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Pension Agent Charles J. Stees

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Act of June 27, 90.

#506 Randolph St. cor. Duke.

Bridget Bennett, widow John Bennett

Private Co "K" - 10th N. Y. Cav. Vols.

Transferred to Co "K" - 1st Regt Provisional
New York Mounted Vols.

Recorded July 2, 1891.
Claim executed - July 19, 1890.

Claim number - 453461.

Certificate No. 349887
Claim allowed - Nov. 1, 1892.

Rate \$ 8⁰⁰ per mo. from - July 22, 1890.

Amount allowed to - Oct. 4, 92. \$211²⁰

Fee \$ 10. paid - Dec. 2, 1892.

John Bennett, died, August 21, 1887.

Aged 65 Years: Time 26²/₅ Mos.

Notice of allowance received, Nov. 14, 92.

Pay Vouchers do, Nov. 24, 92.

do - returned, Nov. 28, 92.

Pay received - Dec. 2, 92.

Roll No 18187.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

OFFICE OF

ADJUTANT GENERAL,

ST. PAUL.

COPY.

Act June 27th. 1890.

Additional Evidence

Claim of

Bridget Bennett vs

John Bennett Private Co^{ty}

N. Y. Gov. transferred to
Provisional N. Y. Tro

Claim No. 453461.

Affidavit

Thomas F. Ke

Michael Bee

Tring

Date of Execution Oct.

Filed by

CHAS. J. STEES,

Offices, 9 & 10.

PENSION CLAIM AGENT,

Stees Block.

St. Paul, Minnesota

Given to Senator Davis' clerk

W. H. Johnston, Oct. 22. 92.

General Affidavit.
State Minn. Co. Ramsey.

Matter Widows Pension claim 453461, Act June 27. 1890 of Bridget Bennett widow of John Bennett Pvt-les "K" 10th Regt. N.Y. Cav. transferred to Co "K" 1st Regt Provisional N. Y. Mounted Vols; On this 22nd Oct. 1892 ++ before Notary Public, Thomas F. Kennedy aged 69 years of St Paul Rams Co. Minn P.O. Address 682 Armstrong Ave. St Paul, Minn. and Michael Becker 67 years of St Paul, Minn. P.O. Address 807 Watson St. St Paul Minn. being duly sworn &c. ++ as follows: That

They are neighbors of Bridget Bennett the above named claimant ^{that she is the} widow of John Bennett the above named soldier and have known ^{her} and lived neighbors to her for 7 + nine years respectively, That she is aged and infirm, and very deaf and very poor ^{that she is} and ^{totally} unable to earn a subsistence by manual labor and is living ^{upon charity} and compelled to depend upon ~~the~~ charity of others for support and that she is now dependent upon and receiving assistance from the Minnesota Soldiers Home ^{to depend upon} Relief Fund and that is all the source and means of support she has ~~at~~ ^{at} the present time.

Affiants further declare &c. +++

Thomas F. Kennedy.
Michael Becker.

State Minn. Co. Ramsey
Sworn to &c. ++

J. P. Allen.
Notary Public.

COPY.

General Affidavit.
State Minn. Leo. Ramsey.

In matter of Widows Pension claim no 453461, under Act June 27, 1890 of Bridget Bennett widow of John Bennett, Private Co "K", 10th Regt N Y Cav. transferred to Co K 1st Regt Provisional N Y Mounted Vols.

On this 22nd day of October 1892, ++ before ^{me} a Notary Public ++ Bridget Bennett aged 66 years ++ of St Paul, Rams. County, Minn.

P. O. Address no. 506 Randolph St. St Paul, Minn.

being duly sworn &c. ++ That she is the claimant in the above named case under Act June 27, 1890, that the number of her claim is 45-3461,

that she is the widow of John Bennett the above named soldier, that she is aged and ^{very} infirm, almost entirely deaf and very poor, that she is crippled up with rheumatism and cannot work, that she is

totally unable to earn a subsistence by manual labor and is compelled to live upon charity and ^{that} she is now ^{entirely} dependant for support, from assistance received from the Minnesota Soldiers' Home Relief Fund which is the only source & means of support ^{that} she has to depend upon. That she

~~has~~ ^{affiant} made above mentioned claim for a widows' pension was executed by ~~her~~ ^{her} July 19th 1890.

