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SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATE

No. 156779

VETERAN Robert K. Burns

RANK 1st Lieut.

SERVICE C. D. - 17th Ill. Inf.

REG. NO. 3003

BIRTH REG. NO. 26

State of Illinois }
Moulton County }

I John Bosman do hereby certify that I am a regular practicing physician and have been for 23 years years. that I am well acquainted with John P. Beggs who was I am informed and believe a member of Co. 17th Ill. Inf that my attention was first called to his case (as follows:-

Christat when your notice was first called to the case his then condition and your treatment since and how long have you known of its continuance)

Ever since the year 1865 or soon after he came home from the service. I have treated him at various times for the Lung Trouble and Inflammatory Rheumatism - and I verily believe that his debility was contracted while in the Army and his Lung have been getting worse as Hemorrhage has increased year by year furthermore I know him when he was a young man and he has never been stimulated of any kind unless prescribed by a physician by P.O. address is Table Grove Ill

John Bosman



I have read and subscribed before me this 8th day of February 1878. I certify said applicant a regular practicing physician and well entitled to credit as such

J. R. Rothman

State of Illinois, }
County of Fulton, }

I, ISAIAH C. WORLEY, Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, do hereby certify that *J. R. Rothman*

whose name appears to the foregoing certificate, was, on the day the same was made, an acting JUSTICE OF THE PEACE in and for the said County, regularly commissioned and qualified, and that as such, full faith and credit are, and of right ought to be, given to all his official acts; and that I am well acquainted with the hand writing of said Justice, and believe the same to be genuine, and that the within instrument is executed according to the laws of this State.

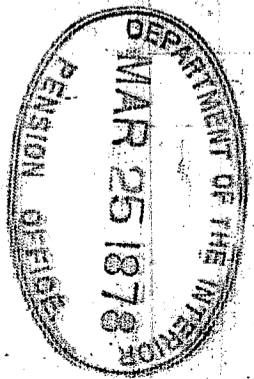
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County Court, at Lewistown, this 2nd day of February, A. D. 1878

Isaiah C. Worley
Clerk of the County Court

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Continuance -

Prepared



State of Illinois
County of Fulton

1878

of the 18th day of January A.D. 1878. personally
came A. J. Bacon who being duly sworn
declares that he is a regular practicing
Physician and has been for 17 years
that he is well acquainted with John J.
Biggs who was I am informed a member
of Co "D" 14th Ills Vol -

That the following is a statement of all
my treatment rendered him -

here state when your attention was
first called to the case and its continuance
and degree of same - I treated him
for the first in June 1876 & continued treating
him from that time up to this Jan 18-1878
for Hemorrhage of the lungs

that he is now unable to work more than
one fourth the time & ought not to labor at all
if he could avoid it & he is temperant
in all his habits

I have no interest in the case
My P. O. address is Table Grove Ills -
A. J. Bacon

Presented and Subscribed before me this
18 day of January 1st 1878 I certify
said affidavit is true entitled to credit as
a Physician. I have no interest in the claim.
J. R. Rottman

State of Illinois, }
County of Fulton, }

SS.

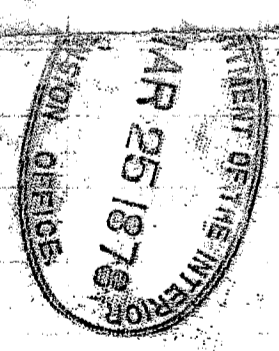
I, ISAIAH C. WORLEY, Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, do hereby
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whose name appears to the foregoing certificate, was, on the day the same was made, an acting JUSTICE OF THE PEACE in and for the
said County, regularly commissioned and qualified, and that as such, full faith and credit are, and of right ought to be, given to all
his official acts; and that I am well acquainted with the hand writing of said Justice, and believe the same to be genuine, and
that the within instrument is executed according to the laws of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County Court, at Lewistown, this 2^d
day of February, A. D. 1878

Isaiah C. Worley
Clerk of the County Court.

Ad. Bacon
Presented from jail 2/6/78
Worley



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

No Other Service
Briefed

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
FEB 11 1918
SALT LAKE CITY

I, John J. Biggs hereby certify that I was mustered into the United Service, in the 107th Regiment Illinois Volunteers Infantry, at Peoria Illinois, April 30th, 1861. And was discharged for disability in April 1862, - Was again mustered into service, in the 112th Regiment Illinois Volunteers Infantry Aug, 9th, 1862, at Peoria Ill. - And was again discharged for disability in Aug, 1863, as per affidavit heretofore filed, - And further, I never was in the military or naval service of the United States before nor since.

And further deponent saith not
 this Oct 11th, 1878, -

John J. Biggs

State of Illinois }
 Fulton County } ss.

J. Henry Smither, a Notary Public in and for said County & State hereby certify that John J. Biggs, personally known to me, subscribed & swore to the foregoing certificate, before me and in my presence, this Oct, 11th, 1878

Henry Smither
 Notary Public

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Lincoln Co

Apr 16th 1889

Kansas

Commissioner of Pensions

Washington D.C.

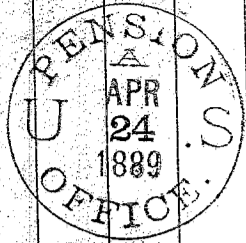
Dear Sir as I can not hear anything from my Examination for Increase I take this opportunity to write you personally and ask you to please let me know the condition of my claim I was examined last May by the Board at Lincoln Kansas my Pension Certificate 158779. I think Mr Bentley done me an injustice in the first start I was recommended 15[¢] per month by the Burlington Joway Board and he Bentley only sent me 5[¢] per month I got an Increase in 82 which brought me up to where I should have been in the first place. I am Pensioned for disease of lungs the Examiner will show to extent. My Att^y Sitch & Co, of Washington D.C are my Att^y to prosecute my claim but I can't hear from them. Why cant I be Re-rated if my case is just.

Please answer and Oblyge an old
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John J. Biggs

Lat. Cap. Co. C 112th Inf. Ill. Regt.

Ref. I draw on 2nd Lt. Pensions disability
I was first mustered in as 2nd Lt. Co. 17th Regt. Ill. Inf.



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Melbourne No. 396306

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Catharine Biggs
Maitland, Calt & Mo
Widow

John J. Biggs

17 Ill Sup
Died at Lexington Ky -

1864

No other claim than

Inv. of # 158779

Minor # 375-18063

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Application filed: May 24 89

Attorney: S. B. Fargo.

P. O. Quitman

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Re-rating and Increase of Pension.

STATE OF Kansas, COUNTY OF Lincoln, ss.

On this _____ day of _____, A. D. 188 /, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, John J. Biggs aged _____ years, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the rate of _____ dollars per month, under Pension Certificate No. 11-8797

by reason of a disability from disease of lungs Here state the disability for which your pension was allowed. hemorrhage of lungs caused by pneumonia contracted while on picket duty at Cape Girardeur incurred in the service of the United States while a 2nd Lieut in Co. D, of the 17 Regiment of Ill. Inf. Vols. That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on the account of his rate being unjustly low and disproportionate to his degree of disability. and the more frequent hemorrhages and weakness of chest and lungs

He claims that during the time from his discharge to this date his rate has not been in accordance with his disability, nor in proportion to the rate allowed to others for similar and equivalent disabilities, and therefore he asks that his rating be corrected and he be RE-RATED from his discharge to date in accordance with law.

That he appoints WILLIAM FITCH & CO., of Washington, D. C., his true and lawful attorneys to prosecute his claim; that his Postoffice is Wichita, County of Lincoln, State of Kas.

Claimant sign here John J. Biggs

Also personally appeared Wesley Biscornier residing at Lincoln Co. Kansas and J. B. Spencer, residing at Lincoln Co. Kansas, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, say they were present and saw John J. Biggs, 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.

Wesley Biscornier
J. B. Spencer
Witnesses sign here.

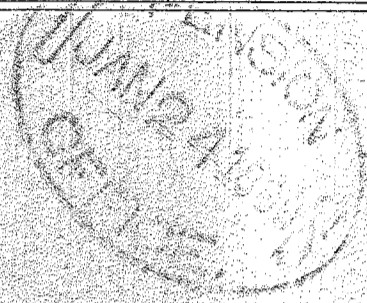
SWORN TO and subscribed before me, on the day first above written; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to applicant and witnesses before swearing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

W. E. Eglin
Signature.
Clerk District Court
Official Character
Lincoln Co. Kansas

INVALID,
CLAIM RE-RATING AND INCREASE.

John J. Biggs, Applicant,
 Co. *2nd* *17th*, Regiment of
Ill. Inf. Volunteers.
 No. *138779*
 also Capt. Co. *6* *117th* *Ill. Inf.*



FILED BY
 WILLIAM FITCH & Co.,
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

State of Missouri }
 County of Howard } S. S.

In the application of Mrs
 Catharine Biggs widow of Capt John F.
 Biggs Capt of Co. G - 17-Regt Ills
 Infantry Vol - personally appeared on
 this 26th day of July A.D. 1889 before me
 the undersigned duly authorized to
 administer oaths within and for the County
 and State aforesaid Thomas Graves
 Aged 53 years who being duly
 sworn by me declares as follows
 I became acquainted with the claimant
~~Catharine~~ Catharine Biggs before she was married
 to John F. Biggs in Stark County Illinois
 and I also knew John F. Biggs
 at the same place and place when
 he enlisted into the service of the
 United States also know from
 hearsay of Capt Biggs death at Lexington
 in the State of Kentucky and I know
 he never returned home to his
 family who then resided in Illinois
 and I knew the minor child Sarah
 F. Biggs who was about three years
 old at the time of her fathers death
 I know that Catharine Biggs is
 now the widow of Capt John F. Biggs
 and has remained his widow
 up to the present time and is
 unmarried and I further declare

I am not interested in the prosecution
of this claim My post office
address is Aritunah Nevada County
Missouri Thomas Graves

Subscribed and Sworn

to Report me this 26th day of July
1889 at my office in Guntman MO

Sheldon B. Fargo

Notary Public

My term Expires May 13th 1891

Witness
Jas Bigley
H. Gress

No 396306
Widows Claim
for Pension
Catharine Biggs
Applicant by
Thomas Graves

Filed by
S. B. Fargo
Attorney

State of Missouri
County of Holt

On this 3^d day of
May A.D. 1889 personally
appeared before me a clerk of the Court
by Court the same being a Court
of Record for the County of Holt and
State aforesaid Catharine Biggs aged
46, who being duly sworn according
to law. Makes the following declaration
in order to obtain the pension
provided by acts of Congress granting
pensions to widows. That she is the
widow John P. Biggs who enlisted under
the name of John P. Biggs into the
Service of the United States April 30th 1861
was Second Lieutenant of Co. D. 17th Reg
Ills. Vol-Infantry March 1862. when he
was promoted First Lieutenant.
(Resigned.) Re-enlisted August 9th
A.D. 1862. in Company C. 1/2 Reg
Ills - Volunteers was elected First
Lieutenant and afterwards elected
Captain of Co. C. and died in
the Service at Lexington Kentucky
in the later part of the year A.D.
1864 in the war of the Rebellion
and who bore at his death the rank
of Captain that she was married
under the name of Catharine Colwell

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to said John S. Biggs on the
14th day of February A.D. 1868. at Peoria
County Illinois there being no legal
barrier to such marriage that neither
she nor her husband had been previously
married that she has to the present date
remained his widow that the
following are the name of the legitimate
children yet surviving who was under
16 years of age at Fathers death
Sarah S. Biggs. Born June 6th 1861
That she had not abandoned the
support of his child. That she has
not in any manner been
engaged in or aided or abetted the
Rebellion in the United States

