

DECLARATION OF A WIDOW FOR ORIGINAL PENSION.

STATE OF Massachusetts

County of Worcester ss:

On this 17th day of June, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and five personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and

State aforesaid, Angelina C. Taft, aged 55 years,

a resident of Milford, County of Worcester,

State of Massachusetts, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain pension under the acts of Congress granting pension to the widows of soldiers and sailors who have died by reason of wound or injury received, or disease contracted, in the service of the United States and in the line of duty:

That she is the widow of Edwin B. Taft, who was

enrolled under the name of Edward J. Taft at Acton, Massachusetts on the 12th day of August, 1862,

as a Private in Company E, 26th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry [Here state rank and designation of organization or name of vessel.]

and was discharged on the 17th day of October, 1864, and who died at

Milford, Mass. on the 11 day of May, 1902

of Disability due to Service [Here state the immediate cause of death.]

incurred in the above-named service. That the said soldier was not in the military or naval service of the United States except as stated above. [If any other service, it should be stated in full.]

That the said soldier was born May 1st, 1837, at Milford Mass.; that his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 ft. 7 in.; complexion, Sallow; color of eyes, hazel; color of hair, brown; permanent marks or scars, none; that his occupation was, shoemaker.

That she was married under the name of Angelina Cook to said soldier at Milford Mass. on the 26th day of November, 1875 by Rev. Adin Ballou; that there was no legal barrier to the marriage;

that she had not been previously married; that the soldier had not been previously married, to Sarah J. Handley, who died July 29, 1873 in Uxbridge, Mass., and to Sarah P. Handley, from whom he was divorced April 2, 1867 at Worcester, Mass. [If there was a prior marriage of either, the date and place of death or divorce of former consort or consorts should be stated.]

That she was never divorced from said soldier, and that she has not remarried since his death.

[If remarried, the date and place of remarriage should be stated.]

That the said soldier left the following-named children under 16 years of age at the date of his death, to wit:

_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____
_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____
_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____
_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____
_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____
_____, born _____, 1_____, at _____

[If any child has died since the soldier's death, its name and the date of its death should be stated. If the soldier left no children, the claimant should so state.]

That she has not heretofore applied for pension. [If prior application has been made, the number thereof, the service on

which it was based, and the name of the soldier should be stated.]

She hereby appoints R. W. SHOPPELL, of Washington, D. C., her true and lawful Attorney to prosecute this claim.

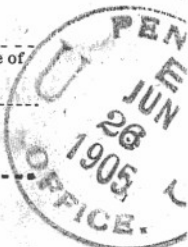
That her post-office address is Milford, Massachusetts. [Give City or Village. If you reside in city where streets are named and houses numbered, give name of

County of Worcester street and number of house. If in the country, give No. of R. F. D. route.]

Attest: (1) Clifford A. Cook

(2) Effie A. Nelson

Angelina C. Taft [Claimant's signature.]



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Pension Dept &
Washington D.C.

Dear sir,

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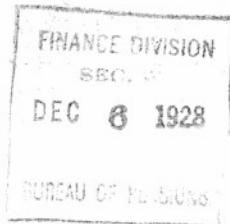
Mrs Angelica C Taft
Wiltm. N.H. passed away Nov. 19
1925.

Sincerely yours

(Mrs.) Maude E Fiske

Wiltm. N.H.

3-1081 male
Pd 40 to 7/4/28



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Exr.
WO. No. 830.830

Act of June 27, 1890.

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Angelica C. Taft.
Milford. Mass.

Wid.

Edwin B. Taft.
E-26 Mass Inf.

Died at Milford. Mass.
May-11-1905

other claim.

I. et. 437,943^e

July 6, 1905. M.D.R.
See O. Law. Clerk.

Notified July 6, 1905.
Sept 6/05 Wally Shoppell for. vs
Mr. in re. death or divorce. certificate
life insurance with if any. an
N. H. dependant. A. H. H. H.
C 97

I am 26/05 In Atty S. for wages.
VT. death & divorce of Edwin
former owner. Testimony on
file as to distribution of former
MASS. monies out accepted & why.
Also for clut. to explain where
R. I. the amount \$1885. the difference
between amt recd from sale of
CONN. property & the amt in bank.
rental value of property. Copy
N. Y. of soldier's will. and all
sources of income.
N. J. 2 225
July 14 1906 Testimony of Doctor Theo
PA. C. E. D. as to cause of soldier's
death & inquiry.
MICH. Sept 24 1906 Clut and Atty Shoppell
date and cause of reputation.
DEL. S. H.