Affiant further declares that she has an interest in said case + that she is concerned in its prosecution

Thomas F. Kennedy } witnesses
Charles Stees. }

Bridget ^{her} Bennett
mark

State Minn. Co. of Ramsey;

Sworn to &c. + + +

Seal.

Charles Stees,

Notary Public, Ramsey County

Cent. on file

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COPY.

Act June 27. 1890.
Additional Evidence.

Claim of

Bridget Bennett widow of John Bennett
Priv. Co. K. 10th Regt. N. York Cav.
Transferred to Co. K. 1st Regt. Provisional
N. Y. Mounted Tols.
Claim No. 453461.

Affidavit of

Bridget Bennett
Claimant.

Date of Execution Oct. 22. 1892.

Filed by

CHAS. J. STEES,

Offices, 9 & 10.

PENSION CLAIM AGENT,

Stees Block.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Given to W. H. Johnson, Senator Davis'
Pension Clerk, Oct. 22. 92.

CHAS. J. STEES,
Offices, 9 & 10.
PENSION CLAIM AGENT,
Stees Block,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

St Paul, Minn.
October 21. 1891.

Sir:

Enclosed please find additional evidence for Widow's original Pension claim No. 453461, of Bridget Bennett widow of John Bennett private 1st Regt New York Cavalry & 10th Regt New York Prov. Cav. as required by paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, in ^{support} Ball herewith returned.

Six (6) enclosures - to wit:

- 1 - Department Ball returned.
- 2 - Verified copy of the public record as to the date of soldier's death.
- 3 - Do Church Do marriage of the soldier to the applicant.
- 4 - Affidavit of claimant as to previous marriage, continuous widowhood, military or naval service and means of support.
- 5 - Affidavit of ~~Hon. F. Kennedy~~ ^{neighbors} James Beecher as to date of death, continuous widowhood ~~and~~ means of support.
- 6 - Affidavit of Charles J. Stees ^{attorney} as to age of claimant.

Very respectfully,
Chas Stees,
Attorney.

To the -

Hon. Green B. Rawns,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

St Paul, Minn.
Oct. 21. 1891.

Stees. G. J.

To Raune, enclosing addnl
evidence. Six papers.

Mailed Oct. 21. 91.

MAIL DIVISION.

(3-044.)

K
Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

SIR:

Oct 24 1891
Your communication containing *Quilman*
papers in relation to the claim of *Widow of*
John Bennett

has this day been received and filed. The case will receive consideration as soon as it can be reached in its turn.

Very respectfully,

Geo B Raum
Commissioner.

No. _____

(4600—100,000.)

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WASHINGTON D.
OCT 24 D.
6-30 P.M.
1891

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Any person using this card to avoid the payment of
postage on private matter of any kind will be
subject to a fine of Three Hundred Dollars.

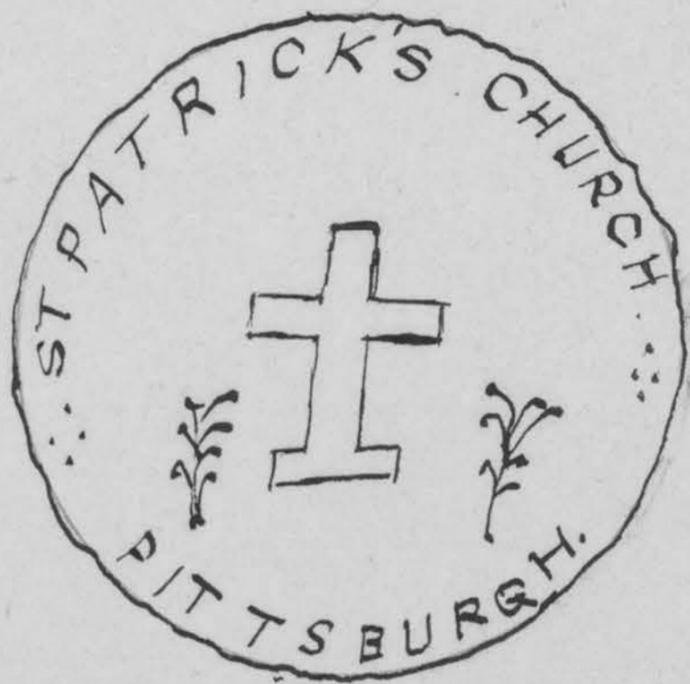
*Recd. Rec. Oct. 26. 91. Bridget Bennett.
6 Papers including Marriages & Deaths Cert.*

*Charles J. Stees, atty.,
St. Paul,
Minnesota
Co.*

COPY.

