

Officer's Certificate of Disability.

NAME AND RANK OF OFFICER.

Give date and reason of discharge, or, if not known, so state.

Here state fully the time, place and manner in which the wound or other injury was received, or disease contracted, and whether in the service and LINE OF DUTY, or otherwise.

Here state soldier's condition at the time of enlistment, and, if unsound, from what suffering.

Signature of Officer.

Put place and date here.

Boston, Mass May 28th 1879.
I, *W. H. Chapman* late *Capt.* of Company *"C"*, of the *2^d* Regiment of *Mass. Inf. Vol.*, certify on honor that *Luke Smith* was a *Wagoner* in my Company, and is, as I am informed, an applicant for an Invalid Pension; that *he was discharged April 10th 1862 on Surgeon's Certificate of disability.*

And I further Certify, That the said *Luke Smith* while in line of duty at *Ship Island, Miss.* in or about *Feb. 1862* engaged in carrying lumber from a ship received a strain in his left hip, and reported same to me, I sent him to *Surg. Pratt* & he remained in *Regt. Hosp.* till discharged by reason of said injury. I further certify that I testify from personal knowledge being at the time in Command of my Co. and that the duty said *Smith* was then engaged in And that the said *was very severe, being compelled to carry lumber through a deep dry sand causing severe when he entered the service and continuous strain.* And that the said *Luke Smith* was a sound man, free from any disability, when he entered the service.

W. H. Chapman
late *Capt.* Co. *"C"*, *2^d* Reg't *Mass. Inf. Vol.*

D.R.M. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Board of Review:
Wid. Cert., #492,844, BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
Mary, widow of WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Luke Smith, June 8, 1900.
Co. "E", 26th Mass. Vol. Inf.
" "E", 6th " " Mil. "

Madam:

It appears from the records of this Bureau that your husband, the above-named soldier, was pensioned December 4, 1880, by certificate No. 179,383, at the rates of \$4 per month from April 11, 1862, \$6 per month from June 6, 1866, and \$8 per month from August 7, 1880 for disease of left hip, which rate was increased to \$12 per month from August 27, 1884 and to \$17 per month from March 13, 1893, to include rheumatism, based on his service as a waggoner, Company "E", 26th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.

His pension as above cited was terminated December 4, 1899, by reason of his death on December 16, 1899.

It further appears from your own statements and by a recent report from the records of the War Department, now on file, that subsequent to his discharge from Co. "E", 26th Mass. Vol. Inf., he enlisted July 15, 1864 in Co. "E", 6th Mass. Inf. Mil., and was discharged therefrom October 27, 1864.

The payment to him of pension for the period covered by this second term of service was erroneous and contrary to law and you are hereby notified that an issue will be made of his certificate

at the rate of \$17 per month from December 4, 1899, to December 16 1899, inclusive, and the entire amount will be withheld to reimburse the Government in part for the amount erroneously paid him, viz.: \$4 per month from July 15, 1864 to October 27, 1864, inclusive

Under the provisions of the act of Congress of December 21, 1893, you will be allowed a period of thirty days from receipt hereof in which to make such answer as you deem proper and to show cause why the action above indicated should not be taken.

This letter should be returned with your reply and the envelope inclosing the same should be addressed to the Commissioner of Pensions and marked in the lower left-hand corner, "Board of Review"

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Mrs. Mary Smith,
Acton, Middlesex Co.,
Massachusetts.

I, Luke Smith late of Co E, 26th Mass
Tols claimant for Pension No 289.240 in
answer to attached letter of July 26th 1880 stat-
as follows that I was attended by Asst
Surgeon James G. Beadt for my injury at Ship
Island Miss, and he died many years ago
Asst Surgeon Isaac Smith was as I learn
not connected with the Regt until Dec 1862
when I was discharged April 10th 1862.

Surgeon Hooker of the 26th did not attend me,
and died years ago. as the next best evidence
I offer that of Elias C. Harnes who was Serjt
of my Co at time my ^{disability} ~~discharged~~ was contracted
took me to Surg Beadt at various times, has
personal knowledge of my getting disabled
and was afterwards a commissioned
officer

Luke Smith

Late Private Co E 26 Mass Tols

State of Massachusetts }
County of Middlesex } S.S. On this 1st Monday
of August 1880 before me came Luke Smith
to me known, and made oath that the above
statement by him subscribed is true. I have no interest
in same (Daniel H. H. Justice of Peace)