And that she hereby appoints
Sheldon, B. Fargo her Attorney
to prosecute her claim and
that her residence is Maitland
Holt Co. Mo her post office the same
Catharine Biggs

Also personally appeared

John Colwell

Residing Maitland Mo

Polly Colwell

Residing " "

I certify to be
respectable and entitled to credit and
who being by me duly sworn say they
were present and saw Catharine Biggs
the claimant sign her name to the
foregoing declaration that they have
every reason to believe that she

is the Identical person she
represent herself to be that they
have known her for a long
time and that they have no
interest in the prosecution of this
claim

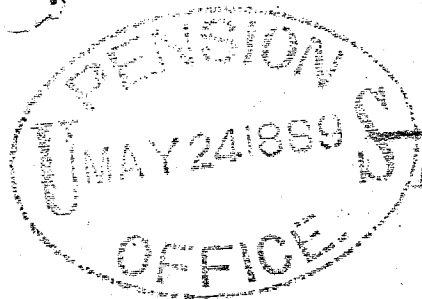
Witness Polly
Colwell mark
Daniel Keenel
J. H. Keller

John Colwell
Polly ^{her} Colwell
mark

Subscribed to and sworn before
me this 3^d day of May A.D. 1889
And I hereby certify that the contents
of the above Declaration for pension
were fully made known to the applicant
and witnesses before swearing
and that I have no interest direct
or indirect to the prosecution of
this claim

Daniel Keenel
Clerk of the County Court

Application
of
Catherine Biggs
For
Widow Pension
John J. Biggs



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by

State of Missouri } ss
 County of Wadaway }

In the application of Mrs
 Catharine Biggs widow of John F.
 Biggs Capt of Co - D - 17 Regt - Ills
 Infantry Vol - personally appeared
 on this 26th day of July A.D 1889
 Before me the undersigned duly
 Authorized to Administer oaths within
 and for the County and State of said
 Mrs Milly Colwell Aged 67 years
 who being duly sworn according
 to law declared as follows. I have
 know Catharine Biggs from infancy
 and know she is the widow of
 Capt John F. Biggs as above described
 and know Capt John F. Biggs before
 he was married and also knew him
 at the time he enlisted into the service
 of the United States in the late rebellion
 and know by report he died at Lexington
 in the State of Kentucky my husband
 was there in hospital and I know
 that Capt John F. Biggs never returned
 to his family and that the claimant
 has remained a widow and is now
 his widow. I know the minor child
 of Capt John F. Biggs named Sarah F
 Biggs who was three years old at
 the time of her fathers death. affiant
 is now a resident of Wadaway County
 State of Missouri

and I have no interest in the within
claim My post office Address is Antwan
Wadaway County Missouri

witness to mark
of Grand
A. Gregg

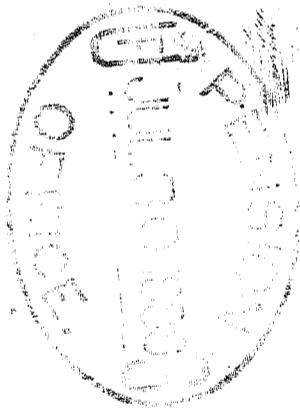
Melley & Caldwell
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 26th day of July A.D. 1889
at my office in Antwan Mo

Sheldon B. Fargo
Notary public

My term Expires May 12th 1891

No 396 306
Widows Claim
for Pension
Catherine Bigg
affidavit of
Mrs Melly Caldwell



Filed by
S. B. Fargo
Attorney

illegally appeared *Catherine Coldwell* residing at *Maitland*

Holt County Mo. and *Abigail Coldwell* residing at *Maitland Holt Co. Mo.* persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who.

being by me duly sworn according to law, say that they were present and saw *Sarah J. Biggs*

the claimant sign *her* name (~~erase~~ mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with *her*, that *she is* the identical person *she* represents *herself* to be; and that they have no interest in this claim.

Catherine Coldwell
Abigail ^{was} Coldwell
[Signature of Affiants.]

[If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *19th* day of *May* A. D. 188*8*.

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 words "or ~~erase~~ mark" *erased*, and the words

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

D. J. Alkine
[Official Signature.]
Clerk of Holt Circuit Court
[Official Character.]

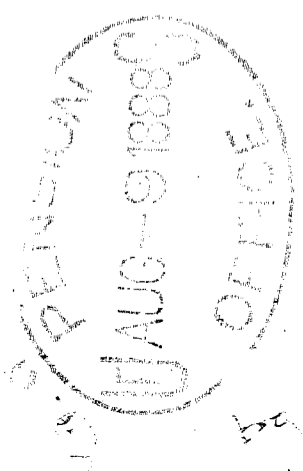
[L. S.]

1. "Was enlisted," "drafted," or otherwise, as the case may be.
2. State company and regiment, if in the army; or vessel &c., if in the navy.
3. State nature of wounds and all circumstances attending them, or the disease and manner in which it was incurred, in either case showing soldier's death to have been the sequence.
4. "In the service aforesaid," or otherwise.
5. If widow survive so state, giving her name, and the date of her death or other facts divesting her title.
6. If any have died, state date of death.
7. State names of children and of their mothers, and dates of birth.
8. If more than once married so state, giving name and dates and parties officiating.
9. If either soldier, widow, or guardian of children have previously applied, so state, giving date and number of application.
10. If guardian applies, declaration must be signed by guardian, if minors are over age, and apply in their own name, declaration must be signed by each applicant.

MINOR CHILDREN.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

Sarah J. Biggs, Applicant.
Guardian of Minors of John
Biggs.
Co. *W.* Reg't. *17th*
Ill. Vols. *1st*



Filed by
Geo. Bancroft & Co.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORIGINAL PENSION OF MINOR CHILDREN.

Sarah J Bigges
John J Bigges

Children of
Rank, *2 Lieutenant*
Company, *D*
Regiment, *17 Ill: Vol: Inf.*

Guardian,
Residence of *Stimont* *Mariland*, *Holt* County, and State of *Missouri*
Post Office, *"* *"* *"*

Rate, \$ *—* per month, commencing *—*, 18 *—*, and *—*
and two dollars a month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	{ Born,, 18 . }	} Commencing, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }	
	{ Born,, 18 . }	} ", 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }	
	{ Born,, 18 . }	} ", 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }	
By last marriage.	{ Born, <i>June 6</i> , 18 <i>61</i> . }	} ", 18 .
	{ Sixteen, <i>11 5</i> , 18 <i>77</i> . }	
	{ Born,, 18 . }	} ", 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }	
	{ Born,, 18 . }	} ", 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }	
	{ Born,, 18 . }	} ", 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }	

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

All pension to terminate *—*, 18 *—*, date of *—*

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name *Geo. Bancroft M. Co.* Fee \$ *—*. Agent *—* to pay.
P. O. *Washington D.C.* Articles filed *—*, 18 *—*

APPROVALS:

Submitted for *rejection*, *April 5*, 1889, *A. M. McManis*, Examiner.
Approved for *Rejected on the ground of no talent*, *April 23*, 1889, *M. S. Roberts*, Legal Reviewer.
Apr 26 89 *D. Kern*, Re-Reviewer. *—*, 18 *—*, Medical Reviewer.
—, *—*, Medical Referee.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

Enlistment, <i>May 20</i> , 18 <i>61</i> .	Minor's app. filed, <i>Aug: 9</i> , 18 <i>88</i> .
Muster into rank,, 18 .	Guardian appointed,, 18 .
Discharge, <i>April 18</i> , 18 <i>62</i> .	Claim completed,, 18 .
Death, <i>not</i> , 18 <i>63</i> .	Former marriage,, 18 .
Invalid app. filed, <i>March 25</i> , 18 <i>78</i> .	Death of former wife,, 18 .
Invalid pension paid to, 18 .	Last marriage,, 18 .
Widow's app. filed,, 18 .	Death or re-marriage of widow,, 18 .
Widow paid to, 18, 18 .

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HISTORY OF ATTORNEYSHIPS.

1st appointment, 18	Name and P. O.
By	Recognized, or why not
2d appointment, 18	Name and P. O.
By	Recognized, or why not
3d appointment, 18	Name and P. O.
By	Recognized, or why not

Submitted for rejection on the grounds that soldier, on account of whose service pension is claimed, is now living, and a pensioner under Certificate No. 158,779.

Index _____, Claim No. 396316.

John J. Riggs Co. "D" 17 Reg't Ill. V. 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	<i>Catherine Riggs Maitland Mo.</i>	<i>1889 May 24</i>	<i>Declaration</i>
2	<i>Thomas Graves</i>	<i>July 30. 89</i>	<i>Identification of soldier, widow and minor child, death of soldier continued widowhood &c</i>
3	<i>Milly Colwell</i>		
<i>For other evidence see Invalid, Increase and Minor's Briefs. herewith.</i>			

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant Catherine Piggs Soldier John J. Piggs
 P. O. Mailtonid Rank 2nd Lieut., Co. "D"
 County Walt, State Mo. Regiment 17 Ills. Vol. Inf.

Rate, \$ per month, commencing , 18 , and
 and two dollars a month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	{ Born, 18 . }	} Commencing 18 .
	{ Sixteen, 18 . }	 18 .
	{ Born, 18 . }	} " 18 .
	{ Sixteen, 18 . }	 18 .
	{ Born, 18 . }	} " 18 .
	{ Sixteen, 18 . }	 18 .
By last marriage.	{ Born, 18 . }	} " 18 .
	{ Sixteen, 18 . }	 18 .
	{ Born, 18 . }	} " 18 .
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	{ Born, 18 . }	} " 18 .
	{ Sixteen, 18 . }	 18 .

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

All pension to terminate , 18 , date of

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name J. P. Fargo Fee \$ Agent to pay.
 P. O. Quitman Mo. Articles filed , 18

APPROVALS:

Submitted for rejection, Sept 14, 1889, R. J. Bonnell, Examiner.
 Approved for , origin of ; death resulted from
 accepted, due to
 which has been legally accepted,
 , 18 , Legal Reviewer. , 18 , Medical Reviewer.
 , Re-Reviewer. , Medical Referee.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Enlisted <u>May 25</u> , 18 <u>61</u> .	Invalid application filed <u>Mar: 25</u> , 18 <u>89</u> .
Mustered <u> </u> , 18 <u> </u> .	Invalid last paid to <u> </u> , 18 <u> </u> .
Discharged <u>April 18</u> , 18 <u>62</u> .	Former marriage of soldier <u> </u> , 18 <u> </u> .
Died <u> </u> , 18 <u> </u> .	Death of former wife <u> </u> , 18 <u> </u> .
Declaration filed <u>May 24</u> , 18 <u>89</u> .	Claimant's marriage to soldier <u> </u> , 18 <u> </u> .

with no m.c.

Submitted for repectal on the ground of no title
it appearing that the soldier is living and a pensioner

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant Catherine Biggs Soldier John J. Biggs
 P. O. Maitland Rank 2nd Lieut., Co. "D"
 County Hill, State Mo. Regiment 17th Ill. Vol. Inf.

Rate, \$..... per month, commencing....., 18 .., and.....
 and two dollars a month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	{ Born,, 18 . }	} Commencing, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }	
	{ Born,, 18 . }	} ", 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }	
By last marriage.	{ Born,, 18 . }	} ", 18 .
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	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }	
	{ Born,, 18 . }	} ", 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }	

REJECTED.

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

All pension to terminate....., 18 .., date of.....

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name A. B. Hargis Fee \$..... Agent..... to pay.
 P. O. Swifton Mo Articles filed....., 18 ..

