DROP REPORT--PENSIONER

~~Lost at date of death~~

10 WB 7-30

SC

Cert. No 5-61550

Pensioner

Soldier

Service George D. Smith

Class 4B

Remarks

3/13/33 for 3/4

Is not this an asset—

Yes but it's

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

not on file

7-10, 1934

The name of the above-described pensioner who was last paid at the rate of $ 100 per month to 3-4, 1933 has this day been dropped from the roll because of Death 3-5-33

Wm. H. HOLMES,
Chief Accounting Division.
By E Q Nalley

Vet. Adm.
Fin. Form 1411
Rev. Mar. 1932

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Pension Form 5050

PENSION BRIEF FACE

Increase

ACT Act of June 9, 1930 No. 761550

Soldier George W. Smith (unconfederate) William S. Bryant Adm

P. O. Randolph Vermont

Rank Private

Service Co. E 6th Mass. Inf.

Rate, $100 per month, commencing December 31, 1932.

Attorney Pro

P. O.

Fee, $

Articles filed

Submitted JAN 24 1933, 19..., for Consideration Medical Rating Div

J L Jones, Examiner.

Approved for increase under Act June 9. 1930.

Date of birth January 24, 1869

Age, ... years. Rate, $... per month.

H. A. Cady DW Legal Reviewer.

Approved for $100 from December 31, 1932

Jany 25, 1933 Payne; ..., 19..., ...

Medical Reviewer. Medical Referee.

Enlisted ... Enlisted ... Enlisted ...

Discharged ... Discharged ... Discharged ...

Pensioned at $75 per month Act of June 9, 1930

PRESENT CLAIM

~~Declaration~~ Letter filed Jan 3, 1933, Inc Act of June 9, 1930

Date of birth alleged ...

M. C. none U. S. S. / H. R. Certificate issued JAN 27 1933

CODED

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SOLDIER SUBDIVISION

3—371

S Cert. No. 561550

ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

INCREASE

Claimant George D Smith (Incompetent) William S. Bryant (Gdn)

P. O. Randolph Center

Rank Private

County

Service Co E 6 Mass. Inf.

State Vermont

Rate, $..... per month, commencing .....

STATE REPRESENTATIVE. —

APPROVAL

Med Submitted for Action, April 25, 1930, ~~192~~, J Parsons, Examiner. REJECTED Aug 12/30

Approved for .....

INCREASE, SECTION 2, ACT OF MAY 1, 1920.

No Medical Examination

April 25, 1930, C S Hardy, Reviewer.

....., 192 , ..., Rereviewer.

Approved for rejection

Claimant does not require the regular aid and attendance of another person.

S. E. Report.

....., Medical Examiner. J. P. Frow, Medical Reviewer.

Aug 4, 1930, H F Lachmann, Medical Referee.

Enlisted ....., 18.....; honorably discharged ....., 18.....

Enlisted ....., 18.....; honorably discharged ....., 18.....

Enlisted ....., 18.....; honorably discharged ....., 18.....

Length of pensionable service ..... years, ... months, ... days.

Pensioned at $ 65 per month, under ACT OF MAY 1, 1920, as Civil War veteran.

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

Letter Declaration filed March 8, 1930

Claimant does — write.

No. 45, M. C.

6—6315 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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K
Concord
Reissue

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Act of March 4, 1913

Cert. No. 561550

Claimant, George D. Smith

P. O., Randolph Center | Rank, Private

County, Orange | Service, Co E, 6 Massachusetts Inf

State, Vermont

Rate, $ 15 per month, commencing June 7, 1912

and $18 Commencing October 21, 1915

and $21 Commencing October 21, 1920

ATTORNEY OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name, | Fee, $; Agent to pay. 19

P. O., | Articles filed , 19

Approved for Increase
$30 from June 10, 1918
$ from
Act of June 10, 1918
William Exr.
Craig Rev.
AUG 8 1918

APPROVAL.

Submitted for Eden, Feb 25, 1913, Jay C Howell, Examiner.

Approved for admission Rate $ 15 per month; age 66 years.

Reissue from act June 27, 1890

Date of birth, October 21, 1845

Length of pensionable service: 0 years, 3 months, 20 days.

Deductions in service from any cause: none years, months, days,

on account of

April 4, 1913, W. A. Moore (Legal Reviewer.) April 7, 1913, J. E. Mulligan (Re-Reviewer.)

Enlisted July 8, 1864; honorably discharged Oct 27, 1864

Enlisted , 18 ; honorably discharged , 18

Enlisted , 18 ; honorably discharged , 18

Length of pensionable service: years, 3 months, 20 days.

Pensioned at $ 12 per month, under act June 27 1890

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Declaration filed June 7, 1912

Age shown by evidence 66 years; date of birth ~~alleged~~ Oct 21, 1845

Claimant does write.

No, M. C.

6—3317

CIVIL WAR

3—146 b.

LAW:

Reissue to

Claimant, George D. Smith.

P. O.,

County,

State,

Rank, Private.

Company, E

Regiment, 6 Mass Vol Inf.

Rate, $ per month, commencing

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

Revision under Departmental Decision of May 27, 1893, and Office Orders (No. 225) of June 9, 1893. and (No. 240) of August 26, 1893.

Respectfully referred to the Medical Referee for his opinion whether, under the above decisions, the pensioner is entitled to his present rate of $ 12 ?

(Call attention to any pending claim for increase, former pension and rate under another law, or other essential fact.)

Dec 21, 1893 Stevens, *Reviewer.*

The pensioner is entitled to

for

Approved for continuance at $ 12 per month for pensioner's case

Thos. Fletcher Lamb

Medical Referee.

May 26 1894

, 189 , *Medical Referee.*

NOTE.—If the present rate is continued on the above action, cut off the remainder of this blank at this point.

Reference for Notice of Reissu... ...ning.

(3-145 a.)

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

561550 Boston

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INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, George D. Smith,

P. O., Shrewsbury, | Rank, Private

County, Worcester, | Company, E,

State, Mass., | Regiment, 6th Mass, Vol, Inf.

R Rate, $ 12, per month, commencing Sept. 13th 1890,

Disabled by Dis. Med. Appl'd for.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, Theo Smith. | Fee, $10 Agent to pay.

P. O., Washington, D. C, | Articles filed, ——, 189

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Adm'n Mar. 19th 1891, Jos. Adams Examiner.

Approved for Admission | Approved for right inguinal hernia and disease of heart, $12 - per month,

W.H.C.

Geo. N. Smith Legal Reviewer. | Darling A.M. Exr. [illegible] Medical Referee.

Mch 28, 1891 | Apr. 3d, 1891,

Not now pensioned under other laws. Last paid to ——, 18—, at $——

Pensioned from ——, 18—, at $——, for ——

SERVICE SHOWN BY RECORD.

Enlisted July 8th, 1864 honorably discharged Oct. 27th, 1864,

Re-enlisted ——, 18—— honorably discharged ——, 18—

Declaration filed Sept. 13th 1890, alleges permanent disability, not due to vicious habits, from hernia of right side,

No M. C. — Claimant writes,

2445 b—100 m

(3—146.) Certf. No.

INVALID PENSION.

E. REISSUE TO ALLOW UNDER "GENERAL LAW." Ct. No. 561.550.

Pensioner, George D. Smith,

P. O. Randolph ~~Shrewsbury~~, | Rank, Pvt.

County Orange Worcester, | Company, E.

State Vermont Mass. | Regiment, 6th Mass. ~~Vol.~~ Infy.

Rate, $ ..... per month, commencing August 13th, 1884.

REJECTED.

Pensioned for .....

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, Claimant | Fee, $ .....; Agent to pay.

P. O., ... | Articles filed ....., 18 .

APPROVALS.

Approved for right inguinal hernia.

Submitted for ad. Nov 23rd, 1893; Andrew Geddes, Examiner.

Re-Rejection Oct 6, 1896. James Kennelly, Special Ex.

Approved for Rejection on the ground that after Special Exn, Claimant is unable to prove incurrence of alleged hernia of right side in service and line of duty, or its existence at discharge.

See Reports of Special Exns.

The service is incorrectly stated in the admitted claim under Act of June 27, 1890.

Wm. Hutchinson, Legal Reviewer. ....., Med. Ex'r, ..., Med. Reviewer.

Oct 8, 1896, Re-Reviewer. ....., 18 , ..., Med. Referee.

HISTORY OF CLAIMS AND FORMER ACTION.

Enlisted July 8th, 1864. | Last paid to ....., $12.00

Discharged Oct. 27th, 1864.

Pensioned from September 13th, 1890, at $12.00, under the Act of June 27, 1890, for right inguinal hernia, and disease of heart.

In declaration filed September 13th, 1890, under Act of June 27, 1890, alleged hernia right side.

Declaration filed ....., 18 ; alleged .....

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed August 13th, 1884, under general law, alleges that at Fort Delaware, Del., on or about Sept. 1st, 1864, while on guard duty, he slipped from a plank walk, and badly ruptured himself.

Affidavit filed May 1/84 - Same. Filed Jany 11/89 - Hernia is on right side.

No M. C. Claimant ..... writes.

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REQUEST FOR RECORD ON NEW CLAIM

Date 9-19-34

From: Index Sub-Division
To: General Records Sub-Division

NAME Smith, George S X C-Number 922 097

Rank and Organization E 6 Mass Inf

Date of Birth Date and Place of Death 3- -33

Other identifying information SC 561 550
Randolph Vt

If correspondence is located, note the C-number on it, and route it to the C-Files for attaching to the NEW CLAIMS FOLDER.
If no correspondence is located make notation on this form and send to C-Files.

Record attached ( )

No abeyance file(_____)

No. 801 file (_____)

_____
(Searcher)

_____
(Date)

Veterans Administration
Form 3094

XC 922097

October 16, 1933

CA-mlt

DAR-AB

Manager,
Burlington, Vermont.

SMITH, George D.
Ctf. 561,550

Attention: Chief Attorney.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 26, 1933, reporting the death of the above cited Civil War veteran.

The records show that payment in this case was last made through March 3, 1933, to William S. Bryant, as guardian, on March 13, 1933. It is requested that the enclosed copy of this letter be returned to Central Office with a statement showing the date of death of the veteran.

M. COLLINS,
Director of Finance.

1 Enc. (carbon)

FILE IN JACKET

JUL 31 1935

Smith - George D

LS:Mc LS

Miss Shaw:

Acknowledge letter & tell him to furnish this service with date of death Give date of last payment

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Mr James -

Please write for date of death - pensioner

Gdn: Wm. J. Bryant - Cert. pd 3/13/33 $100

thru 3/4/33 E. Ondery

Mrs Harrison

Is there a file

James

no file - Amw

Voucher (100)

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Burlington, Vermont
September 26, 1933

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: CA-mlt

Director of Pensions
Veterans Administration
Washington, D. C.

SMITH, George D.
Ctf. 561 550

Dear Sir:

I have just received information that the ward in the above captioned case is dead. The guardian has been requested to furnish this office with a certified copy of the public record of the ward's death.

By direction,

E. J. DAILEY
Chief Attorney

RECEIVED
SEP 28 1933
MAIL SUB-DIV.
READER 14
VETS. ADM.

September 22, 1934

MBAC-c

Dr. Frank C. Angell,
Randolph, Vermont.

SMITH, George S.
XC- 922 097

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter dated September 10, 1934.

The legislation governing veteran's affairs makes no provision for an allowance on burial expenses of a veteran who died before March 20, 1933, unless the claim was received within one year from the date of his death or before September 16, 1933.

Inasmuch as a claim for an allowance on burial expenses of the above identified pensioner was not received within the time limit allowed by law, this Administration is without authority to grant such allowance.

Pension accruing from the date of last payment to the date of the pensioner's death is not an asset of the estate, is not payable to heirs and is not liable for the payment of debts, but may, under certain conditions be paid to reimburse the person who bore the expenses of the last sickness and burial, or who is held responsible therefor, in the event the pensioner did not leave sufficient assets to meet such expenses.

In the case of a soldier payment thereof is also prohibited as reimbursement if he was survived by a widow or a minor child under the age of sixteen years at the date of his death.

The records show that the above identified pensioner was last paid through March 3, 1933, and that he died March 5, 1933. Therefore, there are only two day's accrued pension in this case.

If it is desired to file claim for this amount, the enclosed Form 5036 should be completed in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and filed in this office.

