

This file has the key documents for the first Civil War pension application by Robert Barnett, who applied for a pension as a dependent of his son Amos Barnett (1830-1864). Amos died as a soldier in the Civil War. This file does not have all the documents in the pension file, but does have the main documents that describe what happened and the documents most relevant for genealogy. This first pension application was denied in 1879. A second application in 1890 was successful, due largely to the changes in pension laws.

Below are notes about the pages with key information. Some sentences are quoted that were difficult to read and may have had significant information.

This file and the notes below were compiled by Jim Kennedy June 6, 2023 from the full pension file.

Pages	Date of document
3-5	19 Oct 1876 Deed. Robert Barnett and wife Amanda sold 59 1/2 acres in Vermilion Co., IL and 111 acres in Edgar Co., IL to sons Thompson Barnett and Elbert Barnett, with agreement that sons would take care of them for the rest of their lives.
6-8	19 Oct 1876 Contract related to above, with agreement of sons to pay \$24 per year to parents, provide medical care, and handle their burial.
9	13 Nov 1877 Robert Barnett age 71 on this date.
10	14 Dec 1877 Amos Barnett evidence of service from Adjutant General's Office.
11	16 Feb 1878, David and James Dickson said Amos was son of Matilda and Robert Barnett and was born 6 March 1830 2 1/2 miles south of Indianola, Vermilion Co., Ill.
12	16 Feb 1878 James Dickson says Matilda Barnett departed this life September, 1830.
13-14	16 Feb 1878 Dr. exam. Robert is 72 years old. Hernia from being run over by a wagon.
15	6 Mar 1878 Certification that Robert Barnett and Matilda Conaway were joined in marriage on the 3rd day of Jany 1829. [The original county records have the marriage on June 3, 1829]
16	4 May 1878 Names and ages of Robert Barnett's children: Nancy Barnett age 30, Eliza Hildreth age 20, Albert Barnett age 22, Thompson Barnett age 25, son-in-laws: George D. Barnett, John B. Hildreth.
17	4 May 1878 Property assessments Edgar County 1863 and 1864.
18	4 May 1878 Property assessments Vermilion County 1863 and 1864.
19-20	21 Oct 1879 David Dickson says Robert came to Illinois in 1829 and his wife Matilda died the following year 1830 and left son Amos. Robert remarried in a short time. Robert bought land and owned 160 acres in Vermilion and Edgar Counties.
21-22	21 Oct 1879 William G Hildreth says he married daughter of Robert Barnett in Oct. 1865.
23-29	21 Oct 1879 Robert Barnett, applicant, says he resided in county more than 50 years. Son Amos born March 6, 1829. [Robert married his first wife Matilda Conaway in June, 1829. Census, military records, and statements above have Amos born in 1830.] His first wife died six months later. He married his second wife with whom he has had 12 children, with 7 living. 5 died before 1861. In 1861, his children were: with first wife: Amos Barnett; with second wife: Robert Barnett about 12, Thompson age 9, Elbert age 5, Sarah Ann age about 3, Chrisy Ann 20, Nancy Emily 18, Eliza 4. Sarah Ann married Egbert Barnett 1861. Christy Ann married William C. Hildreth 1866. Nancy Emily married George Barnett after the war. Eliza has been married 4 years to John Hildreth. Robert lived at home until 5 or 6 years ago and is still unmarried. Thompson lived at home, married 4 years ago, and continues to live at home. Elbert has always lived at home. Amos left home when he got into a scrape with a girl just before the war started. He went to see some of Robert's uncles in Logansport, Indiana and enlisted in the Army for 100 days there. Amos returned home for a few days and re-enlisted with the 25th Illinois Infantry.

- Robert traded some land to his niece Lenora Barnett between 1876 and 1881.
- 30 4 May 1878 Morgan C. Grimmins and Wm G. Hildreth said that Amos worked for his father and his work was absolutely necessary for the support of his father.
- 31-32 21 Oct 1879 Morgan C. Grimmins said that he never intended to say what was claimed in the previous affidavit with William G. Hildreth. Grimmins thinks that Amos was not necessary to support his father and he worked other places rather than with his father, including with a brother-in-law Robert Gallaway. "He owned some land in Young America Tp, some 60 acres as I heard, and he sold the land to an uncle Jas Barnett before he -Amos- ran away to Indiana or somewhere because of getting into trouble with a woman before his enlistment. Amos was the only son grown when the war broke out." Robert's sons are not good hands.
- 33-38 21 Oct 1879 "Affiant John B. Galway thought that Robt Barnett did drink because he is not inclined to labor. The whole Barnett family do not like to work at all."
Claimant never worked but could have been supported by the property. Son Robert would drink and cause trouble.
Claimant did not have money problems until about 1870 when he borrowed money to get into the cattle business and lost money.
- 39-45 22 Oct 1879 John B. Galway says Amos Barnett had 60 acres in Edgar County and sold it to his uncle James Barnett just before the war, and then left on account of getting a girl in a family way, and went to Indiana. He joined the army for 100 days and returned home, but within a week re-enlisted. Amos was the only Barnett that he knew who would ever work much.
In about 1870 Robert traded land with his niece Lenora Barnett to get 5 1/2 acres more in Edgar County.
"After this property was transferred [to his sons] claimant was sued at Paris Ill for \$1200--the amount of a note given to David Stewart--which had been running as I have been informed about 3 years. Thompson & Elbert Barnett returned suit to remove the cloud upon the title and the parties sued did not appear and the suit went by default. I heard Wm G. Hilreth his son in law testify yesterday. He did not testify the way I should have expected a thoroughly honest man to have testified. I also heard Morgan Griminns a good natured Irish neighbor testify and made up my mind that his former testimony was carelessly given in his affidavit filed in the claims."
- 46-48 22 Oct 1879 Robert's son Thompson said that his brother Robert drank to excess and cost his father money.
- 49 5 Dec 1879 pension application rejected because "claimant had sufficient property to render him a comfortable support."

- Exhibit 73 -

- Copy of Deed -

The Grantors, Robert Barnett and his wife Amanda Barnett, of the county of Vermilion, State of Illinois, for the consideration of Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars, and the further consideration of our support and maintenance during our natural lives more particularly set forth in a written agreement of vendue herewith, do hereby convey and warrant to Thompson Barnett and Elbert Barnett, in severalty, the following described real estate viz: Commencing at a point twenty six and two thirds rods ($26\frac{2}{3}$) west of the south west corner of the south east quarter of section thirty six (36) township seven teen (17) range thirteen (13) thence north one hundred and twenty ⁽¹²⁰⁾ rods, west fifty three and one third ($53\frac{1}{3}$) rods, north twenty (20) rods, west twenty-two and two sevenths ($22\frac{2}{7}$) rods, south one hundred and forty (40) rods, east seventy five and $\frac{13}{21}$ rods, to place of beginning, and the

said county of Vermilion, containing
fifty nine and one half acres, and
being the tract of land upon which
the said grantors now reside; also
the north east quarter of north east
quarter, the south east quarter of
north east quarter, and the north
west quarter of north east quarter
except three and one half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) acres,
off of north side, and twelve (12) acres
off of south side of the last named
quarter, in Section one (1) Township
Sixteen (6) Range Thirteen (13) in the
county of Edgar, State of Illinois,
being one hundred and eleven (111)
acres more or less, said tract of
land in Vermilion County subject to
a mortgage of about one thousand
dollars given to Goble, not yet due,
which said grantors hereby assume
the payment; also said tract in
Edgar County subject to a mortgage

of about twelve hundred dollars, not yet due, which said grantee hereby assume to pay,

Said grantee hereby waive and relinquish their right of homestead in and to said real estate, as provided by the homestead and exemption laws of the State of Illinois.