Application filed: June 26, 1905.
Attorney: R. W. Shoppell
P. O. bitie

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Medical

Division.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C. June 23, 1906.

No. Claim, 830 830

Cert. No.

Claimant, Angela C Taft

Soldier, Edwin B Taft

Co. C, 26 Regt. Mass Vol Inf

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S. E. D.

Respectfully returned to the Chief of the Board of Review with the request that a special examiner be instructed to interview the attending physician and cross-examine him as to the immediate cause of the soldier's death. He should be requested to state whether he made a physical examination of the soldier's heart during his last illness, and, if so, what he found. He states that the immediate cause of the soldier's death was "heart failure". He should be informed that "heart failure" is not accepted by this Bureau as a cause of death. Was organic disease of heart the immediate cause of death? To what extent was he suffering from chronic diarrhoea?



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



COUNTY OF WORCESTER, TOWN OF MILFORD.

DEATH REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MILFORD.

Date of Death May 11, 1905

Name of Deceased, Edwin Bliss Taft

Cause of Death, Catarrh of Stomach, Heart Complications

I certify that the above is a true copy from the Record of Deaths in the Town of Milford.

John T. McLaughlin

Town Clerk.

John T. McLaughlin

above named, depose and say that I hold the office of Clerk in the Town, County and Commonwealth aforesaid, and that the above is a true copy from the Records of said Town.

John T. McLaughlin

Town Clerk.

Milford, Mass.,

July 14 1905


GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts }
County of Worcester } SS:

In the matter of claim for Angela B. Widow of Edwin B. Taft
(Character and number of claim.)
24 " Mass Inf.
(Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

aforesaid County and State, HALSEY L. COOK, aged 57 years,
residing at Framingham, County of Middlesex, State
of Massachusetts, and Edward E. Cook, aged
59 years, residing at Milford, County of Worcester,
State of Massachusetts, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the
aforesaid case as follows: that it is our belief the said claimant is now
the owner of the following property :- deposit in the Milford Savings
Bank, Milford, Mass. \$1000.; deposit in the Mechanics Savings Bank
Woonsocket, Rhode Island \$775.; deposit in the Producers Savings
Bank, Woonsocket, Rhode Island \$1000.; deposit in the Peoples' Savings
Bank, Woonsocket, Rhode Island \$1000.; an undivided one tenth interest
in certain real estate in said Milford, the probably value of which
does not exceed \$700.; that the total income from said real estate
since June 26, 1905 that has been received by said claimant has not
exceeded \$40.; the dividends received from the deposits in the afore-
said banks since June 26, 1905 has not exceeded \$67.; that said
claimant is the owner of an undivided half of certain unimproved land
in said Milford and Hopedale, Mass., the value of which does not
exceed \$100.; and that it yields no income; that it is our belief
that the foregoing statement includes all of said claimant's property
and the total income which she has received since June 26, 1905 and our
opinion is based on our intimate knowledge of her financial affairs
having known her for more than 40 years and from information received
from her. We further declare that we have no interest in said case, and are not
concerned in its prosecution.

 If either affiant sign by **X** mark, two persons who write
their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 _____
(Name of one witness to **X** mark.)
2 _____
(Name of other witness to **X** mark.)

Signature of
Affiant, or of
each Affiant.