SMITH, George S.
XC- 922 097

All future communications relative to this case should bear the veteran's name and refer to the number XC-922,097.

Respectfully,

E. L. BAILEY
Director
Widows' and Dependents'
Claims Service.

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DR. F. C. ANGELL

DOCTORS
ANGELL
RANDOLPH, VERMONT

DR. W. W. ANGELL

Civil

Sept. 10 th. 1934.

SC 561550

Veterans Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Re- Estate of George D. Smith.

Dear Sirs;

Pension Certificate No 561550

Ete Mass

The above maned Pensioner died in Mch 1933, and I wish to apply for re imbursement on the Burial Expenses.
Please send me the necessary papers,

XC922097

Frank C Angell
Admr. Est of
Geo D Smith.
Comp no Rec
no K
no a
no T
RC 561550

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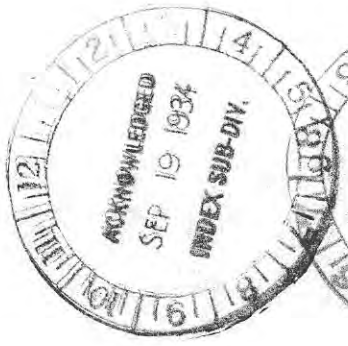
ACKNOWLEDGED SEP 19 1934 INDEX SUB-DIV.

RECEIVED SEP 12 1934 MAIL SUB-DIV. VETS ADM BRANCH

W. & D. CLAIMS SERVICE SEP 30 1934

RECEIVED SEP 15 1934 PENSION INDEX SECTION









After 5 days, return to
DRS. F. C. & W. W. ANGELL,
5 Prospect St.,
RANDOLPH, VERMONT.

RANDOLPH, VT.
SEP 10
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UNITED STATES POSTAGE
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Veterans Administration, 9 12 34

Washington,

D. C.

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. Form 1317, Rev. Jan. 1934

IDENTIFICATION AND DATA SLIP

Payee .....

.....

Number Assigned (C .....
(I .....

War .....

Rate $ .....Code Classification .....

Date .....Clerk, M.P.& I.Unit .....

Data for Correspondence or Disposition
(Must be initialed and dated by clerk supplying data)



Concord N.H.
June 21, 34

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U.S. Pension Office
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs,—

This is to notify you that—Geo. W. Smith (Civil War) died at my home where he had lived for 3½ years, March 5, 1933.

His Guardian W.S. Bryan reported it—April 3rd

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I wrote you a few days ago to this same effect but forgot to say that at that time we were living in Randolph, Vt.

Yours Respt—
W.W. Bickford

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RECEIVED
JUL 2 1934

February 4, 1933

M B A A

Mrs. N. D. Bickford
Randolph Center
Vermont.

SMITH, George D.
S.C. 561,550

Madam:

Your letter relative to this case has been received.

Mr. Smith is in receipt of a pension under Section 2, Act of June 9, 1930, at the rate of $100 per month for a condition needing the regular personal aid and attendance of another person.

A higher rate of pension can only be granted for certain disabilities of service origin, none of which has been alleged or shown to exist in this case.

It appears that the soldier is receiving the maximum rate to which he is entitled under existing laws.

Respectfully,

JSJ JSJ mlh

E. W. MORGAN
Director of Pensions

January 24, 1933

Dr. Wilmer W. Angell
Randolph, Vermont

M B A A
SMITH, George D.
S. C. 561,550

Sir:

Your letter relative to this case has been received.

Your communication has been made the basis of a claim for increase under section 2, act of June 9, 1930, in the soldier's behalf for a condition needing the regular aid and attendance of another person.

The claim is under consideration with a view to final action the result of which will be made known at an early date.

Should anything further be required to settle this claim, the guardian of the soldier will be promptly advised.

Respectfully,

JSJ JSJ els

E. W. MORGAN
Director of Pensions

DR. F. C. ANGELL

DR. W. W. ANGELL

DOCTORS
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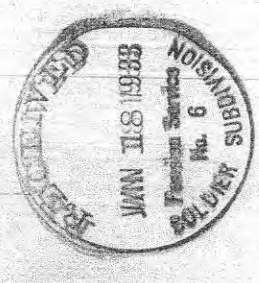
RANDOLPH, VERMONT





S.C. 561550 ✓

December 31,1932.

Commissioner of Pensions
Washington,D.C.
Dear Sir,

I have under my care Mr. George D. Smith of Randolph,Vermont, a civil war pensioner who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Newell Bickford of Randolph. His guardian is W.S.Bryant of Randolph. I have been seeing him at regular imtervals since December 10,1932.During this time, he has suffered two attacks of facial paralysis, and has been confined to the bed most of the time.

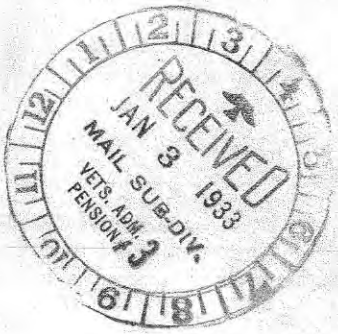
His condition at present is slightly improved but there is a marked change in his mental condition, and he is a constant care and will, from now on, I am convinced, require the regular care of another person.

Will you send to me or to his guardian such blanks as are necessary to be filled out in order to secure an increase in his pension to the $100.00 monthly allowance? Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

Wilmer W. Angell M.D.





away, & the attending physician advises me to write & ask about an increas of his, (Geo. Smiths") pension, as his condition requires constant night & day attendence, & he is consequently Entitled to it. I do not know his war record, His Guardian is W. S. Bryant Randolph Co. Vt. attending physician is Doctor Wilmer Angell of Randolph. hoping this will receive immediat attention

I am Respectfly Mrs. N. D. Bickford

March M. Wilson Phone 146-2 Stanley L. Chamberlin

Wilson & Chamberlin
Attorneys at Law
Randolph, Vermont

Wm S Bryant Gdn
July 3 1926

March 4, 1930

Commissioner of Pensions
Washington, D. C

Dear Sirs, Re: George D. S mith
Randolph Center, Vt. Cert. #561550

The guardian of the above understands that Smith would have been entitled to an increase in pension at the age of 80, and Smith has told him that he has received papers whereby he could make an application for an increase, but that the papers have never been executed.

Smith is now in his eighty fifth year, and is in poor health and in need of an increase in pension. Ifhe is entitled to any increase will you forward papers for application or advise as to procedure necessary.

Very truly,

Stanley L Chamberlin

George D. Smith act July 3-1926
Rate $65.00 #5-615-5-0
Last pd Feb 8-1930 $65 to Feb 4-1930

Gdn. Wm S. Bryant E. Q Nolley

FINANCE DIVISION
REC. M
MAR 8 1930
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BUREAU OF PENSI

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AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN

State of Vermont County of Orange, ss:

In the matter of the pension claim of George D. Smith, by W. S. Bryant his guardian, No. SC561550

On this 4 day of April, 1930, personally appeared before me, a L. A. Russlow within and for the County and State aforesaid Randolph, Vermont, whose address is Randolph, Vermont, who states as follows:

That he, a duly qualified practicing physician, has this day examined above-named claimant and finds the following objective conditions:

Here specifically and accurately set forth physical condition of claimant and give a full description of every existing disability, and make a separate paragraph for each disability.

I have known claimant George D. Smith for more than thirty years and this winter he was again under my professional care. He is a feeble old man with very poor eye-sight, in fact so poor that for a year or more he has had to have help in fixing his food and requires help about many other things.

He also suffers at times from intestinal disturbances which necessitate his remaining in bed for several days.

Facts within the knowledge of the examining surgeon relative to the cause of any disability found should be stated.

Act June 5-20, Survivors of Spanish War: Estimate incapacity from all causes not due to vicious habits at one-tenth one-fourth, one-half, three-fourths, or total.

Act May 1, 1920, $72 Cases: In every instance where aid and attendance is alleged, state (in so many words) whether the regular aid and attendance of another person is or is not required; if required, how often and in what particular acts.

If the doctor has treated claimant at any time, he should give dates and duration of such treatment, and name of disability or disabilities for which he treated him.

If practicable, affidavit should be in handwriting of physician.



(Additional space and jurat on other side)

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He further declares that he has been a practitioner of medicine for 35 years, and that he has no interest, either direct, or indirect, in the claim to which this affidavit is supplementary and is not engaged in its prosecution.

L. A. Russlow M. D.
(Affiant's signature. Give rank and service, if in the Army or Navy)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of April A. D., 1930

and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician in good professional standing; that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known to him before its execution, including the words ---------- erased, and the words ---------- added; that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim, and am not engaged in its prosecution.

Laurence W. Leonard
(Official signature)

[L. S.]

Notary Public
(Official character)

Randolph Ct.
(Post office address)

NOTE.—To be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. The official character and signature of any such officer not required by law to use a seal must be certified by the clerk of the proper court, giving the dates of beginning and close of official term.

Pendleton

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN

CLAIM OF

George D. Smith

S. Bryant, Guardian

No. SC561550

Carefully observe instructions given in marginal notes.

The physician's affidavit should contain such description of claimant's alleged ailments or others that would justify the conclusion that he is materially incapacitated for the performance of manual labor, or that he requires regular personal aid or attendance of another person, as the case may be.

An opinion unsupported by a description of conditions justifying such opinion can not be accepted as sufficient to warrant favorable consideration of a claim for pension or increase of pension.

6—7047 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Soldier Division
S. C. 561550
George D. Smith
E 6 Mass. Inf.

March 27, 1930

Mr. S. L. Chamberlin
Randolph, Vermont

Dear Sir:

Your letter relative to this claim for increase under section 2, act of May 1, 1920, has been received.

The soldier's guardian, William S. Bryant, has been called upon this date to furnish the necessary evidence in support of the claim and upon receipt of the same prompt attention will be given thereto.

Very truly yours,

E. W. MORGAN
Acting Commissioner

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S. E.

J. R. F.

APR 28 1930

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Med *Division*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Apr 27, 1930

Cert. No. 561 5-5-09

Pensioner George D. Smith

Law

Rate of Pension 6 d-

The Disbursing Clerk is respectfully requested to state below at what rate and to what date payment was last made to the above-named pensioner, and address at that time.

Chief of Division.

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The above-named pensioner was last paid at $ to 19

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BUREAU OF PENSIONS

In case of George D. Smith, Certificate No. 561550.,
William S. Bryant, whose post-office address
is Randolph Center, Vermont was, on Jany.23,1930.,
appointed as Guardian by the Probate Court of
Randolph County, State of Vermont, vice
, who has', pensioner
having been adjudged a person mentally incapable of taking care of himself and his property.

January 29. 1930.

ehs

O. J. Randall
Chief of Finance Division.

RECEIVED
MAY 1 1930
S. E. D. FILES

3-2493

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
WASHINGTON April 29, 1930

The Chief,

Special Examination Division.

Subject: Claim for $72 rate, act of May 1, 1920.

I.C. 561550 , of George D. Smith, incompetent

P.O. of gdn. William S. Bryant, Randolph Center, Vermont

Special examination is desired to determine the merits of this claim. The investigation should be conducted in accordance with the circular of instructions dated March 16, 1926.

The special examination should show as definitely as possible the date when claimant became entitled to the benefit of section 2, act of May 1, 1920.

Incidentally it should be determined whether he is entitled to the $90 rate under section 1, act of July 3, 1926. Attention is invited to the definition of the words, "totally helpless," set forth in the Department's construction of this act under date of December 4, 1926. Limitation of vision to mere perception of light is total blindness within the meaning of the pension laws.

H. P. Richardson

Medical Referee.

Approved:

WINFIELD SCOTT,
Commissioner.

March M. Wilson Phone 146-2 Stanley L. Chamberlin

Wilson & Chamberlin
Attorneys at Law
Randolph, Vermont



June 6, 1930

Department of Interior
Bureau of Pensions
Washington, D. C.

Answ
JUL - 3 1930
SED NO

Dear Sirs, Re: George D. Smith, No 561550
W. S. Bryant, Guardian.

This guardian made application for an increase of pension in this case several weeks ago, but as yet has had no response to the same and no increase has been granted. Last month the Guardian was able to pay for the board and room of the pensioner and a bill of $10.00 for nursing, but was unable to meet a doctor's bill of $34.00. It is very necessary that this increase be granted, and we therefor trust that you will do so immediately.