Witness our hands and seals this 19th day of October A.D. 1876.

Legal sealed and delivered

In presence of

A. Fisher

Egbert Barnett

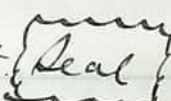
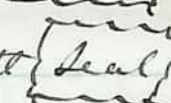
Robert Barnett 
Amanda Barnett 

Exhibit C.

Copy of Agreement—

This agreement made and entered into
this 19th day of October A.D. 1876.
by and between Thompson Barnett
and Elbert Barnett, parties of the
first part and Robert Barnett and his
wife Amanda Barnett, parties of the
second part, all of the County of Ver-
million State of Illinois, Witnesseth
Whereas the said second parties have
become aged and infirm, and need
the care and protection of others; and
also whereas they have this day conveyed
to their sons, the said first parties,
the farm upon which the second parties
now reside; now in consideration of the
premises aforesaid and other good and
valuable considerations, the said first
parties hereby undertake to agree to
support and maintain said second
parties during the remainder of their
respective lives; that is to say they
shall furnish them with clothing,
food and lodging in manner suitable

to their station and condition in life; and so long as said first parties or either of them shall own or occupy the late homestead of second parties, they, the said second parties shall have the privilege of residing there if they or either of them shall so desire; they further undertake and agree to pay to said second parties the sum of Twenty-five dollars each upon the first day of each year commencing on the 1st day of January A.D. 1877 as pocket or spending money; they further agree to promptly furnish them, and each of them with proper medical attendance and medicines in case of sickness, and to provide them, with careful nursing and care, in such case, and in case they become decrepid and unable to take care of themselves from old age or otherwise, they agree to furnish them with proper

nursing and attendance, and they
further agree to provide them and each
of them with decent and respectable
burial suitable to their condition and
station in life, and to erect at their
expense plain and decent tombstones,
This agreement to be binding upon the
heirs, executors administrators, and
assigns of the said first parties
respectively.

Witnesses

M. Fisher

Edwin Barnett

Hampson Barnett

Albert ^{his} Barnett

Robert ^{his} Barnett

Lucinda ^{her} Barnett

Declaration for Father's Army Pension.

STATE OF Illinois
COUNTY OF Vermilion } SS:

On this 13 day of November A. D., one thousand, eight hundred and ~~sixty~~ 77
personally appeared before me John W. Dale Clerk of a Court of Record within
and for the County and State aforesaid. Robert Barnett a resident of
Indianola in the County of Vermillion and State of Illinois
and whose post office address is Indianola, Ills aged 71
years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain

the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, approved June 6, 1866: That he is the father of
Amos Barnett who enlisted in the service of the United States at
Dallas in the State of Ills on the 1st
day of June 1861, as a private in Company Co., commanded by
Captain in the 25th Regiment of Ills. Vols.
in the war of 1861; to serve three years
who while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, died in prison

at Andersonville in the State of Georgia on the 13 day of
September A. D., 1864. He further declares that his said son, upon whom he was wholly or
in part dependent for support, left no widow or minor child under sixteen years of age surviving; that he is unable
to support himself by reason of old age and being physically broken
down
and has no property other than as follows, to-wit: none

declarant makes this application for Pension under the above-mentioned act, and refers to the evidence filed herewith,
and that in the proper departments to establish his claim.

He also declares that he has not, in any manner, been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United
States; that he is not in receipt of a pension under the act above-mentioned, or under any other act.

He hereby appoints J. J. Rowan of Indianapolis State of
Indiana his true and lawful Attorney, with full power of substitution to prosecute this claim for pension
and to receive the certificate which may be issued therefor.

Signature of Witnesses: Wm. C. Hildreth
C. Winter
Signature of Claimant: Robert Barnett ^{his} mark

Also personally appeared Wm. C. Hildreth a resident of Vermillion County,
State of Illinois and Morgan Crimmins a resident of
Vermillion County, State of Illinois whom I certify to be respectable and entitled
to credit, and who being by me first duly sworn, say they were present and saw Robert Barnett
make mark to the foregoing declaration and power of attorney; and they further
swear, each for himself, that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaint-
ance with him and his said son, Amos Barnett deceased, for 20 years,
that he is the identical person he represents himself to be;

No. 234.254 Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., Dec 14, 1877.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3^d day of Dec^r, 1877, requesting a "Statement of Service" of Amos Barnett. The following information has been obtained from the files of this Office, and is furnished in reply to your inquiry.

In the case of Amos Barnett there is no original Enlistment or Muster-in Roll showing him to have been enrolled or mustered into the service of the United States as an enlisted man in Company D of the 25th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, on file in this Office up to date.

The Muster-Rolls of Company D of that Regiment contain the following evidence of service: It is stated that he was enrolled August 17 1861 for 3 years. Roll dated August 31 1861 reports him present. So reported until roll for Sept. and Oct. 1862, reports him ^{Corporal} Missing in action at Chickamauga Sept. 20/63 (Regt in action at that place and date) Name dropped until roll for May and June, 1864, reports him wounded at Chickamauga Sept. 19, 1862 and taken prisoner, so reported on M. O. roll.

S.M.

W.S.

Prisoner of War Records show A Barnett or Parrett, same, les and Regt. captured at Chickamauga. Va. Sept. - 23 sent from Richmond Va. to Danville Va. Dec 12. 63 admitted to Hospital at Andersonville Ga. Aug. 31. 64 and died there. Sept 14. 64 of "Scorbutus"

This report is accepted as referring to the man inquired for

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I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

C. W. Benjamin
Assistant Adjutant General.

Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D. C.

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AFFIDAVIT FOR ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

State of Illinois County of Vermilion SS:

On this 16th day of February A. D. 1878 before me
John W. Dale a County Clerk within and for the County
and State aforesaid, personally appeared David Dickson & James Dickson
aged 71 + 75 years, respectively, a resident of Indianola in Vermilion
County, State of Illinois and
aged _____ years, a resident of _____ in _____
County, State of _____

who being by me duly sworn according to
law, on oath declare that we was well acquainted with Matilda
Barnett who was the wife of Robert Barnett and
near neighbors of Robert Barnett
that they were ~~present~~ at the birth of Amos Barnett
son of aforesaid Matilda Barnett and Robert Barnett
at the time and place as seems to us to
Amos Barnett was born, to the best of our recollection
1830 2 1/2 miles south of Indianola, Vermilion Co. Ill.
that they met at the time in the capacity of
lived inside of 1/4 mile of Robert Barnetts at the time said
Amos was born, and recollect the circumstance very
well.