APPROVALS:

Submitted for Rejection June 24 1890 W. H. Goring, Sp. Examiner.
 Approved for Rejection on the ground that the death resulted from
illness is still living, and receiving a
pension under certificate # 158 479
Olusted, 18 .., Legal Reviewer. W. H. Goring, 18 .., Medical Reviewer.

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim.

Insurance Pension Claim No. 158,779

Name of claimant.

John T. Biggs Address of Board. Muncie, Ind. P. O. _____

Company Ill. Reg't 2d Inf State. Ind.

Claimant's post-office address.

Garnard Haus [Date of examination.] Feb 5 1908

Cause of disability.

Dis of lungs

He receives a pension of fifteen dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the date of origin and cause of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.

He makes the following statement in regard to the origin of his disabilities and date when first discovered by him: Contracted disease of the lungs in 1861. while in U.S. Service

The outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate should be used to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

Birthplace Chestert Ohio; age, 70 years; height, 5ft 11 1/2 in; weight, 194 pounds; complexion, Dark; color of eyes, Brown; color of hair, Black. Grey; occupation, Blacksmith; permanent marks and scars other than those described below, none

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

*Pulse rate, 72 76 76; respiration, 18 19 19; temperature, 98.6;
[Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

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

We find the left lung normal. There is dulness over the whole of the right lung or rather the sound is flat and caused by pleural adhesions. The murmur is dulled but it is hard to make out. The right lung seems to be tied down at every point. The measure of median line back to front Right lung 20 1/2 in Left 21 1/2. Chest measure of perianth 4 pin full inspiration of 2 in. For pleural adhesion and diseased right lung he is entitled to 4/18 disability. Area of cardiac dulness normal. There is a muffled murmur that might be caused by mitral regurgitation with hydropericardium. There is a degree of dyspnoea. No cyanosis. When conforms the idea of hydropericardium. The Arteries even when feel fine cords under the skin. For heart and arteriosclerosis he is entitled to 5/18 disability. It is impossible to say whether the heart disease is in part caused by pleural adhesions but probably are. The urine darkens but he thinks his Kidney are normal. Urinal analysis shows Spgr 1010 Considerable albumen. The condition of the Kidneys we think establishes hydropericardium. For kidney trouble he is entitled to 1/18 disability. He is not able to do any work. His disabilities are not due to vicious or immoral habit. There are varicose veins in left ankle & leg causing eczema for which he is entitled to 4/18 disability.

Facts within the knowledge of the Board, or any member thereof, relative to the cause of any disability found should be stated. 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.

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

Wm H Lee, Pres. J. F. Power, Sec'y. _____, Treas.

N. B.—Do not use backs of certificates for any purpose other than indicated by printed matter thereon. When additional space is needed to complete report of examination use blank certificate (Old No. 3-155, 3-111 g.) properly numbered, and attach it to the back and upper margin of this sheet. Marginal entries must never be made.

(This certificate to be filled in and signed by the secretary when the full board is present.)

"I hereby certify that Dr. _____, Dr. _____, and Dr. _____, were personally present and actually participated in the examination of _____, the claimant in this case, on _____ day of _____, 190 _____."

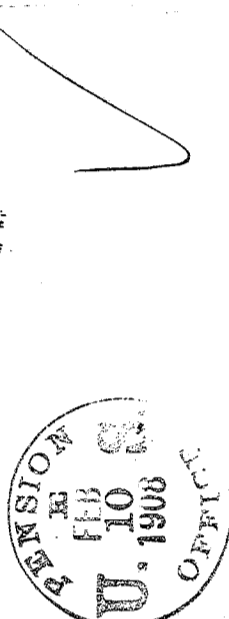
(Signature.) _____

(This certificate to be filled in by the member of the board acting as secretary, and signed by the applicant, when a full board is not present.)

"I, John J. Biggs, the applicant for (increase or original) pension referred to in this medical certificate, hereby consent to be examined by Dr. Wm. H. Lee and Dr. J. F. Brewer, the examining surgeons here present (waiving examination by full board), on this 6 day of Feb, 1908."

Witnesses to mark. _____

(Signature of Applicant.) John J. Biggs



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

John J. Biggs
Co. A, 1st Reg't Ill. Inf.

APPLICANT FOR increase

No. 58,779

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

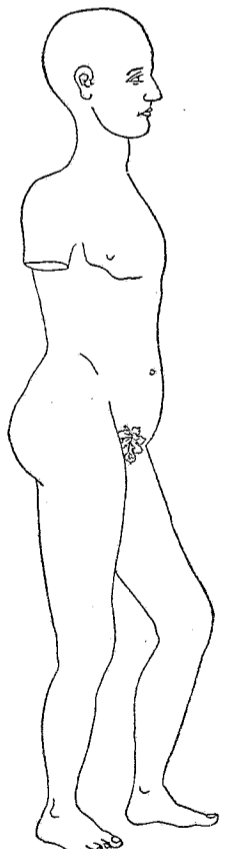
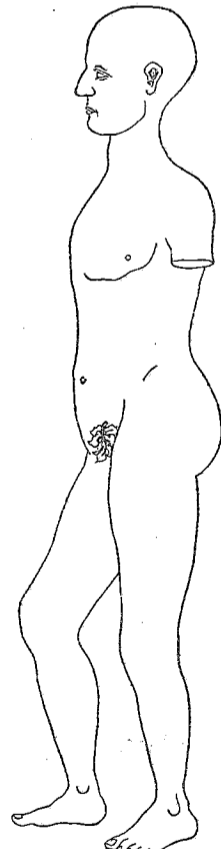
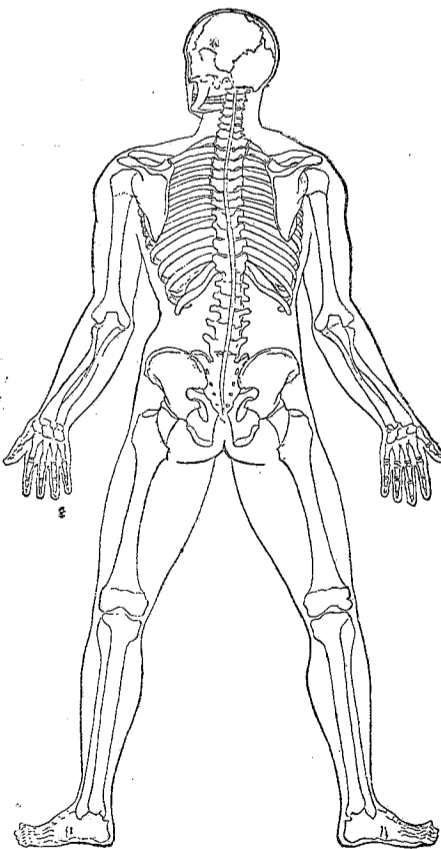
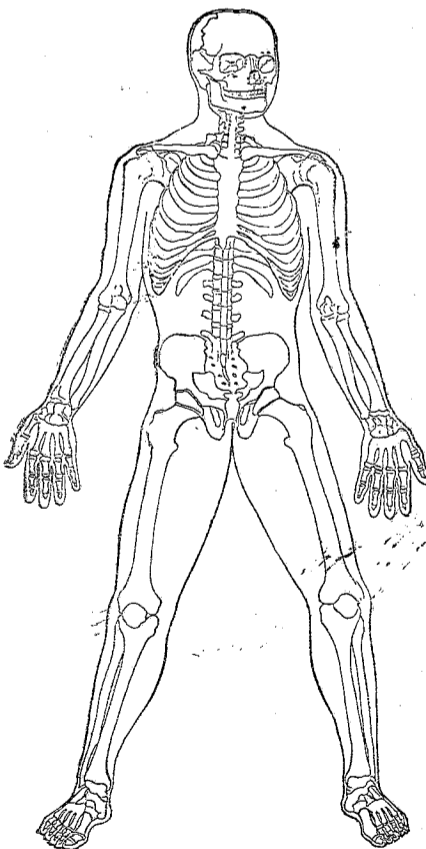
Feb 5, 1908

Wm. H. Lee, Pres.,
J. F. Brewer, Sec'y,
_____, Treas.,
_____, BOARD.

Post office, Milledgeville
County, Othawa

State, Miss

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



Single surgeons will use this blank, changing "we" to read "I." 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.

"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.]

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. Increase Pension Claim No. 158779

Name and rank of claimant. John J. Biggs, Rank, 2nd Lieut.

Company D., 17th Reg't Ill. Vol's Lincoln, Kans State, Kans

Claimant's post office address. Orwath, Lincoln Co. Kans (Post office address of the Board.) May 3, 1888. (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. Disease of Lungs as result of Pneumonia and hemorrhage and weakness of Lungs

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives a pension of 15. dollars per month.

Pulse rate per minute, 64; respiration, 34; temperature, 98 1/2; height, 5 feet 11 1/2 inches; weight, 160 pounds; age, 50 years.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase that the hemorrhages have increased in frequency and in quantity and as a result am am weak and unable to support my family by manual labor.

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

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Respiration weak over part of Left Lung, and not perceptible in any portion of the Right. The upper portion of the Right Lung is collapsed or else has been destroyed and coughed up. as right side of chest is considerably flatter than the left, and the supra-Clavicular region very much sunken. Right shoulder fully two and a half (2 1/2) inches lower than left. Heart beat at base indistinct, and has a far away sound. Apex beat, more nearly normal but weak.

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 to 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.

(* Right Lung)

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 15/18

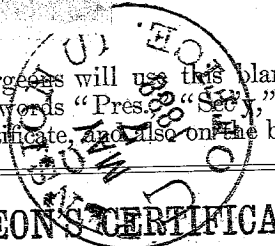
Rate for each cause of disability. If prolonged by vicious habits, the word not should be erased and the reason for the erasure given.

rating for the disability caused by Disease of Lungs, for that caused by _____, and _____ caused by _____

* See the back. Here state whether for original, increase, restoration, or renewal, or for a re-rating. Henry H. Hall, Pres. H. Cogswell, Sec'y. _____, Treas.

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

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

John J. Biggs
Co. *D*, 17 Reg't *Ill. Vols*

Applicant for *Increase*

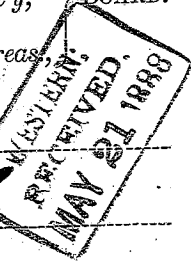
No. *158779*

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

May 2nd, 188*8*

Wm. M. Keell, Pres.,
A. Cooper, Sec'y,
_____, Treas.,
_____, BOARD.

Post office, *Lincoln*
County, *Lincoln*
State, *Kans.*



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

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.]

W.C.

EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

No. of Certificate, 158779

State: Kansas County: Lincoln

Post Office: Lincoln Sept 6, 1882.

It is hereby certified That John J Biggs
formerly a 7" Lieut of Captain Bush's Company,
in the 17 Regiment of Ill Vol, in the war of 1861
who is now paid at Chicago Agency at the rate
of 5⁰⁰ dollars per month, on account, as he states, of Hemorrhage
of Lungs

while in the line of duty in the military service of the United States, on or about the
day of October, 1861, at a place called Cape Jerido
in the State or Territory of Mo
is still suffering in consequence of said Hemorrhage of Lungs.

Here specify the particular disease or injury.

The disability originates entirely from the injury or disease on account of which he was originally pensioned, as follows:

Height, 5ft 11 1/2, weight, 148; complexion, Dark
age, 43; respiration, 22; pulse, 76

Here state fully and accurately the character of the pensioner's disability, and how he is at present affected thereby; also, state whether the disability is permanent in its present degree, and whether it has been in any degree caused or protracted by vicious habits.

