

Cherry River Sept 14/22

To the Commissioners of Pensions

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
SEP 18 1922

483,390 Dear Sir

I am writing you a line to let you know that my husband Chester Smith is dead. He died on September the 14th 1922. I entitled to the Widows Pension will you please send me proper blank for me to apply for the Pension. I would like to come under the Disability Bill for the Widows the act of April the 1st I don't know what I am in need of the Pension for I am hard up and in great need of the Pension to pay the Doctors Bill and funeral expenses and to live on. He was so old he was not able to do any work for a good many years and when he

W.O. 1195, 433

Cherry River Nov 24/22

Department of Pensions

Dear Sir

I received a letter from you stating that my husband Chester Smith had died and a circular stating that we were married at Newford Vermont in 1862. My husband and I could read nor write himself and I don't know who he had to make out such a paper it is either a mistake by the one that did the writing for him or his own mistake as we were married in the 8th of October 1870 I am only 68 years of age now and the way that the paper was set in I should only be 8 years old as you can see for yourself there is a mistake. He has been sick a lot and he might have had it made out then when he was about 70. I was married on Nov 5th 1870 by Eldon Soudberger at his own home at 3rd St. Bay I have found one witness

died it has left me without a
cent to my name. will you
please let me know as soon as
possible and send me the proper
amount.

Hoping to hear from
you soon as possible

Remain yours truly

Wm Chester Smith

Mary Sue

1862, Rm 11 #2.

Denver

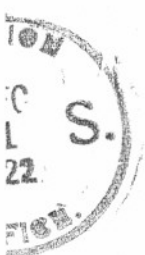
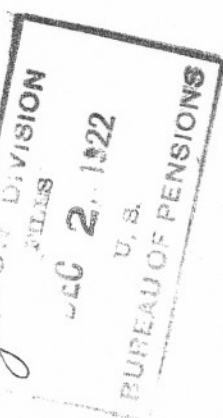
That saw one married there were
two more present Bill & Edith
them.

I Remain

yours truly

Lydia J. Smith

Wm Chester Smith
Photographer



Widow Division
 W.O. 1195433
 Chester Smith
 I, 5 N.H. Inf.

Widow Division
 W.O. 1195433
 Lydia J.B. Smith
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July 26, 1923

September 20, 1923

Mrs. Lydia J.B. Smith
 RD #2, Cherry River
 Magog, Quebec, Canada

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Madam:

I have to advise you in your above entitled claim that as soldier's first wife Jane died in 1875 and the evidence filed shows that he married Aurora Baird in 1890, there should be furnished the name of the mother of Winnie Emma Smith (child of the soldier) whom he stated was born on November 9, 1888, and proof of the date of her death or of her divorce from the soldier.

No affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to state affiant's age, postoffice address and means of knowledge of the facts stated.

Do not fail to inscribe on every paper filed the name and service of the soldier, and the number of the claim to which it relates.

Madam:

I have to advise you that in your above entitled claim there is required your statement showing the names of the parents of your late husband, Alamanser Smith, and when and for what reason he assumed the name of Alamanser when his correct name was Chester. You should also state the different places of residence of yourself and of the soldier from about 1890.

Do not fail to inscribe on every paper filed the name and service of the soldier, and the number of the claim to which it relates.

Respectfully,

Harry H. Bayne
 Act. Commissioner

EFH/kk

Respectfully,

WASHINGTON
 Commissioner.

EFH/kk

Widow Division
W.O. 1195,433
Lydia J. B. Smith
Chester Smith
I- 5 N.H. Inf.

Widow Division
Lydia J. B. Smith
Chester Smith
I - 5 N. H. Inf.
W. O. 1195433

November 16, 1922.

April 20, 1923.

Mrs. Lydia J. B. Smith,
R.R.#2, Cherry River,
Magog, Quebec, Canada.

Madam:-

Your above entitled claim requires the evidence indicated in the accompanying circular letter. The purported copy of the public record of death is not satisfactory as it is not signed by the custodian of death records.

As you, in your declaration, stated that you were married to the soldier on November 8, 1890, while the soldier in his personal history circular stated that he was married to Lydia Jane Baird at Newport, Vermont, in 1862, your sworn statement is required explaining this discrepancy.