Ex libro matrimoniorum Ecclesiae
St Patricii Diocesis Pittsburghensis
Constat Joannem Bennett et Brid-
-gettam Meloy in legitimo matrimonio
Sanctos fuisse iuxta ritum S.
Romane. bullae 3^o die mensis
Sept. 1854, Teste Michaeli Fitzgibbons,
E. J. Garland,
Pastor.

Haec testor,



Daniel Walsh,
Assistans Diethe leong,
Dies 17. Jan. 1888.

CHAS. J. STEES,
Offices, 9 & 10.
PENSION CLAIM AGENT,
Stees Block.
St. Paul, Minnesota.

C O P Y.

General Affidavit for any purpose.

State of Minnesota,
County of Ramsey. } ss.

In the matter of Widow's Pension claim acct- Bridget Bennett,
widow of John Bennett, Private Co "K" - 10th N. Y. Cavalry Vols. ^{transferred to Co "K" - 1st N. Y. Prov. Cav.} Pension Office No 453461;
On this 20th day of October, 1891, personally appeared before me Bridget Bennett aged
65 years, a resident of St Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, a respectable citizen,
+ + + being duly sworn says that she is the claimant in the above named case No 453461,
and widow of ^{the above named soldier} John Bennett, private Co "K" 10th N. Y. Cavalry Vols. ^{transferred to Co "K" 1st Regt N. Y. Prov. Cavalry} that she was married
to the said John Bennett in St Patrick's Church, Pittsburg, Penn^a on the 3rd day of
September 1854, by the Rev. E. F. Garland, Pastor; and that Michael Fitzgibbons
was present as witness at the time and that her maiden name was Bridget McCoy
and affiant further states under oath that the ^{document} paper attached to this ^{the affiant's} affidavit is a
true copy of the ^{and certified verified} church record of marriage of the above named soldier John Bennett
and ^{affiant} the above named claimant Bridget Bennett. ^{and she further states} That she has lived in
continuous widowhood since the death of ^{her late husband} John Bennett the above named soldier
who died Aug. 21. 1887.
and still remains his widow and that neither she the affiant nor ^{John Bennett} the above
named soldier had been previously married.

That affiant's P. O. address is No 506 Randolph St, St Paul, Minn and further declares
that she has no interest in said claim

George H. David,
Thomas J. Kennedy, } Witnesses.

Bridget ^{her} Bennett.
mark

Subscribed & sworn to this 20th day of Oct. 1891, + + + That the affiant is a credible
person & knew the contents of this affidavit before the oath was administered + + +

Notarial Seal
Ramsey Co
Minn.

sent on file

A. R. Kiefer,
Notary Public, Ramsey Co, Minn.

COPY.

Additional Evidence.

Original Widow's Pension Claim.

No. 453461.

Acct of Bridget Bennett, widow of
John Bennett
late Private Co "K" 10th Regt
New York Cavalry Vol:
Transferred to Co "K" 1st Regt N.Y. Prov. Cav.

Affidavit of
Bridget Bennett.

Certified Copy of Marriage.

Executed October 20, 1891.

Forwarded by
CHAS. J. STEES,
Offices, 9 & 10.
PENSION CLAIM AGENT,
Stees Block.
St. Paul, Minnesota.

On the 21st day of October, 1891.