I find upon examination Hemorrhage of Lungs. I find that it comes on irregularly. The blood is light & frothy of a bright color. During the intervals the Sputa is of a dark rusty color. Has some cough. I find that the ^{right} lung has diminished in size measuring around the chest 38 1/2 inches while from the spine to the center of Sternum on right side only measures 18 1/2 inches. There is dullness on Percussion all over the right lung. The right shoulder grope some.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to fix the proportionate degree of disability as $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 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.

I find his disability, as described above, to be equal to, and entitling him to
Total Pension

R. F. Bryant
Examining Surgeon.

The Surgeon will forward his report of examination direct to the Pension Office whether the pensioner is thought to be entitled to increase or not.

3 SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 3

IN CASE OF

John J Biggs
Co. *17* Reg't, *Ill Vol*

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE.

No. *158779*

Date of Examination: *Sept 6 '82*

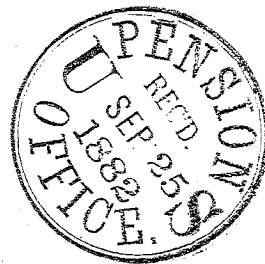
R Y Bryant
Examining Surgeon.

Post Office, *Lincoln*

County, *Lincoln*

State, *Kansas*

P. S. — Write your Post Office address plain and in full.



EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 250.887

State: Iowa County: Des Moines
Post Office: Burlington Ila., 1873.

Applicant's service.

We hereby certify, That we have carefully examined John J. Biggs, late a 2nd Lieut. Co. G, 17th Reg't, Ills. Vol. in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from Disease of lungs

Degree of disability.

In our opinion the said John J. Biggs is totally incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before us, it is our belief that the said disability did originate in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable duration.

The disability is total

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Particular description.

Height, 5-11 1/2; weight, 168; complexion, Dark; age, 39; pulse, 84; respiration, 36

Right lung completely hepatalized everywhere. We believe this compression of the right lung to be the effect of a former pleurisy. Heart perceptibly dilated, first sound abnormal. Bronchophony, respiratory murmur very indistinct over right lung. He states and we have no reason to doubt his assertion that he bled 48 times in the course of last year from lungs. Disability from above cause we consider to be undoubtedly total, entitling him to a pension of eight dollars per month.

Fred. Knuthan sec-y

G. R. Jones
Board of
R. C. Wa

1 SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 1

IN CASE OF

Jno. J. Briggs
Co. *E*, 17th Reg't, *Ills Vol*

APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

No. *250.887*

DATE OF EXAMINATION,

Febr. 5th 1879

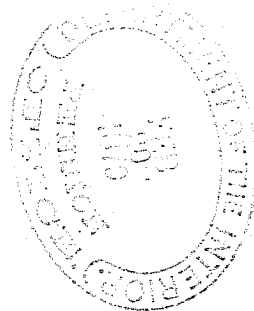
Board of Examining Surgeons

Post Office, *Burlington*

County, *Des Moines*

State, *Iowa*

P. S.—Write Post Office address plain and in full.



EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 257887

State: Illinois County: Fuller
 Post Office: Leuretown May 6, 1878

Applicant's service.

I hereby certify, That I have carefully examined John J. Biggs, late a Leut Co. D., 17th Reg't, Ill Infantry in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from

Degree of disability.

Disease of Lungs
 In my opinion the said John J. Biggs is one fourth incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before me, it is my belief that the said disability did originate in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable duration.

The disability is permanent

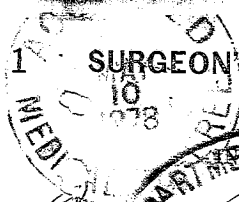
A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Particular description.

Height, 5ft 11 1/2; weight, 160; complexion, dark, age, 38; pulse, 78; respiration, 24

I find dullness on percussion & auscultation of lower portion of both lungs, more extensive on right side - see cut opposite side. Circulation good; strength good; Claimant states he has hemorrhage from very slight causes; as loud talking; and that neither parents had any lung disease, nor any blood relative to his knowledge; that he was discharged from the Army for Lung disability, but afterwards re-enlisted & served as Capt.

Chas. P. Tompkins
 Examining Surgeon.



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 1

John B. Briggs

Co. *D*, *17th* INFANTRY OFFICER

APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

No. *250887*

DATE OF EXAMINATION,

May. 6, 1878

Chas. D. Tompkins

Examining Surgeon.

Post Office, *Lewistown*

County, *Fulton*

State, *Ill.*

P. S.—Write Post Office address plain and in full.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., May 6, 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 250,887, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that James M. Cartney was enrolled on the _____ day of _____, 186, at _____ in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years or during the war, and mustered into service as a _____ on the _____ day of _____, 186, at _____ 1st Lieut., in Co. D, _____ 17th Regiment of _____ Illinois Volunteers, to serve _____ years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. _____ of that Regiment, for the months of from Oct. 61. to Feby. 28", 1862, he is reported 1st Lieut. Pursut. Return for March 1862 upon him Pursut. sick. Return for April 1862 upon him, Resigned March 28" 1862 order 46. Min. Regt. Stationed at Cape Girardeau Mo. Oct. 31. Nov. 30. + Decr. 31. 1861 and Jan'y 31. 62 at Fort Donelson Tenn. Feby. 28. 62 and at Pittsburg Tenn. March 31. 1862.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Samuel P. ...

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Conf. Secretary

Sir

James M. Cortney -
Origins.

Portrait



State of Illinois } 38
 County of Wayne }

on the 29th
 day of January AD 1878 personally came
 before Clerk of the Circuit Court
 within and for said County and State
 James McCartney - who being duly
 sworn according to law on his oath
 says that he was ~~was~~ a 1st Lieutenant
 of Co "D", 17th Ills Vol

that I was well acquainted with John
 J. Biggs who was a ~~was~~ 2nd Lieut of
 said Company -

that while at Cape Girardeau - Mo
 1st of October 1862 - said Biggs was
 attacked with typhoid fever - resulting
 in hemorrhage of the lungs - for which
 disability he the said Biggs resigned his
 Commission -

that he also was Captain of Co "G" of
 the 112th Ills. Vol - and said Biggs was
 also Captain of Co "C" of the 112th Ills
 Vol. and in this service said Biggs
 again resigned - on account of hemorrhage
 of lungs contracted in said first
 service,

that my knowledge of the above is
 derived from the following, I was with the
 17th Ill. Vol. Infy. when said Lieut. Biggs took

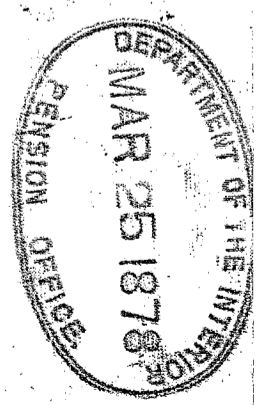
work and was with him every day I think while sick. his fever continuing until in January 1862, I was also with the 112th Ill. Vol. Infy. when said Beggs resigned and returned home. Said Beggs was sound so far as I know when he first enlisted. I have no interest in the same. D.O. address is - Fairfield, Wayne Co., Illinois

James M. Cartney [L.S.]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of January 1878 & have no interest in the same

R. E. Mabry
clerk of Wayne Co. Illinois

Office of
Disability
St. James M. Cartney
origin



State of Illinois
 Mason County } personally appeared before the
 undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County
 of Mason in the state of Illinois U. B. Lindsley
 and Benj. H. Rochester who being duly sworn
 say upon their oaths that they have for the last
 three years been acquainted with Joseph H. Stokes
 that he is an honorable man that he stands
 in this community as a truthful and honest
 man and that he is a reliable honest man

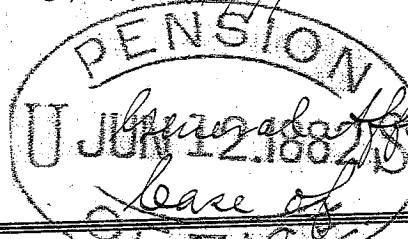
U. B. Lindsley
 B. H. Rochester

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
 20th day of May 1882

There is a certificate on file in the Pension Office
 showing my official capacity,

Leland Carpenter
 Notary Public

No. 158,779



General Affidant

John J. Biggs
2d. Lieut., Co. D, 17th Ill. Inf.

For
Re-issue & Increase of
Invalid Pension

Affidavits of
U. B. Lindsley &
B. F. Rochester

Filed by -
W. R. Myers & Co.
Washington,
D. C.

[INVALID.]

(No. 6.)

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

April 30th, 1878

Sir:

Please furnish this Office a report of hospital treatment in the Claim No. 250,887, of John J. Biggs, late a 2nd Lieut. Co. D. 17th Ill. Vols, from the data given below.

1. Disability from disease of lungs, result of typhoid pneumonia contracted at Cape Girardeau, Mo. Oct. 1, 1861.

2. Treatment, as follows: Hospital No. 1 Cape Girardeau, Mo. leaving it March, 1862.

3. The Adjutant General's report shows:

4. Discharged April, 1862,
do. Aug 9th, 1863 from Co. C. 112 Ill. Vols.

Very respectfully,

J A Purdy

Commissioner.

The Surgeon General M. I. A.

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

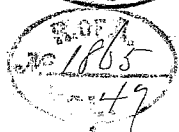
WASHINGTON, D. C., *Sept. 12th*, 1878

Respectfully returned to *The Com-
missioner of Pensions*

No information bearing upon this inquiry
has been obtained from *the hospital
records of Cape Girardeau*
Mo. said records commence
July 10th '62. There are no
hospital of either Regts
named on file in this office

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

J. Woodruff
Surgeon, U. S. A.
(186)
Per *J. W. Kepner*



Immediate

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ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, *John J. Biggs,*
 P. O., *Table Grove,*
 County, *Fulton,*
 State, *Ills.*

Rank, *2nd Lieut.*
 Company, *D.*
 Regiment, *17th Ills. Vols.*

Attorney, *C. M. Cadwallader, Esq. Macomb, Ills. Suspended Mar. 4, 1878.*
 Fee, \$ *5* *not completed before suspension*

Rate, \$ *5* per month, commencing ~~Nov. 4, 1878~~ *April 19, 1862*
 deducting ~~sub service~~ *from Sept 20, 1862 to Aug 9, 1863 inclusive*

Disabled by *disease of lungs.*

Submitted *Dec. 2nd, 1878*, by *Henry Stock*, Examiner.

Approved for *Disease of lungs*

Approved for *Wheezing of lungs*
1/3 - Pri. Re. Reg'd

George W. Kelley
March 27, 1878, Reviewer.

H. Pickering
Mar 29, 1879, Med. Referee.

Enlisted	<i>May 25th, 1861.</i>	<i>Subsequent service from September 20th, 1862, to August 9th, 1863, in Co. C. 112th Ills. Vols. as Captain.</i>
Mustered	<i>May 25th, 1861.</i>	
Discharged	<i>April 18th, 1862.</i>	
Declaration filed	<i>March 25th, 1878.</i>	<i>Not in military or naval service since August 9, 1863, when discharged.</i>
Last material evidence filed	<i>. 18</i>	<i>Filed Oct. 16, 1878.</i>

BASIS OF CLAIM.

Alleges in declaration filed March 25, 1878, that, at Cape Girardeau, Mo. Oct. 1, 1861, he was taken with typhoid pneumonia, resulting in hemorrhage of lungs.

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INVALID PENSION.

Claimant,

John J. Biggs

P. O.,

County,

State,

Attorney,

Rate, \$

*Lincoln
Kans-*

Rank,

Company,

Regiment,

*2^d Lieut
D. Ill. Vol -*

A. R. Myers & Co, Counsel

Fee, \$

*15.00 to pay
per month, commencing September 6, 1882.*

Disabled by

Submitted

Approved for

*Disease of Lungs
Sep 2), 1882, by Dr. S. M. ...*

, Examiner.

disease of lungs

Approved for

*disease of lungs
total. from Sept. 6th 1882*

Nov. 4, 1882,

Reviewer.