Very truly,

Stanley L. Chamberlin

Special Examination Division.
MPO

Washington July 2, 1930

Mr. Stanley L. Chamberlin
Attorney at Law
Randolph, Vt.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 6 relative to claim for increase, Ctf. 561550, of William S. Bryant, as guardian of George D. Smith, Co. E, 6 Mass. Inf., you are informed that it requires special examination to determine its merits.

In due course a field representative of this bureau will call on the claimant and fully explain requirements.

Very truly yours

E. W. MORGAN
Acting Commissioner

August 12, 1930

Mr. William S. Bryant
Randolph Center, Vermont

Soldier Division
S. C. 561550
George D. Smith
E 6 Mass. Inf.
William S. Bryant, Gdn.

Dear Sir:

Your claim for increase under section 2, act of May 1, 1920, filed March 8, 1930, is rejected on the ground that the evidence on file does not show that by reason of age and physical or mental disabilities the soldier requires the regular personal aid and attendance of another person.

Very truly yours,

E. W. MORGAN
Acting Commissioner

ZP/MS

March M. Wilson

Phone 146-2

Stanley L. Chamberlin

Wilson & Chamberlin

Attorneys at Law
Randolph, Vermont

Dec. 2, 1929

Pension Bureau
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Re: George D. Smith, Randolph Center, Vermont

It has come to our attention by interested parties that the above named who is receiving a soldier's pension is incapable of taking care of himself and his property.

We wish to inquire what arrangements would be made in regard to the pension checks if a guardian was appointed over Mr. Smith?

Very truly,

Wilson & Chamberlin

SLC:OM

DEC 4 1929

Finance Division

December 6, 1929

Wilson and Chamberlin
Attorneys at Law
Randolph Vermont

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of the 2nd instant concerning one George D. Smith pensioner at the rate of $65 per month, under certificate No. 561,550.

In the event that a guardian is appointed for this pensioner, a certificate of the appointment should be presented to this bureau, using the enclosed form for that purpose. It is the practice of the bureau to have a guardian give to the court a bond in the minimum sum of twice the annual value of the pension. Upon receipt of this certificate the necessary voucher for the guardian to execute preliminary to payment will be promptly forwarded.

Very truly yours,

EARL D. CHURCH
Commissioner

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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 is 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. Saltzgaber

Commissioner.

GEORGE D. SMITH,
RANDOLPH CENTER, VT.
561550 ACT MAY

PENSION L MAR 22 1915 U. S. OFFICE.

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October 21st 1845

No. 1. Date and place of birth? *Answer.* Acton, Middlesex County, Mass

The name of organizations in which you served? *Answer.* Co E. 6th Mass. Vol Infantry

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? *Answer.* Acton, Mass

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. *Answer.* Never Married

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? *Answer.* ✓

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? ✓

If so, where? *Answer.* ✓

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.* ✓

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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 miltary 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.* ✓

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? *Answer.* Never Married

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. *Answer.* ✓

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Date Randolph Vt March 20th 1915

(Signature) George D Smith

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ACT OF MAY 11, 1912. 3—014.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Vermont, *County of* Orange, *ss:*

On this 4 day of June, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, George D. Smith who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 66 years of age, and a resident of Randolph, county of Orange, State of Vermont; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Acton, Mass, under the name of George D. Smith, on the 8 day of July, 1864 as a Private, in Co. E 6" Mass Vols

(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

(State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)

at Readville Mass, on the 27 day of October, 1864.

That he also served No other service

(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

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 6 inches; complexion, Light; color of eyes, blue; color of hair, brown; that his occupation was Shoemaker; that he was born Octo. 21", 1845, at Acton, Mass

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:

Shrewsbury & Worcester Mass and Randolph Vt.

(State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 561550. 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 Randolph Center, county of Orange, State of Vermont

Attest: (1) F. H. Hayward
(2) H. F. Tilson

George D Smith
(Claimant's signature in full.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 4 day of June, 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

[L. S.] erased, and the words, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

PENSION N JUN 7 1912 U. S. OFFICE.

Declaration valid, as to execution, S. A. Cuddy, Chief, Law Divis

J. Eldredge
(Signature.)

Notary Public
(Official character.)

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IF A PENSIONER, DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER.

[Form 3.]

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

STATE OF Massachusetts }
COUNTY OF Worcester } ss.

On this 11th day of September A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four personally appeared before me, Assistant Clerk of Central District Court at Worcester, of the Court, a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, George D. Smith, aged 44 years, a resident of the Town of Shrewsbury county of Worcester State of Massachusetts, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical George D. Smith who was ENROLLED on the 18th day of July, 1864 in Co. E. 6th Mass Vols.
(Here state rank, company and regiment in Military service, or vessel, if in the Navy.)

in the war of the rebellion, and served at least ninety days, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Readville Mass. on the 27th day of October, 1864 That he is unable to earn a support by reason of Hernia Right side
[Here name the disease or injuries from which disabled.]

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent.

That he has applied for pension under application No. 518,971

That he is not a pensioner under Certificate No.
[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 June 27, 1890.

He hereby appoints THEO. SMITH, of WASHINGTON, D. C., his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim, and agrees to pay him a fee of Ten Dollars upon the allowanec of the claim. That his POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is Shrewsbury county of Worcester, State of Massachusetts

George D. Smith
[Claimant's Signature.]

Attest: Geo. N. Marshall
Chas. B. Barbour

Also personally appeared Geo N. Newhall, residing at Worcester Mass and Charles B. Newhall residing at Worcester Mass, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw, ..., the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him for 12 years and 10 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.

Geo N. Newhall
Chas B. Newhall
[Signatures of witnesses.]

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 11 day of September, A. D. 1890;

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

[L. S.] words "30th" and "August", erased,

and the words "11" and "September", added;

and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

W W Warner
[Signature.]

[Official character.]

The Act of June 27, 1890, REQUIRES, in case of a soldier:

1. An honorable discharge (but the certificate need not be filed unless called for).
2. A minimum service of ninety days.
3. A permanent physical disability not due to vicious habits. (It need not have originated in the service.)
4. The rates under the act are graded from $6 to $12, proportioned to the degree of inability to earn a support, and are not affected by the rank held.
5. A pensioner under prior laws may apply under this one, or a pensioner under this one may apply under other laws, but he cannot draw more than ONE pension for the same period.

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[Form 1]

SOLDIER'S APPLICATION
Act June 27, 1890.

Name George D. Smith
Service "E"
6 Mass.

Address Shrewsbury
Mass.

PENSIONS
SEP 13 1890
OFFICE
FILED BY
THEO. SMITH,
Washington, D. C.

Date of execution

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Index ....., Claim No. 561,550.

George S. Smith Co. E. 6th Reg't Mass. Vol. Inf.

ARRANGE PAPERS IN INVALID CLAIMS—1. Declaration; 2. Soldier's statements as to origin; 3. A. G.; 4. S. G.; 5. Cert. of Dis. Let history as to origin, continuance, &c., follow in regular order.

IN WIDOWS' AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES' CLAIMS—Let evidence of soldier's death, marriage, dependence, &c., follow evidence of origin and continuance of fatal disease.

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NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1	George S. Smith. Shrewsbury, Mass.	Aug. 13. '84.	Declaration under old Law, Sept. 13th, 1890. Decl'n New Law affidavits, P.M. Clerk's reputation
2	A.G. - S. G.		Report.
3	Eben F. Wood, South Acton Mass.	Dec'r 4. '88.	origin, prior, Letter, P.M. Cedy.
4	Ephraim B. Forbush. Acton, Mass.	Dec'r 4. '88.	Origin, prior, Letter, P.M. Cedy. A.G. present.
5	F. H. Whitcomb, Capt. West Acton, Mass.	May 1. 84.	origin, - A.G. pr.
6	Isaiah Hutchins Acton, Mass.	May 1. 84.	Prior & since. P.M. Cedy.
7	Dr. Otis M. Humphrey Minneapolis, Minn.	July 23. 90.	No Knowledge.
8	George E. Pinkham, Lowell, Mass.	July 11. '90.	No Knowledge.
9	B'd. Ex'g Surgeons.	Nov'r 3. 84.	Ctf.
10	Worcester, Mass.		
10	B'd Ex'g Surgeons, Fitchburg, Mass.	April 20 '89	Ctf.
11	B'd. Ex'g Surgeons, Worcester, Mass.	April 16. '94.	Ctf.

(12390—25,000.)

A. **DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.** A.

To be executed before a court of record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal.

State of Massachusetts
County of Worcester } *ss:*

On this 11th day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four personally appeared before me, Clerk of the Superior Court, a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, George D. Smith, aged 37 years, a resident of the Town of Shrewsbury county of Worcester State of Massachusetts, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical George D. Smith, who was ENROLLED on the Eighth day of July, 1864, in company E of the Sixth regiment of Massachusetts commanded by Frank H. Whitcomb, and was honorably DISCHARGED at Readville on the 27th day of October, 1864, that his personal description is as follows: Age, ... years; height, ... feet ..... inches; complexion, ...; hair, ...; eyes, ... That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at Fort Delaware, in the State of Delaware on or about the 1st day of September, 1864, he While on Guard Duty Slipped from a Plank walk and badly Ruptured himself which has troubled him seriously ever since he never since said accident having been able to do the full labor of a common man.

(Here state name or nature of disease, or the location of wound or injury. If disabled by disease, state fully its causes; if by wound or injury, the precise manner in which received.)

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: .....
(Here state the names or numbers, and the localities of all hospitals in which treated, and the dates of treatment

That he has not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above .....
(Here state what the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.)

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the Town of Shrewsbury in the State of Massachusetts, and his occupation has been that of a Shoe Maker. That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound physical health, being when enrolled a ..... That he is now ..... 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.

He hereby appoints ..... of ....., State of ....., his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That he has ..... received ..... applied for a pension. That his POST OFFICE ADDRESS is Shrewsbury, county of Worcester State of Massachusetts

Claimant's signature: George D Smith

Attest: F. W. Johnson
G. H. Harlow

[12717—15,000.]

Also personally appeared Geo. H. Harlow, residing at Shrewsbury
and Franklin Barnard, residing at Worcester, persons whom I
certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw
Geo. A. Smith, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing
declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of 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.

G. H. Harlow
Franklin Barnard
(Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 11th day of August, A. D. 188 4

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the

[L. S.] words ....., erased, and the

words ....., added; and that

I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

T. S. Johnson
(Signature.)
Clerk of Superior Court
(Official character.)

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INVALID.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

ORIGINAL.

....., Applicant.

Co., Mass Reg't, Vols.

Enlisted ....., 18 .

Discharged ....., 18 .

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The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.

Declarations and other papers should be as legible and as clear in statement as possible.

Where any evidence is already on file in any Department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it will render it available in any subsequent claim.

The POST OFFICE ADDRESS (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses should be embodied in or accompany every application, *and all evidence in each claim;* and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.

Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.

Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.

AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts } SS.
County of Worcester }

In the matter of the claim for Pension
of George D. Smith Private

of Company E, 6th Regiment Massachusetts Vols.:

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid County and State, , a citizen of Shrewsbury, in the County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts whom I believe to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows: That while on Guard duty at Fort Delaware, Delaware about the last of August 1864 he slipped and fell from a Plank walk producing Hernia from which he has suffered ever since not being able to do hard manual labor

I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Geo H Harlow }

Signature of Affiants. } George D Smith

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK *2 persons sign here.*

(OVER.)

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Here insert affiant's name or names.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ; George D. Smith ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , and acquainted him with its contents before I executed the same

I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said claim, nor am I concerned in its prosecution.

Witness my hand and official seal, this Tenth day of April 1884.

Sign here George H. Harlow Justice of the Peace

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT or other COURT OF RECORD *must add his certificate of character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.* If such JUSTICE OF THE PEACE (or NOTARY PUBLIC) has filed in the Pension Office a certificate of official character, no authentication will be necessary, and the following certificate may be omitted.

I, Wm T. Harlow Assistant, Clerk of the ~~County~~ Superior Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that George H. Harlow Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time so doing a a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn ; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 23rd day of April 1884

Wm T. Harlow

Asst Clerk of the Superior Court

L. S.

PENSION OFFICE. MAY 1 1884

No. 519,971

CLAIM FOR

Geo. D. Smith

E. C. Mas. Vols

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AFFIDAVIT OF

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ADJUTANT GENERAL OF MASS.

