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Cert # 142227

Mary S. Kearon

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CLAIM FOR WIDOW'S PENSION, WITH MINOR CHILDREN.

112327

BRIEF in the case of

Mary S. Kearon

Widow of

John Kearon, Pisp. Co. C 55. Pa. Vols.  
Resident of Cumberland County, and State of Pa.  
Post Office address: Dickinson, Cumberland Co. Pa.

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

Claim filed Dec. 30. 1865.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service. Adjutant General reports him enrolled as "John Kearon in Co. C. 55. Pa. Vols." Aug. 24. 1864, & on the Muster Roll dated Aug. 30. 1865, Discharged at Richmond Va. June 13. 1865. Gent. & No. 4000 series 1865.

Death. Wm H. Langsdorf certified to be a practicing physician swears he was called upon to see him the 2<sup>nd</sup> day after his arrival home from the Hospit; that he found him suffering from an attack of Chronic Diarrhoea & attended him from that time to date of his death Mar. 15. 1866, that the cause of his death was Chronic Diarrhoea contracted in the service that his habits were not of such a character to aggravate the disease.

Marriage. Oct. 20. 1861, as sworn to by claimant & that Rev. A. L. Gup, performed the ceremony whose whereabouts now are unknown. Credible witnesses swear they were present at the marriage, that the parties lived with them as servants at the time & that no better proof can be furnished.

Names and dates of birth of children.	born	18	who will be 16 years old	13
Carrie Odepa	Mar. 31.	1865	Mar. 30.	13
"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"

Proof of ages. Persons present. One other child of the soldier, admitted to the guardian herewith, No. 1115. 768. Child has been in care & custody of its Grandmother. No invalid claim on record.

Loyalty. Declared. Agent, and his P. O. address. Wm B. Butler, Carlisle, Pa.

Issue certificate for \$ 8 dollars per month, commencing Mar. 15. 1866, and two dollars per month additional for each of the above-named children, commencing 25 day of July, 1866.

J. H. Vaughn, Examiner.

Passed Apr. 1. 1870.

APPROVED. [Signature]

WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR PENSION.

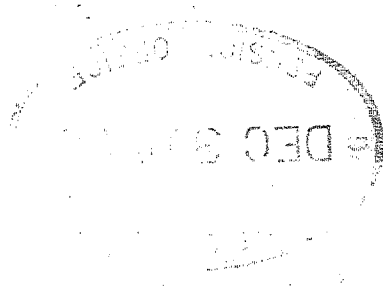
Act of July 14th, A. D. 1862.

Mrs *Mary S. Pearson*

Widow of *John Pearson*

Late *Infantry Co, 6<sup>th</sup> 55<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>*

*Pennsylvania* Vols.



Filed by

*Wm B Butler*

Attorney.

*P. O. Box 209, Carlisle,*

*Pennsylvania*

NOTE.—Declarations must be sworn to before a Clerk of Court of Record. Evidence of marriage must be furnished. Also residence and dates of birth of children must be stated in declaration. When applicant or witness sign by mark the Clerk must add in his jurat that the above statements were read to [inserting them], and that they subscribed and swore to the above with a full knowledge of its contents.



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### WIDOW'S DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

STATE OF Pennsylvania }  
Cumberland COUNTY. } ss.

On this Twenty-sixth day of October A. D. 1868, personally appeared before me Bothroyd Helck of the Common Pleas Court, within and for the County and State above named, and by Law duly authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, Mary S. Nearon, who, after being duly sworn according to law, declares and, says that she is aged Twenty-six years, and that she is a resident of Penn Township in the County of Cumberland and State of Pennsylvania doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress approved July 14, 1862: That she is the widow of John Nearon who was a Private in Company "B" commanded by Captain \_\_\_\_\_ of the 55th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, commanded by Colonel \_\_\_\_\_ in the War of 1861, who died in Cumberland County Penna on or about the 15th day of March 1866, and the cause of his death was Chronic Diarrhea which he contracted while in the service of the United States and in his line of duty.

That she was married to the said John Nearon on the 20th day of October 1861, at Centerville County of Cumberland State of Pennsylvania by one Rev A. G. Guss a Minister and that her name before her said marriage was Mary S. Hildebrand

And that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to proof hereto annexed. She further states that at his death her said husband left him surviving only the only named child who was then under the age of sixteen years, that said child resides at Centerville Cumberland Co Pa with her and that the name and date of birth of said child are as follows: Carrie Odessa Nearon, was born March 31st 1865

and she hereby constitutes and appoints Wm B. Butler of Carlisle County of Cumberland and State of Pennsylvania her lawful attorney to prosecute her said claim, and authorizes him to receive the certificate therefor when ready for delivery. She also declares that she has not in any way been engaged in, or aided, or abetted the rebellion in the United States.

My Post Office address is as follows: Centerville County of Cumberland State of Pennsylvania Dickinson

Signature of Mary S. Nearon Applicant.

Also personally came George A. Keckler and John Buttery residents of Centerville in the County of Cumberland State of Pennsylvania persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn according to law, say that they were present and saw Mary S. Nearon sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration, and they further swear that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with her that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that she still remains the widow of the said John Nearon soldier above mentioned who died leaving no children under sixteen years of age surviving him other than the above mentioned Carrie Odessa Nearon, (to the said widow, Mary S. Nearon)

And that they reside as stated, and have no interest, nor concerned in the prosecution of this claim  
Signatures of George A Keckler  
John Buttery

Sworn to and subscribed before me, and I certify that I am not interested in this claim, or concerned in its prosecution; and I further certify that I believe the declarant is the person she represents herself to be.

J. P. Bewick Clerk.  
of the Common Pleas Court

<b>Widow's Certificate File Number</b>		<b>WC</b> 142227
NEARON <small>Soldier's Last Name</small>	JOHN <small>Soldier's First Name</small>	<small>Soldier's Middle Name/Initial</small>
C <small>Company or F&amp;S</small>	55 <small>Regiment, Battery Battalion or Militia</small>	PENNSYLVANIA <small>State, Territory, US Army, US VRC, US Vols, USCT</small>
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<b>Pensioner(s)</b>		
NEARON <small>Pensioner's Last Name</small>	MARY SOPHIA <small>Pensioner's First Name/M</small>	HILDEBRAND <small>(if applicable) Maiden Name</small>
<small>Pensioner's Last Name</small>	<small>Pensioner's First Name/M</small>	<b>Relationship of Pensioner(s) to Soldier:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widow <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Minor(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Sister(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Brother(s)
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Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Oct 2, 1867.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 115,768, 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 John Kearan was enrolled on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug., 1864, at Harrisburg, Pa. in Co. "C", 55<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Penn<sup>a</sup> Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a 1st Lt. on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1864, at Harrisburg, Pa., in Co. "C", 55<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Penn<sup>a</sup> Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "C" of that Regiment, for the months of <sup>June</sup> Dated Aug 31, 1865, he is reported Private "Discharged at Richmond" "Val. June 13, 1865. G. O. No. 91. W. D. W. O. series 1165." No evidence of death on file in this Office.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,  


The Commissioner of Pensions,  
 Washington, D. C.

Assistant Adjutant General.

Memoranda

Name of applicant, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address, \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 2 1867

# 142227.

Widow of John Nearon late of Co. C. 55 Regt  
Penna. inf.

State of Pennsylvania )  
County of Cumberland ) ss.

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared Mary S. Graham, who being duly sworn deposed and said that John Nearon died on the second day of March A.D. 1866: that the maiden name of the deponent was Mary S. Hildebrandt: that she was married to said soldier on the 16th day of October A.D. 1861: that neither she nor the said soldier was married previous to their marriage to each other, and that William S. Graham to whom she was married subsequently died on the 30th day of July A.D. 1908.

All of which she answers to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me this  
21st day of June A.D. 1920.

*Mary S. Graham*

*D. J. Mickey*  
Notary Public

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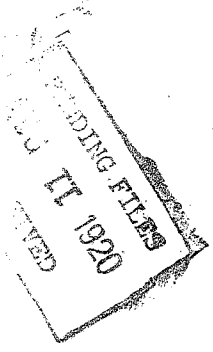
(S.)

Miss Owen

No. 1422257

Henry S. Stephens  
Rumford, Me.

John Pearson  
Rt. 2, 55 Pa. Av.



File by:

M. Smith

Washington

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This is to certify that on the 25th day of March  
A.D. 1858 I solemnized the rite of Matrimony between  
John C. Benson & Sarah Benson, and joined them  
together as man and wife according to Law

Witness at marriage -  
Samuel Coover,

Henry C. Keen  
Minister of the Gospel



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... representation of the same directly a indirectly  
and further South Mt.

W. W. Warburton

Sworn and subscribed before me this  
Day of August a.d. 1873 and I certify  
that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully  
understood and read over by the deponent before  
swearing, that the witness is a person of reputation  
and entitled to credit and that I have no  
interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of  
this claim.

J. P. Bandler  
Deputy Notary

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New Kingston Cumberland County Pa  
December 19<sup>th</sup>. 1871

Mr Samuel B. R. Culbertson and Mary  
S. Wearon's Widow of John Wearon  
Of Middlesex Township, in said County  
Appeared before me voluntarily and  
were by me joined in Matrimony  
According to the laws of this Commonwealth,  
in the Presence of David H. Wambaugh  
and John A. Longstaff

Wambaugh J. P.

2<sup>nd</sup> Page 12-19/71

State of Pennsylvania }  
County of Cumberland } S.S.

Personally appeared before me a  
in and for the County and State aforesaid

Wambaugh Esq. who being duly qualified  
According to Law deposes and says, that the above  
and foregoing is a true copy of the record, contained  
in his docket as Justice of the Peace in and for the  
County of Cumberland aforesaid) of the Marriage of  
Samuel B. R. Culbertson to Mary S. Widow of John Wearon  
that the said Marriage was duly solemnized according to  
Law by the deponent on the Nineteenth day of  
December 1871, one thousand eight hundred and  
Seventy three The deponent further states that he has no interest  
in the application for Revision of the former children of the  
said John Wearon, and is not concerned nor



day of September 1869; and I certify that I read <sup>said</sup> affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said claims nor am I concerned in its prosecution,

John Zimm, J.P.

I certify that John Zimm Esq, before whom the foregoing declaration or affidavit, was made, is a Justice of the Peace, duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature,

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1869,

J. P. [Signature]

Sept 27

Justice of the Peace

Additional Evidence  
Claim No 145768

William J. Shearer,  
Guardian of  
minor child of Dr. Pearson  
No. 6 55th Regt Pa Vols,

Filed by  
Wm D. Bally  
Carroll Pa.

State of Pennsylvania  
County of Cumberland

In the matter of claim for Pension of William J. Shearer, Guardian of William A. Nearon, minor child of John Nearon of Co "B" 55<sup>th</sup> Regt Pa Vols.

Personally came before me a Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid County and State Henry C. Clear of Cumberland County and State of Pennsylvania reputable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid claim as follows: That he was personally and intimately acquainted with John Nearon and his wife Sarah A. Nearon, both deceased, that he performed the marriage ceremony between them on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1858 at the home of Sarah A. Nearon Mother, in Penn Township, and further says:

That the name of said Sarah A. Nearon before marriage, was Sarah A. Bennett,

That he has no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim,

Honors: ~~clear~~  
Minister of the Gospel,

Sworn to and subscribed before me ~~the~~ 24<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Magistrate  
3 25/58  
D. W. C.