Nov. 10, 1882,

Med. Reviewer.

G. M. Hall

Ziba N. Potter

Discharged

Original application filed

Increase application filed

*Apr 18, 1862
Mch 25, 1878
Jan 12, 1882*

Certificate surrendered

Last paid at \$

Yes

5

to

Pensioned

for

same as above

Claims

Same

(3-145)

Monroe

INVALID PENSION.

Claimant,

John J. Biggs

P.O., *June 18, 1890*

Orwath

Rank, *2^d Lieutenant*

County,

Lincoln

Company, *"D"*

State,

Kansas

Regiment, *17 Ill. Vol. Inf.*

Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____

REJECTED.

Disabled by _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, *Wm. Fitch & Co.*
P.O., *City*

Fee \$ *10*, Agent _____ to pay.
Articles filed _____, 18 _____

APPROVALS:

Submitted for *Adm. March 8, 1892*
Approved for *disease of lungs*

M. J. Baum, Examiner.
Approved for *disease of lungs*
total of rank no increase

March 21, 1892, *Routhe*, Legal Reviewer.

Wm. J. Dugan, *D.P.H.*
Apr. 22, 1892, Medical Referee.

Discharged *April 18, 1862*, Last paid to _____, at \$ *15*

Pensioned from *" 9, 1862*, at \$ *5*, for *disease of lungs*

Original declaration filed *March 25, 1878*; alleged *disease of lungs*

Arrears allowed from _____, 18 _____, to _____, 18 _____, at \$ _____

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed *Jan 24*, 1888. *alleges same*

writes. No inc.

Declaration for the Increase of an Invalid Pension.

State of Kansas County of Lincoln, ss.

On this 19 day of Nov A. D., one thousand nine hundred and 7

personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer, duly authorized to administer oaths within the County and State aforesaid,

John J. Biggs
(Name of Claimant.)

who being duly sworn according to law, declares:

I am a pensioner of the United States, (Certificate No. 158779) enrolled at the Popera Kas Pension Agency at the rate of fifteen Dollars per month, by reason of Lung Disease
(Here name the cause stated in Pension Certificate.)

growing out of service to the United States in Lieut Co. D 17 Ill & Capt Co C 112 Ill
(Here state rank, company and regiment, if in the Army—vessel if in the Navy.)

That I believe myself to be entitled to, and now claim INCREASE of pension on account of insufficient rating, as I believe that the amount now allowed and paid me is absurdly low, and wholly disproportionate to the degree of my inability to perform the manual labor of a healthy man as same now exists.

That Lung Disease & General Debility
(Here name all disabilities and state particular reasons why increase should be allowed.)

That on account of the above named disease I am unable to work. And am dependent upon my pension for living
and I desire to be examined by the U. S. Pension Surgeons at Minneapolis Kan

I appoint with full power of substitution and revocation, **C. D. PENNEBAKER, of Washington, D. C.,** my true and lawful attorney to prosecute this claim and agree to pay him for his services the legal fee.

That my POST OFFICE ADDRESS is Paruad
County of Lincoln State of Kansas



Signature: John J. Biggs

FILED

Also personally appeared J. E. Marshall, residing at Barnard Kansas and H. J. Gruniewicz, residing at Barnard Kansas. persons whom I certify to be reputable 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, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

The identifying witnesses should be able to write their names.

J. E. Marshall
H. J. Gruniewicz
Signatures of Witnesses

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of November A. D., 1907 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, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

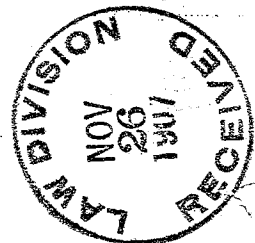
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(Signature)

If the officer has an official seal it should be affixed.

Notary Public
(Official Character)
any term of office, July 3, 1910

INVALID
CLAIM FOR INCREASE

Certificate
658,779
John A. Riggs
Capt. 112 Reg't.,
[Signature] Vols.



FILED BY
C. D. PENNEBAKER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
1331 F Street N. W. P. O. Box 465,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Increase INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, John J. Biggs
 P. O., Barnard Rank, Second Lieutenant
 County, Lincoln Company, D.
 State, Kansas Regiment, 17. Illinois Vol. Inf.

Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____

Pensioned for _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, C. D. Pennebaker Fee, \$ 2; Agent to pay.
 P. O., Washington, D.C. Articles filed _____, 1

REJECTED
Apr. 2/08

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Mich. 5th, 1908; A. Meyers, Examiner.

Approved for disease of lungs Approved for disease of lungs

Total of rows. No increase.

Mich 16, 1908, O. H. Hallam
Legal Reviewer.

Dantelle, Duske
Medical Examiner. Medical Reviewer.

_____, 190____, _____
Re-Reviewer.

March 20, 1908, C. Whitney
Medical Referee.

Enlisted May 25, 61, Discharged Apr. 18, 62 Last paid to _____, 1
 Pensions at \$ 15.00 per month for disease of lungs

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed Nov. 26, 1907; Alleged Inc. Jan 5th 1908

Claimant does _____ write.

_____, M. C.

Western

of

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J. A. W. Dist

S. E. D.

No. 396,306

Name: Catharine Biggs

P. O. address: ^{Widow of} John J. Biggs

County: Holt State: Mo.

Recommendation: Further Examination

A. V. Seaber

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

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Chief S. E. Division.

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Reviewer.

Approved:

Chief Board of Review.

ACTION.

May 15, 1880

To Lincoln Co.,
Kansas as to identity.

Geo. B. Ramm
Commissioner

Chief S. E. Division

Examination:

U. S. PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE
MAY 12 1890
SPL. EX.

CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION do

Case of Catharine Biggs, No. 396.306

On this Eighth day of May, 1890, at
Martinsburg, County of Holt
 State of Mo., before me, A. V. Feuber, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Mrs. Catharine
Biggs, the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who, being duly sworn,
 says in answer to the interrogatories herein :

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. I do not desire to be present

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. I will

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

A. My attorney is S. B. Fargo of Quinter
Mo.

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.

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A. I have a verbal contract with him but nothing was said as to the fee. I gave him \$100 for postage

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. I have paid no fees

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. I have no witnesses.

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. I have no ~~witnesses~~ complaint to make

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

A. No sir

Catharine Biggs

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of May, 1890

and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. N. Sealer

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION BCase of Catharine Biggs, No. 376,306

On this Eighth day of May, 1890, ^{near}
Maitland, County of Holt
 State of Mo., before me, A. N. Seuber, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Abigail
Colwell, 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 52 years of age,
 a housekeeper my post office address
 is Maitland Mo. I have been well
 acquainted with Catharine Biggs ever
 since she was five years of age. Her
 name before her marriage was Colwell.
 She is a niece by marriage. I know that
Catharine Colwell lived with John J. Biggs
 as his wife. They were living together
 at her father's in the fall of 1866. My
 understanding is that they ran off and
 got married. She has lived a widow
 ever since the soldier's death or supposed
 death. He went into the army and never
 came back. I don't know what has
 become of him. As far as we know
 he died in the service. She had one
 child by the soldier, Sarah J. now
 married to a man named Money.
 I always supposed that the soldier
 was dead. We never heard from him
 no sir. I know of no reason for
 his leaving her. I never heard that
 there was any reason. I don't remember
 now where the soldier died. I know
 that my husband wrote to the soldier
 a great many times and she got letters
 from him but all at once they ceased

and we never heard anything further from him.

John J. Biggs was a tall fellow, dark complexioned. He boarded at my house for some time before they were married. He told me that he was determined to marry her, Her father was opposed to the match and they ran away to be married.

I always supposed she was his widow, but I can't be sure he is dead, but I know he never returned to her from the army.

I am not interested in the claim

2 Do you fully understand the questions asked you and are the answers to them correctly recorded in this deposition

a Yes.

Attest.

Catharine J. J. J.
J. H. Colwell

Abigail ^{her} Colwell
mark

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of May, 1890, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

A. N. Feaker

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Catharine Biggs, No. 396, 306

On this eighth day of May, 1890, at
 Maitland, County of Holt
 State of Mo, before me, A. V. Feuber, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Mrs Catharine
 Biggs, the applicant, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of afore-
 said pension claim, deposes and says: I am 48 years of age. I
 live with my father and mother, my
 postoffice is Maitland Mo. I am the
 identical Catharine Biggs applicant for
 pension No. 396 306, as the widow of
 John J. Biggs, who was a Sient in Co. 17
 Ill. Vols, and afterwards Capt. of Co. 6, 112
 Ill. Vols. I was married to John J. Biggs
 on Feb. 14th 1860, at Toulon Stark Co. Ill.
 I don't remember now who married us
 we ran away from home and were
 married, no sir neither of us had been
 previously married. I don't think that
 any one was present at our marriage
 I think we were married by a justice
 of the peace. After our marriage we lived
 together until he enlisted. He lived with
 my parents near Pritchville, Peoria Co
 Ill. I had one child while I was living
 there she was born on June 6th 1861. Her
 name is Sarah J. Biggs now Money. My husband
 was a tall man with dark hair, and
 eyes between a gray and black. He had
 a peculiarity about his toes, the second
 and third toes of each foot were grown
 together and my daughters are marked
 in the same way. At the time he enlisted
 we were living at or near Pritchville, Peoria

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Co. Ill. He was elected 2^d Sicut of the Co.
D. 17 Ill. afterwards became 1st Sicut, The
regiment was at Peoria quite a while
and I got letters from him while there
and afterwards from other places, I have
no letters now from him. When he was
discharged he did not come home, but
wrote that he was so sick that he could
not get home, and then he was made
Capt of Co. C. 112 Ill. Vols. and was
sent to Kentucky, I never saw him after
his first enlistment, I got letters from
him from Lexington Kentucky, and
that is the last place I heard from him.
It was reported to me that he had
died in Lexington in the last of
1864, a cousin of mine named Noah
Pounce, told me that my husband was
dead, Andrew Pounce another cousin also
told me he was dead, I never got
any more letters from him, His last letter
was written from a hospital in Lexington
Ky. afterwards the doctor of the hospital
wrote to me that he was very sick,
with if I am not mistaken hemorrhage
of the lungs, Then when these cousins
of mine told me that he was dead
I believed it, Noah Pounce is dead, I dont
know where Andrew is, That is the
last I ever heard of my husband
and I had every reason to suppose
he was dead, and did so suppose.
I have no letters from my husband
I let them get destroyed, I never had
but the one child, I suppose our marriage
was legal, we did not get any certificate
that I know of, The marriage ceremony
was said by I think a Justice of the Peace

of Stark Co. Ill. It might have been a minister who performed the ceremony I was young, we had eloped and my parents were much opposed to the marriage, so that we were married at a I think a private house in a hurry. Oh sir I have never remarried since then, oh sir I never heard that my husband was living. From my examination of these papers you have shown me I am pretty well satisfied that he my husband is living and that being the fact I don't consider that I have any claim for pension. I made my claim in good faith, believing that my husband was dead and had no other idea until you tell me different. I will as certain the facts, I certainly had no intention of prosecuting a claim that was not a just one, but the fact of hearing that my husband was very sick in hospital, then hearing from a reliable source, as I supposed, that he was dead, I did not question the fact. I don't know who I could prove my marriage by, I do not know whether there was any public record, no I do not know whether my husband got a license, as I said we were in a hurry for fear of my parents. My husband was a blacksmith he worked at his trade at a little place called Slackwater in Stark Co. Ill. When we were married he had been in Ill about five years. He was born in Chester Ohio. I do not recognize his signature as shown me on the papers.