State of Minnesota, County of Ramsey, SS:

In the Pension Claim No. 453461 of Bridget

Bennett, widow of John Bennett, of the County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, late of Co "K" 10th N. Y. Cavalry, Co "K" 1st New York Prov. Cavalry (Company and Regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank if in the navy.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State Charles J. Stees, a citizen of St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, whose Post Office address is Rooms 9 & 10, Stees Block, cor. 7th & Jackson Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case

as follows: That he has been acquainted with said soldier for about _____ years, and that

is 57 years of age and is the attorney for Bridget Bennett the claimant for pension (Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in relation to the physical or other condition of claimant during the period required. No omissions or inter-
in the above named case No. 453461; that his records show that Bridget Bennett in lineations will be permitted unless the officer certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)

her application for Pension on or about July 19, 1890. Under the Act of June 27, 1890 gave her age as 56 years; and if her application on record at Washington shows that she is 56 years of age, then the same is an error and affiant mistakes & corrects such error and affiant makes this affidavit to have the entry of her age changed from 56 years to 64 years. That claimant is very illiterate, very deaf and very difficult to make understand and it was under this misunderstanding that the mistake, if any, was made, and this affidavit is made for the purpose of correcting the same, and affiant is satisfied from conversations had with claimant since her application for pension concerning her age when married in the year 1854, and from evidence and ^{other} information of and conversa- tion with ^{claimant's} neighbors as well as from ^{affiant's} own personal observation and business intercourse — that Bridget Bennett the above named claimant was sixty four <64> years instead of fifty six <56> years of age ^{at the time} when she made her application for pension under the Act of June 27, 1890

That affiant He further declares that he has an either direct or indirect interest in the prosecution of this claim claim so far as attorney's fee only is concerned, and no more

He further declares that he has no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Charles Stees, Attorney.
[Affiant's Signature. Give rank and service, if in the army.]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of October A. D. 1891,

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above affidavit were fully made known to him before swearing, including the words between "he" & "is" & between "including" & "claim" erased, and the words _____ added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

cert. in file. Alfred C. Stees
[Official Signature.]
Notary Public Ramsey County
[Official Character.]

[L. S.]

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, ss:

I, _____ Clerk of the _____ of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that _____ is a _____

in and for said _____ and duly qualified to act as such; that his term of office commenced on the _____ day of _____ in the year 188 _____, and will expire on the _____ day of _____ in the year 188 _____, and that his signature, above written, is genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the said County, at _____ on this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord 188 _____

_____ Clerk.

COPY.

GENERAL EVIDENCE.

AFFIDAVIT OF

*Charles J. Stees, Attorney,
St. Paul, Minnesota.*

CLAIM OF

Bridget Bennett, widow of John Bennett

No. *453461.*

for

Widow's Original Pension.

As to age of claimant.

Executed October 20, 1891.

Filed by
CHAS. J. STEES
Offices, 9 & 10.

PENSION CLAIM AGENT,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mailed on the 21st day of October, 1891.

Published and for sale by G. O. WILLIAMS, Attorney-at Law,
Rockford, Illinois.

COPY.

Gen'l Affdt for any purpose

State of Minn }
County of Ramsey } 55

In matter Orig'l Widows Pens. Claim of Bridget Bennett widow pro B -
CöK - 1st Reg't N.Y. Prov & Mounted Vols:
Pvt - CöK - 10th Cav. Reg't N.Y. Vols, Transferred to Pens. Office No 453461

On this 22nd day of Sept A.D. 1891, personally appeared before me Thos. F. Kennedy aged 68 yrs
Messrs James Beecher aged 33 yrs residents of St Paul, Co of Ramsey, State Minn respect. citizens + + duly

sworn say that they are ^{neighbors and} well and intimately acquainted with Bridget Bennett the
above named claimant ^{having known her for 5+10 years respectively wife} + know her as the widow of John Bennett the above named

soldier when living + know her ^{now} at the present time as the widow of the ^{above named} ~~soldier~~
^{That they knew John Bennett 5+10 years respectively, that he died Aug 21, 87 - that they saw him after death & attended his funeral} soldier. That the above named claimant - Bridget Bennett has not remarried ^{since}

the death of the above named soldier John Bennett, but has remained in continuous
widowhood and is at the present time the widow of the above named soldier
^{John Bennett and claimant could not have re-married + ~~has no means of support~~ and assumed marriage relations. Their opportunity for observation were such that}

That claimant ^{except her daily labor}, that she is old and infirm and almost ^{entirely}
deaf, crippled up with rheumatism + cannot work; That she is totally unable to

earn a support from manual labor and is dependent ^{upon} the Soldiers Home Relief Fund
& others for a livelihood. Affiants ~~state under oath that John Bennett the above~~
~~named soldier did not serve in the military or naval service after his discharge from~~