# Certificate of Marriage

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

I have this day joined in

**MARRIAGE**

*Samuel B. Culbertson* of *Madison Township* State of *Pennsylvania*  
and *Mary S. Seavers* of *Madison Township* State of *Pennsylvania*  
according to the laws of the State of *Pennsylvania* and that there were  
present as witnesses *Laura H. Wambaugh* of *New Kingston*  
and *John A. Lingard* of *Silver Spring Township*  
*Cumberland County* Penna. } *W. W. Wambaugh* C. P.  
Dated *December 19<sup>th</sup> 1871*

1 Judge 12-19-71

This is



to Gertrude

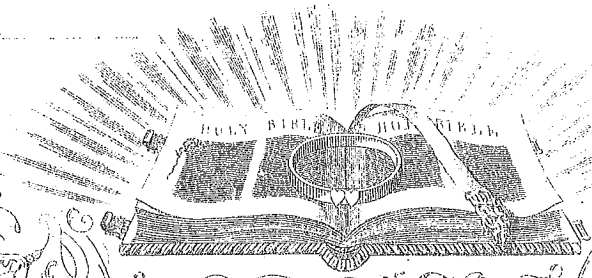
That William Lewis Graham of Shippensburg in the STATE of  
Pennsylvania and Mary Sophia Culbertson of Shippensburg  
in the STATE of Pennsylvania were by me joined together in



on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July in the Year of our Lord  
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Five

Witness Samuel Boston  
Richard Deavon & wife

J. W. Bucken  
Minister of the gospel.



her and her whole family for 31/2 years past, and know from their own personal knowledge that she, the said Mary S. Pearson, has never remarried since the death of John Pearson her late husband, nor abandoned the support of any one of the above-named children under sixteen years of age; nor has she ever permitted any one of them to be adopted by any person or persons whatever, but retains them with her residing. And they further declare that they know the said children above-named are the only legitimate children of the said John Pearson the deceased soldier, and the applicant; and they have no interest whatever in this claim.

John W. Wray  
Gall M. Wray  
(Signature of Witnesses.)

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this 8th day of April 1869; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim; and that the contents of the above was carefully read and explained to applicant and witnesses before signing the same.

J. P. Biddle  
Notary Public  
H. C. Beck  
County Clerk

WIDOW'S PENSION CLAIM. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

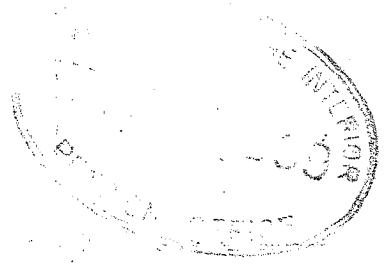
SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT UNDER ACT JULY 25, 1868.

No. 169672

Mrs. Mary S. Pearson claimant.

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# ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

State of Pennsylvania }  
County of Cumberland } ss.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1869, personally appeared before me, a .....  
Notary Public of the Commonwealth in and for said County and State,  
Mary S. Gearow who, being first duly sworn, on her oath doth  
depose and say, that she is the identical Mary S. Gearow widow of  
John Gearow deceased, who was a Private  
in Co. "C", 55<sup>th</sup> Reg't. Pennsylvania Volunteers; that she has  
made application for Pension under the provisions of the act of July 14, 1862, which said claim is numbered, in  
the pending claims at the Pension Department at Washington, D. C., 169,692; that in order to obtain  
the benefits of the provisions of the second section of the act entitled "An act Increasing the Pensions of Widows  
and Orphans, and for other purposes," approved July 25, 1866, she further declares that she has not remarried  
since the death of her said husband, but to this date remains his widow; and that the following are the names and  
dates of birth of all the children, under sixteen years of age, of the said deceased soldier and his deponent, viz:

- Lebbie Odessa, born on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1865
- ....., born on the..... day of....., 18.....
- ....., born on the..... day of....., 18.....
- ....., born on the..... day of....., 18.....
- ....., born on the..... day of....., 18.....
- and....., born on the..... day of....., 18.....

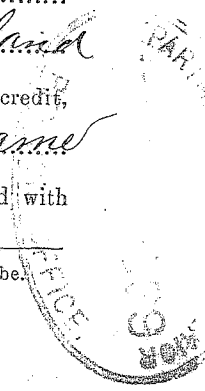
And she further declares that her said husband\* was previously married  
and had one child, William Abram, who lives  
with its Grand-mother,

And that she, the claimant, has never abandoned the support of any one of the above-named children under sixteen  
years of age, nor permitted any one of them for whom increase is claimed to be adopted by any person or persons  
whatever; that they are the only legitimate children of herself and her deceased husband, now living; and that  
they reside with her at Carlisle, Cumberland County, and  
State of Pennsylvania,

Mary S. Gearow  
(Signature of Claimant.)

Also personally appeared John Mary and Sad  
M. Mary of Carlisle in the County of Cumberland  
and State of Pennsylvania persons known to me as respectable and entitled to credit,  
and who, being by me duly sworn, on their oath say they were present and saw her write her name  
and saw her sworn to the foregoing statement; and that they are, and have been, both personally acquainted with

\* Had never been previously married or, was previously married and had children, etc., as follows; as the case may be.



Witness my hand and official seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1869

ADD SEAL HERE.

Sign here, John Y. Sims, [L. S.]

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

I, J. P. Binnelle Peathy, Common Pleas Clerk of the ~~County~~ Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that John Y. Sims, Esq., who hath signed his name to foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a Acting Justice of the Peace 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1869

J. P. Binnelle Peathy  
Clerk of the Common Pleas Court

How much

CLAIM FOR

Pension  
May S. Pearson  
No 169,697

AFFIDAVIT

OF  
Mary Shippe  
Nancy A. Shroyer

FILED BY

Wm A Butler  
Carroll D

State of Pennsylvania  
County of Cumberland } ss.

In the matter of claim for Pension  
of Mary S. Meason widow of John Meason

of Company "G", 55th Regiment Pennsylvania Vols:

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for  
aforesaid County and State, Mrs. Mary Shipper & Mrs. Mary Schuman  
citizens of the County of Cumberland, State of Pennsylvania, reputable  
and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim; that the date of the birth  
of the child..... of said soldier is as follows:

Carrie Odessa Meason was  
born March 31st 1865 Mrs. Mary Shipper it was  
present at the birth of a John Meason for  
whom this claim is asked for and know  
it to be his child  
Mrs. Mary Schuman  
born in the County of Cumberland  
on the 10th day of December

*Birth*

That Mrs. Shipper present at the birth of the same in the capacity of midwife, and has  
personal knowledge of the date as aforesaid of Carrie Odessa Meason

Mrs. Shipper further declare that she has no interest in said claim, and are not concerned in its  
prosecution.

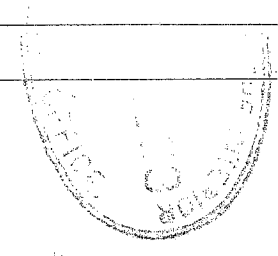
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John Krapp  
John Krapp

Signature  
of  
Affiants.

Mary Shipper  
mark  
Mary Schuman

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this day by the above named affiants; and I certify that I read said  
affidavit to said affiants, and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify  
that I am in nowise interested in said claim, nor am I concerned in its prosecution.....





Further, they state that they are in no way interested, directly or indirectly, in the prosecution of any claim, nor in the benefits which the claimant may derive from any claim in which this affidavit may be used in any manner whatever.

In presence of

*Albert Schumler*

*John Burton*  
*George A. Keck*

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by the claimant and said witnesses this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *October*, A. D. 186*8*, after the same had been carefully read and explained to them, and I certify that I am in no way interested in the prosecution or proceeds of this claim directly, or indirectly.

*J. P. Burchell*  
*Clerk of Court*

Clerk's Certificate.

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

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this..... day of..... 186.....

[SEAL.]

Clerk of the.....

SECONDARY

Proof of Marriage,

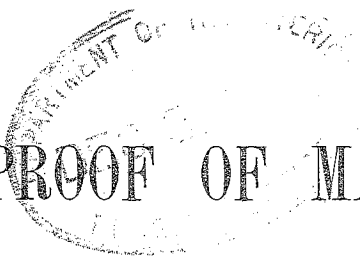
IN THE CASE OF

*John Mason* Dec'd.  
*Married to "C" 55<sup>th</sup> St. Pa. Vols.*

FILED BY

*Wm B. Butler*  
*Clerk*

*Samuelson*



# SECONDARY PROOF OF MARRIAGE.

State of Pennsylvania }  
County of Cumberland } SCT.

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1866, before the undersigned, a

....., personally appeared Mary S. Mason

..... who, being duly sworn, deposeth as follows: I am the widow of John Mason

..... deceased, who was a Private in Captain.....

..... company ( "C" ) 55<sup>th</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers;

that my maiden name was Mary S. Hildebrand.....; that I was lawfully

married to said deceased at Centerville..... in the County of Cumberland

..... State of Pennsylvania..... by Rev. H. L. Guss

.....; that I have by said marriage the following children, whose ages and date of birth are correctly set forth

to wit:

Carrie Odessa Mason, born March 31<sup>st</sup> 1865

That I have made repeated and diligent efforts to procure a copy of the record of my marriage, but have been unable to do so, because I do not know the whereabouts of said

Rev. H. L. Guss, and have no family record of marriage or birth

of said Carrie Odessa.

that I cannot obtain the affidavit of the party who performed the marriage ceremony because I do not

know the whereabouts of the minister who performed the

ceremony of said Rev. H. L. Guss.

that my said husband died on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March..... A. D.; 1866, that I

lived with deceased from the date of my marriage up to the date of his death, and that I file herewith the best

evidence of my marriage that I can obtain.

Mary S. Mason

WITNESSES:

Jacob M. Whisler  
Wm. B. Reynolds

And also at the same time personally appeared John Beeten..... and

George A. Reckler....., to me well known as respectable, credible persons,

who, being by me duly sworn, do severally say, that they have known the claimant, Mary S. Mason

..... and her deceased husband, for Ten..... years; \* and that they

were present and saw claimant and said deceased, married as above stated by said claimant; that deceased always treated

and acknowledged claimant as his lawful wife; that they lived and cohabited together as such, and were so received

in society, and were so regarded by their acquaintances; that they never heard the fact of their marriage disputed;

that their general reputation in the neighborhood was that of husband and wife; that they have often heard deceased in his

life time speak of claimant as his wife. That the statement of claimant concerning her children, (the issue of said

marriage) they know to be correct; that they are satisfied that claimant has made diligent efforts to procure record

\*Can be stricken out if witnesses were not present at the marriage.

The Guardian Series  
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*letter*

No. 142227

Pennsylvania

Mary S. Keason

WIDOW OF

John Keason

Rank Private, Co. 6

Regt. 55 Penna

Philadelphia Agency.

Rate per Month. \$ 8

Commencing 15 March 1866

Additional sum of \$2 per Month for each of  
the following children, until arriving at the age of  
16 years, commencing 25 July 1866

Carrie O 30 Mch. 1881

**DEAD**

Certificate dated 21 April 1870

Sent to Wm B Butler

Carlisle Pa

Act 14th July, 1862.

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Clerk.

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~~May 1862~~

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Wm. C. Mason

Commissioner

Wm. C. Mason

John Mason

Engr. G. S. Pa. 1862

Died at Mill B. March

15/66 of Mason

Received Dec 30, 1868.

J. M. P. Burton

Clerk

Cumberland Co

Attorney.

Comptroller

I certify that I was called upon to attend John Mearow immediately after his return from the army, he having come home sick, I found him with Chronic Mearhead, He told me he had had it for some months prior to his being discharged, There is no doubt but what he contracted it in the army, as it certainly was of considerable standing. I further certify, that he died on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1866, ~~from~~ with the same disease, He was not able to do any work after he came from the army,

Dickinson P. O.,  
Cumberland, Pa.,  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 1866,

W. W. Longedoff, M.D.

*Wm. B. C. ...*  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Jan. 3. 1917.*

Respectfully requested of the  
Adjutant General,  
War Department  
A report showing the  
full military and med-  
ical history, and per-  
sonal description of  
the soldier.  
1 inclosure.

U. S. PENS. BUREAU  
U. S. PENS. BUREAU  
U. C. 142 227.  
John Nearon  
Co 55 Penn. Inf.  
*Wm. B. C. ...*  
Commissioner

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, *JAN 6 1917*

Respectfully returned to the  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
with the information that in the case of

*John Nearon*  
Co. *C*, 55 Reg't Pa. Inf.

in addition to the statement or statements herewith  
returned, the military records show the following:  
Aged *26 yrs.*, height *5* feet, *8* inches,  
complexion *Fair*,  
eyes *Gray*, hair *Dark*,  
place of birth *Cumberland Co. Pa.*,  
occupation *Laborer*  
*Oct 31. 64 Present. +20 to*  
*Apr 30/65.*  
*He was M. O. with a de-*  
*tachment June 13. 65.*

U. S. PENS. BUREAU  
U. S. PENS. BUREAU  
*JAN 8 1917*

The medical records show him treated as follows:

U. S. PENS. BUREAU  
U. S. PENS. BUREAU  
*JAN 11 1917*

*E. P. McQuinn*  
The Adjutant General.