STATE HOUSE,

BOSTON, MASS.

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Hon. John C. Black Commissioner
of Pensions

Sir - Reply to yours of Dec. 27th
1866 I would answer
Question No. Rupture. On right side

Question No 2. In September of 1864. at Fort
Delaware while on guard duty Days in night
time, fell off a Plank walk and was
ruptured.

Question No 3 Have not been in Military or
Naval Service since October 1864.

Question 4 Was not treated in any Hospital
Question No 5. Post Office address Acton Mass.

Yours Truly
George D. Smith

Worcester ss Jan. 2nd 1867 Then appeared the above
named George D. Smith and made oath that
the above statements are true. Before me George H. Harlow
Justice of the Peace

Shrewsbury Mass. July 16th/20

To the Commissioner of Pensions

Sir

In compliance with Bureau letter dated July 8th 1880, relative to the Claim 5-19971 Geo. D. Smith Shrewsbury Mass. formerly Co E. 6th Regt Mass. Vols. in which I am requested to furnish the testimony of a Commissioned Officer or 1st Serg as to when and how the Hernia of right side was incurred, and the testimony of the Surgeon or Asst Surgeon of the Regt. as to treatment therefor while in service or in lieu thereof to furnish the testimony of two Comrades who have personal Knowledge of the above facts also informing me that the testimony of Lieut Josiah Hutchins and private E. B. Wood. & E. B. Forbush is unsatisfactory for the reason that they did not have personal Knowledge

of the facts and that of Capt
L. H. Whitcomb is unsatisfactory
for the reason that he has
failed to inform this Bureau
how he knows the facts to
which he testified though
requested to do so by letter to
this Bureau Also furnishing the
names of the surviving medical
officers of the Regt.

In reply I make the following
statement under oath as
regards the medical officers I never
consulted them or was treated by them for
my Hernia. Capt Whitcomb knew I had
the Hernia and put me on light
duty because of the same. E. B. Harlan
& E. H. Wood were my tentmates and
intimate associates and the only
members of the Co. I can now
recall that had personal knowledge
of the origin & existance of the
Hernia during service they certainly
saw it repeatedly as we messed
and tented together.

My health is very poor being unable
to perform manual labor and
having no other means of

support I am unabled to travel around and find any of my old comrades to ascertain if ~~they~~ can recall any existance of my hernia during service

George D Smith

Worcester ss. July 16 1890
Subscribed and Sworn to
Before me
Certifies G H Estabrook
Notary Public

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT

CIVIL WAR DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14, 1913

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant General, War Department, for a report showing age at date of enlistment and any other age of record, of soldier,

Certificate 561550
George D. Smith
Co. E. 6 "Massachusetts Inf
Enclosures 3

J. L. Davenport,
Commissioner

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON,

Feb. 21 1913.

Returned to

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

In the case of George D. Smith

Co. E, 6 Reg't Mass. Mil. Infy.

the records show personal description as follows:

Age 19, ~~height~~ ~~feet~~, ~~inches~~,

complexion

eyes, hair

place of birth

~~occupation~~

age on morale 19

CIVIL WAR DIVISION
FEB 24 1913

PENSION OFFICE
FEB 24 1913
U. S.

Geo. Andrews
The Adjutant General.

Per

Form 136, A. G. O.
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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Dec 6, 1884

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

George D. Smith, a Private of Company "E,"
C Regiment Mass Mil: Volunteers, was enrolled on the
8 day of July, 1864, at Acton for 100 days),
and is reported: On roll to Aug: 31. '64 present, Mustered
out with Co: Oct: 24' 64 at Readville Mass:

No evidence of alleged injury,
No Books of organization on
file except Regtl Hospt Pres=
=cription Book, which covers Aug,
7. to 19. 64. only Name not borne,
No Co. Returns, on file,

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Assistant Adjutant General.
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6th Mass Vols '64

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,
Record and Pension Division,

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3d, 18

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant Gene
U. S. Army.

From lack of evidence as to treatment of wi
named soldier in any hospital other than Regimen
no information bearing upon this case can be elic
from the records on file in this Office.

Such hospital records of the 6th Mass. Vol

as were on file in this Office have been transferre
the office of the Adjutant General of the Army.

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

B. J. Po
Assistant Surgeon, U

Pen. ZLB

M.E.C.

I was employed in the Cook House at the time but was told of the occurrence by Smith and others of my comrades and have no reason to doubt its truthfulness. Smith showed me the rupture. It was on right side I think. I felt of it. It was about the size of a large Walnut

Smith was a man of temperate habits

My Post office address is South Acton, Middlesex Co. State of Massachusetts.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and I am not concerned in its prosecution

Eben F Wood

State of Massachusetts County of Middlesex ss. Sworn to and subscribed before me this twentieth day of November A.D. 1888 by the above named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before I granted the same

I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case nor am I concerned in its

State of Massachusetts County of Middlesex ss.
In the case of George D Smith of Shrewsbury
in the County of Worcester and State aforesaid
On this twentieth day of November A.D. 1888
personally appeared before me a Justice of the
Peace in and for the aforesaid County of Mid-
dlesex duly authorized to administer oaths
Ebenr F Wood aged 57 years a resident of
Acton in the County of Middlesex and State
of Massachusetts well known to me to be
reputable and entitled to credit and
who being duly sworn deposed in relation
to aforesaid case as follows.
I hereby certify that I was a private in Co.
E 6th Regiment Mass Vols that I know the
said George D. Smith who was a private
in Co E of the said Regiment knew him
well when a boy and young man living
near him. never heard that he had any
rupture up to the time of his entering the
Service of the United States in said Co E.
While at Fort Delaware in the State of
Delaware doing guard duty over Rebel
Prisoners said Smith I was told fell from
the walk around the barracks which walk
was from 6 inches to one foot above the ground
one dark night and straining on his right
side produced a rupture.

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Inv. Orig. 519,971

E. F. Woods

Geo. D. Smith

E, 6 Mass.

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TO EXAMINER

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Eastern Div.
U. S. Ex.
Inv. No. 519,971
D. E.
Mass. Inf.

EASTERN
JAN 28 1889
TO EXAMINER

December 21

Sir:

To further aid this Bureau in the adjudication
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y as you can, the
sults of said injury
sed hereon, will be

pectfully
John C Black
Commissioner

South Acton Dec 27/88

Mr Black Ser
I dont know as I can say
anything more in regard to
Gearsh Smith's Pension Papers
as for dates I cant say what
date it happend it is so
long ago I have forgotten dates
& Sintoms smith was a
Man of good habits I have
always known him think
he Ought to get a Pension
that is my Opinion as far
as it goes I dont think I can
say more for or against him

Yours in Haist
Eben F Wood
South Acton
Mass

R,



December 21

...n in the adjudication
...h a statement in
...t the facts within
your personal knowledge relative to the origin of the soldier's alleged injury resulting in rupture of right groin concerning which you have recently testified.

In your reply please be as specific as possible with regard to dates, and describe as clearly as you can, the symptoms and the extent of alleged results of said injury.

Your immediate answer, endorsed hereon, will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

John C. Black
Commissioner

Eben F. Wood,
South Acton
Mass

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State of Massachusetts County of Middlesex ss. In the case of George D Smith of Shrewsbury in the County of Worcester and State aforesaid. On this twenty first day of November A.D. 1888 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Middlesex aforesaid duly authorized to administer oaths Ephraim B. Forbush aged 59 years a resident of Acton in the County of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit and who being duly sworn declared in relation to the aforesaid case as follows, "I hereby certify that I was a private in Co E, 6th Regiment Mass Vols. that I knew the said George D. Smith who was also a private in said Co E. was well acquainted with said Smith before he enlisted in the service of the United States, never heard that he had any rupture until after he entered the service, but believe him to have been sound in body at the time he was mustered into said Service. While at Fort Delaware in the State of Delaware doing guard duty said Smith suffered a rupture, As I recollect the circumstances it happened as follows.

As said Smith was doing general duty at said Fort Delaware one night he fell off the plank walk and struck on his side and produced a rupture This is the way it happened as I heard of it at the time from Smith and others and I have no reason to question its truth. Smith showed me the rupture It was nearly the size of a robins egg.

Smith was a man of strictly temperate habits. My post office address is North Acton Middlesex Co Massachusetts. I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Ephraim B. Forbush verified.

State of Massachusetts County of Middlesex ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of November A.D. 1888 by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and explained to him with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case nor am I concerned in its prosecution and that said affiant is known to me personally and that he is a credible person

William D Tuttle
Justice of the Peace

North Adow, Mar. 26, 1891.

Andrew Davidson,

Dear sir,

Mr. Forbush is sick with Rheumatism in right hand so that he can not use it, but at his request I ~~th~~ write that he knows he was hurt out there at war and that he saw it, but can not remember as to dates, but it was soon after.

Yours Respt,

for Mr. E. B. Forbush.

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East 4th Div.

J. A. Ex'r.

Claim No. 519,971,

George D. Smith,

Co. E, 6th Reg't Mass. Inf.

—:—

Return this letter with your reply.

PENSION OFFICE U.S. MAR 28 1891

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

March 20th 1891,

Sir:

To aid this Bureau in the adjudication of the above cited claim, please furnish a statement in your own handwriting, setting forth all the facts within your personal knowledge relative to the incurrence of hernia of right side, relative to which you have testified. Did you see the hernia? If so, how soon after its incurrence?

In your reply please be as specific as possible in respect to dates, and describe as clearly as you can the nature, symptoms, and extent of the disability.

Your immediate answer, indorsed upon the back of this letter, will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

Andrew Davidson
Acting Commissioner.

Ephraim B. Forbush Esq.
North Acton,
Middlesex Co,
Mass.,

(744—75 M.) 6—447

#519,971

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, January 4, 1889.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

~~_____, a _____ of Company _____,~~

_____ Regiment _____ Volunteers, was enrolled on the

_____ day of _____, 186 , at _____,

~~and is reported:~~ _____

Ebenr T. Wood & Ephraim B. Forbush, privts Co. "E", 6 Mass. Mil. Vols. are reported present on roll dated Aug. 31, '64. — M. O. with Co., Oct. 27, '64. — Return for Sept. '64 does not report them absent. Station of Co. Sept. 30, '64. Fort Delaware, Del.

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General.

By _____

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Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

December 21, 1888.

Respectfully requested of the ADJUTANT GENERAL U. S. A. a report from the records of his Office as to the presence or absence, on or about September, 1864, of Eben F. Wood, and Ephraim B. Forbush,

JAN 7 1889
EXAMINER

of Co. E. C. Mass-Inf

and the station, at that date, of the Company

Claim No. 519,971

George D. Smith,
Co E. C. Mass-Inf

John C. Black
Commissioner.

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U. S. PENSION OFFICE
JAN 4 1889

Officer's Certificate of Disability.

West. Acton. Mass April 2 1884
Put place and date here.

Name and rank of officer.

I, Frank H. Whitcomb of Company E of the 6th Regiment of Mass Vol M, certify on honor that Gerge D Smith was a Private in my company, and is, as I am informed, an applicant for an Invalid Pension; that he was Discharged October 23rd 1864 for reason of expiration of term

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

And I further Certify, that the said Gerge D. Smith at Fort Delaware Delaware about the last of August 1864 slipped or fell from a plank walk while on guard. producing hernia. and he was not fit for heavy duty afterward

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, and if the statement is from personal knowledge, acquired by actual presence at the time.

And that the said Gerge D. Smith was a sound able bodied man ~~when~~

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

when he entered the service

F H Whitcomb

Co E, 6th Regiment Mass Vol

Signature of officer, with rank.

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verified by Als (Captain)

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10-25-'83, 3c.

State of Massachusetts

County of Middlesex } ss.

On this 2nd day of April, 18[illegible], personally appeared before me the above-named Frank H Whitcomb to me well-known, and whom I believe to be respectable and entitled to credit, and subscribed and made oath to the foregoing statement, and that he has no interest in the application of the said soldier for a pension; and I further certify that I have no interest in said application.

If the officer is out of the service, he must make oath to his certificate before an officer whose official character should be certified by the Clerk of a Court of Record, under seal.

Robert B Stone

Notary Public

Certificate on file at Pension Office

I Certify that ..... before whom the above affidavit was made, is a ..... duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this ..... day of ..... 18 .