The affiant I further declare that they have no interest, direct or indirect,
in the claim sought to be established by this affidavit.

Signed in presence of

Two persons who
can write.

Witnesses
Signature David Dickson
James C. Dickson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of
Febr 1878 and I hereby certify that the
affiant are respectable and credible persons and
reside as stated; that the foregoing affidavit was care-
fully read over and explained to said affiant before the
signing and execution thereof; that the affiant are
the persons represented as making said affidavit, and that
I have no interest whatever in this matter.

Official signature

John W. Dale
County Clerk

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AFFIDAVIT FOR ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

State of Illinois County of Vermilion ss:

On this 16th day of Feby A. D. 1878 before me
John W. Dale a County Clerk within and for the County
and State aforesaid, personally appeared James Dickson
aged 75 years, a resident of Indianola in Vermilion
County, State of Illinois and David Dickson
aged 71 years, a resident of Indianola in Vermilion
County, State of Illinois who being by me duly sworn according to

law, on oath declare that they were personally ac-
quainted with Matilda Barnett wife of
Robert Barnett, that to the best of their
knowledge the said Matilda Barnett departed
this life during the month of September 1830,
that their knowledge of said fact is obtained
from being intimately acquainted with the
said Barnetts family, and living near neighbors
to her for the last 50 years.

The affiant^s further declare that they have no interest, direct or indirect,
in the claim sought to be established by this affidavit.

Signed in presence of

Indianola

Two persons who
can write.

Witnesses
Signature.

James Dickson

David Dickson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of
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affiant^s are respectable and credible person^s and
reside as stated; that the foregoing affidavit was care-
fully read over and explained to said affiant^s before the
signing and execution thereof; that the affiant^s are
the person^s represented as making said affidavit, and that
I have no interest whatever in this matter.

Official signature John W. Dale
Co. Clerk.

att. 1st wife 1830

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION OF A DEPENDENT RELATIVE.

CLAIM NO. 234254

State: Illinois County: Vermilion
Post Office: Danville July 16th 1878

I hereby certify That I have carefully examined Robert Barnett who claims a pension as the dependent father of Amos Barnett who is alleged to have died Sept 1864 and that in my opinion, based on such examination and a personal acquaintance with him for years, the said Robert Barnett is and has been physically incapacitated for the support of himself and family, the nature, degree, and duration of his disability being as follows:

The applicant is 22 years old - and I find on examination that he has Irreducible oblique Perit. Hernia of Right side and has been so afflicted for the eighteen years past. The tumor in his Perit. is three inches in diameter. He attributed his Hernia to an accident by being run over by a two horse wagon - by occupation a farmer. He has also various Pains of left leg - for eighteen years. The entire superficial veins of the left leg - being varicose - causing the leg to ulcerate. Resulting in a cast of iron known as "Pitt's" The venous Pains of the leg. were caused by a kick from a horse - at time of beginning of disease.

In my opinion the above named afflictions were in existence prior to his own enlistment - And that he has been ever since totally incapacitated from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor - by Reason of the Perit. Hernia and various Pains of left leg and was so incapacitated before his own death - He was disabled prior to 1863 Being unable to walk

Here present a full and explicit statement as to the nature of the disability, and the particular manner and degree in which it has interfered with his procuring a subsistence, from prior to the son's enlistment and death to the present date, giving his occupation and approximate age. If the facts are not within your personal knowledge, please to so state, and give your best judgment as to the probable duration and extent of the disability.

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and with any degree of speed from Hernia of Surgeon Penner

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Dependent *Father* of

(Soldier) *Amos Barnett*

Claim No. *234.254.*

DATE OF EXAMINATION,

July 16th 1878

P. B. Barton M.D.

Examining Surgeon.

Samuel P. ...
Permittee to ...
Illinois



State of Kentucky
Boyer County S.S.

I Jas. M. Hughes Clerk of the County Court
in and for said County, do hereby certify that
Robert Barnett and Matilda Conaway were
joined in marriage by Mr. C. Stribling a
Minister of the Gospel on the 3rd day of Jan'y.
1829, as appears from the Marriage Record in
my office.

Witness my hand and seal of
said Court this 6th day of
March A.D. 1878

J. M. Hughes Clerk



The following are the names and ages of my children, and the names of my son-in-laws:

Nancy Barnett	age	30
Eliza Hildreth	"	20
Albert Barnett	"	22
Thompson Barnett	"	25

Son-in-Laws,

George D. Barnett
John P. Hildreth.

Witness my hand this 4th
day of May AD 1878.

Robert Barnett

State of Illinois
Edgar County

I George W. Baber
Clerk of the County Court in and for
said County of Edgar, do hereby certify,
That Robert. Barnett of Vermillion
County was assessed with the follow-
ing property in Edgar County, and
for the following amount in the
years 1863 and 1864. to wit:

Sub Division of Section	Section	Town	Range	Acres	1863	1864	
					Valuation	Valuation	
N 2 1/4	NE	1	16	13	40	\$ 280	\$ 240
E 1/2 Lot 1	"	"	"	"	43 ⁴⁵	304	217
Pt E 1/2	"	"	"	"	3	30	15
Pt E 1/2 Lot 2	"	"	"	"	20	140	100

The above appears from the records
of my Office



Witness my hand and
official seal this 10th
day of May A D 1878
George W Baber
County Clerk

State of Illinois vs:
Vermilion County

John W. Dale, clerk of the County Court
in and for said County of Vermilion, do here
by certify that Robert Barnett of said
County was assessed with the following
property, and the following amounts in
the years 1863 and 1864. to wit:

Sub-division of Section	Section	Town	Range	Acre	1863 Valuation	1864 Valuation
Q E 1/2	SE 1/4	25	17	13 5 1/2	\$ 50	\$ 50
Q E 1/2	SW 1/4	"	"	10	90	90
Q E 1/2	SW 1/4	36	17	13 20	200	200
Personal Property Assessment					402	408

The above appears from the records of
my office.

Witness my hand and
official seal this 4th
day of May A.D. 1878.
John W. Dale
County Clerk.