Halsey L. Cook
Edward E. Cook



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No. *830, 830.*

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF MAY 9, 1900.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant *Angelina C. Taft* Soldier *Edwin B. Taft*
P. O. *Milford* Rank *Private* Co. *E*
County *Worcester* State *Massachusetts* Regiment *26th Mass. vol. Inf.*
Rate, \$8 per month, commencing *June 26th 1905*, and \$2 additional for each child, as follows:

{ Born, _____, _____ }	} Commencing _____, _____
{ Sixteen, _____, _____ }	
{ Born, _____, _____ }	} Commencing _____, _____
{ Sixteen, _____, _____ }	
{ Born, _____, _____ }	} Commencing _____, _____
{ Sixteen, _____, _____ }	
{ Born, _____, _____ }	} Commencing _____, _____
{ Sixteen, _____, _____ }	
{ Born, _____, _____ }	} Commencing _____, _____
{ Sixteen, _____, _____ }	
{ Born, _____, _____ }	} Commencing _____, _____
{ Sixteen, _____, _____ }	
{ Born, _____, _____ }	} Commencing _____, _____
{ Sixteen, _____, _____ }	

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

All pension to terminate _____, 190____, date of _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

REJECTED

Name *R. W. Shappell* Fee, \$ *10⁰⁰* Agent to pay.
P. O. *Washington D. C.* Articles filed *none*, 1____

APPROVALS.

Submitted for admission *June 18th 1906* *John P. O'Neill* Examiner.
rejection *August 2nd 1906*
Approved for *rejection on the ground that claimant is now pensioned at a higher rate from a prior date under the general law*
Sept. 5, 1906 *W. F. Schubert* Reviewer. *Sept 6, 1906* *H. S. M. Caudlish* Rereviewer.
The soldier was _____ pensioned at \$ *10⁰⁰* per month for *mal. prison, ch. diarr. result piles and dis. of lungs.*
Enlisted *August 12th 1862* Soldier's app'n filed *April 18th 1882*
any honorably disch'd *October 17th 1864* Clt's app'n under other laws *June 26th 1905*
Reenlisted *no other service* 18____ Former marriage of *soldier shown* 18____
honorably disch'd 18____ Divorce of 1st wife *April 9th 1867*
Died *May 11th 1905* Death of *former 2nd wife* *July 29th 1873*
Declaration filed *June 26th 1905* Clt's marriage to soldier *November 25th 1875*
Claimant _____ writes. *not remarried, never divorced*

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DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

Act of June 27, 1890, as amended by Act of May 9, 1900.

State of Massachusetts }
County of Worcester } ss:

On this 17th day of June, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and five personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Angelina C. Taft, aged 55 years, a resident of Milford County of Worcester State of Massachusetts, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain pension under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 27, 1890, as amended by the Act of May 9, 1900.

That she is the widow of Edwin B. Taft who was enrolled under the name of Edward Taft at Milford, Massachusetts on the 42th day of August, 1862 as a Private in Company C, 2nd Regiment, Massachusetts V^{ol}. Infantry, and honorably discharged October 17, 1864, having served ninety days or more during the late war of the rebellion. That the soldier was not in the military or naval service of the United States except as stated above.

That she was married under the name of Angelina Cook to said soldier at Milford, Mass. on the 25th day of November, 1875, by Rev. Edwin Ballou; that there was no legal barrier to the marriage;

that she had not been previously married; that the soldier had not been previously married, to Sarah L. Handley, who died July 29, 1873 in Winton, Mass. and

to Sarah L. Handley, from whom she was divorced April 2, 1867 at Worcester, Mass

That the said soldier died May 11, 1885, at Milford Mass.; that she was not divorced from him; that she has not remarried since his death; and that she is without other means of support than her daily labor and an actual net income not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars per year.

That the said soldier left the following-named children who are now living and under sixteen years of age, to wit:

[If the soldier left no children, the claimant should so state.]

born _____, 18____, at _____
born _____, 18____, at _____
born _____, 18____, at _____
born _____, 18____, at _____
born _____, 18____, at _____
born _____, 18____, at _____

That she has not heretofore applied for pension.

[If prior application has been made, the number thereof, the service

on which it was based, and the name of the soldier should be stated.]

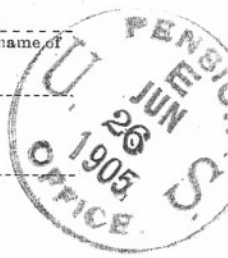
That she hereby appoints R. W. SHOPPELL, of Washington, D. C., her true and lawful attorney to prosecute this claim.

That her post-office address is Milford, Worcester Co., Massachusetts
[Give City or Village. If you reside in city where streets are named and houses numbered, give name of street and number of house. If in the country, give No. of R. F. D. route.]