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as he was a very poor scribe when I knew him, but he may have improved. I never saw his folks. I have not a scrap of his writing now that I can discover. Still it must be the man, as he was Lieut and Captain in those same Regiments. I don't know any of his comrades. His captain I think was Ottumaw in the 17th and Capt Bond in the 112th Ill. I have no proof to show that he is dead. If he is living I am his wife. If he is dead I am his lawful widow. I don't know why he deserted me unless it was on account of my parents who never liked him. Still I never thought he would desert me. I have no testimony to offer in the case unless it is Mrs Abigail Caldwell of this town.

2 Do you fully understand the questions asked you and are the answers to them correctly recorded in this deposition?

a Yes.

Katharine Biggs

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of May 1890, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

A. N. Seabury

Special Examiner.

(3-459.)

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. PENSION BUREAU

At Maitland, Mo.

May 8th, 1890

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Catharine Biggs No. 396.306

To Catharine Biggs, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 8th day of May, A. D. 1890, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Maitland, County of Holt and State of Mo., 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.

A. N. Seaber

Special Examiner.

Maitland Mo

I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 8th day of May, 1890, and desire the examination to begin ~~on the~~ immediately

Catharine Biggs

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Med. Div.

S. E. D.

No. *396306*

Name: *Catherine Riggs*

P. O. address: *Maillards*

County: *Holt* State: *Mo*

Recommendation: *Rejection*

A. Downing

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

June 24, 1890
Respectfully
Wm. H. Brown
Chief
H. Y. Butterfield

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

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Reviewer.

Approved:

[Signature]

Chief Board of

ACTION.

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Chief S. E. Division.

Examination:

U. S. PEN. & CY. OFFICE
RECEIVED
JUN 23 1890
SPL. EXN. DIVISION

DEPOSITION BCase of Catherine Biggs, No. 396306

On this 17 day of June, 1890, at
Lincoln, County of Lincoln
 State of Kansas, before me, H. Downing, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared A. C. Biggs,
 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 47 years of age am County
 Supt of Public Instruction of this County -
 Lincoln. I have no my P.O. address. I
 am a brother of Capt-John J Biggs of this
 County who ^{was} a member of the 17th Ill
and also of the 112th Ill during the war
 Lieut. of Co D 17th Ill and Capt. of Co C
112th Ill. He lived at Cambridge Ill
 when he enlisted. He had never been married
 when he enlisted. I then lived in Ohio
 and did not see him for 20 years. One
 Catherine Caldwell of Westwater Ill
 wrote to me in 1859 or 60 that she and
 John were married. I immediately
 wrote to John and he said he never
 thought of such a thing. In 1861 or 2
 he married Mary Ann Stokes I think
 in Cape Girardeau Mo. and has lived
 with her ~~ever~~ ever since and is now
 living with her in this county. I have
 heard you read this alleged widow's
 statement made to a Special Examiner
 of the Pension Bureau and it is false
 so far as any marriage with my brother
 is concerned as I believe. My brother
 lived with his present wife at Cambridge
 Pennsylvania and Fable Grove

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in Ill near Blackwater Ill for 16 or 17 years right after the war, and if he had had a wife at Blackwater she would have been pretty certain to have made a fuss then. Doubtless this woman's claim is fraudulent from beginning to end. She has the delirious man; there is no doubt of that. All her description is correct; I don't remember any peculiarities about his toes as she states. But it seems to me there is something about his toes, he used to call him web footed if I remember right. She has probably got that right too. John J. Biggs is a large man 5 feet 11 inches high, dark complexion, dark eyes and dark hair. He is a pensioner at \$15.00 per month for lung trouble. I have no interest in the claim.

I have understood the questions and the answers to them are correctly recorded in this deposition.

A. J. Biggs

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of June, 1890, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

A. Downing

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION A.Case of Catharine Briggs, No. 396306

On this 18th day of June, 1890, at
in Scott Township, County of Lincoln
 State of Kansas, before me, A. Downing, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared John
J. Briggs, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-
 said pension claim, deposes and says:

I am 52 years of age am a farmer
 and blacksmith. Orworth, Lincoln Co Kan
 is my O. O. address. I was sent in Co D
 17 Ill Infy and afterwards Capt of Co B
 112 Ill Infy. The date of my 2^d Regt
 in Co D 17 Ill Infy is the 20 April 1861. I
 resigned in April 1862 - was in service
 that regiment about a year. In about
 two months I went into Co B 112 Ill Infy
 as Capt and served as such until Aug
 1863. I resigned both commissions for
 hemorrhage of the lungs. I lived at Cam-
 bridge Ill when I enlisted. I had then lived
 there about a year and a half, worked at
 blacksmithy. I am a pensioner on account
 of hemorrhage of the lungs my certificate being
 numbered 158779 the rate being \$15 per month
 paid at the Tpeka Agency. I have read
 the statement of the claimant read - Catharine
 Briggs as she calls herself - i.e. the statement
 made by her to Special Examiner Secher of
 the Pension Office, and it is false in every
 particular so far as any marriage or marriage
 contract between us is concerned. I knew
 a young woman named Catharine Caldwell
 near Blackwater Plover Co Ill. the winter of
 1858 & 9 - I never saw her after 1859.

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I am undoubtedly the man she means I am the only John J. Biggs that I know of I never closed with her never married her and never thought of it. The whole story is a tissue of falsehoods. I was married the day Ft. Paulsen surrendered Feb-16 1862 to Mary Ann Stokes, and have lived with her ever since and no other woman. I was married when I was Lieut. on the 17th Ill. was married at Cape Girardeau Mo. When I resigned out of that regt I was - right back to Cambridge Ill. where we had lived before and left there in 1866 and went to Bluff City Ill. about 40 miles from there. I never lived 50 miles from there during the whole 20 years I lived on Ill. after the war and if this alleged Catharine Biggs had been my wife she would certainly have made a fuss about my marriage to my wife formerly Mary Ann Stokes. I met John Colwell Catharine's father in Aug 1862 at Peoria Ill. He came into camp there when I was drilling. I told him I was married and had married Mary Ann Stokes. He invited me out to see them but I never went - he left there for the front soon after that. I never had any disagreement with the Caldwell's - the old people. I heard this Kate Caldwell the Criminal - had an illegitimate child as I suppose. She was never married to anybody to my knowledge and I never lived with her a day. Both she and her aunt Abigail Caldwell know they were swearing falsely when they swore as to former marriage - and co-habitation as husband and wife.

She has misled it - badly as to my two You can look at them; here they are. You

can see that my trees are not from
together as she states. I have not heard
of her since I left - Ill and long before
I have a claim pending for increase of
pension.

I have no interest in the claim.

I have understood the questions and the answers
to them are correctly recorded in this deposition

John F. Biggs

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
18th day of June 1890 and I certify that
the contents were fully made known to
deponent - before signing

A. Downing,
Special Examiner,

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State of Kansas County of Lincoln S. S.
 in the Matter of Certain Claims
 No 158-272 of John J. Biggs on this
 18 day of March 1892 Personally appeared before
 me a Notary in and for the aforementioned County
 duly authorized to administer Oaths
 SA Bacon aged 47 years and A
 C. Wray aged 46 years whose residences
 is Bonnard Kansas well known
 to me to be reputable and desirous to credit
 and who being duly sworn declare seen
 for him self in relation to the afore-
 said case as follows That the said
 John J. Biggs is and has been
 almost wholly incapable of performing
 hard Manual Labor since has been ever
 since we first knew him except at
 short intervals in cool weather
 caused by hemorrhage of the Lungs
 which is more frequent and prostrating
 in warm weather or when he labors
 hard and that we have each of us
 been acquainted with him ten years
 having lived within two miles of him all
 of this time except this last year and
 have conversed with him on
 different occasions during this time and
 that each of us has been at his shop to
 get work done and found him wholly incompetent
 of performing any labor what ever and we further
 declare that we have no interest in this claim
 and are not concerned in it.
 Prosecutors
 SA Bacon
 A C. Wray

U. S. Pension Bureau.
MAIL DIVISION
AUG 28 1892

SEP 1 1892
CHIEF'S DESK.

State of Kansas County of Lincoln SD
Seems to and subscribed before me this
18 day of March 1892 by the above
named affiants and they were made
acquainted with the contents before
they 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 affiants are personally
known to me and that they are credible
Persons.

Fred Jacobs
Notary Public

Term expires April 12 - 1892

Re-issued [3-0117]

B DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION. **B**

State of Kansas County of Lincoln, ss.

On this 5th day of June, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two personally appeared before me, a Notary Public

within and for the county and State aforesaid, John J. Biggs, aged 43

years, a resident of the town of Pinian, county of Lincoln

State of Kansas, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner

of the United States, enrolled at the Chicago Pension Agency at the rate

of 5 dollars per month, by reason of disability from hemorrhage of lungs

[Here name the disability for which pension was granted.] incurred

in the Military service of the United States while a Lieut of 17th

Illinois vols. [Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in the Army—vessel, if in the Navy.]

Re-issued

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of increase of disability

for which already pensioned the hemorrhages are more frequent and much harder now than ever before. I took cold while on picket duty at Cape Girardeau Mo. was treated in the only hospital there in Oct 1861 was sent to the St Charles Hotel at my own Request, went to Dr. Myer's Washington

vice, should be fully stated. The dates of treatment should be given as nearly as possible.

that he appoints Dr. Myer's, of Washington

county of District of Columbia, State of District of Columbia, his true and

lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That his POST OFFICE ADDRESS is Pinian county of Lincoln, State of Kansas

Claimant's Signature: John J. Biggs

Attest: A. H. Wait
W. P. Richer

from there to Camp

Also personally appeared A. H. Wait, residing at Lincoln Centre
and W. H. Pilcher, residing at Lincoln Centre, persons whom I
certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw
John P. Biggs, 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 ac-
quaintance 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.

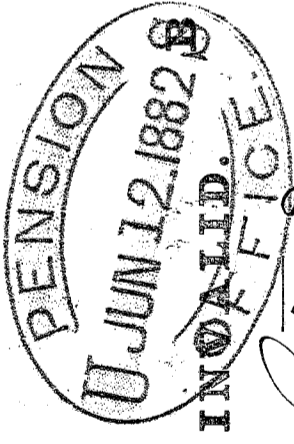
A. H. Wait
W. H. Pilcher
Signatures of Witnesses.

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 5th day of June, A. D. 1886
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[L. S.]

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

W. H. Wait
(Signature.)
Notary Public
(Official character.)
Lincoln County, Kansas
Commission expires
Sept 4th 1884



Received
CLAIM FOR INCREASE.

John P. Biggs, Applicant,
Co. D. 17th Regt., Co. D.
Illinois Vols.

Pension Certificate No. 158779-

FILED BY
W. R. Myers Esq.
Washington, D.C.

Printed and Sold by W. H. Moore, 511 Eleventh street, Washington, D. C.

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.

If executed before any officer other than a Clerk of a Court of Record, the Certificate of the Clerk as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer should be attached.

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Melbourn Exr.
5²⁶ No. 3/8 063

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

Sarah J. Bigges
Warrant, Holt-Co. Mo.

Child

John J. Bigges
1st Lt. Ill. Inf.
Capt. 112 Ill. Inf. Ky.
Died

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Lung dis.

No other claim than

Inv. of 158 779

Consid herewith P.

Aug 15, 1888

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11/63 2/31

Clerk.