~~the Army July 19th 1865~~ That affiants ^{means of} knowledge of the above facts to which they
testify are derived from personal observation, association + almost daily intercourse

as neighbors ^{of Bridget Bennett the above named claimant,} ~~resided in the same community for years.~~

That affiant Thos. F. Kennedy P.O. address is 682 Armstrong Ave St Paul Minn
That affiant James Beecher P.O. address is 807 Watrous Ave do do
and they further declare that they have no interest in said claim

Signed, Thos. F. Kennedy
Signed, James Beecher

Subs. & Sworn to before me this 22nd day of Sept. 1891. + I certify + + + That the affiants are
credible persons and, knew the contents of their Affidavits before the oaths were
administered, + that I have no interest + c.

Notarial
Seal.

Alfred H. Heto,
Notary Public,
Ramsey County
Minn.

COPY.

Additional Evidence.

Widow's Original Pension Claim.

No 453461.

Acct of Bridget Bennett, widow of
John Bennett.

late private Co "K" 10th Cavalry Regt.
New York Vols: Transferred to Co "K"
1st Regt N. Y. Provisional Mounted Vols.

Affidavits of
Thomas L. Kennedy and
James Beecher.

Executed Sept. 22. 1891.

Forwarded by
CHAS. J. STEES,
Offices, 9 & 10,
PENSION CLAIM AGENT,
Steers Block.
St. Paul, Minnesota.

On the 21st day of October, 1891.

COPY.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT FOR ANY PURPOSE.

State of Minnesota, }
COUNTY OF Ramsey } ss.

In the matter of the Original Widow's Pension Claim acc't of Bridget Bennett widow of John Bennett [Here give Soldier's name.]

John Bennett, Pvt of Co. "K" 10th Cav. Reg't. New York Vols Pension Office No. 453461.
[Rank.] Transferred to Co "K" 1st Reg't New York Provisional Mounted Volunteers -
On this twentieth second day of September A. D. 1891, personally

appeared before me Bridget Bennett, aged 65 years.

a resident of St Paul County of Ramsey

State of Minnesota a respectable citizen and entitled to credit, who, being duly

sworn, says that she is the claimant in the above named case, that the number of her claim is 453461; That she is the widow of John Bennett the above named soldier and was married to ^{the above named soldier} ~~him~~ on the 3rd day of September 1854; That her husband said John Bennett, she states under oath, never was in the military or naval service since his discharge from the Army - July 19th 1865. and that she has lived in continuous widowhood & still remains unmarried and is still the widow of the above named soldier John Bennett. That she is 65 years of age, ~~old and infirm~~ and almost entirely deaf - totally unable to earn a ^{livelihood} ~~support~~ from manual labor and dependent upon the "Soldier Relief Fund" and others for a livelihood - That she is entirely crippled up with rheumatism and cannot work. That she first made application for pension July 19, 1890 - under the act of June 27, 1890, and has heard nothing from her claim since, except receiving a "Number Card." That neither she - Bridget Bennett the above named claimant, nor John Bennett, her husband, the above named soldier had been previously married. That she has no means of support except her daily labor, that she possesses no property and has no income of any kind whatever. That the number of her Pension claim is 453461.

NOTE—Affiants should give their post office address, and also state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.



That affiant's P. O. Address is 506 Randolph Street, St Paul, Minn.

and further declares that she has ~~an~~ interest in said claim.

Attest when any affiant signs BY MARK [2 persons.]

Geo. A. Stees

Signatures

Bridget her Bennett
mark

of

Alfred W. Stees

Affiants.

OVER: Signed James Beecher

Signed Thos. F. Kennedy.

COPY.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

Original Affidavit Pension Claim.

No. 453461.

Acc't of Bridget Bennett, widow of John Bennett

Late Private Co. "K": 10th Reg't Cavalry, N.Y.Vs.; Transferred to 60th Reg't New York Provisional Mounted Vols.

Affidavit of Bridget Bennett.

as to previous marriage, Antenuptial Nuptial, Dotal or nuptial settlement or means of support.

Executed Sept. 22. 1891.

FORWARDED BY
J. STEES
PENSION CLAIM AGENT
GENERAL OF MINNESOTA
Stees Block,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

On the 21st day of October, 1891.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this twentieth day of September 1891.

and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was read and explained to affiants before they signed the same.