ATTEST: (1) Edw. A. Cook

(2) Offie A. Nelson

Angelina C. Taft
[Claimant's signature]



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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of MassachusettsCounty of Worcester

SS:

In the matter of claim for

Angelia C. Taft - widow of Edmund B. Taft - E. 26" Mass - Inf.
(Character and number of claim.)
(Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)


aforesaid County and State, Angelia C. Taft, aged _____ years,residing at Milford, County of Worcester, Stateof Massachusetts, and _____, aged

_____ years, residing at _____, County of _____,

State of _____, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the

aforesaid case as follows: that I have not remarried since the death of thesoldier; that I was never divorced from him, but lived with himcontinuously as his wife until his death; that the total amount oflife insurance upon the life of the soldier was \$550. which has beenpaid to me; that there is no one legally bound for my support; thatthe total amount of income received by me from all sources since thedeath of my husband has not exceeded \$50.; that the amount of propertyowned by me is as follows:- land in Milford and Hopedale, \$100.,undivided interest in house and land in Milford, \$100., money in bank\$4000.; that since my husband's death I have sold a house and landfor which I received the sum of \$2800., which amount is a part of the\$4000. aforesaid; that I was never married before my marriage to saidsoldier; that said soldier was married to Sarah T. Handley, fromwhom he was legally divorced by a decree of the Supreme Judicial Courtof Massachusetts, April 2, 1867; that he subsequently marriedSarah L. Handley, who died July 29, 1873.

_____ further declare that _____ no interest in said case, and
 _____ concerned in its prosecution.

 If either affiant sign by **X** mark, two persons who write
 their names **MUST** sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 _____
 (Name of one witness to **X** mark.)

2 _____
 (Name of other witness to **X** mark.)

Signature of
 Affiant, or of
 each Affiant.

Angelia C. Taft




GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts }
County of Worcester } ss:

In the matter of claim for Angelia C. Taft Widow of Edwin B. Taft
E. 26 " Miss Inf. (Character and number of claim.)
(Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.)

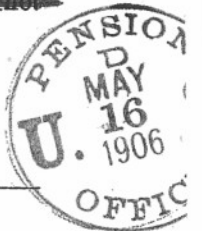
Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)
aforesaid County and State, Angelia C. Taft, aged 55 years,
residing at Milford, County of Worcester, State
of Massachusetts, and _____, aged _____
years, residing at _____, County of _____,
State of _____, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the
aforesaid case as follows: that, at the date of the decease of said soldier
there was property assessed to said soldier to the value of \$2400.
real estate and \$250. personal estate; that subsequently said real
estate sold for \$2825. ; that I received from the Masonic Mutual Re-
lief Association of Worcester ,in which said soldier was insured,
\$550.; that I received from the sale of shares in the Milford Co-
operative Bank approximately \$400.; that the total amount of said
soldiers estate did not exceed \$4000. ; that said soldier died in-
testate, leaving a widow (the claimant) and three children as his
heirs at law; that under the laws of Massachusetts the claimant is
legally entitled to but one third of said estate; that subsequently
to said soldier's decease the other heirs at law aforesaid released
and assigned their interest in said estate to the claimant ; that the
claimant owns an undivided interest in a certain parcel of real estate
the assessed value of which is less than \$800.; that the total value
of my estate ,when all claims against said soldier's estate are paid,
will not exceed approximately \$4500.; that the total income of said
claimant from all sources since said soldier's decease, has not exceeded
\$150. ~~further declare that~~ ~~no interest in said case, and~~ ~~not~~
~~concerned in its prosecution.~~

 If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write
their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 _____
(Name of one witness to X mark.)
2 _____
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Signature of
Affiant, or of
each Affiant.

Angelia C. Taft



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

COUNTY OF WORCESTER, TOWN OF MILFORD.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MILFORD.

Date of Marriage,.....November 25, 1875.....
Name of Groom,.....Edwin Bliss Taft.....
Name of Bride,.....Angelia Cook.....
By Whom Married,.....Adin Ballou, Minister of the Gospel.....

I certify that the above is a true copy from the Record of Marriages in the Town of Milford.