EXHIBIT F

CASE OF Robert Barnett, No. _____

On this 21 day of Oct, 1879, at
Carroll Sp., County of Vermilion
 State of Ill, before me, James B. Wynn,
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared David Dickson
a Farmer, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 73 years, that he resides at Richardola P.O.
County of Vermilion, State of Ill, and that

I have lived a neighbor to Robert Barnett since 1830 or
 thereabouts. I know that he came here in the Fall of
 1829, and that his wife Matilda died the following
 year 1830, and left the son Amos Barnett, that the
 said Robert Barnett remarried in a short time and
 has reared a family and lived here ever since.
 He bought more land in this County as late as 1832,
 and in Edgar Co. since that time. He has lived here on
 said farm ever since. His farm under wood was
 about 160 acres of land worth about \$30 per acre.
 The personal property on the place I estimate in 1864 or
 1865 to be \$1000 in the balance of the time \$500. per
 year - The annual income I estimate to average
 since 1864 \$1000 per year Robert Barnett I
 heard to have been captured sometime since, but
 when I cannot remember. I never knew about any
 thing until he by until I went with him to
 Danville. He to be examined by the Examining
 Surgeon there for Pensions which was a
 year ago last March. I presume the said
 Robert Barnett has not done much manual labor
 at the north. Prunice 7th.

in the last 20 years. I cannot tell the reason
however. He has I suppose tired his work time
I consider that a man of the amount of land he
claims to own ought to make an adequate
support as the property is mostly in a good
state of cultivation, but not all of it. ~~If he had
cultivated his own land without having to hire
work done he might have done better with his
lands.~~

His son Amos made it his home here until
just before the war. How much he did to
aid in the support of his father I do not
know. I know he called his father's farm his
home. until shortly prior to his enlistment,
that is all I know upon that point I expect
Amos worked some on the farm but how much
he worked or how little I do not know.

My idea is that at the time Amos enlisted he had other
men growing up who since his death have been
able to perform manual labor on the farm.
relying on the father as I suppose for dairy work
and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of Robt Barnett, for a Pension; and further saith not.

Darvid Dickerson
Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of Oct
1879, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known
to the affiant before signing.

Isaac W. Wynn

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT D

CASE OF Robert Barnett, No. _____

On this 21 day of Oct, 1879, at
Carroll Twp, County of Vermilion
 State of Ill, before me, David F. Wynn
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Wm C. Hildreth
 a farmer, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 42 years, that he resides at Indiana Pa
County of Vermilion, State of Ill, and that

I have resided in this vicinity about 42 years, was
 born here, I married the daughter of Robert
 Barnett in Oct. 1865.

Some time since he lost his property, and at the time
 he told me he was going to apply for a pension,
 and wanted me to testify for him.

I went with my brother-in-law Thompson Barnett,
 David Dickson ~~Wagon~~ ~~Commissioner~~ and Isaac West
 James Dickson, Dr J. L. Hull, on the 16th day
 of Feb, 1868 to Danville Ill, and we all went
 before the County Clerk who prepared some
 affidavit. I based my affidavit that his property
 was worth but \$1200 to \$1400 in 1863 and 1864 upon the
 appraised valuation of his real estate, ^{I do not know whether} the personal
 property ~~was~~ ^{was} considered. I based my statement
 that Robert Barnett had been suffering with a
 chronic ulcer on left leg and varicose veins
 for 15 years and was during that period wholly
 disabled from manual labor on account of said
 diseases, by having seen his ulcer and veins
 about 15 years prior to the date of said affidavit

and seeing the alien some years prior to my
said marriage I afterwards went twice
with Morgan Ginnins to Doverville,
and wrote to papers. The statement in the
paper dated May 4 1878 that I knew that the
labor of Lewis Barnett was necessary for the
support of Robert Barnett for several years
prior to enlistment, was based upon my seeing
his one Anus working on the farm and my
belief that his one Anus worked enough for his
father to help support him, and so with my
statement that the labor of said one Anus con-
tributed one third to his support, I judged he did
by knowing that he worked on the farm and
knowing that the farm was owned by the father.
I suppose the Farm then consisted of about 160 acres
with its cash \$30 per acre and the personal property
on the farm in 1864 + 1865 was worth \$1000 -
I was referring to the appraised valuation of the
property which was all I knew of his owning in 1864 -
1865 or about 160 acres in Carroll Young American Township,
and ~~he~~ further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of for a Pension, and further saith not.

William S. Hildreth ^{Affiant.}

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of Oct
1879, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known
to the affiant before signing.

Jane F. Dunn

Special Agent.

and did not live at home after she was married
Christy Anne was married (in 1865) to Wm. H. Aldrich
She has never lived at home since.

Nancy Emily married George Barnett after the war
was over

Eliza Barnett has been married four years to
John Hildreth -

Robert Barnett made it his home at my
house until about five or six years ago. Is still
unmarried.

Thompson Barnett lived with his Parents until
some four years ago, when he married and has
lived with us since his marriage, and is our
main dependence for a support.

Albert Barnett has always lived at home, and
worked on the place.

In 1861 I owned $35\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in this township,
and 106 $\frac{45}{100}$ acres of land in Young America Township
Edgar Co. Ill. These tracts all belong to one farm
but in adjoining townships, & counties.

This Land was not mortgaged, in 1861 nor was it ever
mortgaged until five years ago or thereabouts when
I borrowed some money of Belmont W. Levinge, of
Paris, Ill. and he took a mortgage for \$1200 on
that mortgage never has been paid. This mortgage
is on the land in Edgar County.

The Land in this County was mortgaged for \$1000, -
about four years ago, to James McKee, of Danville, Ill.

Heroin Cole, employed McKee as his Agent to Loan
and money.

My said son Amos was unmarried when he enlisted
and died. He lived at home, and did any work I wanted
him to do was my main dependence as the rest of
my sons were then small, and unable to do any thing
much. He left home to see some brothers of mine,
because he got into a scrape with a girl hereabouts,
just before the War commenced. He went to Logansport,
Ind., and enlisted in the 100 days service - and came home
and had a discharge, and said Capt Dunn was his
Capt, Dunn was his Captain, but I do not know what
requisite he was in. He did not send home any money
while in the 100 day service, but when he came back home
from the 100 day service he brought a little money
with him, some \$30. He let me have the \$30 -
we lived on it. He did not come in the house for 3 months
to sleep, was home but a few days when he re-enlisted
in Co. D. 25th Ill. Vol. He sent home I think about twelve
to fifteen dollars. I cannot prove either amount
by any body but myself - I know I needed the
money at the time it was sent.

and further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of for a Pension; and further saith not.

At the time my son enlisted I was in poor health,
at about the time of the war, I was kicked by
a horse at Bloomfield in Edgar Co., on the road.

I was signed and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____
1877, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known
to the affiant before signing.

Dallas (I am dead) treated my leg - and I got
so that I hobbled around with it until it
broke my hip about ten years ago - and it
broke out the second time about 5 years ago and

Special Agent.

then I employed Dr Hull of Andover to treat it, again
and had no further trouble.

By lifting in some way I contracted a rupture
some two years ago, and have had said rupture
ever since. My father & George Reed (both dead)
were present when I was kicked by the horse at
Blomfield. My rupture I never made much fuss
about to any body. My family knew I was ruptured
at the time I was ruptured. I was ruptured lifting
logs in this locality, some 20 to 25 years ago, I
have worn a truss at times since.