Application filed: Aug 9, 1888

Attorney: Geo Bancroft & Co.

P. O. Wash.

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*Apr 23. 1889 claim re-
fied and Hon. E. J. Munson
informed.
5/3/89. To attorney Belmont*

of guardianship in claim and the

WIS.

P.O. address of claimant

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and took a relapse, rejoined the regiment
at Pittsburg Landing in March 1862, & on
April 18th 1862 Resigned by reason
of disability. On September 20th 1862
I again entered the service as Captain
of Co. "C" 112 R. I. V. Left & on the
Seventh day of August 1863 I again
resigned by reason of disability
"112 R. I. V." but check the

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Stock Ex'r. INVALID. W
250.887

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

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John P. Biggs
P. O. Table Grove
Fulton Co. Ill.

Service: 60" 17 Dec 1861
to 6" 12 Dec 1861

Enlisted: April 20, 1861

Discharged: April, 1862

March 9, 1863

Application filed: March 25, 1878

Alleges: result of phoid pneumonia
disease of lungs contracted at Cape
Sizeland, Mo. Oct. 1, 1861.

Re-enlisted:

Attorney: M. Cadwallader

P. O. Macomb
McPenny Co. Ill.

Recognized.

Contra.

Discharged
March 9, 1863

Apr 30/78. A. G.
 " " " S. G.
 " " " A. G. Sec. of G. W. Cartney
 " " " Dr. Tompkins, Lexington, Ill.
 July 8 " Crd. to claimant.
 Sept. 20 " Regl. Surgeon
 Oct. 9 - A. G. Sec. of Regl. Surgeon
 " " " ~~Resubstant~~
 " " " Dr. Tompkins, Lexington, Ill. Prof.
 standing to Dr. Kosman Macom.
 " " " P. M. Phillips, Ill. Prof. standing to Regl. Surg.
 " 23 - Cdt. for med. ex other than Dr. Kosman
 or if impossible - then non prof. ex.
 Nov. 6/ - Cdt. for ex. of Smith being history
 Dec. 16/ - Board Burlington Iowa - ~~Ship~~
 Jan 16/79 - ~~Just informed~~ it is expected that he
 comply with order to board.
 Jan 17/1879 - How J. A. Boyde inf claim
 awaiting report Burlington Iowa Pres
 Ex. Surgs - see copy -
 March 10/1879 - How J. A. Boyde inf. claim
 under consideration - see copy -

L. Increase No. 138.779

Illinois

Name: John J Biggs
Rank: 2^d Surg. County: D
17th Ills Vol

~~Chicago~~ Topeka Agency.

RATE PER MONTH, AND DATE OF COMMENCEMENT.

A 5 Comm'g 19 April 1862
Deduction from 20 Sept 1862 to 9 Aug 1863 inclusive
\$ 15⁰⁰ Comm'g Sept. 6. 1862

Comm'g

DATE OF CERTIFICATE, AND TO WHOM SENT.

Apr 10/79 Sent to 21 Apr 79
No Atty

Nov 22/82 Sent to Nov 24/82

Sent to DEAD.

14th July, 1862. Bk. G., Vol. Page

Registering Clerk: Nager

Sept 15th 1879. Resignation of
Commission
on file (See Slips)

May 17/80. app for inc. to R

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from Chicago to Tope

March 30/89. Consolidate
with Minor's claim
No. 378,063 P

3/8/92. To 20 Auditor
Abstracts of testimony
upon which resignations were
respected and accepted. WDM

1/8/95. To Com' for Hon.
W. B. Allen. Increase Subm
to B. O. R. WDM

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State of Illinois } SS.
County of McDonough

On this 14th day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy 8, personally appeared before me, Clark, of the Circuit Court, a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, John J. Biggs, aged 37 years, a resident of the Table Grove county of Illinois, State of Ill, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical John J. Biggs who was enrolled on the 20th day of April 1861, in company D, of the 1st regiment of Ill, commanded by as 2nd Lieut, and Resigned discharged at , on the day of April, 1862 that his personal description is as follows:

Age, 37 years; height, 5 feet 11 inches; complexion, Dark; hair, Dark; eyes, Hazel. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty, at Cape Merrill, in the State of MD, on or about the 1st day of Oct, 1861, he was taken

with Typhoid Pneumonia Fever resulting in hemorrhage of the lungs, and he resigned for reason of same.

That he was again reenlisted in co "C" 11th Ill Vol and was present in as Capt of said co and was again compelled to resign on account of hemorrhage of the lungs said disease still continues to debilitate

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: was in hospital at Cape Merril and left hospital in March

That he has not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above.

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the Table Grove, in the State of Ill, and his occupation has been that of a Blacksmith That prior to his entry into the service above named

he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled a Blacksmith 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, C. M. CADWALLADER, of Macomb, State of Illinois, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That he has not received any applied for a pension. That his post office address is Table Grove county of Illinois, State of Ill.

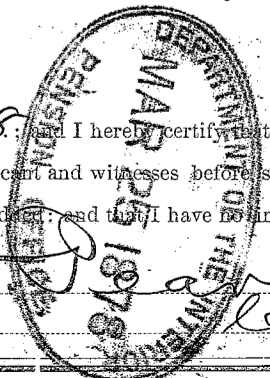
Attest: John J. Biggs

Also personally appeared G. B. Waters and J. A. Ross persons

whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, say they were present and saw John J. Biggs the claimant, sign his name 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. B. Waters
J. A. Ross

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of January, A. D. 1878, 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 words erased, and the words added, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.



J. A. Ross Person
 Clerk

Application for
Invalid Pension
John J. Biggs
No. 17th Ill. vol

Declaration

C. M. Oadumoller
Macomb
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PENSIONER DROPPED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

OFFICE OF THE DISBURSING CLERK

OCT 8 - 1913, 191

Certificate No. 158,779

Class INVALID

Pensioner John J. Biggs

Soldier

Service D. 17 Ill.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the above-named pensioner who was last paid at \$ 15, to 4 Aug, 1912, has this day been dropped from the roll because of DEATH Aug, 22, 1912,

Death reported by P. M. at Barnard.

Very respectfully,

Kaa,

W. N. Campbell,

Disbursing Clerk.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death when known.

FINANCE
OCT 10 1913
DIVISION

War Department,

1958. 75. 1878.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, May 15th, 1878.

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your request of April 30th, 1878, for certain information for use in the consideration of application for pension No. 250.887, and to return it herewith, with the following information from the records of this office:

It appears from the rolls, &c., on file in this office that John J. Biggs was mustered into the service of the United States as 2^d Lieut. Co. 11th Regt of Illinois Vols, to date May 25, 1861, to serve 3 years or during the war. On the Muster-roll of Company D of that Regiment for the months

of my returns of regiment to Dec 31, 1861, he is reported "Present." Return for Jan'y 1862 reports him "Absent sick." Roll for Jan'y my Feb'y 1862 "at Cape Girardeau on sick leave." Return for March 1862 "Absent without leave."

The Surgeon's Certificate upon which his resignation, accepted to date April 18 1862, was based, states that "he has not been able to attend to his duties as Lieut. for two months and is not now, and never will be able to do duty on account of Haemoptysis."

John J. Biggs was mustered in as Capt Co. C 112^d Illinois Vols, Sept 20 1862 for 3 years.

He is reported on rolls of Co my returns of regiment to June 30. 1863 "Present."

The Surgeon's Certificate upon which his resignation, accepted to take effect Aug 9 1863 was based, states that he is "suffering with Haemoptysis."

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Adjutant General.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,
Washington, D. C.

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RETURN TO THIS OFFICE
AT ONCE.

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Certificate No. 158779
Name, Jno J Biggs

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

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

SIR:

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

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

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

Answer. yes Mary Stokes

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

Answer. by Joseph H Stokes of Cape Girardeau Mo

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. marriage certificate

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

Answer. no never

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

Answer. Annie Mcjick Born may 9th 1868

John W Biggs 19 Aug 1866

Charles R Biggs 31st Jan 1868

Maudie D Biggs March 20th 1873

Thomas Aubrey Biggs Feb 18 1881

Date of reply, May 6, 1898

(Signature.)

John J Biggs

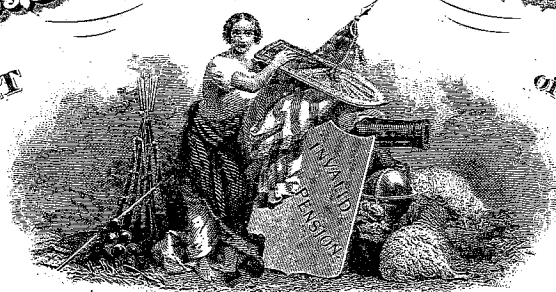
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UNITED STATES AMERICAN

DEPARTMENT

of the INTERIOR



Bureau Engraving & Printing

PENSION BUREAU

It is hereby certified That in conformity with the laws of the United States John J. Diggs who was a 2^d Lieut. of Co. B of the 17th Regiment Illinois Volunteers is inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of the Chicago Agency, at the rate of Five dollars per month, to commence on the Nineteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and sixty two deducting from September 20, 1862 to August 9, 1863.

This pension being for "Disease of Throat"

Given at the Department of the Interior this 19th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and third.

A. Bee
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

Countersigned [Signature]
Commissioner of Pensions.

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Chicago

No. 158779

PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

John J. Riggs

Payable Quarterly
on the

4th of March, June, September & December

of each year by the

U. S. Pension Agent

at Chicago Ill.

TRANSFERRED TO

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Commissioner

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NOTE - No sale, or transfer of any kind, of the whole or any part of the Pension payable by virtue of this Certificate is of any legal or binding force against either the Pensioner or the United States.

Rock
Clerk

John J. O'Connell, being duly sworn, in his oath says,
that Dr. A. J. Johnson of Cambridge County, Ill.,
was my family physician from 1862 to 1865, &
I treated him as such, - and by the appearance
of my medical certificate since, that the said
Dr. A. J. Johnson was dead, which, I verily
believe to be true, - Dated this Oct. 31st, 1875
J. M. O'Connell

Subscribed & sworn to before me
This 31st of Oct. 1875.
Henry Smither
Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRACY.—From THE DEMOCRAT Job Rooms, Lewistown, Ill.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
County of Fulton,

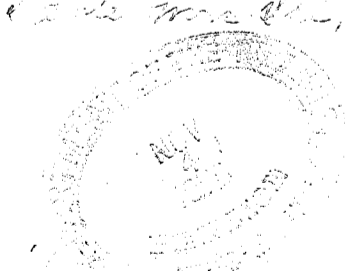
I, ISAIAH C. WORLEY, Clerk of the County Court of the County and State
aforesaid, do hereby certify that Henry Smither

is a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified; that his commission was dated
on the 1st day of April, 1877, and will expire on the 1st day
of April, 1881; and that his signature is genuine.

Given Under my Hand, and the Seal of said Court, at Lewistown, this 18th day of
November, A. D. 1878.



Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at Lewistown, Ill., this 31st day of Oct. 1875.
I. C. Worley
D. W. Stephens
R. B. Grinnell



Subscribed & sworn to
before me, this 31st of Oct. 1875.
Henry Smither
Notary Public
not filed Nov. 6 75

John f. Biggs, being duly sworn, on his oath says,
that Dr. A. J. Johnson of Cambridge Mass. was
my family physician from 1862 to 1865, &
I called him as such. - And by correspondence
I have ascertained sometime since, that the said
Dr. A. J. Johnson was dead, which I verily
believe to be true. - Dated this Oct. 31st 1875
John f. Biggs

Subscribed & sworn to before me
This Oct 31st 1875.