[L.S.]

Clerk of the .....

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No. 7

CLAIM FOR

OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY.

Name, ...

Rank, ...

Co. ....., Reg't ..... Vols.

P. O. Address, ...

FILED BY

ADJUTANT-GENERAL OF MASS.

STATE HOUSE,

BOSTON, MASS.

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—This affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; *the marginal instructions should be carefully observed before writing out the statement.* All the facts in possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be fully set forth, and the *dates* of treatment should be specifically given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

State of Massachusetts
County of Middlesex } SS.

In the Pension Claim No.

of George D Smith (Name of Claimant); late of Co E 6th Regt M.V.M (Company and regiment of service, in the army, or, name of vessel, if in the navy.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public (Official character of magistrate.)

in and for the aforesaid County and State, Josiah F Hutchins (Name of affiant.)

a citizen of Acton, County of Middlesex

State of Massachusetts, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case, as follows:

That he is a practicing physician, and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about years, and that (Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions.)

(No erasures or interlineations will be permitted unless the magistrate certifies in his Jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)

That I know George D Smith late private of Co E 6 Regt Mass vols, that I have known him some years prior to his enlistment that I never knew of his having an Hernia or any other physical disability prior to his enlistment

That he now has an Hernia, that I cannot remember the particulars attending the accident that resulted in the Hernia but have no doubt that his statement concerning the same is correct

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NOTES.

The Physician's Affidavit should show the following facts:

1st. Whether or not he knew the Soldier prior to enlistment; the length of time he has known him; how intimately and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition, whether as his family physician or as a neighbor; and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the Soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state, adding, if true, that had he been unsound he would have known it.

2d. If he treated Soldier while in the service; either as his regimental surgeon or while Soldier was home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The Soldier's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown as well as the nature of his disability and dates of treatment.

he should so state, giving *the date of his first treatment*; what his physical condition was at the time, with a complete diagnosis of the disability; *the period during which he treated him should be stated*, with dates, as near as possible, of the prescriptions.

4th. The extent to which Soldier has been able to perform manual labor since discharge; and in case of his death the date and cause should be fully stated.

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He further declares that he has been a practitioner of medicine for Thirty years, and that he has no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Sarah Hutchinson M.D.
2 Lieut to 6 Mass vols
(Affiant's Signature. Give rank and service if in the army.)

verified by Adj

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of April A.D. 1884, and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician in good professional standing: that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known to him before swearing, including the words

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erased, and the words

added: and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Charles B. Stone
(Signature.)

Notary Public
(Official Character.)

IMPORTANT.—If this declaration is executed before a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, the certificate of the CLERK OF THE COURT as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer must be attached. Neglect to comply with this requirement will cause trouble and DELAY.

Certificate on file at Pension Office at Washington

I, , Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that Esq., who hath signed his name to foregoing affidavit, was, at the time of so doing, a in and for said County and State duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this day of , 18 .

Clerk of the

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CLAIM FOR

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

AFFIDAVIT OF

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Felmary 18, 1885

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

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W.S.M.

Ajr

vs

[signature]

Assistant Adjutant General.

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Eastern Division.

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Jany 16th, 1885.

Respectfully requested of the ADJUTANT GENERAL U. S. A. a report from the records of his Office as to the presence or absence, on or about

Aug, Sept & Oct, 1864,

of Frank H. Whitcomb, Capt.

Isaiah Hutchins Lieut.

of Co. "E" 6th Regt. Mass Inf.

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Company and Regiment

Claim No. 519,971

George D. Smith

O. R. Clarke

Commissioner.

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Inv. No. 519,971,
Geo. D. Smith,
Co. E 6" Reg't Mass. Inf.

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PENSIONS OFFICE
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Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Return this letter with your reply.

Washington, D. C., July 8th, 1890,

SIR:

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Will you have the kindness to state whether you have any recollection of the claimant and his alleged disability, and if so, please furnish any information you may possess in the premises and give the circumstances of origin.

Your early reply will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

Geo. B. Rann

James Tanner,

Commissioner.

Otis M. Humphrey M. D.,
Minneapolis,
Minn.,

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100 E. 14th St. Minneapolis
July 20th 1890

I have no recollection of
Geo D Smith Co. E. 6th Minn.
Inf. I was never on duty
at Fort Delaware Del.
The 6th Reg. Minn Inf was
not as I am aware
in the service in 1864, then
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9 months Time having
taken place in 1863.

Respectfully.
Otis W Humphrey late
Late Asst Surg. 6th Minn. Vol
Infantry

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Geo. B. Raum
James Tanner,
Commissioner.

Wm Bass, M. D.,
137, Central St.,
Lowell,
Mass.,
(Late Asst. Surg. 6" Mass. Inf.)

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Lowell. Mass.
July 10-90

I do not recollect the case.

Wm Bass M.D.

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DR. GEO. E. PINKHAM,
129 CENTRAL ST.,
LOWELL.

July 9-1890

In answer to enclosed would state, that I was not in the 6th Regt in one hundred days service

Very respectfully
Geo E Pinkham

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(Late Asst. Surg. 6th Mass. Inf.,) 8

No. 1. (3—108.) No. 1.

ORIGINAL.

(FOR A BOARD.)

Claim No. 519971

Name of the claimant, George D. Smith

Rank, private

Company, E

Regiment, 6th Mass.

Post-office address, Shrewsbury Mass.

ADDRESS OF THE BOARD:

Post office, Worcester

County, "

State, Mass.

Date of examination, Oct. 29th, 1884.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that in compliance with the requirements of the law* we have carefully examined this applicant, who claims that while in the service of the United States at or near a place named ....., and while in line of duty, on or about the ..... day of ....., 18....., he incurred

Cause of disability.

Rupture

Degree of disability.

and that in consequence thereof he is ..... disabled for earning his subsistence by manual labor.

His pulse-rate is 78 120 per minute; his respiration 18 20; his temperature .....; his height is 5 feet and 6 inches; he weighs 150 pounds, and states that he is 37 years of age.

Touching the cause and degree of the disability for which he claims a pension, he makes the following statement: While on guard duty, he slipped off a plank and ruptured right grain in Sept. 1864 — And that he had no other disability in in the army

But he has had difficulty of breathing for the last three or four years & not before

Here give the statement of the claimant fully, but as compactly as possible.

SUBJECTIVE SYMPTOMS.

The examination reveals the following objective facts in support of his statements:

He has right oblique inguinal hernia — opening small, hernia easily retained by a truss

He has increased dullness over heart, action of heart excitable — Apex beat just below the nipple — General appearance vigorous — Disability for heart half, No Evidence of any connection with the army All other vital organs appear healthy

Here give a full symptom picture of the case, embracing all the physical and rational signs, but confining it to the present condition of the claimant.

OBJECTIVE SYMPTOMS.

From the existing condition and the history of this claimant, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment, ... probable that the disability was incurred in the service as he claims, and that it has not been aggravated or prolonged by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a total rating for the disability caused by Hernia, ... for that caused by ....., and ..... for that caused by ....., the sum of which aggregates .....

Here give rating for each cause of disability, and state the aggregate.

* See the back.

J. Marcus Rice, Pres.,
Oramel Martin, Sec'y,
Albert Wood, Treas.,
BOARD.

☞ Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character† and number of claim. — Pension Claim No. 519,971.

Name and rank of claimant. Geo. D. Smith, Rank, Priv.

Company E, 6th Reg't Mass. Inf. | Fitchburg Mass. (Post office address of the Board.) State,

Claimant's post office address. Acton Mass. | Mar. 13 (Date of examination.), 1889.

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law* we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz:

Cause of disability. rupture.

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives a pension of ..... dollars per month.

Pulse rate per minute, 80; respiration, 20; temperature, 98.4°; height, 5 feet 6 1/4 inches; weight, 150 pounds; age, 44 years.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for† original; that hernia comes down about once in 2 wks. on an average. Has worn a truss ever since return from army. Present truss retains the rupture pretty well. After a hard day's work it is difficult to wear truss because of soreness at point of rupture. Sometimes has to lie down a while on account of this soreness.

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

General health is good.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: general appearance is good. Hands and muscles are hard. Tongue and skin are normal. There is right inguinal hernia. Claimant has on a double truss and the skin in each groin is reddened as if by its pressure. When he stands up and coughs the hernia comes down until it is large as a small hen's egg. It is easily reduced; it is indirect. Inguinal rings each admit one finger easily—the right being slightly larger than the left. There is no hernia on left side. We find no other disability. Hernia passes through both rings—internal and external.

Here give a full symptom picture of the case, embracing all the physical and rational signs, but confining it to the present condition of the claimant.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to give an opinion as to the proportionate degree of disability, as ¼, ½, total, &c., through the grades, *without any regard to dollars and cents*, and to make such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.

From the existing condition and the history of this claimant, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment, ... probable that the disability was incurred in the service as he claims, and that it has not been prolonged or aggravated by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 8/18 rating for the disability caused by right inguinal hernia, — — for that caused by — — —, and — — caused by — — —

Rate for *each* cause of disability. If prolonged by vicious habits, the word *not* should be erased and the reason for the erasure given.

* See the back.
† Here state whether for original, increase, restoration, or renewal, or for a re-rating.

Levi Pillsbury, Pres. Ernest P. Miller, Sec'y. H. H. Lyons, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.

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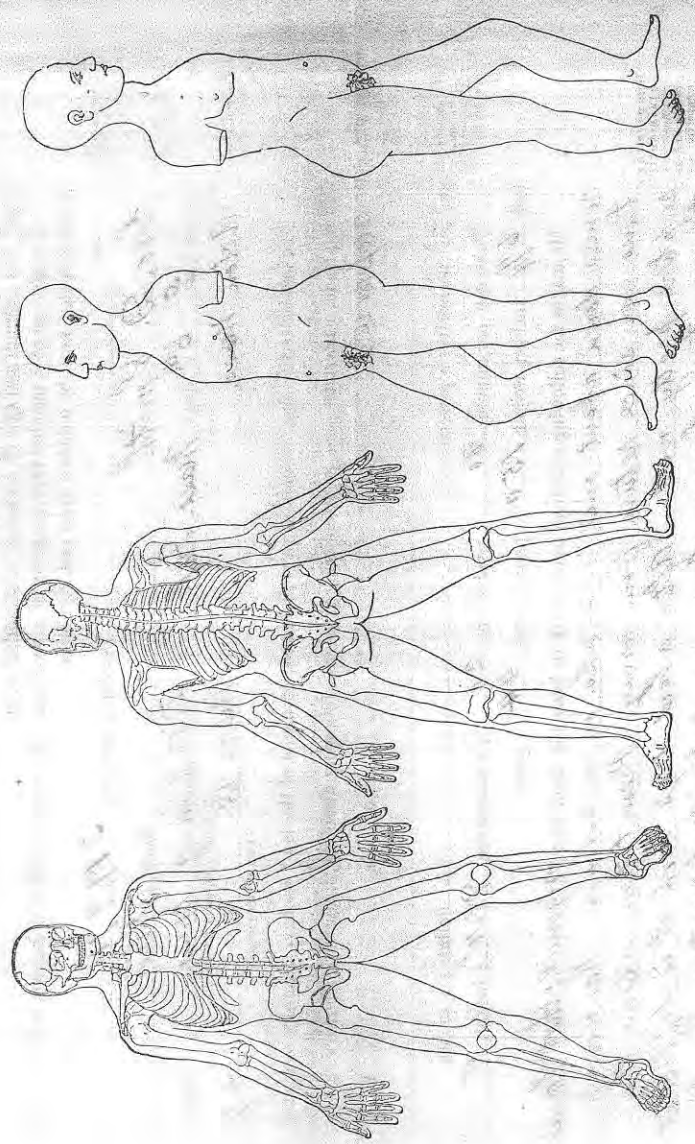

Single surgeons will use this blank, changing "we" to read "I," and "our" to read "my." They will erase the words "Pres.," "Sec'y," "Treas.," and "Board" where the words appear, and sign at the foot of the certificate, and also on the back of the same.

PENSION OFFICE APR 20 1889

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Geo. D. Smith

Co. E, 6th Reg't Mass. Inf.

Applicant for

No. 519,971.

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

Mar. 13, 1889.