Very respectfully,

WASHINGTON GARDNER

RFH-EG

Commissioner.

Mrs. Lydia J. B. Smith,
R. D. 2,
Cherry River,
Magog,
Quebec, Canada.

Madam:

I have to advise you in your above entitled claim that it appears from the soldier's family history data, filed in June 1898, that soldier had been previously married in 1862, and that his children who were alive at that time were Alice, born in 1864, Clara, Elizabeth, born in 1867, Robert John, born in 1870, Winnie Emma, born on November 9, 1888, and Miniola Smith, born May 13, 1894. If possible you should furnish the sworn statements of any two of the above named children (with the exception of Miniola) showing the name of their mother, whether she is dead, and, if so, the date or approximate date of her death, and the number of times the soldier was married prior to 1890.

You should also furnish a verified copy of the church record of your marriage to the soldier; the one on file is not satisfactory as it is not authenticated by seal or oath.

No affidavit shall be considered satisfactory that fails to state affiant's age, postoffice address and means of knowledge of the facts stated.

Name and service of soldier and number of claim should be inscribed upon all papers filed.

Aug 17-12

Canada
Province of Quebec
District of St Francis

Before me, Notary
public residing and practicing
in the town of Mayag, said district
and Province

Came and Appeared: Mr Chester Smith
of Cheny River, of Cert no 483398
C. I. 5th N. H. Inf.

Who having taken
oath on the Holy Evangelists deposes
and says that he was born at Montpelier
Quebec on the eighth of February
1840 of the marriage of Isaac Smith and Juana Ryan.
That there is no church, public or family
record of his birth.

That in consequence thereof he is unable
to furnish the evidence of his age for
the reason that the public of births does
only per and since the year (1848)
in said district of St Francis in
said Province of Quebec

In testimony whereof he
has signed

Signed sworn and
delivered at Mayag
this 27 May 1913
Notary
J. J.

Chester ^{his} X Smith
much

And Signed before
two witnesses
and A. J. J.

H. J. J.

Frank H. J.
Leslie E. Bugg

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Province of Quebec
District of St Francis

On this eleventh day of September A.D.
one thousand eight hundred and seventy
nine personally appeared before me ^{the undersigned}

J. L. Hoyt a Justice of the Peace in
and for the District of St Francis aforesaid
Chester Smith aged thirty six years a resident
of the village of Cherry River in the
County of Sherbrooke in the District of
St. Francis and Province of Quebec
who being duly sworn according to law
declared that he is the identical Chester
Smith who enlisted under the name of
Chester Smith on the sixth day of October 1863
as a Private in company I of the Fifth Regiment
of New Hampshire Volunteers commanded by
Captain Bean, and left the service at
Governor's Island Hospital, as hereinafter
set forth and described, on or about the

twelfth of July in the year
one thousand eight hundred and sixty four
that his personal description at the time of
enlistment was as follows, age 20 years height
5 feet 9 3/4 inches complexion light, hair brown
eyes blue former that while a member of the
organization aforesaid, in the service and in the
line of his duty, at Cold Harbor in the State
of Virginia he received a gunshot wound

from a Sharp shooter in the enemys lines the bullet passing through his mouth, breaking both jaws and dislodging all the double teeth on one side, and resulting in partial lock jaw. That he was immediately sent to Governors Island Hospital and was treated there for about five weeks.

That he was then allowed to come home on furloughs, and that after he got home he was a long time under the care of a surgeon.

That while yet under the care of the surgeon and unable to do duty as a soldier, the war closed and made, as he supposed his return unnecessary. That since he left the

Hospital as stated above he has not been employed in the military or naval service of the United States. That since leaving the service this applicant has resided part of the time at Barnston in the County of Stanstead Province of Quebec and for the last few years at Cherry River in the County of Sherbrooke in the Province of Quebec and his occupation

is that of a Farmer. That prior to his entry into the service above named, he was a man of good sound physical health, being when enrolled a Farmer. That he is now, partially disabled from obtaining his subsistence, by manual labor, by reason of his injuries above described received in the service of the United States.