I Elias C. Haynes of Concord Mass
 hereby certify as follows; that I was Sergt of Co E
 26th Reg Mass Inf Tols on Ship Island Miss. while the
 Co was there from Dec 1861 till we left there April 1862
 that I well knew private Luke Smith of said
 Co. that it is in my personal knowledge said
 Smith became disabled in or about Feb 1862 at
 Ship Island in carrying lumber from a vessel
 thereby receiving a strain in the left ~~leg~~ hip,
 causing him to be relieved from duty, further
 that it is in my personal knowledge he was
 attended by Asst Surg James S. Beadt in Regt
 Hos^l at said Ship Island, and that said
 Beadt died many years ago. I further certify
 that when the Regt left Ship Island April 16th
 1862, said Smith being unfit for duty by reason
 of said injury, was left behind. I think waiting trans-
 portation home the records of Co showing him as dis-
 charged April 10th 1862. I have no interest in this statement
 whatever.

Elias C. Haynes,
 Late Sergt and Lieut Co E. 26th Mass Tols

Copy of the Record of a

DEATH

recorded in the books of the town of Acton Mass
(City or Town.)
during the month of December 1899

1. Date of Death, . . .	<u>December 16th 1899.</u>
2. Name,	<u>Luke Smith</u>
(Maiden Name), . . .	
(Name of Husband), . . .	
3. Sex, and whether single,	<u>male</u>
Married, or Widowed,	<u>married</u>
4. Color,	<u>W.</u>
5. Age,	<u>86</u> Years, <u>9</u> Months, <u>24</u> Days.
(Disease or Cause of Death,	<u>Angina Pectoris</u>
6. Duration of Sickness,	<u>six weeks.</u>
(By whom certified, . . .	<u>Dr. J. Barker M.D.</u>
7. Residence,	<u>Acton Mass</u>
8. Occupation,	<u>none.</u>
9. Place of Death,	<u>Acton - Mass</u>
10. Place of Birth,	<u>Acton do</u>
11. Name of Father,	<u>Solomon Smith</u>
12. Name of Mother,	<u>Lucy Nutting</u>
(Maiden Name.)	
13. Birthplace of Father,	<u>Acton Mass</u>
14. Birthplace of Mother,	<u>Groton do</u>
15. Place of Interment,	<u>Acton (Woodlawn)</u>

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy.

Attest:

Horace F. Tuttle.

Town Clerk.
(City or Town.)

Jan 6th 1900



Town Clerk's Office.

Acton, Mass., January 6th 1900.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex ss Then personally appeared,
Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk of Acton Mass
and made oath that the certificate above
signed by him is true before me.

William D. Tuttle
Justice of the Peace



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[Act of June 27, 1890.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk, provided said Certificate is not already on file in the Pension Office at Washington.

State of Massachusetts,

County of Middlesex

ss.

On this fifth day of January, A.D. one thousand nine hundred
personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace
within and for the county and State aforesaid, Mary Smith
aged 80 years, a resident of the town of Holbrook, county
of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, who, being duly sworn according
to law, declares that she is the widow of Luke Smith, who enlisted under the name
of Luke Smith, at Washington D.C. on the 22 day of April,
A.D. 18 61, in Company E. 1st Cavalry (Light Artillery) 6th Regiment
Mass. Vol. Militia (1st Sergeant)
[Here state rank, company and regiment, if in military service, or vessel, if in navy.]

and served at least ninety days in the late war of the rebellion, who was honorably discharged August 2, 1861
and died at Acton Mass Dec 16th 1894. [The cause of death need not be stated.]
That he re-enlisted August 29th 1861 + discharge April 10th 1862 + re-enlisted July 16th 1864 for 100 days
That the soldier had not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above.

That she was married under the name of Mary Robbins to said
Luke Smith on the ninth day of August A.D. 18 35
by Rev William W. White, at Sillman Mass
there being no legal barrier to said marriage; that neither she nor her husband had been previously married.

That she has not remarried since the death of the said Luke Smith
[Name of soldier or sailor]

That she is without other means of support than her daily labor; that names and dates of birth of all the children
now living under sixteen years of age of the soldier are as follows: none

born	18	born	18
born	18	born	18
born	18	born	18

That she has not heretofore applied for pension and the number of her application is the first
[Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly.]

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under
the provisions of the act of June 27, 1890.

She hereby appoints J. B. PARSONS, State Pension Agent of Massachusetts, Boston, her true and lawful
attorney to prosecute her claim (**without fee**); that her post-office address is Acton

, county of Middlesex

State of Massachusetts

Mary Smith
[Claimant's signature.]

ATTEST: Walter F. Davis
Lulla Pratt



{ Certificates of marriage & death filed with claim
for accrued pension, etc. # 179383.