CLAIM FOR

Army Pension of  
Mary P. Pearson  
widow of John Pearson  
Co "B" 55<sup>th</sup> Regt Pa vols  
claim no 169,692

AFFIDAVIT

OF

John Beeten  
George A. Keckler,

FILED BY

WM. B. BUTLER,

Carlisle,

Pennsylvania.

State of Pennsylvania }  
County of Cumberland } SS.

In the matter of claim for Army Pension of Mary S. Pearson, widow,  
of John Pearson who was a private

of Company "C", 55th Regiment Pennsylvania Vols:

Personally came before me, Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas in and for  
aforesaid County and State John Beeters of Carlisle Pa and George A. Heckler of Dickinson Pa  
citizens of the County of Cumberland, State of Pennsylvania, reputable  
(and affirmed)  
and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows:

That they were personally acquainted with the deceased  
soldier John Pearson, and his wife Mary S. Pearson,  
That her name before marriage was Mary S. Hildebrand  
and that she and the said John Pearson were married  
on the day of 1st Dec 1861 in Dickinson Twp, Penna,

That they were present at said  
marriage, and saw claimant and deceased married,

That one of these deponents (John Beeters) deposes and says, that said  
John Pearson and his wife who was then unmarried, both lived with  
him as hired servants at the time they were married,

These deponents further swear, that to the best of their knowledge  
and belief, no better proof of marriage can be procured than that  
what is set forth in the affidavit, that in regard to the fact  
of ~~the~~ John Pearson having a wife before he married claimant,  
they say, that they had no knowledge of the circumstances at  
the time they furnished the other affidavit, and have none  
now, except what they have heard as hearsay, that they  
are not prepared to give any evidence in the matter of the former  
marriage or of their being any child or children by said marriage  
on account of not having any knowledge of the facts, which would  
be reliable. They further declare that they have forgotten the date  
of the marriage, as they gave it before

They further declare that they have no interest in said claim, and are not concerned in its  
prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs by mark, (2 persons)

} Signature of Affiants. { John Beeters  
George A. Heckler

Affirmed Sworn and Subscribed before me this day by the above named affiants; and I certify that I read said  
affidavit to said affiants, and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further  
certify that I am in nowise interested in said claim, nor am I concerned in its prosecution.

Witness my hand and official this 21st day of February 1870,

W. D. Cavanaugh Prothy.  
Court Common Pleas Cumberland Co. Pa.

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SECTION 2.  
ACT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1916.

DECLARATION FOR

REMARIED WIDOW'S PENSION.

Number *1001 42, 227*

Claimant *Mary J. Graham*

Soldier *Frank Graham*

Service *Co. C. 10th Regt.*

*Per [Signature]*

FILED BY  
M. ELLIOTT WAGGAMAN,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

INSTRUCTIONS.

This form is ONLY to be used by or in behalf of a widow who remarried and is again a widow, who desires to claim pension under the second section of the Act of September 8, 1916, above quoted, on account of the service of an officer or enlisted man of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, during the Civil War.

Declaration and testimony in support of same to be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not authorized by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must be certified by the proper State, County, or city officer under official seal, unless a certificate has been filed in Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

RECORDED  
JUN 11 1920  
DIVISION

Printed by The National Tribune, Washington, D. C.

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to increase the pension of widows, minor children, and so forth, of deceased soldiers and sailors of the late civil war, the War with Mexico, the various Indian wars, and so forth, and to grant a pension to certain widows of the deceased soldiers and sailors of the late civil war," approved April 19, 1908, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, \* \* \* \* \*

Sec. 2. That any widow of an officer or enlisted man who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the civil war whose name was placed or shall hereafter be placed on the pension roll, under any existing law, and whose name has been or shall hereafter be dropped from said pension roll by reason of her marriage to another person who has since died or shall hereafter die, or from whom she has been heretofore or shall be hereafter divorced upon her own application and without fault on her part, shall be entitled to have her name again placed on the pension roll at the rate allowed by the law under which she was formerly pensioned, and the law or laws amendatory thereof, unless she be entitled to a greater rate of pension under the provisions of section one of this Act, such pension to commence from the date of filing her application in the Bureau of Pensions after the passage of this Act:

Provided, however, That where the pension of said widow on her second or subsequent marriage has accrued to a helpless or idiotic child, or a child or children under the age of 16 years, she shall not be entitled to renewal under this Act unless said helpless or idiotic child, or child or children under 16 years of age, be then a member or members of her family and cared for by her, and upon the renewal of pension to said widow payment of pension to said child or children shall cease:

And provided further, That the provisions of this Act shall be extended to those widows, otherwise entitled, whose husbands died of wounds, injuries, or disease incurred during the period of their military or naval service, but who were deprived of pension under the Act of March 3, 1865, because of their failure to draw any pension by reason of their remarriage, and to any person who was lawfully married to an officer or enlisted man, who served in Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the civil war and was honorably discharged therefrom and has since deceased, and who, having remarried since his death is again a widow, or has been divorced from her last husband upon her own application without fault on her part and who, otherwise entitled, was barred by reason of such remarriage from receiving pension under any existing law. \* \* \* \* \*

Sec. 4. That no claim agent or attorney shall be recognized in the adjudication of claims under the first section of this Act, nor shall any claim agent or attorney be recognized in the adjudication of claims under the second section of this Act for renewal of pension previously allowed, and in claims for original pension under section two of this Act no greater sum than \$10 shall be allowed for services in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting such claim, which sum shall be payable only upon the order of the Commissioner of Pensions under such rules and regulations as he may deem proper to make.

Approved September 8, 1916.

Per [Signature]  
Chief Law Div.  
Valid as to execution  
I, [Signature], Power of A. V.  
claim under Act of Sept 8, 1916  
as a [Signature]  
Declaration accepted

# DECLARATION FOR REMARRIED WIDOW'S PENSION.

SECTION 2, ACT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1916. *and*

Act of July 1, 1920.

STATE OF *Pennsylvania*

COUNTY OF *Cumberland*

ss:

On this *7th* day of *June*, 19*20*... personally appeared before me, a *Notary Public* within and for the County and State aforesaid *Mary S. Graham*... who, being duly sworn by me according to law, declares that she is *78* years of age, and that she was born *March 17<sup>th</sup>*, 18*42*, at

That she was formerly the widow of *John Nearon*... who enlisted... 1... at

under the name of *John Nearon*... as a *private* (Rank) in

*Co. C. 53th. Regt. Penn. Inf.*

(Here state company and regiment, if in the Army; or vessels, if in the Navy.)

and was honorably discharged, ... 1... having served therein during the civil war.

That he also served... (Here give a complete statement of all other military or naval service, if any, at whatever time rendered.)

That otherwise than as herein stated said soldier (or sailor) was *not* employed in the United States service.

That she was married to said soldier (or sailor) ... 1... under the name of *Mary S. Hildebrandt* at *Centerville Cumberland Co. Pa.* by *Rev. Guss*; that she had *not* been previously married; that he had *not* been previously married;

(Here state all prior marriages of either, and give the names and the dates and places of death or divorce of all former consorts.)

That said soldier (or sailor) died... 1... at *Philadelphia, Pa.* and that she was *not* divorced from him.

That she was... formerly pensioned as the widow of said soldier (or sailor), the number of her pension certificate being...; that her pension or right to pension terminated because of her marriage... 1... to *Graham*, at... that he died... 1... at...; or, that she was divorced from him upon her own application and without fault on her part... 1... at...; that he did... serve in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States.

(If said husband rendered service, here describe same and give number of any pension claim based thereon.)

That she did... marry again after the death of the soldier (or sailor), except to... named above.

(If claimant contracted any other marriage after the death of the soldier (or sailor)...

name of husband, date and place of marriage, and date and manner of its dissolution should be stated.)

*She asks pension from date of filing former claim No. 142, 227.*

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, as a remarried widow, under the SECOND SECTION of the ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 1916. *and*

That she hereby appoints M. ELLIOTT WAGGAMAN, OF WASHINGTON, D. C., her true and lawful Attorney, to prosecute her claim.

*Mary S. Graham* (Claimant's signature in full)  
*Chippewa* (Address of first witness)  
*M. E. Wagman* (Signature of second witness)  
*Chippewa* (Address of second witness)



SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this *7th* day of *June*, 19*20*...

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words... added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

*M. E. Wagman* (Signature)  
**RECEIVED** JUN 10 1920

ATTORNEY FILED  
WLS  
LAW DIVISION

CIVIL WAR  
JUN 18 1916

3-871

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
RECORD DIVISION

Briefed by *MVP*

Orig. *142227*

Cert. \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant *Mary S. Graham*

Soldier *John Pearson*

Service *C 55 Pa. Inf*

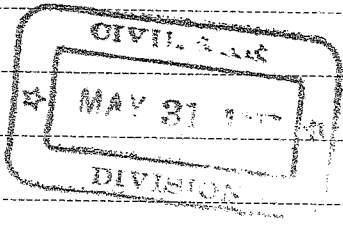
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\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

No claim, Alph'b record \_\_\_\_\_, 191

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

REMARKS:



Civil War Division

Wid. Let. 142,227

Mary S. Graham

formerly widow of

John Neuman

Co. G. 53<sup>rd</sup> Pa. Inf.

State of Pennsylvania County of Cumberland P.S.

Personally appeared John D. Graham aged 66 years residing at Shippenburg Pa and Harvey Dyarman aged 47 years residing at Shippenburg. who being by me duly sworn, say that they have known Mary S. Graham for the last forty three years and she was never married to any other than Samuel B. Culbertson and William Graham since the death of her former husband John Neuman

Signed and Subscribed John D. Graham before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1917

Harvey Dyarman

Edwin E. Zinn Jr. J.P.

4/16/17  
 J. D. Graham  
 CIVIL WAR DIVISION  
 FEB 2 1917  
 CIVIL WAR DIVISION

My true name is

State of Pennsylvania } S. B.  
 County of Cumberland }

In the matter of claim for  
 Pension of Mary S. Nearon widow of John Nearon, of Co  
 "C" 55<sup>th</sup> Regt Penna Vols

Personally came before me Clerk of the Quarter  
 Sessions Court in and for aforesaid County and State  
 Dr J. H. Langsdorf citizen of the County of Cumberland  
 State of Pennsylvania, whom I certify to be reputable and  
 entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn declares in  
 relation to aforesaid soldier, as follows,

That he called upon the said John Nearon on  
 the second day after his arrival at home from the Hospital,  
 that he found him suffering from an attack of Chronic Diarrhea  
 and that he attended him from that time up to the date  
 of his death which was on or about March 15<sup>th</sup> 1866, that  
 the cause of his death was Chronic Diarrhea, from which he  
 was confined to his bed most of the time, that his habits were  
 not of such a nature as to aggravate the disease, and that he <sup>has</sup> every  
 reason to believe that the said disease was contracted in the service  
 of the U. S., and in the line of duty.

That he has no interest direct or indirect in this matter and  
 is not concerned in this claim for Pension.

J. H. Langsdorf, M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1869

I certify that I have no interest whatever in this matter &  
 that the affiant fully understood this instrument before he executed  
 the same.

Samuel Ripley  
 Clerk of Courts

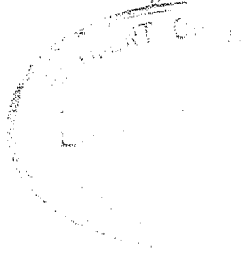
Mary J. Pearson,  
Blaine Mo 169, 692

affidavit of  
Dr. Wm. H. Sargent  
attending Physician  
J. H.

Witness my  
hand this 13th day  
of June 1892,  
Blaine Mo,



and that I know the affiant to be the person  
he represents himself to be



Wm. P. [Signature]  
deputy clerk of Essex

State of Pennsylvania }  
 County of Cumberland } S.S.

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1868 personally appeared before me Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions in and for the County and State aforesaid Dr W. H. Longsdorf whom I certify to be a Physician in actual practice, and reputable in his profession, and, who, being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he was personally and intimately acquainted with John Pearson, deceased who was a Private in Company "C" 55<sup>th</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, That he was called to see said John Pearson on the day after he arrived at home from the Army, That he found him with an attack of Chronic Diarrhea from the effects of which he died on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1866, That he attended him all the time from his arrival at home, up to the time of his death, That he has every reason to believe that the said disease was contracted while in the service of the United States and in the line of his duty and that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of this claim, W. H. Longsdorf M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1868, and I certify that I am not interested in this claim, nor concerned in its prosecution

PROOF AS TO SERVICE.