At the time my son enlisted in 1863 my land was
worth from twenty-five (25) dollars to thirty (30)
dollars per acre. I would not have sold it for less
than \$25 per acre myself for cash. I paid \$50.00
an acre for 20 acres of said land which I
bought of George Kendall, in 1870, or thereabouts in
this County adjoining - paying him \$1000.00

I had personal property consisting of 2 or 3 cows,
2 or 3 horses, maybe 1 doz logs, sheep perhaps I just
had a common little stock to shift along with.

The year 1864 I hired my work done did hardly
no work at all, my log being done - I would estimate
the yield of my farm in 1864 and also in 1865
that is the entire proceeds of my farm in

1864. @

\$ 1000

In 1865 @

\$ 1000 -

Out of this \$1000 I had to provide for myself wife
and ^{2 or 3} children - and my income and expenses
were about the same. I came out about even in 1864

& 1865 - I owed usually from \$300 to \$500 mostly
store debts. About 1870 I bought 20 acres of George
Kendall @ \$50 per acre I paid him by letting him
have what stock I had. In 1872 or thereabouts I bought
19 1/2 acres adjoining of Thos Barnum of his own. These
deeds are recorded at Danville Ill. I have decided I paid

attest: John B Galway Robert ^{Wm} Barnett
mark

EXHIBIT

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this _____ day of _____, 1877, at _____, County of _____, State of _____, before me, _____, a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that _____ age is _____ years, that he resides at _____ County of _____, State of _____, and that

\$30 per acre - for the 19 1/2 acres about 7 years ago. My wife Thompson ^{with} Barnett bought my entire farm of me more two or three years ago agreeing to pay about \$3500 - for the property. He holds a deed from myself and wife, dated Oct. 2nd 1876. My wife assumed my debts - He has paid me no money on the Land.

My average income off of my land up to October 1876. was \$1000.00 per year.

My wife were not old enough to do much manual labor until about 1867 or 1868. During this time I had a hand or two, was not able to work a great share of the time.

In 1864 and 1865 personal property was high and I believe I had \$1000.00 worth of personal property on my farm.

From 1866 to 1876, I would estimate my personal property each year to average \$500.00

The reason I have got in debt and had to dispose of my property, not by speculation, but because of my physical inability to attend to my farm myself. One of the considerations in the deed

+ Elbert

I gave my sons Thompson & Barnett is that they
are to provide for me if able during my life.

I am perfectly willing to leave my case resting
the valuation of my real and personal property
and income since 1864 upon the sworn statements
of David Dickson and Jos B. Galway, two
disinterested neighbors.

I hereby furnish the said deed for copy and
having had the copy read pronounce it
exactly like the deed in my said sons
possession.

So when I transferred my property to my
sons Thompson + Elbert Barnett in 1876.

The deed called for 111 acres, in Edgar Co Ill.

~~Another~~ ^{and} deed ^{also} called for 59 1/2 acres in Vermilion Co Ill.

This is all comprised in property considered to
be in the same farm although not adjoining.

The land was sold to them for about \$30 per acre.

160 1/2 acres @ \$30 = per acre \$4815

The bill of sale shows about \$1000 - worth of
personal property making real and personal
property disposed of to amount to (in 1876) \$5815.

I account for the discrepancy in the number
of acres owned by me in Edgar Co in 1861 viz
166 4/100 acres - and the number sold in 1876.

111 acres by the fact of my trading some land
to my niece Lemora Barnett and getting
enough back to make the number of acres

in Edgar Co. 116 acres — The 140 1/2 acres
of Land comprises all the land I have owned
since my mother's death —

Robert ^{his} Barnett.
Mark

Attest: John B Galway

and further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of for a Pension; and further saith not.

.....
Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of Oct
1879, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known
to the affiant before signing.

James B. Dunn

Special Agent.

AFFIDAVIT FOR ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

STATE OF Illinois COUNTY OF Vermilion SS:

On this 4th day of May A. D. 1878. before me
John W. Dale a County clerk within and for the County
 and State aforesaid, personally appeared Morgan Crimmins
 aged 58 years, a resident of Carroll Sp in Vermilion
 County, State of Illinois and Wm. C. Hildreth
 aged 40 years, a resident of Carroll Sp in Vermilion
 County, State of Illinois who being by me duly sworn according to

law, on oath declare that They were personally acquainted with
Robert Barnett. And his son Amos Barnett for several
years prior to the enlistment of the said Amos in
the army. That the said Amos Barnett lived at
home with his father, Robert Barnett, during all
those years, and was so living at home at the time of
his said Enlistment. and that the said Amos worked
for his said father on his farm, during those
several years. and that such labor was abso-
lutely necessary for the support of the
said Robert Barnett. That their
information is obtained from being
intimately acquainted with the family,

The affiant's further declare that they have no interest, direct or indirect,
 in the claim sought to be established by this affidavit.

Signed in presence of
E. Winter
Thompson Bennett

Two persons who
 can write.

Witnesses
 signature.

Morgan Crimmins his
 mark
Wm. C. Hildreth

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of
May 1878 and I hereby certify that the
 affiant's are respectable and credible person's and
 reside as stated; that the foregoing affidavit was care-
 fully read over and explained to said affiant's before the
 signing and execution thereof; that the affiant's are
 the person represented as making said affidavit, and that
 I have no interest whatever in this matter.

Official signature John W. Dale
 Clerk.



EXHIBIT 6

CASE OF Robert Barnett, No. _____

On this 21 day of Oct, 1879, at
Carroll Sp, County of Vernilion
 State of Ill, before me, James F. Adams
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Morgan Crummins
 a Farmer, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 59 years, that he resides at Indianola P.O.
 County of Vernilion, State of Ill, and that

I have resided here about 21 years. I am a neighbor
 to Robt Barnett. I do not join farms but we are
 not half a mile apart.

Having heard read what purports to be my affidavits
 signed jointly with Wm Co. Hildreth dated May 4
 1878 and May 27 1878 will say that I never
 intended to swear to any such papers.

I saw Amos Barnett at work on his father's farm,
 but did not know that it was absolutely necessary
 for the support of his father that Amos Barnett
 should work. I do not know but his father could
 have got along without him, because Amos did not
 do much on his father's farm for about 2 years
 prior to the war, part of which time he was in the
 100 day service and part of which time he worked
 for a brother in law named Robt Gallaway
 part of one season. He is dead. He owned some
 land in Young American Sp, some 60 acres, as I
 heard, and he sold the land to an Uncle
 J. P. Barnett, before he - Amos - ran away to
 Indiana or somewhere because of getting into

months with a woman before his enlistment. Amos was the only son of the father had when the war broke out, and the father had a good command and was considered to be well off before the war, and through the war and after the war. I think that he obtained a support off of the farm. The old man has been crippled in one leg several years - I did not know he was injured. He never has done any work since I have known him. His sons are not good hands at work. They could work if they were a mind to, but they do not stick to work as men should. I consider his sons to be a kind of a disadvantage.