Eri Pitchburg, Pres.,
E. P. Miller, Sec'y,
H. H. Lyons, Treas.,
} BOARD.

Post office, Pitchburg

County, Worcester

State, Mass.

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plainly and in full.

Secy. Does the hernia pass through both rings or only through the internal & is lodged in the canal

Respectfully

March 28/89 G.A.D.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [*Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.*]

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☞ Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character† and number of claim. Original Pension Claim No. 519.971

Name and rank of claimant. George D. Smith, Rank, private

Company E, 6th Reg't Mass. Vols. Worcester Mass. State,
(Post office address of the Board.)

Claimant's post office address. 12 Seven St. Worcester, Mass. May 1st, 1889.
(Date of examination.)

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law* we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz:

Cause of disability. right inguinal hernia

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives a pension of — dollars per month.

Pulse rate per minute, 108.120; respiration, 18.20; temperature, 98.4; height, 5 feet 5 inches; weight, 150 pounds; age, 44 years.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for† Original

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible. Was ruptured in army. Comes down. Can't keep it up. Truss hurts, irritates & inflames. So have to leave of work. Results of a fall. Has pains. Hard to find truss that will keep it up. Short breath on any exertion.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Slightly anaemic. Skin normal. Eyes muddy. Tongue pale, furred & indented. Muscles firm & well nourished. Cardiac area slightly increased, apex 5 & 6 ribs near nipple line. Action irregularly intermittant & excitable. Sounds indistinct. Find right oblique inguinal hernia. Opening admits end of index finger. Comes down into scrotum 2 x 2 in. Can be reduced & retained with difficulty.

Here give a full symptom picture of the case, embracing all the physical and rational signs, but confining it to the *present* condition of the claimant.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to give an opinion as to the proportionate degree of disability, as ¼, ½, total, &c., through the grades, *without any regard to dollars and cents*, and to make such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.

From the existing condition and the history of this claimant, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment, ... probable that the disability was incurred in the service as he claims, and that it has not been prolonged or aggravated by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 8/18 rating for the disability caused by hernia, right, 4/18 for that caused by dis. heart, and ..... caused by .....

Rate for *each* cause of disability. If prolonged by vicious habits, the word *not* should be erased and the reason for the erasure given.

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Insert character and number of claim.

Act June 27th, 1890 Pension Claim No. 561,550
[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]

Name and rank of claimant.

Geo. D. Smith, Rank, private

Company E, 6th Reg't Mass. Inf. Worcester, Mass. State,

Claimant's post-office address.

Shrewsbury, Mass. [Post-office address of the Board.] April 4th, 1894.
[Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred

Cause of disability.

in the service, viz: right inguinal hernia & disease of heart;

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line.

and that he receives a pension of twelve dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Act June 27,1890
[Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

He has rupture on r. side; has been troubled with this since 1864 fell off a plank walk around bull-pen, Ft. Deleware, which he claims was cause of rupture. He wears a truss which he says holds it up, but it hurts him. Says his heart beats terribly, bothers him if he hurries or gets excited; has pain in region of heart at times. He is a harness repairer; works 2 or 3 days, then has to give up, gets so lame. Says he thinks he loses about 1/4 of his time in a year. Has only earned $1.50 since last fall, on account of his rupture. If he lifts anything heavy, rupture inflames. Uses 10¢ worth of tobacco a week; does not use stimulants; never had venereal disease.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 120-126-144 respiration, 18-24; temperature, 99°; height, 5 feet 5 1/2 inches; weight, 150 pounds; age, 49 years. Find tumor in r. inguinal region, 1/2 x 3/4 in.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of Instructions.

comes into canal but does not come through external ring; pillars of ring tense; admits end of index finger; can be reduced & retained by a proper truss. Find the same condition of things in left inguinal region, viz.:- a tumor 1/2 x 3/4 in. comes into canal, but does not come through external ring; pillars of ring tense; admits end of index finger, can be reduced and retained by a proper truss. Cardiac area increased; apex beat 6th interspace, nipple line, (determined only by stethoscope) no murmurs; action of heart very rapid; strikes against chest wall with a decided thud. Cardiac Hypertrophy with thickened arteries. Tortuous temporal ; with thickened radial arteries; No dyspnoea; oedema, or cyanosis. Lungs normal. Liver normal. Spleen normal. Face congested; teeth poor; tongue slightly coated & teeth-indented; eyes bright; conjunctivae very slightly injected, not icteroid; Hands do not look toil-worn, fairly well-nourished; skin normal. Slight crepitation at shoulder joints;. No limitation of motion about these joints, no atrophy of muscles; no other joints, muscles or tendons affected. No other disabilities found to exist; dis. are not the result of vicious habits. In the opinion of this Board this man is incapacitated for only the lightest manual labor, by reason of heart disability.

The actual and probable origin of every existing disability must be fully set forth. Whenever a disability is shown, or is believed to be due to or aggravated by vicious habits the opinion of the board must be stated. When not due to such habits this fact must be stated.

John T. Duggan, Pres. Michael F. Fallon, Sec'y. Albert Wood, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.

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BUREAU OF PENSIONS

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No. Claim .....

Cert. No. 561550

Claimant .....

Soldier George W. Smith

Service 26 Mass Inf

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This claim is made special at the instance of

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Earl D. Church

Commissioner.

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SPECIAL CLAIM

This slip must be kept on outside of case until pending claim is disposed of.

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ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

S C No. 561550

Claimant WILLIAM S BRYANT GDN

Soldier GEORGE D SMITH INCOMP

Service E 6 MASS INF

Address RANDOLPH CENTER

ORANGE County VT

Rec'd in S. E. D. MAY 1, 19 30 from MED

REFERENCES

To Weschler May 3, 1930

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George D Smith

Cert. No. 561550

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Attorney,

P. O.,

County, State,

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Soldier Smith

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Act of May 11, 1912.

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Name, George D. Smith

Application filed June 7, 1912

Service, C & E 6 Mass Inf.

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Board of Rev Division.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Nov 27, 1893

No. Claim,

Cert. No. 561550

Claimant, George D Smith

Soldier,

Co. E, 6 Reg't Mass Inf

Respectfully referred to the Chief of Board of Revision for consideration relative to continuance at present rate of pension ($12.00) under new Law.

After such action has been taken, he will please return papers to this Board, for consideration of claim to Revision under general law.

Wm Hutchinson
Rev

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Chief of Division.

Chief Board Reviewed

East Division.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., June 29, 1894,

No. Claim,

Cert. No. 561,550

Claimant, George D. Smith,

Soldier, " " "

Co. E, 6th Reg't Mass. V. Inf.

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the S. E. Div. - for special examination, as per slip of Reviewer, hereto attached.

order No. 76 complied with.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS. JUL 30 1894 E. DIVISION. SURVEY

Chief of East Division.

Andrew Geddes

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Board of Review Division

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. June 11 1897

Chief Board Review

No. Claim,

Cert. No. 561550

Claimant, George D Smith

Soldier

Co. E, 6 Reg't Mass Infy

Respectfully returned to the Chief of Eastern Division for reference to the Special Exn. Division to determine the facts as to incurrence of hernia in service and line of duty. Claimant says he slipped from a plank when on guard in the night, causing hernia. There is no direct proof of such incurrence, and no witness testifying is shown to have personal knowledge. Besides, existence since discharge is not shown. This reference is deemed necessary.

Chief of Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

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No. 561 550 *Claim of* n George D. Smith

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
WASHINGTON April 29, 1930

The Chief,

Special Examination Division.

Subject: Claim for $72 rate, act of May 1, 1920.

I.C. 561550 , of George D. Smith, incompetent

P.O.of gdn. William S. Bryant, Randolph Center, Vermont

Special examination is desired to determine the merits of this claim. The investigation should be conducted in accordance with the circular of instructions dated March 16, 1926.

The special examination should show as definitely as possible the date when claimant became entitled to the benefit of section 2, act of May 1, 1920.

Incidentally it should be determined whether he is entitled to the $90 rate under section 1, act of July 3, 1926. Attention is invited to the definition of the words, "totally helpless," set forth in the Department's construction of this act under date of December 4, 1926. Limitation of vision to mere perception of light is total blindness within the meaning of the pension laws.

H W Richardson
Medical Referee.

Approved:

WINFIELD SCOTT,
Commissioner.

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Tupper Lake N Y
July 29, 1930.

The Commissioner of Pensions:

Caption: Claim for $72 rate, Act of May 1, 1920.
S.C. 561 550, of George D. Smith, incompetent
P.O. of gdn. William S. Bryan$, Randolph Center, Vt.

Reference: To determine the merits of the case.

Reputation: The witness in this case is a farmer who has resided in this immediate district many years and is well spoken of by all neighbors.

Manner of Testifying: Witness testifeid in a frank and open manner without hesitation and his wife who was present at the taking of deposition corroborated all he said.

Statement: Upon inquiry in the village it was learned that the claimant was not living with his guardian, but instead was living with a family by the name of Bickford, farmers who lived about 2 miles from farm of his guardian. After two unsuccessful attempts to find the guardian at home the writer went to the Bickford farm where claimant lived. There it was learned that claimant had caught the morning milk truck and gone to town to see the Circus. The deposition of Newell D. Bickford with whom claimant is boarding herewith states that claimant is able to dress and undress himself, walk about, and feed himself unattended. This information, corroborated by deponents, wife who was present, together with the fact that claimant had gone to town unattended would tend to prove that claim was not within purview of the act of May 1, 1920. It seems that claimants guardian and the people with whom claimant is boarding were under the impression that claimant was entitled to more money because of his being over 80 years old.

Recommendation: For consideration of the Medical Referee.

Respectfully submitted

Chas. H. Wescheler

Field Representative.

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(For typewriter)

Case of George D. Smith No. 561550

On this 21 day of July , 1930, at Randolph Center county of Orange , State of Vermont before me, Charles H. Weschler , a field representative of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Newell D. Bickford , who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to h im during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

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My correct name is Newell D. Bickford, age 56, residence and Post Office address: Box 30, R F D #1, Randolph Center, Vt.

George D. Smith, the claimant in this case, has been boarding with me about a year. W. S. Bryant, claimants guardian pays me $1.00 a day for keeping of claimant.

The claimant went to Randolph (5 miles away) today to see the Circus. He was unattended and just caught the milk truck down to town.

Most of the time claimant dresses and undresses himself. He can walk about unaided and feeds himself at the table. He goes in town with me and gets out of the machine and goes where he minds to unattended. Most of the time he goes to bed alone. We do have to light his lamp. We leave him alone in the day-time, but only once, night before last, have we left him alone at night. Claimant can see persons and objects when walking about the house and yard.

I have no financial interest in this claim.

I have read the above statement and it is correct.

Witness Mrs. Lenore Bickford × Newell D. Bickford
Deponent.
Randolph Ctr. Vt.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of July 1930 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Chas. H. Weschler

Field Representative.

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No. 561 550

Claimant: George D. Smith

Soldier: do

P. O. address: Randolph Center

County: Orange State: Vt.

Recommendation: To Medical Referee

Chas. H. Weschler
Field Representative.

REFERENCE

AUG 1 - 1930, 19

Respectfully referred
to the Medical Referee
for consideration.

M. L. DAWKINS
Chief S. E. Division

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION

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Reviewer.

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Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At Randolph, Vt

Jany 2, 1896

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Geo D Smith *No.* 561,560

To " " " , *Claimant:*

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 2 day of Jany, A. D. 1896 and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Randolph, County of Orange and State of Vt, and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all material witnesses will be heard.

And you are further notified that you have the privilege of being present, in person or by attorney, during said special examination, and of cross-examining said witnesses and of introducing any material evidence on your own behalf, if you so desire.

C. M. Gillette
Special Examiner.

Randolph Vt

I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 2 day of Jany, 1895, and desire the examination to begin ~~on the~~ at once.

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George D Smith

No 561,550
George D Smith
Co E 6" Mass. Vols.
Montpelier Vt Jany 4/96
Hon. Wm. Lochran
Commissioner of Pensions.
Sir:
I have the honor to return herewith the papers in the above cited claim together with my report.
I received the claim on the morning of Jany 2/96 and upon discovering that there had been great trouble to locate the Clt. I decided to take the claim with me as I was going to Randolph on other work.
I located the Clt and learned he had only been there about three months and was working for another man and liable to leave there at any time so I thought best to take his statement there being no witnesses in this vicinity

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The Clt seems to be a reliable man and quite intelligent

The claim was referred to the S.E. Div to settle the question of origin and existence at discharge of the alleged rupture.