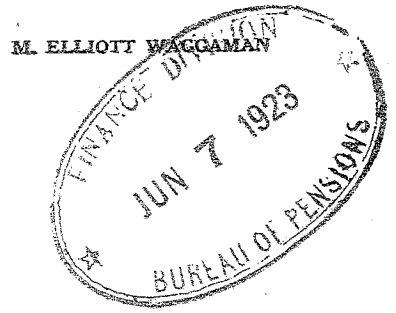
The Adjutant General U. S. A. reports name on rolls as *John Kearon*  
 also the rank, company, and regiment, and the dates of *enrollment, muster & discharge*  
 as stated on preceding page. He also reports *him on the muster out roll d*  
*Aug. 30. 1865* Discharged at Richmond Va. June  
 13. 1865 Genl Order No. 94 W. D. A. G. O. series 1865.

PROOF AS TO DEATH.

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|----------------------------------|--|
| 1st. Report of Adjutant General. | 5th. Testimony of Officers.            |
| 2d. Report of Surgeon General.   | 6th. Testimony of Fellow Soldiers.     |
| 3d. Certificate of Disability.   | 7th. Testimony of Attending Physician. |
| 4th. Testimony of Army Surgeon.  | 8th. Other testimony.                  |

1. A. G. reports no evidence of death.
2. No report.
3. None discharged by General Order.
4. None
5. None
6. None
7. William N. Langsdorf M.D. swears he was called upon to see him the 2<sup>d</sup> day after his arrival home from the West; that he found him suffering from an attack of Chronic Diarrhoea, attending him for said disease to date of his death Mar. 15. 1866. That he died of said disease contracted in the service & that his habits were not of such a character as to aggravate the disease.
8. None.

DE LAPOINTE R...



OFFICE OF  
**M. ELLIOTT WAGGAMAN & CO.**

SUCCESSORS TO  
**R. W. SHOPPELL & CO.**  
Pension Attorneys  
WAGGAMAN BUILDING  
432 H STREET N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 4, 1923 192

S/C.  
W.C. 142, 227  
Mary S. Graham,  
Remar. Widow of  
John Hearon,  
C 55th Pa. Inf.

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In the above cited claim we have the honor to state  
that we have been advised that our client is dead.

Respectfully,

*M. Elliott Wagaman & Co.*



02, 163, 788

Section 2,

Act of September 8, 1916

Declaration for Remarried Widow's Pension

Number

Claimant *Mary S. Graham*

Soldier *John H. Graham*

Service *Co. 555, Pa. Steelf*

INSTRUCTIONS.

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To amend an Act entitled "An Act to increase the pension of widows, minor children, and so forth, of deceased soldiers and sailors of the late Civil War, the War with Mexico, the various Indian wars, and so forth, and to grant a pension to certain widows of the deceased soldiers and sailors of the late Civil War," approved April nineteenth, nineteen hundred and eight, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

Section 2. That any widow of an officer or enlisted man who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War whose name was placed or shall hereafter be placed on the pension roll, under any existing law, and whose name has been or shall hereafter be dropped from said pension roll by reason of her marriage to another person who has since died or shall hereafter die, or from whom she has been heretofore or shall be hereafter divorced upon her own application without fault on her part, shall be entitled to have her name again placed on the pension roll at the rate allowed by the law under which she was formerly pensioned, and the law or laws amendatory thereof, unless she be entitled to a greater rate of pension under the provisions of section one of this Act, such pension to commence from the date of filing her application in the Bureau of Pensions after the passage of this Act: *Provided, however,* That where the pension of said widow on her second or subsequent marriage has accrued to a helpless or idiotic child, or a child or children under the age of sixteen years, she shall not be entitled to renewal under this Act unless said helpless or idiotic child, or child or children under sixteen years of age, be then a member or members of her family, and cared for by her, and upon the renewal of pension to said widow payment of pension to said child or children shall cease: *And provided further,* That the provisions of this Act shall be extended to those widows, otherwise entitled, whose husbands died of wounds, injuries, or disease incurred during the period of their military or naval service, but who were deprived of pension under the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, because of their failure to draw any pension by reason of their remarriage, and to any person who was lawfully married to an officer or enlisted man, who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War, and who honorably discharged therefrom and has since deceased, and who having remarried since his death is again a widow, or has been divorced from her last husband upon her own application without fault on her part and who, otherwise entitled, was barred by reason of such remarriage from receiving pension under any existing law.

Sec. 4. That no claim agent or attorney shall be recognized in the adjudication of claims under the first section of this Act, nor shall any claim agent or attorney be recognized in the adjudication of claims under the second section of this Act for renewal of pension previously allowed, and in claims for original pension under section 2 of this Act no greater sum than \$10 shall be allowed for services in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting such claim, which sum shall be payable only upon the order of the Commissioner of Pensions under such rules and regulations as he may deem proper to make.

Approved, September 8, 1916.

FRANK OF BYRON S. ADAMS,



SEP 29 1916  
LAW DIVISION  
ACT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1916

# DECLARATION FOR REMARRIED WIDOW'S PENSION

SECTION 2, ACT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1916.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Lancaster ss:

On this Eighteenth day of September, 1916, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary S. Graham, who, being duly sworn by me according to law, declares that she is 75 years of age, and that she was born Feb 17th, 1842, at Stony Point Franklin County Pa

That she was formerly the widow of John Neasons who enlisted August 25th 1864, at Harrisburg Pa under the name of John Neasons, as a Private in Company G 55th Regiment of Pa. Volunteers (Rank.) (Here state company and regiment if in the Army; or vessels, if in the Navy.)

and was honorably discharged, June 13th, 1865, having served therein during the Civil War.

That he also served \_\_\_\_\_ (Here give a complete statement of all other military or naval service, if any, at whatever time rendered.)

That otherwise than as herein stated said soldier (or sailor) was not employed in the United States service.

That she was married to said soldier (or sailor) October 16th, 1861, under the name of Mary S. Hildebrandt, at Centerville Centre Co Pa, by Rev Lewis; that she had not been previously married; that he had not been previously married;

(Here state all prior marriages of either, and give the names and the dates and places of death or divorce of all former consorts.)

That said soldier (or sailor) died in the Spring of, 1866 at Centerville Centre Co, and that she was never divorced from him.

That she was \_\_\_\_\_ formerly pensioned as the widow of said soldier (or sailor), the number of her pension certificate being do not know; that her pension or right to pension terminated because of her marriage 1, to William Graham at Walnut Bottom Pa; that he died May, 1888, at Shippensburg; or, that she was divorced from him upon her own application and without fault on her part \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_; that he did never serve in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States.

(If said husband rendered service, here describe same and give number of any pension claim based thereon.)

That she did not marry again after the death of the soldier (or sailor), except to William Graham, named above.

(If claimant contracted any other marriage after the death of the soldier (or sailor), name of husband, date and place of marriage, and date and manner of its dissolution should be stated.)

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, as a remarried widow, under the SECOND SECTION of the ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 1916.

(Two attesting and identifying witnesses.)	(1) <u>Mrs Helen Warner</u> (Signature of first witness.)	<u>Mary S. Graham</u> (Claimant's signature in full.)
	<u>Pa</u> (Address of first witness.)	<u>to North East</u> (Claimant's address in full.)
	(2) <u>Ed Stetson</u> (Signature of second witness.)	<u>Shippensburg Pa.</u>
	<u>Pa</u> (Address of second witness.)	

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of Sept, 1916, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words \_\_\_\_\_, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

(SEAL.)

Charles E. Quinn  
(Signature.)  
Justice of the Peace  
Official Character.

ACT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1916.

May 1, 1920

REMARRIED WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant, Mary S. Graham, former widow

Soldier, John Nearon

P. O., (deceased)

Rank, Private; Co. C

County, ; State,

Regiment, 55 Pa. Inf.

Rate, \$ per month, commencing, and \$ commencing, 19 and \$2 additional for each child, as stated below.

All pension to terminate, 1, date of Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

none

- Table with columns for 'Born', 'Sixteen', and 'Commencing' for multiple children.

REJECTED June 25 1923

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, M. Elliott Waggaman & Co.,

Fee, \$; Bureau to pay.

P. O., Washington, D. C.

APPROVALS.

Submitted for rejection June 14, 1923; M. W. Collins, Examiner.

Approved for rejection on the ground that claimant is dead, leaving no minor child surviving.

June 19, 1923, Reviewer. June 20, 1923, Rereviewer.

The widow was pensioned at \$ 8 per month under General Law

The soldier was not pensioned at \$ per month under

Enlisted, August 24, 1864, 1; honorably disch'd, June 13, 1865, 1; Reenlisted, no other service, 1; honorably disch'd, 1; Died, March 15, 1866, 1; Declaration filed, June 9, 1920, 1; Clt's app'n under other laws, December 30, 1868, September 19, 1916; Former marriage of neither, 1; Death } of former, 1; Divorce } Clt's marriage to soldier, October 16, 1861; Clt's remarried, December 19, 1871, July 18, 1875; Death } of last husband, 1; Divorce }

Claimant does not write. none, M. C.

Widow

770 100 103

State of Pennsylvania  
County of Cumberland } SS.

Be it Known, That on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May June  
in the year ~~eighteen hundred and ninety~~ 1919, before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace  
Mary S. Graham in and for said County and State, personally appeared formerly known  
formerly known to me well known to be the identical person who executed the foregoing Letter of Attorney, and the same having been first fully read over to her and the contents thereof duly explained, acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and that I have no interest present or prospective in the claim.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, the day and year last above written.

J. J. Wheeler  
Justice of the Peace

If not acknowledged before the Clerk of a Court of Record of the proper County, under his seal of office, then Clerk must certify to the official character and signature of the officer before whom this is executed.

JUN 23 1919

Graham

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

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SS.

Claim of

Mary S. Graham

formerly known  
as

John Keenan

No. 655 Pa. St.

FILED BY

W. H. Moore

Notary Public

For sale by W. H. Moore, Box 603, Washington, D. C.



Link for Division  
 Wash DC, 10-1-2011  
 Mary S. Graham formerly  
 widow of John Neason  
 Co. C. 55th Va. Inf.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Cumberland SS.  
 On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, A.D. 1917,  
 personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace  
 within and for the County and State of aforesaid  
 Mary S. Graham of Shippensburg, Cumberland  
 County State of Pennsylvania who being duly  
 sworn: according to law, swears that she was  
 been married to ~~to~~ Wm. Graham on the 17th  
 day of July 1873; and Wm. Graham died  
 July 9th 1907. and Samuel B. R. Culbertson  
 she does not remember the date of marriage  
 or date of death. these are the only men she  
 was married to since the death of her husband  
 John Neason. She also swears that Samuel B. R.  
 Culbertson or William Graham never served in  
 the Army or Navy of the United States.

Sworn and subscribed <sup>her</sup> Mary S. Graham  
 before me this 23 January A.D.  
 1917.

Elmer E. Grinn  
 Justice of the Peace

ACC 142,227

MAILING FILES  
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C. O. 142,227

Mary S. Graham,

John Nearon

3 56th Pa. Inf.

July 23, 1931.

Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Please give us the status of the above  
cited claim filed by us June 9, 1930.

To this date all that we have received  
is a Mail Division Receipt.

Respectfully,

*M. Elliott Kagganan & Co.*

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S. DANA SUTLIFF, M. D.

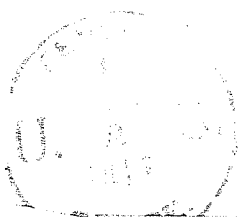
TELEPHONE CONNECTION

SHIPPENSBURG, PA.

June 17 1917

To whom it may concern  
I hereby certify that I attended Mr. Graham  
in his last illness.

S. Dana Sutliff  
Attending Physician



Answered July 15 - 1875

~~Apr 25 1917~~  
~~Sadler~~ 3-049.

Ex. NR Div. WAR

**Department of the Interior,**  
**BUREAU OF PENSIONS,**

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21, 1917

The attached letter is respectfully returned with the information that the data furnished is not sufficient to enable this Bureau to make intelligent answer to the queries therein contained.

Please fill out such of the blank spaces below as the information in your possession will permit, and return to this Bureau.