Henry Smith
Notary Public

We James Stephens and R. B. Groomer
on our oath say that we are personally acquainted with
John H. Stokes, A. A. Renshaw and John f. Biggs - all named
in the foregoing statement, and know them to be
men of truth and veracity, and every way worthy
of confidence and esteem, and that we have no
objection in the claim of John f. Biggs as a pensioner.
Dated Nov 11th 1875

D. W. Stephens
R. B. Groomer



Subscribed & sworn to
this Oct. 31st 1875

Henry Smith

not filed Nov. 6 75

Joseph H. Stokes, being duly sworn on his oath says, I have been intimately acquainted with John J. Biggs, since he left the service of the United States, on account of continued sickness, in 1864 or 1865, till the present, and that during the entire time, he has been troubled seriously with hemorrhage of the lungs, sometimes better, at other times worse, but never entirely free from the disease, which is gradually growing worse, and I have no interest in this claim for pension.

Dated at Tallahassee, this Oct 31st 1875

Joseph H. Stokes

Newton A. Kershaw, being duly sworn on his oath says, I have been acquainted intimately, with John J. Biggs, since Feb. 1860 to present time, and that during the time of my acquaintance with him, he has been troubled & bleeding from the lungs - sometimes very bad, and at all times sufficient, so, to materially interfere with his power of labor and endurance, - and I have no interest in his claim for a pension in this Oct 31st 1875.

Newton A. Kershaw

John Williams
Tallahassee
Tallahassee County

Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County & State, John H. Stokes, and N. A. Kershaw, - sworn to me to be of and

state
date
month
day
of

Beloit, Kansas, June 20, 1890.

Hon. Green B. Raum,
Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I return, with my report, the papers in the Claim No. 396306, of Catherine Biggs alleged widow of John J. Biggs late Capt. Co. C. 112 Ill. Vols. Claimant resides at Mantland Holt Co. Mo. and alleges death of soldier due to service. Having filed her claim prior to the death of said soldier doubt as to his identity naturally follows.

Case was referred to me to take the statements of soldier and his brother A. J. Biggs (both of whom reside at or near Lincoln, Kan.) to settle the question of identity.

Their testimony (Depositions A and B) herewith, effectually disposes of this alleged widow's claim and stamps the same as a first-class fraud. Her story Capt. Biggs pronounces "a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end." Soldier is a pensioner (Cert. # 158779) at \$15⁰⁰ per month, for long disease. He is paid at the Fopka Agency. He is totally disabled for manual labor - has frequent attacks of hemorrhage of the lungs, one of these having just-

ceased at the very time I called upon him, and he was pale and very weak. He is a man in excellent standing and his reputation for truth is good. He has a large and interesting family and he introduced me to his wife - nee Mary Ann Stokes - with whom he has lived continuously since their marriage Feb 16th 1862.

Claimant's brother A. J. Biggs is Supt. of Public Instruction in Lincoln Co. Kan an old soldier and a thorough gentleman. His standing in the community is pretty well evidenced by the fact that he has been four times elected to the office he now holds. His reputation for truth is excellent.

It would seem that claimant and her relative Abigail Colwell ought to be made subjects of criminal prosecution.

Rejection of the claim is recommended.

And I will further say that I have not the least doubt as to the validity of Capt. Biggs' claim for increase. He is totally disabled, liable to die any day of hemorrhage.

Very respectfully,

A. Downing,
Special Examiner.

Widows No. 396,306.
 Catharine Biggs. Maitland, Holt Co. Mo.
 Alleged widow of John J Biggs late Capt. Co. G. 112nd Ill Vols
 Basis of claim, death due to service
 St Joseph Mo.
 May 9th 1890.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir.

I have the honor to return herewith the original papers in the above noted pension claim, together with the testimony obtained by me. The claim was referred to the S. C. Div. to determine its general merits, and to me as the initial examiner. The fact of the widow filing her claim during the lifetime of the soldier, naturally raised doubts as to the identity of the soldier. The claimant was duly notified of this examination, & fully informed of all her rights. She declined representation and waived future notice. The claimant did not appear surprised when informed of the probable existence of her supposed dead husband. She gave a very confused account of her marriage, could not furnish any proof of the fact, does not know the name of the person performing the ceremony. She seemed confused and embarrassed in her answers and it is very clear that she has no faith in her claim. She has lived with her father ~~and~~ since they came here ~~in~~ 1865, and has

raised a child, by the ~~alleged~~ she alleges who is now respectably married. Her parents and relatives here are respectable well to do people, but they do not know whether she was married or not. She has always borne a good character here. From her manner of testifying and the little I could learn of the matter, I am of the opinion that the pensioner, did not marry the claimant but did live with her a year or two and then deserted her. I could obtain no absolute proof of the marriage, but I do not think that is of vital importance to the claim, at this stage, The real question is the identity of the pensioner, I am of the opinion that he is the person he represents himself to be, and that he can prove his identity without much difficulty, I therefore recommend further examination at Orwirth, Lincoln Co. Kan. for a statement of the pensioner John J. Biggs, and at Lincoln same Co. for the testimony of A. T. Biggs who is or was Superintendent of Public Instruction for that county, as to the identity of the pensioner.

Very respectfully
A. T. Seaber
Special Examiner

State of Illinois,

Mason County, ^{3rd} Personally appeared before
the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said
County of Mason and State of Illinois Joseph
H. Stokes who being duly sworn say on his
oath that his age is 75 years that his post office
is Bath Mason County Illinois, that he was intimat-
ely acquainted with John J. Biggs for several years
he first became acquainted with him in January 1862
in Cape Girardeau Missouri where he was stationed
with his Regiment the 17th Illinois Volunteers he was
2nd Lieutenant of Co. D

at that time he had a bad attack of hemorrhage from
the lungs and was not able to go South with his company
where ordered; From that time to June 1879 with the excep-
tion of one or two short intervals he has been intimately
acquainted with him, and know him to have had frequent
bad attacks of the same complaint, after such attacks
he would not be able to work in his shop (Blacksmiths) for
several days after, on an average he honestly believes he
was not able to work more than one third of his time and the
attacks were becoming worse and more frequent until the time
he moved to Kansas in 1879 and that he has no interest
directly or indirect in this claim.

Joseph H. Stokes

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
this 20th day of May 1882 I have no interest in
this matter
there is a certificate on file in the Pension office showing
my official capacity Leland Carpenter
Notary Public

No. 158,779

General Affidavit
U. S. Case of 1882 S

John D. Riggs
2^d Lieut. Co. D. 1st Ill. Inf.

For
Re-issue & Increase of
Invalid Pension

Affidavit of
Joseph H. Stokes

Filed by
W.R. Myers & Co.
Washington
D.C.

State of Kansas }
 Dickinson County } ss.

On the matter of the application
 of John G. Biggs for Enrolled
 person do personally
 came William Orcutt who being
 first duly sworn, on oath says
 that he was personally acquainted
 with the said John G. Biggs
 at Cambridge, Henry County,
 Missouri for three years or
 more before the war, and up to
 the time of his enlistment in
 the Spring of 1861. That said
 was a neighbor of said John
 G. Biggs and intimately acquainted
 with him during that period.
 That John G. Biggs was a horse
 working blacksmith at Cambridge
 whose shop appont was at or
 passed all most daily during
 said period. That to the best of
 affiant's knowledge, information
 true belief said John G. Biggs
 was a sound able bodied man
 up to the time he enlisted in

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He says he has occasionally
 seen the said John G. Briggs
 there appear next said John G. Briggs
 at Abilene, Kansas.
 once when moving to Kansas,
 that Affiant has no personal knowl-
 edge of John G. Briggs being affected
 with pneumonia of the lungs since
 the war, nothing but common report.
 Affiant further avers that he is
 not interested in the prosecution
 of this claim, and his Post Office
 Address is Abilene, Dickinson
 County, State of Kansas.

William Orcutt

Subscribed and sworn to before
 me this the 13th day of May A.D. 1882
 the Affiant is the person he represents
 himself to be, and a credible
 witness. I am not interested in
 this claim sought to be established.
 Witness my hand at Abilene, Kansas,
 and seal of office the day and
 year last above written. The
 contents of this affidavit were read
 over to affiant before signing the
 same.

S. A. Burroughs, Notary Public,

Certificate of Proofer Acknowledgment

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STATE OF KANSAS,

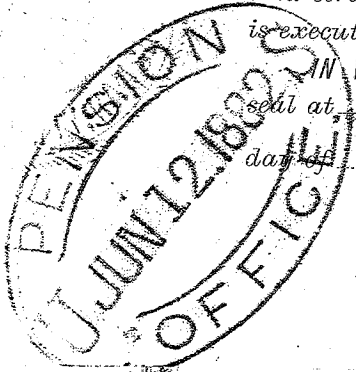
Dickinson County, } 88.

I, *A. S. Davidson*

Clerk of the *District* Court in and for said County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that *S. A. Burroughs* before whom the annexed instrument in writing was proved or acknowledged was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a *Notary Public* in and for said County, duly appointed, sworn and authorized to take the same. And that I am well acquainted with his hand-writing, and verily believe that the signature to said certificate of proof or acknowledgment is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of this State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affix my official seal at *Abilene*, said County, this *2nd* day of *May*, A. D. 188*2*

A. S. Davidson Clerk.



No. 158,779

General Affidavit

Case of

John J. Biggs
vs. Leitch, 17th Illinois 70s

For

Re. same & increase of
Invalid Pension

William Orcutt

Filed by
W. R. Myers Sec.
Washington

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Kansas } SS.
County of Lincoln

In the matter of John J. Biggs

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County and State, C. P. Darrak, aged 59 years and W. J. Darrak, aged 66 years citizen of the Town Omaha, County of Lincoln, State of Kansas, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to create, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

That they are personally acquainted and have been near neighbors of John J. Biggs and that they have seen him have the hemorrhage of the lungs a number of times since October 1879
And that they further say that they first became acquainted with the said John J. Biggs in October A.D. 1879

.....We further declare that.....we have no interest in said case, and are not concerned in its prosecution.

1 C. P. Darrak
2 W. J. Darrak

Signature of Affiants. C. P. Darrak
W. J. Darrak

NOTE.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark (+), two persons who can write must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.
The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark.

to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant's, and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me; that they are a creditable person's and so reputed in the community in which they reside

Witness my hand and official seal this 5th day of June 1882

Sign here.....

ADD SEAL HERE.

John A. Miller
Notary Public
My Com: expires March 20th 1886

NOTE.—Should this be sworn to before any other officer than a CLERK OF COURT, then the proper CLERK OF COURT must add his certificate of character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

STATE OF Kansas, COUNTY OF Lincoln, ss.

I, J. D. Miller, Clerk of the District Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that John A. Miller, Esq., who hath signed his name to foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a Notary Public 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 5th day of June 1882

J. D. Miller
Clerk of the District Court



If a Notary Public (or Justice of the Peace) will put his signature and seal impress (if he has one) on a sheet of paper, and a Clerk of Court will certify that they are genuine, stating when his commission was dated and when it will expire, he can execute papers to be used in ONE DEPARTMENT ONLY during his term of office without authentication by Clerk of Court. Such Certificate for each Department where many authentications are required, will save much expense.

Several papers executed before one N. P. or J. P. on the same date need Co. Clerk's Certificate, on one only, if all are to be used in one case.

Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places, as near as you can remember, and if of your own personal knowledge and observation, and state how you know what you say to be true.

No. 1567 EXTENSION

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT CASE OF

John J. Chegg

21. Dec't. 17. Illinois Vol.

FOR

Re- Issue & Increase of

Invalide Pension

AFFIDAVIT OF

W. P. Darrick &

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