day of Sept, 1861, at Boston, in Co. C, 1st Regiment of Car. Mass. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 9th day of Sept 1861, at Boston, in Co. C, 1st Regiment of Car. Mass. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. C of that Regiment, for the months of Sept Oct, 1863, he is reported "Missing in action, at Bull Run, Va. Oct 26th 1863." Not taken up on any subsequent Roll of that company on file in this office. No evidence of death on file.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,



Assistant Adjutant General.

(2.)

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant, _____

Address, _____

AMB.

iges solemnized
Edward

Marlborough, County of Middlesex
Mass., Registrar.

State of

County of

Town of

(a) No 19. } Date of marriage May sixth, Eighteen Hundred and Fifty One
names and Surname Augustus Severance } Residence of each at Stow, Mass
of Groom and Bride Mary Laker } the time of marriage Bolton, Mass
Age of each } occupation of Groom } Place of birth of parents
Names of parents }
What marriage - whether first,
second, third or.
Names and official station of Franklin Fish } Date of registry.
the person by whom married } Minister of the Gospel } March 31st 1864

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

" May 6th 1851 "

Edward L. Bigelow

I, Edward L. Bigelow above named, depose and say,
that I hold the office of town clerk in the town, county and state afore-
said, and that the above is a true copy from the records of said city, with the exception
above named, as certified by me.

Edward L. Bigelow } Town Clerk
of
Marlborough

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me, this thirty first
day of march A. D. 1864. I have no interest in this case.

Justice of the Peace.

- (a) Here fill in an exact transcript of the record, except that, instead of copying the figures, the date must be written out in full.
(b) Here give the date exactly as it is in the record.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Secretary's Office, Boston, April 1. 1864

I Herely Certify, That at the date of the attestation
hereto annexed

Collis Loring
was a

Justice of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, in the said
Commonwealth, duly commissioned and constituted; and that to *his* acts and
attestations, as such, full faith and credit are and ought to be given, in and out of Court.

I believe the signature to be genuine

In Testimony of which, I have hereunto affixed the
SEAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH the date above written.

Albert L. Bernard
Depy Secretary of the Commonwealth.

GENERAL LAW,
WIDOW, F

[3-405.]

(PENSIONER DROPPED.)

U. S. Pension Agency,

BOSTON, MASS.

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Wm H. Clay Evans.

Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

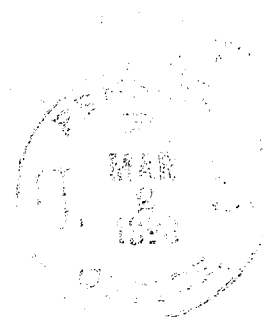
I hereby report that the name of Mary Serence
Widow of Augustus "Corp.", who was a pensioner on the rolls
of this Agency, under Certificate No. 24666, and who was last paid
at \$ 12. to 14 March, 18 96, has been dropped
because of REPORTED DEATH. 14 May 1896

Very respectfully,

H. B. Covering

Pension Agent.

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.



May 29 1864
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War Department,
Washington City,

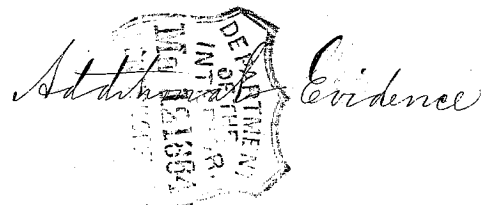
February 15th 1864.

Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, requesting information concerning the death of your husband, Augustus Severence, at Richmond, Virginia, the Secretary of War instructs me to state that Colonel William Hoffman, the Commissary General of Prisoners, reports that Augustus Severence, a private in Company C, 1st Massachusetts Cavalry, died at Richmond on the 30th of November, 1863.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Edw. M. Manly
Brig. Genl. A. A. G.

Mrs. M. Severence,
Watertown,
Massachusetts. }



Mary Severance
No. 46980
Widow's Claim

Charles Reed
Attorney
Boston
Mass.

Squadron 1st Mass. Cav^y
 Escort to Gen. Meade
 Fed. Serv Army of Potomac
 May 26th 1864

I hereby certify on honor, that Augustus Severance
 was a Corporal in Company "C" First
 Cavalry Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, and
 that while doing duty with his Company at Bristol Station
 in the State of Virginia Oct. 23^d 1863
 he was taken prisoner and that he died at
 Richmond Va. to the best of my knowledge of
 starvation on the 30th November 1863 - my means of
 knowledge are derived from my company books.

And I hereby certify that the above mentioned Augustus
 Severance was taken prisoner while in the line of duty
 and in the service of the United States.

Edw. A. Flint
 Captain Commanding
 Co "C" 1st Mass Cav^y

Additional Evidence

Mary Swerence
Watertown Mass.
Widow's Claim
No. 46980.

Charles Reed
Attorney
Boston
Mass.