X No. of claim, 142,221

X Name of soldier, John Neurons

X P. O. address of claimant, Shippensburg  
County Pa

X Company Co. C.

X Regiment 55th Pa Inf.

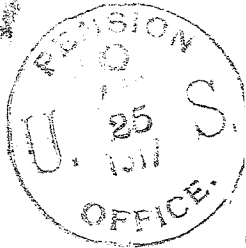
X State where enlisted \_\_\_\_\_

If unable to furnish company and regiment give names of commanding officers.

Return attached letter with reply.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Commissioner.



Shippensburg 4/19/17  
Pension Bureau

Gentlemen.

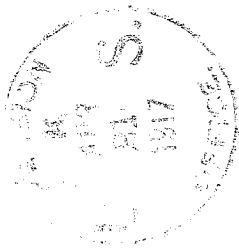
I sent the application of Mary  
S. Grohman of Shippensburg for pension  
she being the widow of John A. Keason,  
but have not received any reply  
from you. Will you please inform  
me why you are holding the pension  
back and oblige me

Yours Respectfully

Elmer E. Levin J. P.

Shippensburg

Pa



Shippensburg 4/23/17

Gentlemen

Enclose find answer to  
the slip you sent me, for information.  
When I sent you affidavits for  
proof of claimant being the widow  
of the said John Newcombs I also  
sent you a marriage certificate of  
Mary S. Graham and it has not  
been returned. Hoping the answers  
to the questions in enclosed slip are  
satisfactory. Please return Marriage Cert.

Respectfully

Elmer E. Zivier, Jr.  
Shippensburg Pa

11/22/20

Widow Division  
W. C. 142227  
Mary S. Graham  
John Neuron  
C 55 Pa. Inf.

January 31, 1922

M. E. Waggoner & Co., Attys.  
432 H Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

The above cited claim requires the testimony of two competent witnesses showing whether claimant has remarried since 1917, which is not covered by the testimony on file.

The fact and dates of death or divorce of Samuel B. R. Calherson and William Graham should be shown: in case of death, by a verified copy of the public record, the affidavit of the attending physician, or the sworn statements of witnesses; in case of divorce, by a certified copy of the decree of court.

There should be furnished the sworn statements of competent witnesses showing whether claimant lived with each of her remarried husbands, Calherson and Graham, without divorce, from the date of marriage to the date of his death.

Claimant should state her full and correct post office address, including street and number of her residence, or rural route if proper. She should also state, under oath, her places of residence since the death or divorce of William Graham.

No affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to state the age and post office address of the witness, and how he knows the facts stated.

Do not fail to inscribe on each paper filed the soldier's name and service, and the number of this claim.

Very respectfully,

WASHINGTON GARDNER

Commissioner.

MMS:CD/K

ACT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1916.

REMARRIED WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant, Mary S. Graham <sup>former widow</sup> Soldier, John Nearon  
 P. O., 6 North Earl Street Rank, Private; Co. C  
 County, Shippensburg; State, Pennsylvania Regiment, 55, Pennsylvania Inf  
 Rate, \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month, commencing \_\_\_\_\_, and \$\_\_\_\_\_ commencing \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,  
 and \$2 additional for each child, as stated below.

All pension to terminate \_\_\_\_\_, 1\_\_\_\_, date of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

Civil War

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

No RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY. **REJECTED**

Name,  \_\_\_\_\_ Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Bureau to pay. April 27/17 JS  
 P. O.,  \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVALS.

Submitted for reject April 16, 1917; J. S. Sadler, Examiner.

Approved for rejection. The claimant has no title to renewal of pension as the former widow of John Nearon having contracted second time marriage since his death. other points not considered.

April 21, 1917, [Signature] Reviewer. | April 21, 1917, [Signature] Rereviewer.

The widow was > pensioned at \$ 8.00 per month under general law

The soldier was not pensioned at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month under \_\_\_\_\_

Enlisted, August 24, 1864 Clt's app'n under other laws, Dec 20, 1868

\_\_\_\_\_ honorably disch'd, June 13, 1865 Former marriage of never, 1\_\_\_\_\_

Reenlisted, no, 1\_\_\_\_\_ Death } of former \_\_\_\_\_, 1\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ honorably disch'd, , 1\_\_\_\_\_ Clt's marriage to soldier, October 16, 1861

Died, March 15, 1864 Clt. — remarried, Nov 19 - 1871, 1875

Declaration filed, September 19, 1916 Death } of last husband, , 1\_\_\_\_\_

Claimant does not write. No, M. C.



Reject - claimant has remarried  
twice since soldier died

DIVISION.

3-368

W. Dept No 142227 ✓

### BRIEF FOR REOPENING.

Claimant *Mary S. Graham* <sup>former widow</sup> of Soldier *John Nearon* ✓  
 P. O. *Shippensburg* Rank *Private*  
 County *Cumberland* Company *"C"*  
 State *Pennsylvania* Regiment *55 Pennsylvania Inf.*

Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. \_\_\_\_\_

Claim under act of *September 8<sup>th</sup> 1916* filed *September 19<sup>th</sup> 1916*, rejected *April 27<sup>th</sup> 1917*  
 on the ground *that the claimant has no title to renewal of pension as the former widow of soldier, having contracted more than one marriage since his death.*

Submitted to Board of Review *August 5*, 191*0* *McDonald* Examiner.

Evidence indicated below, filed since above rejection, is ~~not~~ deemed sufficient to warrant reopening of claim

(If not sufficient give reasons here.)

*Aug. 10*, 191*0* *Bainbridge* Reviewer. *Aug. 10*, 191*0* *W. C. Kelly* Re-Reviewer.

Submitted to Medical Referee \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_ Examiner.

Evidence indicated below, filed since above rejection, is \_\_\_\_\_ deemed sufficient to warrant reopening of claim

(If not sufficient give reasons here.)

\_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_ Medical Examiner. \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Reviewer. \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Referee.

#### EVIDENCE FILED WITH A VIEW TO REOPENING CLAIM.

- ✓ *June 9*, 191*0* *Declaration* Testimony of *Claimant* ✓
- \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_ Testimony of \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_ Testimony of \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_ Testimony of \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_ Testimony of \_\_\_\_\_

3-416

*Civil War* Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C. *Jan. 9, 1917*

No. Claim *Mid. 142227-*  
Cert. No.

Claimant *Mary S. Graham*

Soldier *John Pearson*

Co. *C 55 Reg't Pa. Inf.*

Respectfully *referred to the*  
*Chief of the*  
*Record Division*

*The jackets in the case*  
*indicate there are two*  
*original numbers for*  
*the minors claim*

*C.O. 145768 and*

*C.O. 207482.*

RECORDED  
JAN 10 1917

*John S. Thompson*  
Chief of *Civil War* Division.  
*J. C. Bradford.*

3-871

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
RECORD DIVISION

Briefed by N. W. B.

Min. Cert. 163788

Wid. Cert. 142227

Claimant \_\_\_\_\_

Soldier John Nearon

Service C 55 Ca Inf

No. ~~Other~~ claim, Service record 2-10-, 1917  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

No. claim, Alph'b record \_\_\_\_\_, 191  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

REMARKS: Records corrected

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6-1914

[Signature]  
Chief Division.

Pa. OK.

With any reply  
refer to

*WPM*

Law Division

July 22, 1919.

Mr. G. W. Atherton,  
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Referring to the power of attorney filed by you on the 20th ultimo in the case of Mary G. Graham ne former widow of John Heuron, late of Co. C, 55 Pa. Inf., Wid. Ctf. No. 142,227, which appears to relate to the widow's claim under the second section, act of September 8, 1916, for renewal of pension, you are advised that said power of attorney can not be recognized as conferring any attorneyship rights upon you whatever in said claim, for the reason that the terms of the act of September 8, 1916, prohibit the recognition of an attorney in any claim thereunder for renewal of pension previously allowed but which terminated by reason of remarriage of the widow.

It follows that no attorney fee whatever can be legally paid directly or indirectly for any service rendered in connection with the prosecution of such claim.

Respectfully,

*G. M. SKINLOADER*

Commissioner.

WPM/mek

MUG.

Widow Division  
W.C. 142227  
Mary S. Graham  
John Nearon  
C 55 Pa. Inf.

May 24, 1923.

M. Elliott Waggaman & Co., Attys.  
432 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

In response to your inquiry, I have to advise you that the above cited claim requires the testimony of two competent witnesses showing whether claimant has re-married since 1917, which is not covered by testimony on file.

The fact and dates of death or divorce of Samuel B. R. Culbertson and William Graham should be shown: in case of death, by a verified copy of the public record, the affidavit of the attending physician, or the sworn statements of witnesses; in case of divorce, by a certified copy of the decree of court.

There should be furnished the sworn statements of competent witnesses showing whether claimant lived with each of her remarried husbands, Culbertson and Graham, without divorce, from the date of marriage to the date of death.

Claimant should state her full and correct post office address, including street and number of her residence, or rural route if proper. She should also state, under oath, her places of residence since the death or divorce of William Graham.

All the evidence indicated above was called for in letter addressed to you under date of January 31, 1922.

No affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to state the age and post office address of the witness and how he knows the facts stated; and there should be inscribed on each piece of evidence filed soldier's name and service and number of the claim.

Respectfully,

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
Commissioner.

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Widow Division  
W.C. 142227  
Mary S. Graham  
John Hearon  
C 55 Pa. Inf.

June 25, 1928.

M. Elliott Waggaman & Co., Attys.  
432 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Relative to the above cited claim under act of May 1, 1920, filed June 9, 1920, I have to advise you that it is rejected on the ground that the claimant is dead, leaving no minor child surviving.

Respectfully,

WASHINGTON GARDNER  
Commissioner.

CLAIM NO. ....

Examiners are required to keep the unimportant papers in this wrapper.

I certify that the inclosed papers are of no value in determining the merits of this claim.

....., *Examiner.*

6-2089

**PAPERS NOT  
BRIEFED.**

DISCHARGE CERTIFICATES, POWERS OF  
ATTORNEY, AND CONTRACTS FOR  
FEES NOT TO BE INCLOSED.



*W. D. B. R.*

Widow Division  
W.C. 142227  
Mary S. Graham  
John Kearon  
C 55 Pa. Inf.

August 13, 1920.

Mrs. Mary S. Graham  
Shippensburg  
Pennsylvania.

Madam:

In addition to the evidence indicated in the accompanying circular letters, your above cited claim requires the sworn statement of one credible witness having personal knowledge, for consideration with that of John D. Graham on file showing whether you remarried after the soldier's death other than to Samuel B. R. Culberson and William Graham, and if so, how and when such marriage terminated.

Affiant Harvey Dyermen is not old enough to have personal knowledge of said point.

Very respectfully,

*W. D. B. R.*

Acting Commissioner.

MAMcD-MWC

JTB-141B

JT

Civil War Division  
Wid Ctl 142227  
Mary S. Graham,  
formerly widow of  
John Neason,  
Co. C, 55 Pa. Inf.

April 27, 1917.

Mrs. Mary S. Graham,  
6 North Marl Street,  
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

Madam:

Your above-cited claim for pension under  
the act of September 8, 1915, filed September 19, 1916,  
is rejected on the ground that you have contracted  
more than one marriage since the death of the soldier.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

JMS/KSK

Civil War Division,  
Wid. Cert. 142,227,  
Mary S. Graham,  
Formerly widow of  
John Nearon,  
C, 50 Pa. Inf.

June 12, 1917.

Mrs. Mary S. Graham,  
c/o Elmer K. Zinn, J. P.,  
Shippensburg, Pa.

Madam:

In reply to the inquiry of Mr. Zinn, you are advised that the ground of rejection of your claim as communicated to you under date of April 27, 1917, that you contracted more than one marriage after the death of the soldier, was proper and is adhered to.

Very respectfully,

E. C. TIEMAN

Acting Commissioner.

To the Hon. Secy of War  
 Wash. D.C.  
 Dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge  
 your letter of the 27th inst.  
 in relation to the  
 case of Mrs. J. 1855  
 and in reply to inform you  
 that the same has been  
 forwarded to the  
 Army & Navy Department  
 for their consideration.  
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 your obedient servant,  
 J. M. [Name]

I have the honor to acknowledge  
 your letter of the 18th inst.  
 in relation to the  
 case of Mrs. J. 1855  
 and in reply to inform you  
 that the same has been  
 forwarded to the  
 Army & Navy Department  
 for their consideration.  
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 your obedient servant,  
 J. M. [Name]

3-049.