There is not probability that there can be any testimony adduced to show from personal knowledge the occurrance of the injury alleged. The claimant gave a very clear and concise statement as to the occurance says he was on the outside of the barracks in a dark night and walking on a narrow walk that he stepped off and the sudden jar and strain produced severe pain in his groin at once and the next day there was a bunch there that gave him pain but that he went on guard again the next night in great pain and after that the Capt excused

him from duty and that he afterwards done duty in the Cook house.

He stated emphatically that there was not one case in jail and that he did not show the rupture to any one in the service but Eben Wood and Ephraim Forbush who were with him in the Cook house, and that he never complained of it to any one but the Capt. F. H. Whitcomb.

He also states that he does not know of any one but his father and mother who would know he had a rupture when he got home. He could not call to mind any one that he knew he stated that he has not been at his old home but a few times and has forgotten about every one there. I obtained all the information from him that I was able. It may be possible that his parents

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may be able to afford some information that will help the case,

The Elts wife seems to be a sort of a roving person he does not know where she is at the present time He told the hostler at the livery stable that he had followed her all over the country and had now got done. He may stay in Randolph some time and may be gone very soon.

From the claimants actions and appearance I believe he told the truth and if so there is without doubt merit in the claim I recommend further Examination.

Origin Eben F Wood South Acton Middlesex County
" Ephraim B Forbush Non " " "
" Frank H. Whitcomb West " " "
Contin Luke Smith & Wife Actons " "

Very respectfully
C W. Gillette
Special Agent

N. B.—Examiners should be particular to have affiants sign on the line next below the closing words of their depositions so as to leave little or no space between their signatures and the end of their depositions.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Geo D Smith, No. 561550

On this 2 day of Jany, 1896, at Randolph, County of Orange, State of Vt, before me, Chas Gillette, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Geo. D. Smith, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: My age is 52 years P.O. Randolph Occupation Harness Maker I was a Pte Co "E" 6th Mass Vols, July 8 1864 Enlisted Discharged Oct 27 1864,

I was in no other service, Before enlistment I lived in Acton Mass, I was then sound and healthy in every respect had no rupture or signs or symptoms of any,

I was examined at enlistment but was not stripped, and examined, I was examined at Readville Mass, Before enlistment I lived at home with my father & Mother they are both living at Acton Mass now, Father Luke Smith, I cannot recall of any others who would know I was free from rupture at enlistment,

After enlistment I went to Arlington Heights Va, staid about a month, drilling, then we went to Fort Delaware Del. to guard prisoners, and was there until discharged,

After being there about a month, one night as I was on guard on

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the outside of the Barracks or what we called the Bull Pen walking on a walk about two feet wide I stepped off the walk and fell, as soon as I fell I felt a sharp pain in my right groin but did not then know it was a rupture, after being hurt I kept on my post until relieved but stood still most of the time, as it hurt me to walk, after being relieved I went to quarters and laid down the next morning I discovered a bunch in my right groin which was very sore and hurt to touch it, I was not excused from duty but went on guard the next night. I was put on a bridge that night and more than half the time I had my legs hung up over the railing and laid on the bridge, I could get some relief from pain that way, The next day I told the Capt about it and he let me off duty for a week, the Capt was Frank W. Whitcomb of West Acton Mass, at the end of the week I went on duty again the rupture would then go down into the scrotum when I would stand on my feet, but the soreness was not quite so bad but it was very painfull all the time, I did not wear a truss in the service but got one as soon as I got home and have worn one ever since I did not go to the Surg in the service, I bought a truss on School St, Boston on my way home which was no good I bought another in Boston soon after

which made a running sore in my groin and I laid on my back for a week This was about a year after I got home it was caused by the truss being to light
I have worn a truss ever since I came from the service,
I was married about a year after discharge, wife living she is now in Mass somewhere I dont know where she is just now,
After I was hurt I was in the cook house with Ebin Wood of So Acton Mass, Ephraim Forbush of Nor Acton Mass, and showed them the rupture
I did not show it to anyone else in the service, did not complain of it to anyone else except the Capt while in the service
There was no one with me when I got hurt no one saw me fall the night was so dark one could not see anything,
My father knew I had a rupture in a few days after I got home and my mother also knew of it, There is no one else knows of it at that time,
I had rheumatism while in the services first at Rockville Mass after we came back from Delaware we stood at

George D Smith
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 *day of* June *189* 6, *and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.*

C M Gillette
Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Geo D Smith, No. 561550

On this Dep day of , 189 , at Claimant, County of State of Continued, before me, , a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared , who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to h during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

Redvill about a week, and I was excused from duty on account of rheumatism I went to the Guy once at Fort Delaware with a terrible cold, the rheumatism was in my hips mostly and is now in my shoulders and arms, I staid in Acton Mass about a year after discharge, then to Long Island Ny. about six months, then to Concord Mass, several years then to Rock Bottom Mass about a year then to Berlin Mass about six months then to Shrewsbury Mass about twenty years, then to Nor Randolph Vt. then here about three months ago, have always worked at shoemaking and harness making,

Rheumatism Rupture of right side and a cold were all the disabilities I had while in the service,

I dont know of any one to prove my rupture by only those who have testified and my father and mother

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I first felt heart trouble a
good many years ago I cant
say just when,
After going to Fort Delaware
we staid there until we came
back to Mass, to be discharged,
I do not care to be present during
the examination of any of my
witnesses
I have no witness I want
seen in Vermont,
The above is correct.
George D Smith

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of Jany,
1896, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C M Gillette
Special Examiner.

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CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION

Case of Geo D Smith, No. 661,550

On this 2 day of January, 1896 at Randolph, County of Orange, State of Vt, before me, C McGillicuddy a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Geo D Smith, the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

Q. If it should become necessary to further examine your claim, by taking the testimony of witnesses elsewhere, do you desire to be present in person or be represented by an attorney, or both, at such further examination? If so, you will be notified as to the place and time when it is to be made.

A. No

Q. Should you change your mind and desire to be present, or be represented by an attorney during any further examination of your case, will you *at once* address a letter to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.," giving the name and the number of your claim, informing him that you have so changed your mind, and desire to be notified when your claim is to be further examined?

A. Yes

Q. State the names of the person or persons and their post-office addresses, instrumental in the prosecution of your claim for pension.

A. None

Q. State what contract or contracts you have made with such person or persons for their services in prosecuting your claim for pension, and whether such contract or contracts were written or verbal.

Q. State the amount of fees paid by you or at your instance, to whom paid, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction.

A. None,

Q. Please give me the names of all witnesses that you desire examined elsewhere, with their post-office addresses, and also state what you expect to prove by each witness.

A. None other than those who have testified and my father & Mother

Q. Have you any complaint to make as to the conduct, manner, or fairness of the examination of your claim? If so, please state specifically what it is.

A. No

Q. Do you desire to introduce any more testimony before me?

A. No

George D Smith

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of January, 1896 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C. M. Gillette

Special Examiner.

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Montpelier, Vermont. (1)

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East. Dist. S. E. D. JAN 4 1896

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No. 561,550

Claimant: Geo. D Smith

Soldier: " " "

P. O. address: Randolph

County: Orange, State: Vt

Recommendation: Further Exm

C. M. Gillette

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

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Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

, 189 .

Reviewer.

ACTION.

Jan. 22, 1896

To Middlesex Co. Mass.

Prior soundness, origin in line of duty and condition at discharge. B.J.

Wm Cochran

Commissioner.

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Boston Mass Sept 28/96

Sir:

I have the honor to return the papers in the claim of Geo D Smith late Pvt Co E, 6. Mass Inf. No 561,550. The claim is for rupture and was referred for special examination to determine origin in line of duty & cannot me notice wanted for further examination. I seen all the witnesses mentioned by Special Exr Gillett. The testimony is some what conflicting and some what unsatisfactory. None of the witnesses seen him when he incurred the alleged injury and none of them will swear they saw the rupture while in the service. The claimant seems to have carefully refrained from mentioning that his father was in the same company & was employed in the Cook house. Wood dont remember Clout being employed in the Cook house, but thinks he visited there. The father states he

understood the strain was caused while on drill &c. Never heard of it as result of slipping off a plank — Capt Whitcomb remembered the case without first being directly questioned. He is a reliable intelligent farmer. I have no doubt he had a pretty clear recollection of his former affidavit, I consider his statement as the most favorable & the nearest to direct testimony in the case. Of the list of comrades I only took one negative statement Mr Page, who knew & remembered such very well. Henry Moore is in San Francisco, but writes he has no knowledge of any disability. H Hutchings was not at home when I was at Acton & he wrote he had no knowledge of origin. His affidavit is in his own hand writing. Knowlton & Roach, are dead. The others on the list dont know anything about the case, I did not think it necessary to take their statement. Moses Page is a sample

of what they would be, I dont believe it possible to get further or better evidence I consider the case as of rather doubtful merit. There is certainly no evidence that a rupture existed in service, while there is very good evidence that he complained of an injury or pain in groin although no one seen him when he incurred the alleged injury & unless by presumption line of duty can not be shown. On the whole, the best evidence obtainable being secured. I do not consider the proof sufficient to admit, and I therefore recommend rejection.

Very respectfully
Jas Kennelly
Special Examiner

Hon. D. J. Murphy
Comr of Pensions
Washington
D.C.

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DEPOSITION a

Case of Geo D Smith, No. 561550

On this 2d day of Aug, 1896, at So Acton, County of Middlesex State of Mass, before me, Jas Kennelly, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Ebenezer Wood, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to me during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am 59 yrs of age occupation painter. Vol ad as above. I served as per Co E. C. Mem Inf. I knew the claimant before enlistment & became well acquainted with him in service. No ~~[illegible]~~ we were not given a very carefully examination, at enlistment we were simply looked over, but not stripped.

I remember while at Ft Delaware we were on duty guarding prisoners I heard that Smith while on guard duty in the pen slipped off a plank or plank walk or some thing like that & hurt himself I was never on duty in the pen I was sick with the diarrhoea & when I got able to do any duty I was put in the cook House & stood there till mustered out, I waited with Smith when he was hurt.

As near as I can recollect he told me they hurt resulted in a rupture, I remember he was around after that & didn't do any more duty, I don't remember now, but I think he did come

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& visited me in the cook house & told me about it & I think he showed me the rupture, I dont remember sufficiently clear at this late date to swear that he showed me the rupture. but it is my best impression he did, My recollection of him telling me that he was hurt & that it was in the groin is clear — the left I think & my understanding was it was a rupture. but I cant swear whether I seen it or not, Hearing my affidavit read does not recall the fact that I seen the rupture but I can swear as a fact that I knew of the injury while in the service & that it occurred as I have stated above, I cant make any more positive statement at this late day, as my memory is not so good as it used to be, Yes to best of my belief he was sound when he enlisted - He might be ruptured & I not know it, but I never knew or heard of it

I have no interest

Answers correctly recorded

E F Wood
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of Aug, 1896, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Jas Kennelly
Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION B

Case of Geo D Smith, No. 561.538

On this 2d day of Aug, 1896, at W Acton, County of Middlesex State of Mass, before me Jas Kennelly, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Frank H Whitcomb, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am 58 years of age occupation farmer P.O. Ad as above. I served as Capt Co E. 6 Mass Inf & I know Smith well. Knew him before enlistment, I think I enlisted him & knew him well. I cant swear whether he was carefully examined or not at enlistment, but presume so. So far as I know he was a sound man at enlistment.