That affiant is a credible person and knew the contents of this affidavit before the oath was administered.

and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in his claim.



Cert on file.

Alfred H. Stees

Official Signature.

Notary Public, Ramsey County Minn.

506 Randolph St. Cor. Duke.

Bridget Bennett, No 453461, Widow
John Co. K 1 N. Y. Prov. Cav.

1. John Bennett died Aug. 27. 87. Get copy record from Health Office.
2. Marriage soldier + c - to Bridget Mc Coy Sept 3 '54 by Rev. Father E. F. Garland. Pastor. St. Patrick's Church, Pittsburg, Pa.
3. As to previous marriage - give Affdt of Clint.
4. As to re-marriage or continuous widowhood get 2 neighbors - Jas Turk + Mike Beecher knows her for over 10 yrs.
7. Means of support, value of property + income - give ages + PO address of witnesses.
8. As to mil + naval service

Note - Mrs. Bennett has affdt to Par³ 4 and 8 and 7.

Bumett

File above

Clarin

453461

See

Report Book

506 Randolph
Cor Duke

John Bennett died August
21st 1887 and was buried August
23rd 1887 " Cavalry Cemetery

C. R. Davis.

Bridget Bennett
~~64~~⁵⁶
65 ~~65~~ yrs. old

all crippled up with
Rheumatism

Have Senator Davis
endorse this effort.

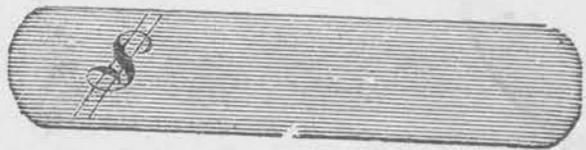
Have Hal witness
Mrs Bennett's mark.

Book.....

St. Paul, Minn., 188.....

Received of the Savings Bank of St. Paul,

Dollars,



COPY.

Genl. Aff'do for any purpose.

State Minn. Co. Ramsey.

✓ + + matter orig. Widow's Pens. claim of Bridget Bennett
widow John Bennett ^{Private Co "K" - 10th New York Cavalry Yols - transferred to} ^{1st Regt Provisional Mounted}
New York Mounted Yols. Pension office No 453461.

On this 20th day of May, 1891, appeared Bridget Bennett - a
resident of St Paul, Ramsey Co, Minn. + + - being duly
sworn say that she is the claimant in above named case
~~her Pension claim No 453461 -~~

+ the widow of John Bennett the above named soldier
to whom she was married Sept 3 - 1857 ⊕
✓ that she first made application for Pension with C of W
July 19th 1890 - under the Act of June 27, 1890. + has
heard nothing from her claim since, except receiving a
"Number Card"

That she has in her possession her husband's Hon
Discharge which reads - "John Bennett, Private Capt Albert
Thomas Co "K" 1st Regt Provisional N. Y. Mounted Volunteers
enrolled Nov 2, 1864, to serve 3 yrs. Discharged July 19, 1865.
at Clouds Mills, Va. by reason S. O. No 44, dated Hd Qrs C. C.
July 4th 1865. signed J. M. Kennedy - Major & C of Muster
C. C. S of W.

Albert Thomas - Capt. Lewis Co.
That she also has a letter ^{of inquiring} from the Adjutant of Sarfild Post
No 8 - Sept. stating Minn S. A. R. to Adjt Gen N. Y. - enclosed on back in reply
- to wit: "State of N. Y. Adjt Gen's Office. Albany July 20, 1885.
Respectfully returned by direction of Maj Gen. Geo. C. Farnsworth
Adjt Gen N. Y. - It appears from records of this office that Private
John Bennett Co "K" - 10th Cavalry N. Y. Yols - was enlisted Nov 2/64

OYER.

at West or West Union was transferred from Co "K" -
1st Provisional Cavalry N.Y. Vol. - June 17. 1865 + was
honorably discharged + mustered out with his Company
July 19. 65 at Clouds Mills, Va.
signed J. B. Stonehouse
Col + A A Genl.

That this statement is made because the affiant made
appl in this case for Govt Headstone for said Soldier's
grave + Capt Stets states the sep. 2nd Regt - refused said stone
of above named soldier not appearing on record.