John D. McLoughlin.....Town Clerk.

I, John D. McLoughlin above named, depose and say that I hold the office of Clerk in the Town, County and Commonwealth aforesaid, and that the above is a true copy from the Records of said Town.

John D. McLoughlin.....Town Clerk.

BOSTON,

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Certificate No. 1137 9143 Department of the Interior,
 Name, Edwin B. Laft BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

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

SIR:

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

Very respectfully,

A. C. Evans

Commissioner of Pensions.

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

Answer. Angelina Cook Laft Angelina Cook

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

Answer. November 25th 1875 - Hope Dale Mass - Rev Edwin Ballou

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. Town Records Milford Mass

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. First to Sarah B. Handley July 1857. Divorced May 1867
recorded in records of Worcester County - Second to Sarah
Laft Handley (Gore) May 11th 1867. Died July 29th 1873 in Upton Mass

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

Answer. Three - Gaea Inez, born Aug 27th 1868. Leora May born
Dec 31st 1869 - Maud E. born Aug 16th 1877. All born in Milford

Date of reply, June 3rd, 1898

Edwin B. Laft

(Signature.)

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss..

At the Supreme Judicial Court of
said Commonwealth, begun and holden at Worcester,
within and for the County of Worcester, on the
second Tuesday of April being the ninth day of said
month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and sixty seven,

By the Honorable,

John Wells,

One of the Justices of said Court,
And afterwards sitting for the hearing of cases in
Equity on other days between the second Tuesday of
April aforesaid, and the first Tuesday of October
A. D. 1867.

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Edwin B. Taft of Milford in the County of Worcester, by
his libel to this Court shews, that he was lawfully married
to Sarah T. Handly of Acton in the County of Middlesex, at
Providence, Rhode Island, on the 16th day of July, 1857, and
thereafterwards said libellant and the said Sarah T. lived to-
gether as husband and wife at said Milford and said Acton until



October 14, 1864; that he has always been faithful to his marriage vows, but the said Sarah regardless of the same at said Acton and divers other places on the 14th of October, 1864, and on divers other days between July 16th, 1857, and Jany. 1st, 1866, did commit the crime of adultery with a certain man, to wit, George Sawyer and with divers other persons whose names are unknown to said libellant. Wherefore he prays that a divorce from the bond of matrimony may be decreed between him and the said Sarah T. as by the libel on file appears.

This libel was filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court for this County on the ninth day of January, 1866, when it was ordered by said Clerk that the libellant notify the said Sarah T. Taft in the manner set forth in the order of notice which is annexed to said libel, to appear at the next term of this Court, and shew cause why the prayer of said libel should not be granted.

This libel was entered in this Court for this County at October term last and thence was continued to this time and now the libellant appears, and it appearing to the Court that notice has been given pursuant to said order and that said notice is sufficient yet the said Sarah T. Taft although solemnly called to come into Court does not appear but makes default.



Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Court fully understood, the material facts necessary to substantiate the charge of adultery in said libel contained is, satisfactorily proved.

It is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the said Edwin B. Taft and Sarah T. Taft be dissolved.

Attest
J. S. Johnson
clerk



GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts }
County of Worcester } ss:

In the matter of claim for Angelia C. widow of Edwin B. Taft
E. W. Mass. Inf. (Character and number of claim.) W.O. 830,830
(Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)
aforesaid County and State, Sylvester M. Madden, aged 66 years,
residing at Hopedale, County of Worcester, State
of Massachusetts, and _____, aged
_____ years, residing at _____, County of _____,
State of _____, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the

aforesaid case as follows: that I have known the soldier since 1850 to the date
of his death, having been during the whole of this period either a
close neighbor or living in the same or nearby town and visiting
each other very frequently. That said soldier was first married to
Sarah T. ~~Handley~~ Handley from whom he was legally divorced by a
decree of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts sitting at
Worcester April 2, 1867; that he subsequently married Sarah L. Handley
who died about the year 1872; that said soldier then married the said
Angelia C. Taft (the claimant) and lived with her until his death;
that they were never divorced; and that said claimant has not remarried
since the death of said soldier.



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

If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 _____
(Name of one witness to X mark.)