They are stout, but lazy. I did not swear that in 1863 & 1864 he was not the owner of any land other than set forth in the aforesaid rolls. If I were to any such thing I do not know it. I went first to Danville with Mr. H. H. Thayer & Robert Barnett once. The affidavits were already prepared and all I intended to swear was that I saw Amos working for his father before the war and ~~he~~ further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Robert Barnett, for a Pension; and further saith not.

Attest:

John B Galwey

Myra H. Brummins
Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of Oct 1879, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known to the affiant before signing.

Lane W. W.

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT

CASE OF Robert Barnett, No. _____

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On this 21st day of October, 1879, at
Young America Tp, County of Edgar
 State of Ill, before me, Isaac P. Deane
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared John B. Galway
 & Henry M. Kendall Farmers, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that ~~their~~^{are} ages 52 & 44 years, that they reside at Metcalfe P.O.
 County of Edgar, State of Ill, and that

affiants have known Robert Barnett for 25 years
 or thereabouts, and we have both lived in
 the same neighborhood of him ever since.

Affiant Henry M. Kendall lived within 300 yards of
 him from affiant's birth until the age of 16 and
 on the adjoining farm until 29 years of age and
 since the age of 29 has lived about 6 miles from
 him, affiant John B. Galway, has lived within 2 1/2
 miles of Robert Barnett for 17 years last past, and
 the balance of the 25 years about the same distance
 excepting that he lived a near neighbor to
 Robert Barnett. We have known Robert Barnett
 and his son Amos the soldier, who died in service
 and ^{almost} the entire family since we have lived
 in this vicinity.

Amos Barnett was the oldest son and the
 only child by Robt Barnett's first wife that
 lived, and Robt Barnett had six children living
 at home and one married daughter at the time
 Amos enlisted not including Amos. There were
 two more daughters, three sons at home the

oldest about 12 years of age. Ever since we have
both known Robt Barnett he has been an invalid
we never saw him do a day work in our lives,
since we have known him. I don't just I always
always thought that Robt Barnett did not work
because he is not inclined to labor. The whole
Barnett family do not like to work at all.
Robt Barnett lived on a farm containing about
one hundred and thirty (130) acres, 100 in this
county and 30 acres in Vermilion Co. There was
a little piece between the two tracts. It was
our understanding that he owned that land.
There was about 110 to 115 acres tillable land.
If he had rented it out he would have received
in 1864 & 1865 about two ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ per acre, as it
had a good orchard on it. We think he derived
an adequate support from the property until
1870 when he borrowed some money of David
Stewart I think \$1400 & he has never paid it.
The farm was worth in 1864 and 1865 \$30 an
an acre. The net income of the farm we
estimate as \$250 per acre provided the property
was rented and the man was unable to work it.
But Robt Barnett never made much of an income
off of the farm as he has had to have hired help
and the men do not like to work. He had three
married sons living with him on the farm
until one got married. Some 30 or 40 years ago.

Thompson Barnett

Some three years ago he sold the property to his son ^{in law} ~~son~~ ^{and} Mrs. Hildreth ~~for~~ ^{at} \$30 per acre, as we are credibly ^{informed}. They ^{could not buy} bought it together at first, but much more ^{kind of an arrangement to divide it afterwards} ^{of an arrangement to divide it afterwards}. After the mother became of age he lived at home and worked around like the balance of the family. At that time affiant Galway thought he was depending on his father. He seduced a girl, and got into trouble and went to Indiana and was gone some time. Affiant Galway thinks a year and over, and then while gone in Indiana he enlisted in Logan's part in the 100 days service. After he came back and was here about a week he enlisted in the 25th Ill Vols, Co D, and died in Andersonville - as they supposed. We do not know whether he did or did not send home money while in service. Affiant Galway thinks not however his father got his back pay. Affiant never knew of his being laid out to any body after he became of age. All he did in the way of labor was done at his father's. Affiant Kendall knows he was a first rate boy to work, and worked right along. Affiant Galway ^{and they} further declares that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Robert T. Barnett. for a Pension; and further saith not.

John B Galway
H. M. Kendall Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of Oct
1879, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known
to the affiant before signing.

Samuel W. ...

Special Agent.

Affiant Jos B Galway, further says that Robert
Barnett was depending on his son Amos Barnett
prior to service the same as any well to do farmer
depends on a son who lives at home. I never
knew that he was an invalid until of late years
or that he claimed. I remember testifying that
he was always an invalid but I did not mean
that I meant that he would never work. I sup-
posed him to be healthy enough until of
late years, but always knew that he never
would work. A man with a farm of the
size of his in 1864 + 1865 would have \$1000 or
thereabouts of personal property. He never
paid the \$1000 that he borrowed about 1840.
His sons have been extravagant, and one son
has got into several difficulties ^{the other}.
Mrs Mrs Hildreth told ^{me one who told} me that the son
Robt Barnett had cost his father some
\$1500 in three years, paid to get him out of
his difficulties. Robt when he gets drunk gets
crazy and then he will steal or do things, the
family have to pay for when he gets sober.
The other two sons get drunk too, ~~never~~
~~at Barnett that would not get drunk except~~
~~the youngest, who does not appear to have~~
~~good sense.~~ Amos, the oldest, used to get
drunk. The 6th youngest gets drunk at
times. The property in 1864 + 1865 was worth
at private sale \$20 per acre. Two or three years
ago Thompson Barnett ^{with} bought of his father
and came, took in the ~~founder~~ barn / house

EXHIBIT

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this _____ day of _____, 187____, at _____, County of _____, State of _____, before me, _____ a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that _____ age is _____ years, that he resides at _____ County of _____, State of _____, and that

where I was on a Jury at Paris, and asked me what I thought the Land was worth, and I told him I thought the prairie land was worth \$30 per acre, there is 100 acres and upwards of that making \$3,000

I told him the timber land was worth \$50 per acre - there was 20 acres upwards of that _____

Then we had a Law suit at Paris, ^{brought} \$1600 to upset the sale and the said man said it was a bona-fide sale. That he had bought the land of his father in good faith and expected to pay for it, and that he had agreed to pay his father \$30 per acre for it. The other parties to the suit thought the sale was fraudulent. All the mortgages on his land until Cahly were \$500 as I understood. Property was always appraised at about one-half its cash value. I never knew him to be pressed for money until he went into the cattle business about 1870 and borrowed \$1400 of Stewart and

went into the cattle business in which he lost money. This was about 1870.

I should say that his income from every source was \$1000. per year as I would be used to sell a large number of hogs, 50 to 100 a year since the soldier died. This income was in my judgment enough to support himself wife and family comfortably. What I mean is that the assets of his farm if turned into money since 1874 would in my judgment have averaged him \$1000. a per year up to 1876. This \$1000. would have to be used to support a large family. Whether that income would afford an adequate support for himself wife & sons & daughters I am at a loss to tell, but should think it ought to.