Ex. *100* MAILED & SUPPLIES DIVISION  
Div.

**Department of the Interior,**  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 8*, 1917

The attached letter is respectfully returned with the information that the data furnished is not sufficient to enable this Bureau to make intelligent answer to the queries therein contained.

Please fill out such of the blank spaces below as the information in your possession will permit, and return to this Bureau.

No. of claim, *142,227*

Name of soldier, *John Neason*

P. O. address of claimant, *6 N. East St*  
*Shippensburg Pa*

Company *C.*

Regiment *55 Pa Inf*

State where enlisted *Carlisle*

If unable to furnish company and regiment give names of commanding officers.

Return attached letter with reply.

Commissioner.

act Sept 8/16 Rej

8-418.

FILES SLIP.

Orig

Wid Cert. 142.227

Former Name

a Wid of John Nesron

[Post-office address:]

C 55 Pa Inf

[Service:]

Submitted to the Board of Review for Rej

April 16/17

Jarler, Examiner

APR 17 1917

To Medical Div.

Examiner

To Record Div.

Examiner

To Law Div.

Examiner

To S. E. Div.

Examiner

To Div.

Examiner

Act of May 1, 1920  
3-418.

FILES SLIP. Ac Co.

Orig.

Med. Cert. 142227

Name:

Mary S. Graham  
John Pearson

[Post-office address.]

Port. Co. Co. 55 Pa. Jay

[Service.]

Submitted to the Board of Review for

reopening Aug. 5, 1920  
W. H. McDonald

Examiner.

To Medical Div.

Examiner.

To Record Div.

Examiner.

To Law Div.

Examiner.

To S. E. Div.

Examiner.

To Div.

Examiner.

Act of May 1, 1920

3-419.

Med DIVISION.

McDonald Int, Examiner.  
(Write surname first plainly.)

Med. Cert No. 142227  
(Class.)

Soldier, John Pearson  
Pvt Co. C, 55 Reg't Pa. Inf

Submitted for reopening Aug 5, 1920

\_\_\_\_\_, Reviewer, \_\_\_\_\_, 19

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\_\_\_\_\_, Reviewer, \_\_\_\_\_, 19

FROM BOARD OF REVIEW TO

Examiner 19 **AUG 13 1920**

2d charge \_\_\_\_\_

3d charge \_\_\_\_\_

Sp. Ex. Div. \_\_\_\_\_

2d charge \_\_\_\_\_

Law Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Misc. charges \_\_\_\_\_

Cert. Div. \_\_\_\_\_

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~~Brief~~  
Widow

Act of September 8, 1916.

3-1638.

INCREASE

Wid. Cert. No. 142,227

Mary S. Graham

John Nearon

County, Shippensburg, 6 North E.

State, Pa.

Application filed Sept. 19, 1916

Service, 6 55 Pa. Inf.

C. C. 163788

J. C. B. Jan. 17 - ~~for~~ ~~with~~ ~~and~~ ~~is~~

To cert. for names of subsequent  
consorts, & date of death or div. of  
each, with 1<sup>st</sup> sub. consort.

Service of sub. consorts, any other  
sub. mgs.

April 27/17 Rejected in  
Court J. C. B.

Jan 17/17 - Dec 14/17 - J. C. B.

Attorney, Court

P. O.,

County, \_\_\_\_\_, State, \_\_\_\_\_

Notified  
A.B. Oct 18/16 pm

REGISTERED

L. H.

Nature of claim *Sept 18/16 May 1/20*

CALL UP SLIP

AUG 9 1920

M. ELLIOTT WAGGAMAN & CO., Succes-  
sors to R. W. Shoppell & Co., Washing-  
ton, D. C.

No. *142227*

Claimant *Mary S Graham*

Soldier *John Nearon*

Service *Co. C. 35 Pa. Inf*

HON. COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS:

Will you please advise us *of*

*Status*

Very respectfully,

*M. Elliott Wagaman & Co  
Washington DC*

# FILES SLIP

W.O. No. 142227

Mary S. Graham

John Nearon

G-55 Ps. Inf.

## CHARGE

Submitted to Board of Review  
for rejection June 14, 1925.

*Collins* — Examiner.

Act of Sept. 8, 1916 and May 1, 1920

Nature of claim Widow's

**CALL UP SLIP**

Nov. 9, 1922

M. ELLIOTT WAGGAMAN & CO., Successors to R. W. Shoppell & Co., Washington, D. C.

I. C. No. 142,227

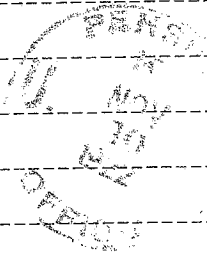
Claimant Mary E. Graham,

Soldier John Hearen,

Service 55th Pa. Inf.

HON. COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS:

Will you please advise us - note that we are not negligent in the above cited claim but are again calling for the evidence to complete



Very respectfully,

*M. Elliott Wagaman Co*

3-419.

Widow \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION.

*Collins M. W.*, Examiner.  
(Write surname first plainly.)

Re-mar.widow No. 142227  
(Class.)

Soldier, *John Nearon*

Service, *C 55 Pa. Inf.*

Submitted for rej. *June 14, 1923* 192

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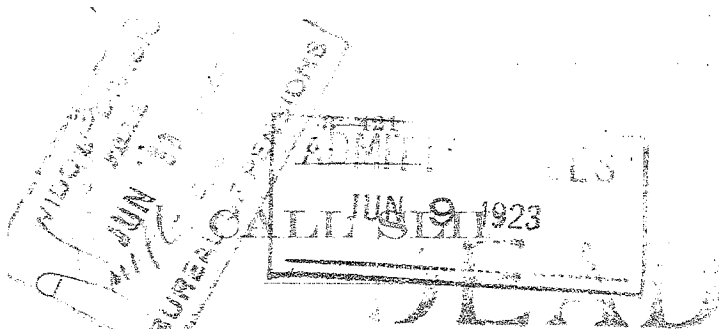
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Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

JUN 22 1923

U. S.

(Use this slip in resubmitting the case.)



Original No. ....

Certificate No. 142 227

Widow Class

Claimant Graham

Soldier .....

Service .....

Case called for ....., 192

By McCOY FINANCE Div.

6-11-23

Charged 7-23- 1920

Remarried Mid - Civil War

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Jan'y 31. 1922 M. Co.  
 Waggaman & Co. Attorneys  
 of Col. - Service ~~17th~~  
 advised by writ. The fact &  
 date of death & divorce  
 of Culberson & Graham  
 full & correct post  
 office address & his place  
 of residence since death  
 in divorce of last husband  
 at hab. & with divorce  
 with Culberson & Graham  
 also, your correct post  
 office address  
 submitted

May 24/23 MEWaggaman & Co. Attys  
 Status of claim as above.  
 MWC Wid. Div.

June 25, 1923. Rejected  
 M. E. Waggaman & Co.  
 Advised. MWC Wid. Div.

ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

Married: Widow:

INCREASE

DEAD

W. Cert. No. 742227

Mary S. Graham

wid John Pearson

County, Shippensburg

State, Pa

Application filed June 9, 1920

Service, C. 85 Pa. Inf

C. C. 163788

Aug 18, 1920, claimant  
The fact & date of death &  
divorce of each person C. C. has  
married since sold's death, even  
divorced from Culbertson & Graham,  
places of residence biv. 4-5 & 7 & would  
also proceed wit. showing  
whether you remarried after sold's  
death other than Culbertson & Graham

John S. [Signature]

Attorney, [Signature]

P. O., [Signature]

County, [Signature], State, [Signature]



MGE. C. A. F. T.

RECORD  
MAY 26 1917  
MUNICIPAL

Shippensburg 5/22 /17  
Mr. G. W. Sotsgubing,

Dear Sir,

Enclose find slip which you request  
the applicant Mrs Mary S. Knecht is  
in need of a pension as she is very  
old and has nothing to  
live on and if you could see way  
why that you could grant her a pension  
with John Knecht she will appreciate  
it very much.

Respectfully

Charles E. Jernigan, J.P.

Shippensburg

C.E.J.

RECEIVED  
MAY 26 1917  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

My dear Mr. [unclear]

Dear [unclear]

I have received your letter and am glad to hear that you are all well. I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you all the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the hospital and am getting on my feet. I have not yet been able to go out much but I am getting on my feet. I have not yet been able to go out much but I am getting on my feet. I have not yet been able to go out much but I am getting on my feet.

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No. 142227  
Mary S. Graham  
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John Pearson  
Co. C. 55 Pa. Inf

Sent by  
M. E. Witt Waggoner & Co

WAR OF 1861.

CLAIM FOR MINORS' PENSION.

1412327

BRIEF in the case of

William C. Mason

Minor Child

of John Mason, Ad. Col. 4th U.S. Inf.

Residence of Guardian: Cumberland County, and State of Va.

Post Office address: Garrison, Cumberland Co. Va.

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service.

First brig in widows case No. 169,692, here with show bills & duty in service &

Death.

Died at home after illness March 14, 1866, of disease contracted in the service & time of duty.

Marriage of parents.

March 25, 1858, John Mason and Susan C. Bennett. Proved by the affidavit of the officiating minister.

Names and dates of birth of minor by birth.

William C. Mason born Sept. 27, 1858, will be 11 Sept. 26, 1874. Birth proved by attending midwife.

Death or remarriage of mother.

Died Aug. 4, 1854. Proved by witnesses present at the death & funeral.

Guardianship.

Letter filed.

Agent and his P. O. address.

William B. Butler, Garrison, Va.

Admitted

April 1, 1866, to a pension of \$ 2 per month,

commencing

March 15, 1866, ending Sept. 26, 1874, and payable

to

William J. Shearer, Guardian.

Appd.

W.C.M.

F. H. Laughlin, Examining Clerk.

They further testify that they have no interest, direct or indirect, nor concerned in the prosecution of this claim.

witness to make  
of M. Seaton, J. R. Irvine,  
C. P. Brightbill,

Nicholas W. Seaton  
M. X. Seaton  
mark

Sworn to, and subscribed before me, this First day of February  
A. D. 1867, and I certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, nor concerned in the prosecution of this claim.

J. P. Brindle Notary

STATE OF Pennsylvania }  
COUNTY, Cumberland } ss.

I, Samuel Bisler

Clerk of the Orphan's Court in and for the County and State above named, do hereby certify that Wm. J. Shearer Esq. was duly appointed guardian of William

of A. Seaton minor child

of John Seaton by the Orphan's Court of County aforesaid,  
on the Eighteenth day of December 1866, and is still acting as such Guardian,  
all of which appears of record.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal,  
This, First day of February 1867,

Samuel Bisler  
Clerk Orphan's Court

Declaration of  
**MINOR CHILDREN**  
FOR PENSION.

Under Section 11th, Act June 6th, 1866.

Guardian of Minor Child of

John Seaton

State Bank Co. B., 57th St. P. O.

Samuel Seaton

Filed by

William B. Butler  
Attorney,

W. B. Brightbill

Samuel Seaton

NOTE.—1. Names of his wards.  
2. Here state what specific conduct is referred to. The proper proof that the widow is an unsuitable person is the certificate of the Judge of any Court having probate jurisdiction, "that satisfactory evidence has been produced before such court," stating the specific conduct as alleged in declaration. Evidence of the marriage of the parents of said wards must be filed with such Declaration. Also the dates of birth of children must be proven—affidavit of attending Physician or Nurse is the best evidence.





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# DECLARATION OF MINOR CHILDREN FOR PENSION.

Under Section 11th. of the Act of June 6th, 1866.

STATE OF Pennsylvania  
Cumberland COUNTY } ss.