2 _____
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Signature of
Affiant, or of
each Affiant.

Sylvester M. Madden

Widow's Application for Accrued Pension.

State of Massachusetts, County of Worcester, ss:

On this 17th day of June, 1905, personally appeared Angelina C. Taft, who, being duly sworn, declares that she is the lawful widow of Edwin B. Taft, deceased; that he died on the 11 day of May, 1905, that he had been granted a pension by Certificate No. 437943 which is herewith returned (or if not, state why not).....

.....; that he had been paid the pension by the Pension Agent at Boston Mass. up to the 4 day of March, 1905 after which date he had not been employed or paid in the Army, Navy, or Marine service of the United States, except; that she was married to the said Edwin B. Taft on the 25th day of November, 1875 at Milford, in the State of Massachusetts; that her name before said marriage was Angelina Cook.....; that she ~~had~~ or had not been previously married; that her husband had (or had not) been previously married; that she hereby makes application for the pension which has accrued on aforesaid certificate to the date of death. May 11, 1905

That she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,

R. W. SHOPPELL, - WASHINGTON, D. C.

..... of her true and lawful attorney to prosecute this claim, the fee to be dollars, as prescribed by law.

That her residence is No. 44 Prospect street, City of Milford, County of Worcester State of Massachusetts, and her postoffice address is Milford, Worcester Co. Massachusetts

Angelina C. Taft
(Widow's Signature.)

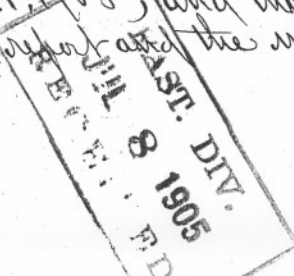
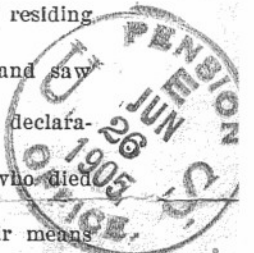
Also personally appeared Edward C. Cook residing at Milford Mass. and Rufus C. Eldridge residing at Milford, Mass. who, being duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Angelina C. Taft sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they know her to be the lawful widow of Edwin B. Taft, who died on the 11 day of May, 1905 and that their means

of knowledge that said parties were husband and wife, and that the husband died on the said date, are as follows:

Harry Fox personally acquainted with both parties for a period of 30 years and 25 years respectively and living in the same town with said parties; that said Edward C. Cook attended the funeral of said Edwin B. Taft and knew by general report that he died on May 11, 1905; and that said Rufus C. Eldridge knew that he died on said date by general report and the newspapers.

Edward C. Cook
Rufus C. Eldridge
(Signatures of Witnesses.)

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DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

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TO BE EXECUTED BEFORE A COURT OF RECORD OR SOME OFFICER THEREOF HAVING CUSTODY OF ITS SEAL.

State of Massachusetts
Worcester County, } SS.

On this thirteenth day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy ~~eighty~~ eighty two personally appeared before me, Justice of the Third District Court of Southern Worcester, a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Edwin B Tapp aged 44 years, a resident of the Town of Milford, county of Worcester, State of Mass., who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Edwin B Tapp who was ENROLLED on the 12 day of August, 18 62, in Company E of the 26 Regiment of Mass Inf commanded by Col W D H Chapman and was honorably DISCHARGED at Boston Mass on the 17 day of Oct, 18 64; that his personal description is as follows: Age, 44 years; height 5 feet 7 inches; complexion, Sallow; hair, Brown; eyes, Hazel. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at New Orleans, in the State of La on or about the 17 day of June, 18 64, he contracted Malaria.
 Here state name or nature of disease, or the location of wound or injury. If disabled by fever contracted in camp in La.
 disease, state fully its causes; if by wound or injury, the precise manner in which received.

also at the same time and place he
contracted Chronic Diarrhea and has
suffered and rendered disabled from both
causes more or less continuously to this
time.