And he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the

invalid Pension roll of the United States

We hereby appoints with full power of

Substitution and revocation. Gilmore & Co

And he therefore makes this declaration
for the purpose of being placed on the
invalid Pension roll of the United States
He hereby appoints with full power of
Substitution and revocation Gilmore & Co
of Washington D.C. his true and lawful
attorneys to prosecute his claim and requests
that the certificates issued in this case be
delivered to them. That he has not before
received or applied for a pension. That his
Post Office address is Cherry River, Sherbrooke
County Quebec

(Witness) ^{deposition taken}
Moses Gould

Christie ^{his} Smith
mark

Also personally appeared ^{and} ~~James~~ Hoyt
residing at ~~Bagby~~ Quebec
Joseph Russell residing at Cherry River Quebec
persons known to me and
whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to
credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say
they were present and saw Christie Smith the
claimant make his mark to the foregoing
declaration, that they have every reason to believe
from the appearance of the said claimant
and their acquaintance with him that he is
the identical person he represents himself to be
and that they have no interest in the prosecution
of this claim

J. H. Martin
Patrick Smyke

Wm. Hoyt
Joseph Russell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
day of September A.D. 1879

Province of
Quebec
District of
St Francis

as a private

Before me the undersigned J. L. Hoyt a Justice of the Peace in and for the District of St Francis in the Province of Quebec personally came and was present Chester Smith a resident of Cherry River in the Province of Quebec aged thirty nine years a person known to me and whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who being by me duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he is the identical Chester Smith who on or about the sixth day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty three at Lebanon New Hampshire enlisted in the Service of the United States in Company I, Fifth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers, and is claimant for Pension under the number 312080 for injuries caused by a gun shot wound received while in the line of his duty at Cold Harbor Virginia in the said Company and Regiment and under the following circumstances. That one evening in the Spring or early Summer of the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty four, the Deponent believes in the month of June, he was detailed to go to a Spring for water to cook Company's Supper. That while on the way to the Spring

Recall the deponent's care to his men
Arthur
I am, Wm
Cable Jones
This is with
mark

he was fired upon by a rebel Sharp Shooter the bullet taking effect in the mouth passing through and carrying away all the double teeth in the right upper jaw and badly breaking the lower jaw, and resulting in partial locked jaw. The said Deponent further says that prior to his enlistment in said Company and Regiment on or about the said sixth of October in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty three and subsequent to July 12th 1864 he never served the United States in any ~~civil~~ military or naval capacity. The said Deponent further says that for reasons hereinafter mentioned he cannot furnish testimony from any commissioned Officer of his Company or Regiment. To wit, He has not been able to learn the address of any commissioned Officer of his Company or Regiment now living who was with the Regiment when the Deponent was wounded, save and except the Colonel the Regiment C. E. Hapgood 224 Purchase Street Boston, And he states that his lists of Killed and wounded were mostly destroyed in the great Boston fire Nov 9th 1872. and at this late date he cannot

recall the Deponents case to his mind

Witness

Samuel Hoyt

Chester^{his} Smith
mark

Carlisle Powers

Shorn and subscribed to before me at
Magog in the District of St Francis
in the Province of Quebec on this
twentieth day of June in the Year
One Thousand eight Hundred and
Eighty one and I certify that the
contents of the foregoing deposition
were fully made known and explained to the
Deponent before signing including the words
in one marginal note and one word erased

S. L. Hoyt
J. P.

I the said Chester Smith above named hereby
certify that after I was wounded as above
described I was immediately sent to the Hospital
on Governors Island in the State of New York
I remained there about four weeks and was
then allowed to come home on furlough.

Samuel Hoyt
Carlisle Powers

Chester^{his} Smith
mark

Duplicate

CERTIFICAT DE DÉCÈS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Nom (officiel) de la municipalité (civile)
où le décès a eu lieu :
Official name of the (civil) municipality
in which death has taken place : *Orford*

Comté de
County of *Cherbrooke*

Nom et prénom
du défunt.
Name and surname
of deceased. *Chester Smith* 922

Age : *83 years* Sexe : *male*

Nationalité
Nationality *Canadian* Religion *Adventist*

Marié, veuf ou célibataire
Married, widowed or single *married*

Profession
or Calling

Date du décès
Date of death *5th September 1922* 922

Durée de la maladie
Duration of illness *Several years (Cardiac system)*

Cause de la mort
Cause of death *Primary* *Arterio Sclerosis* S

Immediate : *Pulmonary Apoplexy*

{ Je, soussigné, certifie que l'état ci-dessus est exact.
{ I, undersigned, certify that the above statement is correct.