I was interrogated in 1878, and my letter dated June 5. 1878, expressed my opinion about this case at that time

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Robert Barnett, for a Pension; and further saith not.

John B Galway
Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of Oct 1879, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known to the affiant before signing.

James Adams

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT L

CASE OF Robert Barnett, No. _____

On this 22 day of October, 1879, at
Indianola, County of Vernilion
 State of Ill, before me, Isaac Dunn,
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared John B. Galway,
 a Farmer, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 52 years, that he resides at Mitcalf P.O.
 County of Edgar, State of Ill., and that

I accompanied said Dunn to the house of Robert Barnett, and afterwards drove to the house of David Dickson, a reputable citizen, near by, and brought him to the house of said Robert Barnett and I heard Robert Barnett testify to said Dunn, said Dickson being present when the affidavit of Robert Barnett before said Dunn, was read. I heard Robert Barnett say that he was willing to rest his case in regard to the annual income from his farm and the value of his real and personal property since 1864 with myself and David Dickson, and the estimates appearing in his affidavit were based on our verbal statements made in his presence, in addition to claimant's recollection. I have known him 25 years last past, or since November 1854, and lived in the same neighborhood ever since. When I moved in his neighborhood in 1854 he owned 106 acres in Edgar County, and 35 acres in Carroll Township, Vernilion Co., all belonging to one farm. The land was more of it timber, about 15 acres of it - timber & orchard the balance tillable land. I knew his son Amos Barnett. He was a man grown in 1854, lived at his father's, was the only son grown up to the time he enlisted.

Said son Amos owned about 60 acres of Tillable land
in Young America Twp. Edgar Co. Ill. in 1854.

It was prairie land unimproved. He never worked
it at all. but about 1860 or just before the war commenced
sold the land to his nephew James B. Barnett, and left
the neighborhood on account of having got a girl in
the family way, and went to Indiana. I heard he
enlisted in the 100 days service there. He told me so
himself when he came back. He was around there not
to exceed a week, and then enlisted in Co D. 45th Ill
Vol. and died in service.

I think the Clannant depended on his said son Amos
just as any well to do farmer would depend on his
only son grown who worked for him on his farm. I don't
think his son was any profit to him. It was always
my understanding that he paid him wages as a hired
hand. still I do not know that it was so. He was a good
worker when he did work, about like my Barnett but I
know that ever would work much.

At the time Amos enlisted his father owned a farm of
about 141 acres as I know from what Clannant said
yesterday in my presence. That land was worth at
least \$25. per acre according to Clannant's own admissions.

141 acres @ \$25. per acre = \$ 3525.00

at his son's enlistment at private rank.

He had personal property suitable to such a
farm, which I estimate to have been worth in 1861. \$ 500.00
making his real personal property equal to \$ 4025.00

His income in 1861, from said property in 1861 I estimate to have amounted to \$ 600.00

In 1862 + 1863, the values were about the same.

In 1864 and 1865, his farm was worth \$30.00 an acre 141 acres @ \$30 = per acre equals \$ 4230.00
Personal property each year 1864 + 1865 1000.00

Total real + personal property in 1864 + 5. \$ 5,230.00

His income in 1864 I estimate to have amounted to \$1000.00

in 1865 I estimate to have amounted to \$ 1000.00

I estimate his personal property to have averaged from 1866 to 1876 inclusive - per year - \$ 500.00

In 1872, he bought 20 more acres of land of G. W. Kendall, by deed made Feb'y 27/1872, recorded in volume 39 of Deeds on page 530 in Vermilion Co. Ill. as appears by the deed, in correction dated Jan'y 3, 1874, recorded Jan'y 6, 1874, in Volume 41 of Deeds on page 212.

He said yesterday that he paid \$500.00 an acre for this land which joins the rest, making his property in 1872, to consist as follows:

141 acres @ \$30 per acre, 4230.00
20 acres @ \$50 per acre 1000.00
5230.00
and further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Personal Property for a Pension; and further saith not. 500.00
\$ 5,730.00

He said he paid for the 20 acres - from his stock on his farm, indicating that he had more than \$500.00

I sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 1874, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known to the affiant before signing.

he purchased of T. J. Leman & Bann and his wife Lizzie Bann, 19 1/2 acres more of land in Carroll Twp. Vermilion Co. adjoining divided land - consideration \$600.00

Special Agent.

the amount said he paid for the Land, when he bought it.
The deed was recorded Dec 24 - 1875 in Book 42 of
deeds. Page 438. making his property in 1874
aggregate as follows:

(Along in 1870 he traded with his niece Leonarda Barnett
enough to get $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres more in Edgar Co.)

In 1874:

Land in Edgar County Ill. 111 acres.

Land in Vermilion County - $59\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Total $170\frac{1}{2}$ acres,

Estimated to have been worth \$30 - per acre then

Cash in 1874, $170\frac{1}{2}$ acres @ \$30 \$5115.00

Personal Property - 500.00

\$5,615.00

He said he borrowed \$1000 of one Cole - and gave
a mortgage on Vermilion Co. Land

He said he borrowed \$1200 - of C W Lewis giving
a mortgage for \$2000 on his farm in Edgar Co.

I also know from memory that he borrowed of
David Stewart (now dead) \$1200. on some seven or eight

years ago - Johnathan Gaines a very labor, went
security on the note - and afterwards got released.

Two years ago last June in Court in the Circuit
Court of Edgar Co. Ill, that note never has been

paid, as I understand. The date & exact amount of
that note can be found at Paris Ill. of the County

clerk in the inventory of Stewart's estate. I do not know
the cause of Robt Barnett's misfortune, or what

he has of late years disposed of his property. I did
not know he was behind any until I heard he had

deeded the land to his sons Thompson & Elbert

Barnett. - Having read over the articles of agreement,
dated October 19, 1876, in which the amount was deeded

John B Galway

EXHIBIT.....

CASE OF....., No.

On this day of, 1877, at
, County of,
 State of, before me,
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared,
, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that age is years, that he resides at,
 County of, State of, and that

the property to their son Thompson Elbert Barnett,
 for a consideration of \$2600 and wherein the said
 son agree to provide for Clannant wife a suitable
 support during life and a suitable burial after
 death - will say that the copies read over by said
 son are exact copies of the original papers. And son
 Thompson Barnett will say that Robert Barnett
 another son was the one that had got his father
 into financial trouble, by what manner he did not
 say any further than that he got his father's money
 and spent it. After this property was transferred
 Clannant was sued at Paris Ill for \$1200 - the
 amt of a note given to David Stewart, which had
 been running as I have been informed about 3 years,
 Thompson Elbert Barnett intend suit to remove
 the cloud upon the title and the parties, ^{sued} did not
 appear and the suit went by default.
 I heard Mr C Hildrich his son in law testify
 yes today - He did not testify the way I should have
 expected a thoroughly honest man to have testified,
 I also heard Morgan Crummins a good natured

Dish might testify and made up my mind that
his former testimony was carefully given, in his
affidavits filed in the claim.