On this First day of February A. D. 1867, personally appeared before me, Notary of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, William J. Shearer a resident of Carlisle in the County of Cumberland and State of Pennsylvania aged 35 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on oath, make the following declaration as guardian of the minor child of John Season deceased, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the 11th Section of the Act of Congress, approved June 6th, 1866, granting pensions to minor children under sixteen years of age of deceased officers and soldiers, or seamen, who have left a widow still surviving, the latter having abandoned the care of said child (or having been declared an unsuitable person to have charge of said child.) He further declares that he is the guardian of William A. Season

whose father was a Private in Company "C" commanded by Captain, in the 55th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the war 1861, and that the said John Season, died in the service at home, in Cumberland County Penna, on the 15th day of March, in the year 1866 of "Chronic Diarrhea", contracted while in the service, That the mother of the child ~~aforsaid has abandoned the care or is an unsuitable person by reason of immoral conduct.~~

That the mother of the child, died on the 9th day of August 1859, in Cumberland County Penna, and there is no suitable person, except his grand-mother, who is old and in indigent circumstances to have charge of the said child and that the date of the birth of his said ward is as follows:  
William A. Season was born on the 27th day of September A. D. 1858,

He further declares that the parents of his said ward were married in Cumberland Co., Pa, on the 25th day of March in the year 1858 by one Henry Coker a Minister of the Gospel. Evidence of said marriage is recorded upon his books in which he keeps a record of all marriages. He also declares that he has not in any way been engaged in, or aided, or abetted the rebellion in the United States.

And he hereby appoints William D. Butler of P. O. Box 98, Carlisle, Pennsylvania his Attorney irrevocable to prosecute this claim and procure a certificate. His Post Office Address is Carlisle County of Cumberland State of Pennsylvania.  
Wm J Shearer  
 Guardian.

Also, personally appeared Nicholas M. Season and M. Season residents of \_\_\_\_\_ the County of Cumberland State of Pennsylvania, 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 William J. Shearer (Guardian, signed name (or make a mark) to the foregoing declaration and Power of Attorney, and they further swear that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with him that he is the identical person he represents himself to be. They further swear that they knew the said soldier, who is represented to have died or ~~was killed~~, as stated in this declaration, and that he left him surviving no children under sixteen years of age, other than the above named William A. Season

That their knowledge of the identity of the soldier as the father of the said Minor Child is derived from a personal acquaintance of him since his youth & also of the said Ward,

Oct 11/07 a.f.

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July 18/70 Cir. Let. for  
proof of death of mother.

J. W. V.

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~~No. [redacted]~~

Vacated  
ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Henry F. [redacted]  
William O. Hearner

Cumberland Co Pa

Guard minor child of  
John Neason

W.C. 55 Pa. vols.

Died at home March 15/66

Pension Office, Danbury

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Respectfully referred to the Adjutant  
General, for official evidence of service  
and death.

W.O. 169692, W.C. 142227

Joseph H. Barrett

Commissioner.

Received, Jan 16 - 1873  
Appl # 1867

William P. Butler

Carlisle

Pa

Attorney

No. 14-227

Pennsylvania  
Subsistence Agency

William A 26 Sept 1874

MINORS BY FORMER MARRIAGE OF

John Keuron

Rank Priv. Co. "6"

Regt. 10th Tenn.

Rate per month for each child until arriving  
at the age of 16 years, \$ 2

Commencing 10 Mch. 1866

Ending 26 Sept 1874

Certificate dated 21 April 1870

Sent to Wm B. Tuttle

Carlisle Pa

Acts July 14, 1862, & July 27, 1868.

Book 5 Vol. 13. Page 283.

Name \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

J. W. Langdon

Mar. 17/73 Letter to Atty  
for proof of remarriage  
& for guardians to  
elect which shall receive  
the cert.

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May. 24/73 letter to  
Wm. White guardian  
of child by former  
wife for reman. of  
wid.

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July 18/73 Letter as  
above for aff. of  
the J. P. who per-  
formed the ceremony.

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ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Henry Funk,  
Walnut Bottom, Cumberland Co., Pa.,

Guard. &c. of  
John Pearson,  
Priv. Co. "C", 55. Pa. Vols.,

Died at \_\_\_\_\_

*[Faint handwritten notes]*

No other claims 1-25-73

*[Signature]*

Philadelphia Agency.

Received January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1873.

Wm. B. Butler,  
Carlisle, Cumberland Co.,

Pa.

Attorney.

September 1869, by the above named affiants, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiants, and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said claims, nor am I concerned in its prosecution,

L. P. B. [Signature]

State of Pennsylvania }  
 County of Cumberland } C. S.

In the matter of claim  
 for Pension of William J. Sheaw, Guardian  
 of William A. Nearon, minor child of John Nearon  
 of Co "B" 55th Regt Pa vols.

Personally came before me  
 Notary of Common Pleas Court in and for aforesaid  
 County and State Jane Elizabeth Bennett  
 and Elizabeth A. Highlands citizens of the County  
 of Cumberland State of Pennsylvania, reputable  
 and entitled to credit, and who, being duly  
 sworn according to law, declare in relation  
 to aforesaid claim; that the date of the birth  
 of the child of said soldier is as follows,

William A. Nearon born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
 of September A.D. 1858.

That they were present at the birth of the same  
 in the capacity of midwife and nurse, and have  
 personal knowledge of the date as aforesaid,

That they are personally and intimately ac-  
 quainted with all these parties, and were before  
 they were married

They further declare that they have no interest  
 in said claim, and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Witnesses  
 George C. Lucas  
 John Green

Jane Elizabeth Bennett  
 Elizabeth A. Highlands

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of

Birth



Witness my hand and official seal this.....day of....., 186

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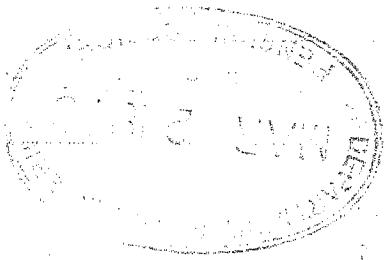
Sign here, ..... [L. S.]

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this.....day of....., 186

Clerk of the.....



CLAIM FOR

*Almy Pension of  
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William, Guardian of  
Minor of Geo. A. Pearson  
No. C. 55<sup>th</sup> Regt Pa. Inf.,  
Claim No 145,768*

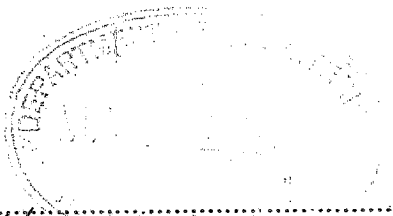
AFFIDAVIT

*Mary James  
Abraham Bennett,*

FILED BY

*William B. Butler  
Carlier  
Penneyham*

State of Pennsylvania  
County of Cumberland } ss.



In the matter of claim for Army Pension  
of William J. Shearer guardian of Wm. A. Shearer  
minor child of John Shearer  
of Company "C", 55th Regiment Pennsylvania Vols:

Personally came before me, a Justiciary of Common Pleas Court in and for  
aforesaid County and State, Mary Vance of Carlisle Pa.  
citizen of the County of Cumberland, State of Pennsylvania, reputable  
and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows:

That they were personally and intimately acquainted with John  
Shearer the deceased soldier, the minor Wm. A. Shearer and his  
mother Margaret Shearer, that the said Margaret Shearer  
wife of John Shearer and mother of Wm. A. Shearer died in the  
month of November <sup>or August</sup> A.D. 1859 at Spring Mills Cumberland  
County Pennsylvania. That they were present at the death of  
the said Margaret Shearer and were present at the funeral.

That at the time she died, she was living with her said  
husband at Spring Mills aforesaid, that the minor Wm. A.  
Shearer was a small child at the time and immediately  
after the death of the mother, the Grand mother, Mrs  
Margaret Shearer took charge of the said Wm. A. Shearer  
and has been keeping it up to this time.

One of these deponents, Abraham Bennett, deposes and  
says, that he <sup>heard</sup> ~~saw~~ the family record of the death  
aforesaid, <sup>reads</sup> and he says, that Margaret Sarah Shearer  
died August 9th 1859, aged 2 yrs 1 mo 4 26 days

1 wd.  
8-9-59.

They further declare that they have no interest in said claim, and are not concerned in its  
prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs by mark, (2 persons.)

T. R. Williams  
Wm. A. Moore

Signature  
of  
Affiants.

Mary Vance  
Abraham Bennett

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this day by the above named affiants; and I certify that I read said  
affidavit to said affiants, and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify  
that I am in nowise interested in said claim, nor am I concerned in its prosecution.....

Witness my hand and official this 1st day of March 1870.  
W. B. Carver Justiciary of  
County of Cumberland Penn.

ORIGINAL PENSION OF MINOR CHILDREN.

William A. Kearon

Children of

John Kearon

Rank, Private

Company, C

Regiment, 55 Pa. Vols.

Residence of guardian, Cumberland County, and State of Pa.

Post Office, Dickinson P. O. Cumberland Co. Pa.

Attorney, William B. Butler Carlisle Pa.

Fee, \$ Allowed in claim for child by last marriage. See brief there.

No contract and no material evidence filed since July 8, 1870.

Rate of pension, \$ 8 per month, commencing Dec. 20, 1871, the date

after widow's remarriage, and two dollars per month additional to each, as follows:

By former marriage.	William A	Born, Sept. 27, 1858	Commencing Dec. 20, 1871	date of commencement of original certificate
		Sixteen, " 26, 1874		
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		Sixteen, .....	"	, 18
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		Born, .....	"	, 18
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Payable to William White, Guardian.

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

ADMITTED, Nov. 18, 1873. A. W. Vaughan, Examiner.

APPROVED, January 13, 1874. W. S. R., Reviewer.

Chief of Division.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

Enlistment,	Aug. 24, 1864.	Minor's app. filed,	Dec. 24, 1872.
Muster into rank,	, 18	Guardian appointed,	Oct. 22, 1872.
Discharge,	June 13, 1865.	Claim completed,	Aug. 12, 1873.
Death,	Mar. 15, 1866.	Former marriage,	Mar. 25, 1858.
Invalid app. filed,	None, 18	Death of former wife,	Aug. 9, 1859.
Invalid pension paid to,	" , 18	Last marriage,	Oct. 20, 1861.
Widow's app. filed,	Dec. 30, 1868.	Death or remarriage of widow,	Dec. 19, 1871.
Widow paid to,	Dec. 19, 1871.		, 18

This child "William A." by a former marriage pensioned at \$2. per month from widow's death & paid to Dec. 19, 1871.

CAUSE OF DEATH, Chronic Diarrhoea PLACE OF DEATH, At home

See proofs on accompanying brief.

of Pennsylvania and that his Post office address is Walnut Bottom Lumbland County Pennsylvania

Witness my hand

also personally appeared O. S. Croft of Leesburg Lumbland County William H. Wadley of Southampton Township Lumbland County persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to Oath and who being by me duly sworn say they were present and saw Henry Fentle the Claimant sign his name to the foregoing declaration that they have every Reason to believe from the appearance of the said Claimant and their acquaintance with him that he is the identical person he represents himself to be and they have no interest in the prosecution of said this Claim

O. S. Croft

Wm. H. Wadley

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of January A.D. 1843 and I hereby Certify that the Contents of the foregoing Declaration and joint Affidavit were fully made known and explained to the Claimant and witnesses before sworn and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this Claim.

J. G. Wood Probr  
and del. of com. of the

in witness

142227 issue is hereby referred to and made a part of this application, that the said Child Carrie O. Stearn, and a brother thereof William Stearn are the only surviving legitimate children of said John Stearn who were under sixteen years of age at the time of his death that said Child was the issue of John Stearn and Mary Stearn and was born on the

day of \_\_\_\_\_ a D 1871 that the father was married under the name of John Stearn to Mary \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ a D 18 \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ there being no legal bar to said

marriage that the evidence of said marriage and of the legitimacy and of the births and dates of births of said children William and Carrie O. Stearn will be found filed with the widows application for Pension in which Certificate No 142227 is of record issued.

That the said Carrie O. minor child as aforesaid has not aided or abetted the rebellion and that this application is for the identical Carrie O. Stearn for whom the said widow Mary Stearn filed and obtained pension as appears from said Certificate No 142227, and that he hereby appoints William B. Butler Esq. of Carlisle his attorney to prosecute the above claim that his Residence is at Walnut Bottom (No Number) in the County of Cumberland State

Henry J. [Signature]

State of Pennsylvania }  
County of Cumberland }

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
January, A.D. 1873 personally appeared before me  
J. H. Woot a Notary and Clerk of  
the Court of Common Pleas an officer of a Court of  
Record, in and for the County and State aforesaid  
Henry Funk who being duly sworn according to  
law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain  
the pension provided by acts of Congress for children  
under sixteen years of age: that he is the only  
legal guardian of Carrie O. Stearns legitimate  
child of John Stearns who resided under the  
name of John Stearns at \_\_\_\_\_ on the  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ as a private in  
Company E 55<sup>th</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers  
in the Service of the United States in the War of  
the Rebellion, who died of \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ on the day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
and who bore at the time of his death the Rank  
of \_\_\_\_\_ that he left a widow Mary Stearns  
who was late a pensioner drawing pension under Certificate  
No 142 227, that she the said widow remained  
December 19<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1871 that her said Certificate  
No 142 227 has been forwarded through the Pension  
Agency at Philadelphia Penna to the Pension Office  
at Washington D.C. for cancellation, and that  
the evidence filed in the presentation of said  
widow's pension claim upon which said Certificate

Witness my hand  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1873

IN SENATE,  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, SS.