Donné à
Dated at *Magog Sept* (le) *1922*

Résidence *St-Basile* M. D. *ed*

Dans le cas où ce certificat ne serait pas
signé par un médecin, dites si c'est par
ce qu'aucun médecin n'a été appelé, et à
quelle distance le défunt se trouvait,
pendant sa dernière maladie, du domi-
cile du médecin le plus rapproché.
Should this certificate not be signed by a
physician, state if it is because no physi-
cian has been in attendance, and at what
distance from the residence of the near-
est physician the deceased resided during
his last illness.



death being signed by
F. W. S. Walden
Pastor - A. C. Church
Magog - Que.

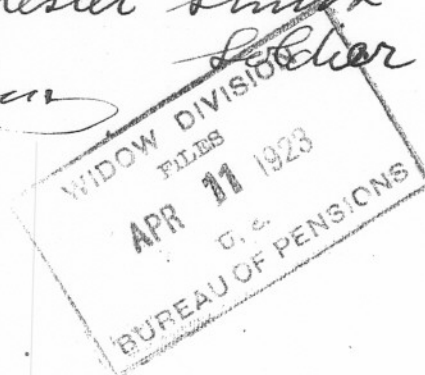
Dear Sir I have been hunting
all over to get a copy of my
marriage to Chester Smith
soldier I have just got a copy
of it from the Church Record
in Fitch Bay. I am sending
the copy just as it was
taken out of the Church
Records

Mrs Lydia Smith
Widow of

Chester Smith
Soldier

noted
A. J. J. J. J.

1923
4/13/23



Marriage

Mr. Chester Alamanser Smith Farmer
of the Township of Orford County
of Sherbrooke P. Quebec and
Lydia J Baird of the same place
were married by license at
Fitch Bay in Stansted County
On November the 8th One
Thousand eight Hundred and
Ninety By D. W. Somberger
Minister

Witness
L M Peebles
E D Peebles

Chester Alamanser Smith
Lydia J Baird

- "certify that above is true copy
of above marriage in F. Bay. Records".
- Walden clergyman -

CANADA,
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,
DISTRICT OF ST. FRANCIS. }

SUPERIOR COURT

Extract from the Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of
the Church of the Advent at Fitch Bay in the
County of Stanstead in the District of St. Francis

for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety,

" Mr. Alamanser Smith, Farmer of
"the Township of Orford County of
"Sherbrooke, P.Q. and Mrs Lydia Hopps
"widow of the late Francis Hopps of the
"same place were married by Licence
"November the first at Stanstead, one
"thousand eight hundred and ninety."

(Signed) D. W. Sornberger, Min.

"Witness.

"(Signed)

"D. M. Peebles

"E.D. Peebles

"Alamanser Smith

"Lydia J. Hopps.



We, the undersigned Prothonotary for the district of Saint Francis, certify
that the foregoing is a true extract from said Register, which remains deposited of
Record in the Superior Court, and of which we are the legal custodians.

Given at the City of Sherbrooke, in the District of Saint Francis, in the
Province of Quebec, this sixteenth day of May
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

AS WITNESS our official signature and the seal of the Superior Court of
the Province of Quebec.



Edward Sachau

PROTHONOTARY.

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RETURN TO
U.S. PENSION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

3-402.

Certificate No.

483398

Name,

Chester Smith

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

Chester Smith,

West Acton,

Mass.

McClay Brand

Commissioner.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer.

Yes. Lidia Jane Smith (Baird.)

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer.

1862, Newport, R.I.

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer.

Fourth. 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.

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer.

Alice Smith, Born in 1864

Clara Elizabeth Smith

1867

Robert John Smith

1870

Winnie Emma Smith Nov. 9, 1888

Miniola Smith May 13, 1894

(Signature.)

Date of reply,

1898

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June 3.