✓ That she is 65 yrs of age - old + infirm - almost entirely
deaf - totally unable to earn a livelihood from manual
labor + dependent on others for support

⊕ That her husband John Bennett above named Soldier
never served in Military or Naval service since his
discharge from army July 19. 1865.

✓ That she has lived in continuous widowhood
+ still remains unmarried the widow of John Bennett
the above named soldier.
That is entirely crippled up with Rheumatism + can't work.

COPY.

St Paul Mo
August-21'91.

To the
Pastor of St Patricks Church,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Right-Rev Sir:

Bridget Bennett widow of
John B. - a Soldier - is applicant for Pensions
& The Dept. requires a verified copy of
church record as to the marriage of
the Soldier to the applicant, to be
filed with her application. Her maiden
name was Bridget Mc Coy & she
was married to John Bennett in the
St Patricks Church, Pittsburgh, Penna -
Sept 3rd 1854 & I believe one Michael
Fitzgibbons was witness & Rev^{Father} E. J.
Garland, was Pastor.

Will you kindly furnish the
required evidence to assist the poor
widow in obtaining her pension. Mrs. B.
is quite aged, ^{impairing} in indigent circumstances
with no resource but her daily labor
& is great sufferer from a acute Rheum^m
almost entirely deaf & dependent upon others for livelihood.

I am charging her no fee, giving
my services gratis. Enclose stamp for
reply.

Very respectfully
Chas J. Steis
812 1/2 Bk 7 & Jackson
Attorney.

Mailed Sept. 21. 91.

Rev. Denis Kearney,
Rector St. Patrick's Church,
17th St + Liberty Ave.
Pittsburg, Pa.

"First Paragraph from the other
side copied + sent to the above
address -" with "any expenses +
inform me + I will remit"

"Enclose stamp for reply."

Very respectfully,

Chas. J. Stees,
Attorney

Mailed Oct. 7-1911.

CHAS. J. STEES,
Offices, 9 & 10.
PENSION CLAIM AGENT,
Stees Block.
St. Paul, Minnesota.

COPY.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

N. B.—PLEASE WRITE THE NAME VERY LEGIBLY.

Name John Bennett.

Male, ~~Female~~, age 62 years.

Where Born (nativity) Ireland.

White, ~~Colored~~, ~~Mixed Race~~.

Date of Death, day 21 month Aug. year 1887.

Cause of Death Apoplexy.

Place of Death (street) 506 Randolph.

Parentage (nationality) Irish.

~~Single~~, Married, ~~Widowed~~.

Occupation Laborer.

I hereby certify that I attended the person above named,
and that he died on the above mentioned date.

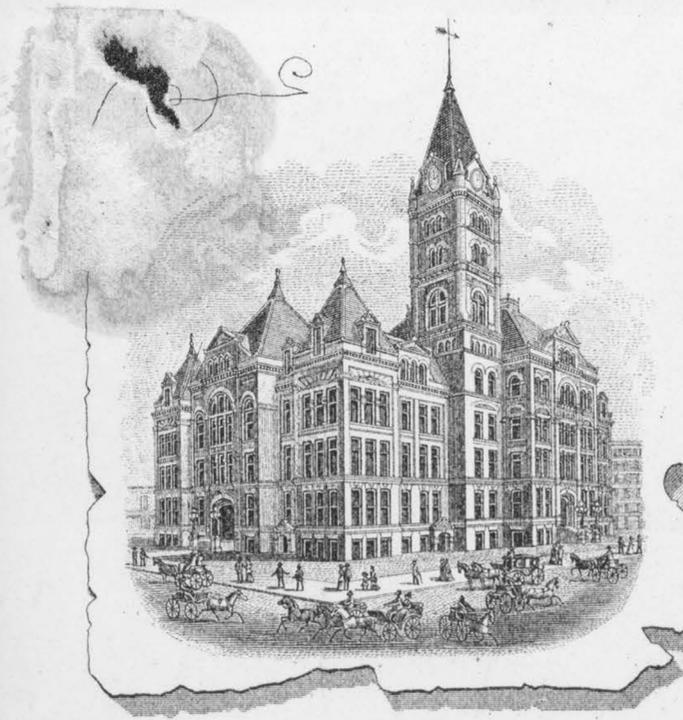
J. B. Cheever, M. D.
(OVER.)