Johnathan Gaines is now gone to Ohio as I was
credibly informed. I account for his favorable
letter to the Department - by his having some-
thing to do as security on the note, ^{to the amount of \$2000 -} and being
favorably disposed on the claim, not that I wish
to infer that said Gaines is dishonest, but
he certainly was in position to know the facts
in regard to the value of the property of the
claimant and his dependence on the soldier,
The said Robert Barnett, I have looked upon
as a pretty reliable man.

There was one time since the war that he sold
stock off of his farm worth ^{about two} ~~several~~ thousand
dollars, in one year.

He has two able bodied sons living on his farm,
and who are legally bound in my judgment
to support him according to said agreement.

I think it strange that I have no recollection
that the claimant was kicked by a horse,
or of his being ruptured lifting. I know that since
I have known claimant he has not done any
work to amount to any thing, and that I never
knew that he had a sore leg until last summer
in November when he told me about his leg being
sore. He did not think any thing about being

captured Barnett was himself a Pensioner at the time he made affidavit in this case. His title to a pension was in my judgment somewhat clouded. I do not know what was set up in the claim of Isaac West for a pension but I was told by David Baker a comrade of Isaac West in service (Baker has since died) that West got his disability by having a horse fall on him he was riding while running a race with the horse contrary to orders in service. Baker has been dead about 4 years. He told me this ^{shortly} before he died. The Widow of Isaac West has applied for a pension since Isaac West died - as I have been informed. I lent her a buggy to go to Danville to see about it.

I am satisfied that Robert Barnett told about his property just about as it was, and that he has not concealed any thing bearing on the question of the amt of his property, and income, in his affidavit before said Wm. I do not know what to think about his leg and rupture and know nothing about these facts. ^{James Dick my was deposed ever since I know him quite lately} and ^{he} further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Robert Barnett for a Pension; and further saith not.

John B Galwey
Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of Oct 1879, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known to the affiant before signing.

James W. Wynn

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT

CASE OF Robert Barnett, No. _____

On this 22 day of October, 1879, at
Indianola, County of Vermilion
 State of Ill, before me, Samuel R. Brown
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Thompson
Barnett, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 27 years, that he resides at Indianola, Ill.
County of Vermilion, State of Ill., and that

I am a son of Robert Barnett. I can just barely recollect seeing my father's son by whom I was about nine years of age - by seeing him pouring water on it from the well. I did not know any thing about my father's rupture until he went to Danville to be examined by the Examining Surgeon of Pensioners. He never has worked much of any since I can remember any thing, except to attend to some stock.

In about 1872 my father was getting old and allowed his son Robert Barnett to attend to his property.

Before that he bought some cattle for father's cattle depreciated in value, and my father went in debt for them. Bought them of one Hedditch. Hedditch owed a note to Hewitt for \$1200 and my father assumed the payment of the note. He never has paid the note however - was sued on the note after he had sold his farm to myself and brother Elbert. About 1872 ^{or thereabouts} my father Robert involved my father in debt by spending a great deal of money for land.

He drank to excess and when intoxicated would do things that cost my father money. My father sold his property in 1876, consisting of 1¹/₂ acres or thereabouts of land and something near \$1000 in personal property, to myself and brother Albert, consideration twenty six hundred dollars, and also notes & mortgages which we assumed, making the consideration \$3500 to 4000 and our agreement to support our father and mother during their life time, and after death to give them a decent burial. The date of the Deed and agreement is October 19, 1876. Myself and brother have fulfilled the terms of the agreement and are still in possession of the property, our parents living on the same, as agreed. The parties to whom the note for \$1200 in belonged, and that need father on the note was Marvin Stewart Administrator of the Estate of David Stewart. This suit was instituted after father sold us the property to set aside the sale on the ground of the sale being void on account of its being to defraud or delay his creditors, that he had sold us the property. The property was levied on and attached as the property of Robert Barnett.

We sued in Chancery to remove this attachment and levy - on the ground that myself and brother were the right owners in the land. They failed to appear and a decree was entered in our favor.

the cloud in our title being removed.

Martin Stewart lives near Newnan Douglas Co, Ill.

My father's farm was worth in 1876. \$30 per acre in my judgment, between 160 and 170 acres.

This property was mortgaged when my self and father bought it for \$2000.

\$1000 mortgage being held by Hermin Cole.

\$1200 mortgage being held by Watson B. Cole.

but payable to Calvin W Levings. of Paris Ill.

The \$1000 mortgage is recorded at Dansville Ohio Co. was dated I think August 12th 1876. a five year mortgage

The \$1200 mortgage is recorded at Paris Edgar Co Ill.

was for five years and is due November 3, 1879, being

actually dated November 3, 1874. These are all the

mortgages that appear against this place. My

father owes the \$1200 note held by Martin

Stewart. My father paid \$340 interest on the

note. I do not know how much interest is now due

on the note. There are judgments on the docket

at Paris, Ill. for the amt due on said note. I do not

know the exact date of the note. It was always in November 1872

and ~~the note was given~~ I think ~~and he~~ further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim

of _____ for a Pension, and further saith not.

Thompson Burnett

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of Oct 1879, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known to the affiant before signing.

Laurel F. Dorman

Special Agent.

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DEPENDENT PARENTS.

Claim No. 234254 for original pension. Brief app'd _____, 18 _____, by _____
Certificate No. _____, forwarded to _____ Agency.

TITLE.

Robert Barnett, father, of Amos Barnett.
who was a Corporal (pensionable rank Corporal) in Co. D. 25th Regt. Ills. Inf.
is entitled to a pension at the rate of _____ dollars per month, to commence _____, 18 _____,
and to end _____, 18 _____.

RESIDENCE; &c., OF CLAIMANT AND ATTORNEY.

Residence of claimant, Indianapolis, county of Vermillion, State of Ills.
Post Office of claimant, _____, county of _____, State of _____
Name of attorney, S. L. Rowan.
Post Office of attorney, Indianapolis, county of Marion, State of Indt.
Fee, _____ dollars, articles of agreement _____ having been filed _____

Rejected Dec. 2, 1879, N. W. Coan, Examiner.
Approved Dec. 5th, 1879, [Signature], Reviewer.
[Signature]

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

Enlistment, Aug. 17, 1861, Right accrued, None, 18
Muster into rank, _____, 18, Claim completed, Rejected, 18
Discharge, None, 18, Death of husband, He is the claimant, 18
Death, Sept. 14, 1864, Re-marriage of claimant, prior to son's enlistment, 18
Invalid app. filed, None, 18, _____, 18
Invalid last paid to, None, 18, _____, 18
Application filed, Nov. 22, 1877, _____, 18

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

Rejected on the ground that claimant was not dependent upon the Soldier for support at date of his death. Special Agent's report shows that claimant had sufficient property to render him a comfortable support and that Soldier did not contribute materially. See report of Special Agent herewith.