I DO CERTIFY, That at an Orphans' Court held at CARLISLE, in and for the County of Cumberland, the *fourteenth* day of *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy *three* before the Judges of the said Court,

ON PETITION, The Court did appoint *Henry Smith* Guardian of the person and estate of *Carrie C. Pearson* minor child *under* the age of fourteen years, of *William Pearson* late of the County aforesaid, deceased.

NOW THEREFORE, You the said *Henry Smith* are hereby required and enjoined within thirty days after any property of your Ward shall have come into your hands or possession, or into the hands or possession of any person for you, to file in the office of the Orphans' Court, a just and true Inventory and Statement, on oath or affirmation of all such property, according to the directions of the Acts of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also to render, at least once in every three years, and whenever required by the Court, a just and true account to the Orphans' Court of the County aforesaid, of the management of the property and estate of said minor under your care, and also to deliver up said property agreeably to the Decree or Order of the said Court, or the directions of law; and in all respects faithfully to perform the duties of Guardian of said minor

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, at Carlisle, this *14th* day of *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy *three*

*Samuel Wilson*  
Clerk of Orphans' Court.



AT *11/14* Orphans' Court began and held on *Tuesday* the *22<sup>nd</sup>* day of *October* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *seventy two* in Carlisle, in and for Cumberland county, before the Honorable *B. F. Jackson*, Esq., President, and *Robert Montgomery* and *Abraham Hittner* Esquires, Associate Judges of the said Court, among other things the following proceedings were had, viz:

Upon the petition of *William A. Neavins* respectfully representing that *he is a* minor child of *John Neavins* deceased, and *above* the age of fourteen years that *he* has no person to take care of *his* person and estate and praying the Court to appoint some suitable person Guardian over the person and estate of *him* the said *William A. Neavins* during *his* minority, whereupon *William White* was appointed Guardian over the person and estate of *him* the said *William A. Neavins* during *his* minority or until another Guardian is appointed in *his* room.

**Cumberland County, ss.**

In testimony that the above is a true extract from the records of the proceedings of the Orphans' Court of said county as above stated, I have hereunto set my signature and affixed the seal of the said Court in Carlisle, Cumberland county aforesaid, this *23<sup>rd</sup>* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *seventy two*

*Geo. J. Erwin*  
CLERK OF THE ORPHANS' COURT.

*John*



State of Pennsylvania,  
 CUMBERLAND COUNTY, } SS.

I DO CERTIFY, That at an Orphans' Court held at CARLISLE, in and for the County of Cumberland, the Twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy two before the Judges of the said Court,

ON PETITION, The Court did appoint Wm. W. White Guardian of the person and estate of William C. Harrow minor child over the age of fourteen years, of John Harrow late of the County aforesaid, deceased.

NOW WHEREFORE, You the said William W. White are hereby required and enjoined within thirty days after any property of your Ward shall have come into your hands or possession, or into the hands or possession of any person for you, to file in the office of the Orphans' Court, a just and true Inventory and Statement, on oath or affirmation of all such property, according to the directions of the Acts of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also to render, at least once in every three years, and whenever required by the Court, a just and true account to the Orphans' Court of the County aforesaid, of the management of the property and estate of said minor under your care, and also to deliver up said property agreeably to the Decree or Order of the said Court, or the directions of law; and in all respects faithfully to perform the duties of Guardian of said minor

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, at Carlisle, this twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three

*Gdn.*

*Geo. S. ...*  
 Clerk of Orphans' Court

No. 10/10  
10/10/10 (10)

William A 26 Sept. 1874

10/10/10 1881

MINORS OF

10/10/10

Rank, 1st Lt. Co. 1

Regt. 1st Regt. 10/10/10

Rate per month, \$ 10/10/10

Commencing 10/10/10

Ending 10/10/10

Additional sum of \$2 per month for each of the above-named children, until arriving at the age of 16 years, commencing 9/6 day of 10/10/10, 18/11

Certificate dated 10/10/10, 18/74

and sent 30 " 1874.

Payable at 10/10/10 Agency.

10/10/10 Attorney.

Act July 14, 1862.

Book 6, Vol. 13; Page 284

10/10/10 Clerk.

for a sum of 2 - (10/10/10)

were present and saw the Claimant  
 William White sign his name to the foregoing  
 Declaration that they have been known to  
 believe from their personal acquaintance with  
 him for more than fifteen years that he is  
 the identical person he represents himself to  
 be, and that they have no interest whatever  
 in the prosecution of this Claim.

W. H. Darragh, Exp. Party  
 Isaac Bishop

Sworn and subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day  
 of December A.D. 1872, and I hereby  
 Certify, that the contents of the above Declaration  
 and joint Affidavit were fully made known  
 and explained to the applicant and witnesses  
 before swearing and signing, and that I have  
 no interest whatever in the Claim and am  
 not concerned in its prosecution.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set  
 my hand and affixed the official seal  
 of the said Court this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
 December A.D. 1872

D. H. Frost  
 Justice  
 and Clerk of the said Court

An application for pension or arrears has been  
 filed, that the said William J. Thayer resigned  
 the said Guardianship on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of October  
 A.D. 1872, and the deponent present Claimant William  
 White was duly appointed guardian, that his  
 Certificate of appointment is herewith filed, that  
 the said Child William A. Thayer has not aided or  
 abetted the Defendant, and that he hereby appoints  
 William B. Butler Esq. of Carlisle his attorney to  
 present and prosecute this claim, that he makes  
 this application for the purpose of receiving a  
 Certificate of Pension in behalf of his said  
 Grand William A. Thayer in lieu of the power  
 Supplemental say one above referred to, made void  
 by reason of the Remarriage of the said widow  
 Mary S. Thayer, that he herewith returns said  
 Supplementary Certificate, and that the original  
 (widows) Certificate No. 14222, has been sent  
 to the Pension Agent at Philadelphia to  
 be returned for cancellation, and that his  
 Post office address is Tickensum Lumbland  
 County Pennsylvania, which is his residence  
 William White  
 Guardian

Also personally appeared H. V. Lavannah of  
 Laurel Penna and Saml Barlow of  
 Laurel Penna persons whom a Certificate  
 to be Respectable and entitled to Credit and who  
 being duly sworn according to Law say they

State of Pennsylvania }  
 County of Cumberland }

On this Twenty third day of December A.D. 1872  
 personally appeared before me a Prothonotary and Clerk  
 of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of  
 Cumberland State aforesaid, an officer duly authorized  
 to administer oaths, William White, who being duly  
 sworn according to law, makes the following Declaration in order  
 to obtain the pension and increase of Pension provided by  
 Acts of Congress for Children under sixteen years of age,  
 that he is the only legal guardian of William A  
 Kearon legitimate child of John Kearon who  
 enlisted under the name of John Kearon or

on the                      day of                      A.D. 1866

as a private in Co B of 55<sup>th</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania  
 Volunteers in the war of the Rebellion (1861-5) who  
 died at                      on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1866,  
 that he left a wife Mary S. Kearon, who made  
 application for and obtained a pension as per Certificate  
 No 142,227 as widow of said Soldier, the evidence  
 filed in the said widows application being referred to  
 and made a part of this application, in order to support  
 the allegations herein, That a Supplementary Certificate  
 No 142,227 issued to William J. Sheener guardian  
 of the said minor child William A. Kearon, which  
 is also referred to and evidence thereunto filed made  
 a part of this application, that the said widow  
 Mary S. Kearon Remarried on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
December A.D. 1871, that since such Remarriage

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

Widow a pensioner with increase for her child by the soldier under Cert. No. 142.227. Child by former wife a pensioner at \$2. per month, under same Cert. No. Files and briefs herewith. Cert. issued to child by former wife surrendered.

ALLEGATIONS OF GUARDIAN.

Loyalty of Guardian, *No allegation.*

Loyalty of Wards, *Declared.*

SUMMARY OF PROOF.

GUARDIANSHIP.

*Letters filed.*

*No OTHER MINORS.*

*Testimony of credible witnesses.*

FORMER MARRIAGE.

The marriage of *John Kearon* to *Sarah A. Bennett*  
*Mar 25. 1858* is shown by *the testimony of the officiating minister.*

DEATH OF FORMER WIFE.

*Aug. 9. 1859. Proved by witnesses present.*

LAST MARRIAGE.

The marriage of *John Kearon* to *Mary S. Hildebrand*  
*Oct. 20. 1861* is shown by *witnesses present & that no better proof can be obtained.*

~~DEATH, OR~~ REMARRIAGE OF WIDOW.

*Samuel B. R. Leubertson to Mary S. Kearon, Dec. 19. 1871. Testimony of the officiating Justice and orig. certificate.*

DATES OF BIRTH OF WARDS.

*Testimony of persons present at births.*

CUSTODY OF CHILD ~~BY~~ BY FORMER MARRIAGE.

*Shown to have been in care of its grandmother.*

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

Act of July 14, 1862, and subsequent acts.

ORIGINAL PENSION OF MINOR CHILDREN.

163.788  
Carrie Odessa Kearon  
John Kearon

Children of

Rank, Private  
Company, C  
Regiment, 55 Pa. Vols.

Residence of guardian, Cumberland County, and State of Pa.  
Post Office, Walnut Bottom, Cumberland Co. Pa.  
Attorney, William B. Butler, Carlisle Pa.  
Fee, \$10.

No contract and no material evidence filed since July 8, 1870.

Rate of pension, \$ 8 per month, commencing Dec. 20, 1871, the date after widow's remarriage, and two dollars per month additional to each, as follows:

By former marriage.	{ Born, .....	18	} Commencing	, 18
	{ Sixteen, .....	18		
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	{ Sixteen, .....	18		
	{ Born, .....	18	} "	, 18
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	{ Born, .....	18	} "	, 18
	{ Sixteen, .....	18		
	{ Born, .....	18	} "	, 18
	{ Sixteen, .....	18		
By last marriage.	{ Born, ...	Mar. 31, 1865	} " Dec. 20	, 1871
	{ Sixteen, ...	" 30, 1881		
	{ Born, ...	18	} "	, 18
	{ Sixteen, ...	18		
{ Born, ...	18	} "	, 18	
{ Sixteen, ...	18			

One see brief herewith

Carrie Odessa

Payable to Henry Funk, Guardian.

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

ADMITTED, Nov. 18, 1873. J. W. Vaughan, Examiner.  
APPROVED, January 13, 1874. Chas. R., Reviewer.  
Chief of Division.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

Enlistment, Aug. 24, 1864.	Minor's app. filed, Jan. 16, 1873.
Muster into rank, 18	Guardian appointed, Jan. 14, 1873.
Discharge, June 13, 1865.	Claim completed, Aug. 12, 1873.
Death, Mar. 15, 1866.	Former marriage, Mar. 25, 1858.
Invalid app. filed, None, 18	Death of former wife, Aug. 9, 1859.
Invalid pension paid to " 18	Last marriage, Oct. 20, 1861.
Widow's app. filed, Dec. 30, 1868.	Death or remarriage of widow, Dec. 19, 1871.
Widow paid to Dec. 19, 1871.	

CAUSE OF DEATH, Chronic Diarrhoea. PLACE OF DEATH, At home

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5. <b>State:</b>		6. <b>War:</b>	
7. <b>Unit in which he served:</b> G 55		8. <b>If service was army, arm in which served:</b> 55	
9. <b>Rank:</b> Enlisted		10. <b>Kind of service:</b> Regular	
11. <b>Pension File no:</b> 142.227		12. <b>If veteran lived in a home for soldiers:</b>	
13. <b>Date of birth:</b>	14. <b>Place of birth:</b>	15. <b>Name of widow or other claimant:</b> Mary S. Nearon	16. <b>Place(s) veteran lived after service:</b>
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