As I stated to you at first I have a recollection of him complaining of some kind of pain any injury which resulted in a I remember him coming to me & telling me he was not able to do duty & I couldn't see anything the matter with him from his looks & asked him what the trouble was & he said he had a severe pain in the groin. I presume he told me the cause of the pain there but I cant recall what it was now. No, I cant say that he

ever showed me the rupture & dont know as I learned that the difficulty developed with a rupture while yet in the service - I think I knew of the rupture soon after our mustering out yes he was excused from duty because of the pain in the groin.
I cant remember now of the circumstances under which the rupture was incurred
It strikes me he didn't do but very little duty after that since hearing my affidavit read. I think that the statement that the rupture was produced by falling from a plank while on guard duty is correct - I cannot recall the circumstances now. but I am satisfied I remembered the circumstances when I made the statement in 1884. I remember well that he complained of the injury in the groin while in the service. for I recall now that there was some complaint of him not doing his share of duty & I investigated the matter & found out as a fact that he had an injury in the groin that interfered with his doing duty. That is how I recall the case so well. I have no interest

Frank H Whitcomb
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of Aug, 1896, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Jas Kennelly
Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Geo D Smith, No. 561550

On this 20 day of Aug 1896, at N. Acton, County of Middlesex State of Mass, before me, Jas Kennelly, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Ephraim B Forbush, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am 64 years of age Occupation farmer. P.O. ad. North Acton, I served as pvt Co E. 6 Mass Inf in 1864, I enlisted some time Chart did I had known him well before his enlistment & in fact right along since he was a boy, I served in the Cook House most of my service at Ft Delaware. No we were not stripped & examined at muster in. We were just stood in line & looked over

Q What do you know of Smith in carrying any disability.

A I haven't any personal knowledge of him in carrying any disability in the service. No I dont know as I know of him complaining of any disability

No sir I dont know of him having any disability of any character & I dont know of any now

Q Do you know any thing about him having a rupture?

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a I did not fully understand you at first. I do know of him complaining of a rupture, but I cant say when I first knew of it. I was after the war. I cant say how soon after. perhaps a year or so. No. I cant say as I remember ever hearing him complain of a rupture while we were in the army. I dont think I did. No I dont know as he ever told me when or where or how he got the rupture. All I can testify to is that I heard him complain of a rupture some time after the war, but not in the army, & when or where he got it he never told me. I dont seem to remember making a statement for him, I remember he & his wife was to see me a number of years ago. I dont remember now whether I made a statement then or not

Since hearing you read my former affidavit I can say I remember well of hearing of him falling of the plank while doing guard duty, & seeing him around

Attest

Mrs Mary Ida Johnson
John F. Murphy

Ephraim Forbes
his mark
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of Sept, 1896, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Jas Kennelly
Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION C

Case of Geo D Smith, No. 561,550

On this 20 day of Aug, 1896, at North Acton, County of Middlesex, State of Mass, before me, Jas Kennelly, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Ephraim B Forbush, Cont'd, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to h during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: after it & that he was limping around. My recollection is he was hurt in the side or hip. No I dont remember of hearing that he was ruptured or hurt in the groin. I dont remember of knowing he had a rupture fell some time after the war. but I cant say as he told me when or how he got it

Yes I think he was all right & sound when he went into the army

Q When you made your affl who was present

A I dont think there was any one present. but himself & his wife. I think I did sign the paper there right here at home. I guess I did meet him down at Squire Tuttles, & swore to the paper. No I am quite sure now I went before Squire Tuttle & swore to the

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papers, but I can't recall the circumstances now that I knew Smith had a mistress in the service
This statement today is all I know of the case
I have no interest
answers correctly recorded
I am troubled with rheumatism so that I can't write my name & will sign by X
Attest Ephraim X Forbush
Mrs Mary Ida Johnson, mark
John F. Murphy

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of Sept, 1896, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Jas Kinnelly
Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Geo D Smith, No. 561558

On this 2d day of Aug, 1896, at Acton, County of, State of Mass, before me, Jas Kennelly, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Luke Smith, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am 83 years of age No occupation, P.O. ad. Acton Mass I am the father of the Clmt I served in Co E. 6 Mass as per Enr Apr 1861 & m.c. Aug 3/61, I re-enlisted & served in Co E. 26 Mass till Aug 62 when I was discharged for disability. I reenlisted & served again in Co E. 6 Mass in 1864, & my son George was in the same Company, I done duty in the Cook House most of my service in 1864

Q Do you know whether your son George got any disability in the service

A About a month before we came home while we were stationed at Ft Delaware he told me he had a pain in the groin,

Q Did he tell you what caused it

A Well he told me he though going out on drill with his knap sack on caused a strain, Yes he told me that at the time, No he didn't complain a great deal of it then, Yes I guess he kept on duty

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most of the time. No, he
didn't show me the injury
Q When did you first know he
had a rupture?
A Oh some time along after
we came home — some time
along the next winter I think.
Yes he showed it to me then
I should think it was as
large as a walnut, No he
wasn't wearing a truss or
bandage then. I think he
got him a truss soon after. The
rupture was on the right side
No he never had a rupture
before he went into the army
Yes I think he told me he got the
sprain while in drill
Q Did you ever hear of him getting
hurt of him saying he got hurt
by falling or stepping off a plank
while on ~~[illegible]~~ guard duty?
A No, never heard him say that
always understood it was
done while in drill, on a double
quick or some thing like that.
When he first showed it to me after
he came home he didn't wear a truss
but did soon after. Yes I know he com-
plained of the pain in the groin while at
Camp Delaware. My answers
correctly recorded

Luke Smith
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ..... day of .....,
189 , and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

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Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Geo D Smith, No.

On this 28 day of Aug, 1896, at Acton, County of State of Mass, before me, Jas Kennelly, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Mary Smith, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am 77 year of age occupation housekeeper. Pd Ad Acton Centre Mass. I am the mother of Geo D Smith the claimant, who served as pvt in Co E. 6, Mass. That is the only service he was ever in. Yes Sir he had lived at home up to the time he went into the army. No Sir he had never received any injury before he went into the army. He was sound & healthy then & free from any disabilities. No he was never ruptured before he went into the army that I know of. I cant say just how soon it was after he came home that he had a rupture. He has got a bad one now. No I cant say how long it was after his return I have known it for years back. I couldn't say whether I knew it within a year or so after he came back. but I should

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think within a year or so
No I don't remember of
him writing from the army
about being hurt. He
wasn't gone long
When he came home I
don't remember of him com
plaining of any thing. It
was some time after I
heard of him complaining.
I can't approximate when
I first knew of the rupture
The best I can say was
within a year or so after
My answers are correctly
recorded

Mary Smith

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of Sept,
1896, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Jas Kennelly
Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Geo D Smith, No. 56/550

On this 19 day of Aug 1896, at Boston, County of Suffolk State of Mass, before me, Jas Kennelly, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Moses L Page, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am 58 yrs of age occupation broker. P.O. Ad No. 1, Salem St. I served on pvt Co E 6 Mass Inf. I remember Geo D Smith, because we quarted with him in the Company. My acquaintance with him was not intimate, but I remember him quite well. I have no recollection or knowledge of him in curing any disability or sickness. No I have no knowledge of him being ruptured, I might have heard of it, but if I did I have forgotten him I have no interest answers OK

Moses L Page

Sworn & subscribed before me this 19 day of Aug 1896 & I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing

Jas Kennelly
Special Examiner

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SEP 30 1896

S. E. D.

No. 561550

Claimant: Geo D Smith

Soldier: Saml

P. O. address: Randolph

County: Orange State: Vt

Recommendation: Rejection

Jas Kennelly

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

Oct. 6, 1896

Respectfully referred to Chief Board Review for consideration

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

October 8, 1896

Rejection.

Wm Hutchinson

Reviewer.

ACTION.

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Commissioner.

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Act of June 9, 1930

Conc

3-1638

INCREASE

George D. Smith

Cert. No. 561550

P.O.,

County,

State,

~~Application~~ Letter filed Jan, 3, 1933

Service,

Jan 24/33 Letter to Dr Angell advises that claim is under consideration with a view to final action

J.J.S.S.D.

Attorney,

P.O.,

County, State,

CODED

COMP'S OLD LAW

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INCREASE.

Claim to 561,550

No. 561,550

George D. Smith

P. O.,

County,

State,

Application filed, , 18

State Service,

Oct. 19-96. client informed of Rej.

Disability,

Attorney,

P. O.,

County, , State,

(Order 10 — 100 M.)

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Adams Ex'r.

In or No. 519,971

Act of June 27, 1890.

Geo. D. Smith

P. O. Shrewsbury Mass

Service: E-6-Mass-Inf

Enlisted: 18 July, 1864

Discharged: 27 Oct, 1864

Application filed: Sep 13, 1890.

Alleges:

Any other ~~Claim filed~~: I or 519971

Numerical No. 445,516

Attorney: Thos. Smith

P. O. City

BOARD OF REVIEW MAR 20 1891

Recognized. Contract.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for , 18 .

OR

...ly 19/90, ~~A. J. Reed~~ ~~Fred Hirsh~~ J.A.

...ham, Wayne, Long, Choplin, Grannan, ...lbee, ~~Hosmer and~~ ~~Wells,~~ & Smyth.

...ar 20/91 - Letters to Forbush and Whitcomb, P. Ue Forbush, Whitcomb & Wood, ~~J.A.~~ ...ed. Clmt. Examiners Brief within. J.A.

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No. 319,971

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

George D. Smith

P. O. ~~Acton~~ ~~Shrewsbury~~ ~~Middlesex~~ Worcester Co. Mass

Service: Pvt. E. 6th Mass. Inf.

Enlisted: July 8, 1864

Discharged: Oct 27, 1864

Application filed: August 13, 1884

Alleges: Rupture rt side

Re-enlisted:

1/106

Attorney: Claimant

P. O.

Recognized. Contract.

No Cert. of Dis. Searched for Sept 2, 1884

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N. H.

Jany 14/85 Letter to clmt for prior sound, Capt Whitcomb should whether he saw rupture & Lt Hutchins state when he first saw rupture. Both should state their rank.

VT. Surgeon.

Existence at discharge.

Locality of rupture & hospitals

MASS. Cir 62.

A.S. for service of Whitcomb & Hutchins

R. I.

April 29/87 To Capt Whitcomb for inf.

CONN. To claimant to state which side is rupture & furnish additional ... Foreign. H L

N. Y.

Dec 21/88 - ~~Als. verify comrad~~ To Forbush & Wood - for inf

N. J. Capt. Whitcomb. " "

~~Fletcher Board for ex to claimant~~ Cancelled.

DEL. Mar 11/89 - Worcester Mass Board - for ex H L

July 8/90, Clmt for off. on 1st Sept (on sworn statement done on more in men) as to on hernia Rt side from personal knowledge. (Thatcher on file specified in call not from personal knowledge) also for Surg. Odds. of Med. Off's furnished. A & N. for Odds of Membs of Co. (to be furnished if necessary)

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Act of June 27, 1896.

NVALID. (Series) ✓

Cert. No. 561550

Name, George D. Smith

Rank, Pvt.; Service, Co. E. 6th Mass. Vol. Inf.

Transf'd (Ex. Order May 7 '77) to Concor

Agency. Original Roll: Boston

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Issued April 18, 1896

Mailed May 6, 1896

Rate and Period, $ 12, from Sept. 13, 1896

Action complete by Board of Revision

R. B. Tilly, Rev. 6. 9. 94.

Deductions:

Disability: Right inguinal herni & disease of heart

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Disability:

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Disability:

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Deductions:

Disability:

INDORSEMENTS.

JAN 8 1894 Bd Worcester Mass

July 2/94. Clt. infd op. ex. necessary; case to be taken up in its reg. order. F. W. B.

INVALID.

Cert. No. 561555

Name, George D. Smith

Rank, Private; Service, Co. E. 6 Mass.

Inf.

Agency: Original Roll: Concord

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" ....., 1 , to .....

Class 1 Yrs Issue. Fee, $

Issued Apr. 8, 1913

Mailed APR 9 1913

Rate and period, $ 15, from June 7, 1912

and $18 " Oct 21, 1915

and $21 " Oct 21, 1920

Deductions: 0

Entered Disability: W/R

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912

Class ..... Issue. Fee, $

Issued .....

Mailed .....

Rate and period, $ ....., from .....

Deductions: .....

Entered Disability: .....

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Deductions: .....

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Mailed .....

Rate and period, $ ....., from .....

Deductions: .....

Entered Disability: .....

INDORSEMENTS.

Report of appointment of
William S. Bryant
Gdn. attached to brief
Feby. 11 1930 Finance

Aug 12/30 Gdn. W. S. Bryant
resigns as Gdn.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Pension Form 5101

SOLDIER. Cert. No. 561550

Name George D. Smith (incompt)

REVIEWED UNDER TITLE III,
PUBLIC ACT 141, 73d CONGRESS
MARCH 28, 1934. Sect 30
No action under Pub 141

Feb. 4/33 Letter to Mrs Beckford advising that sol. is receiving the max. rate JSJ SSD

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