That he was treated in hospitals as follows:

Mechanics Institute Hospital
New Orleans from June 1864 to July 1864
and from July 1864 at Jefferson Barracks Hospital St Louis
Oct 1864
 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 Milford in the State of Mass, and his occupation has been that of a Boat-maker. That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled a Boat-maker. That he is now partially disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, A C Jenkins of Washington D.C., his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That he has not received nor applied for a Pension. That his POST OFFICE ADDRESS is Milford county of Worcester State of Mass.

Claimant's signature, Edwin B Tapp

ATTEST:

H. L. Clark
Charles H. Ford

446.725

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, April 24, 1883.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Edwin B. Taft, a Pvt. (V. Rec.) of Company "E",
26th Regiment Mass. Infy. Volunteers, was enrolled on the
12th day of Aug., 1862, at Acton for 3 years,
and is reported: on roll of the company for Sept. &
Oct. 1862 Present. Same report to Feb. 29th
1864. March & April 1864 Absent detailed
by S. O. 61 Defences S. O. May & June 1864 Absent
sick in Hospital New Orleans since May 1864.
Mustered Out on an Individual Muster Out
Roll October 17th 1864 at Boston Mass.
Nature of sickness not stated. Regl.
Hospital records, not on file.

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M. B. [Signature]
Assistant Adjutant General.
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No. 187.007WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C.,

May 10, 1883.

SIR:

I have the honor to return herewith your request for a report of hospital treatment in
Claim No. 446,785 with such information as is furnished by the records filed in

this Office, viz: that

Edwin B. Saff Priv. Co. E. 26th Mass.
Vol. entered University V. H. New Orleans, La.
May 10, 64 from field with intermittent fever
and was transferred June 24, 64 entered G. H.
Jefferson Barracks, Mo. July 2, 64 from Steamer
Continental, with chronic diarrhoea, and was
discharged from service Oct. 18, 64.

No records of the Regiment: of Steamer
Continental, nor of Division or Corps
hospitals bearing on the case, on file.

By order of the Surgeon General:

G. F. PopeAssistant Surgeon, U. S. Army.
(125)

To the

Commissioner of Pensions.

per

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while in service. I testify from a personal
recollection of the man, the contraction of,
& statement for said disease, & their contracting
in service & line of duty. I declare that
I have no interest in this statement.

W. H. Chapman
Late Capt. 26th Regt. Co. E. & Col. 26th Mass. Inf.

Credible - P. M.
State of Massachusetts } ss.
County of Suffolk }

On this 28th day of March 1885 before
me came William H. Chapman, & made
oath & foregoing affidavit. I have no
interest in same.

Henry A. Clapp
Sgt. Clerk of the
Supreme Judicial Court

Edwin B. Tagg
Dwelling 446.725
E. 26. Mass



On file
at
Edwin

FROM
A. C. JENKINS,
Patent, Land and Claim
ATTORNEY,
807 LOUISIANA AVE.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

I, William H. Chapman, of Everett - Mass.
on oath certify - that I was captain of Co. E.
26th Regt. Mass. Vols. in 1863 & 4 & that I knew
Edwin B. Taft of said Co. & that while
on the Tche campaign in Louisiana - in
fall of 1863, he, said Taft. by reason of expo-
sure incident to the service in a malarial
sickly district contracted diarrhoea & ma-
laria & received treatment for same from
Regimental Surgeons (both now dead) at
sundry times till after he arrived at
New Orleans February 25. 1864 - I left
there March 22nd 1864 on a steamer for Long
& on my return from same & while at
Camp Carrollton between May 21 & June
8. 1864 I went to see him at Mechanics
Institute General Hospital at New Or-
leans - Louisiana - & found him so
sick as to be unable to leave his cot by
reason of Chronic diarrhoea & malaria
& left him there & never saw him again

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, *Nov 16*, 1888.*NO 446.725*

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

William H Chapman, a *captain* of *Company "E"*,
26th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, was enrolled on the
 day of _____, 186____, at _____

and is reported: On Regimental Return for
September 1864 present. Regimental
Return Oct 1864 absent on furlough in
action Mass. wounded at Winchester Sept
19th 1864. Transferred as Capt Co "E" to
Capt Company "A" Oct 18th 1864.
Station Oct 31st 64 Cedar Creek Va.

W. H. A.

R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.

By

*[Signature]**9**oo* 3-019.

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[Signature]