This certificate must be filled out complete, in every particular, in plain, legible handwriting, otherwise it will not be accepted by the Department of Health. In case of death from any contagious disease, this return must be made to the Health Office within twelve hours after death.

By order of

HENRY F. HOYT, M. D.,

Commissioner of Health.



CITY OF ST. PAUL

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

HENRY F. HOYT, M.D. COMMISSIONER.

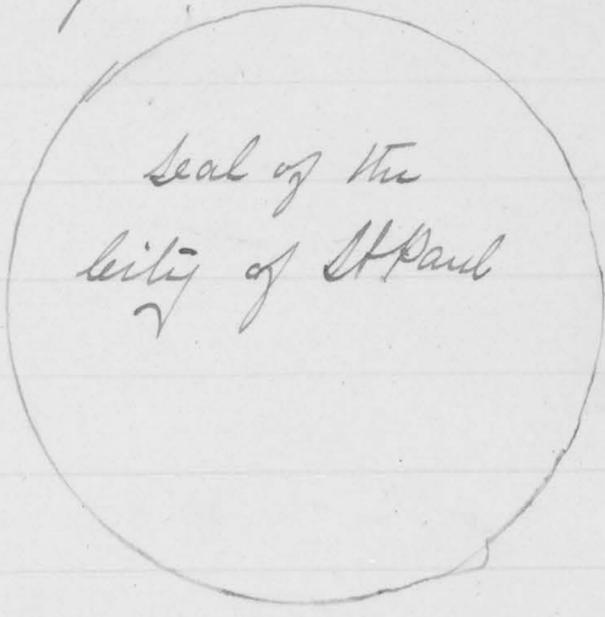


St. Paul, Minn. Sept. 21st 1891.

I hereby certify that the attached certificate is a true copy of the original certificate of death of John Bennett, as shown by the records of this office.

*Henry F. Hoyt,
Commissioner of Health.
per M. J. Connor,
Asst Comm^r of Health.*

*Attest:
Thos a Frenderquist
City Clerk*



St Paul, Minn.
Sept. 21. 91.

Hoyt Henry F.

Commissioner of Health, Certified
copy of certificate of death of John Bennett.

Mailed Oct. 21. 91.

CHAS. J. STEES,
Offices, 9 & 10.
PENSION CLAIM AGENT,
Stees Block.
St. Paul, Minnesota.

September 19, 1891

Dear Comrade:

The Department requires - In Mrs. Bennett's claim
competent testimony as to whether she re-married.

Also: Her means of support, value of property
by her + amount of income &c.

You can testify to the two above facts.
+ as a Comrade of the G.A.R. I ask you to come
to my office any day it suits you between 10 + 12
and 3 + 5 o'clock, bring a neighbor with you who can
write + knows Mrs. Bennett for the last 5 or 10
years.

In the spirit of Fraternity let us do this
much for sweet Charity's sake + thus show our
loyalty to her dear soldier husband + a comrade
who has gone before.

Please bring this letter with you or return
it to Mrs. Bennett.

Fraternally in F. & L.

Chas. Stees.

To

Mr. John Kennedy,

Gen. Ord Post No 20, G.A.R.

Addressed.

St Paul, Minn.
Sept. 19. 1891.

Stees, C. J.

To John Kennedy to call &
give evidence in behalf of Mrs. Bennett.

Mailed Sept. 19. 91.

~~Mr.~~ Bennett, rec'd def't
call from Com^r of Pension
while I was sick & had the
Adj's Gen'l, Min^r to answer
& return the same. C. J. S.

AB.

(3-048.)

RECORD DIVISION:

ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF CLAIM.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C.

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, 1891.

Sir: The application of Bridget Bennett
for pension has been received as wid., of John Bennett
K Co. N. Y. Prov. Cav., Reg't
and given No. 453461,

All communications in relation to the claim addressed to this Bureau, and each piece of evidence, must contain or have indorsed thereon the State from which the soldier served, his company, battery, regiment, or other military organization, AND THE NUMBER OF THE CLAIM.

Very respectfully,

Under Act June 27, 1890.

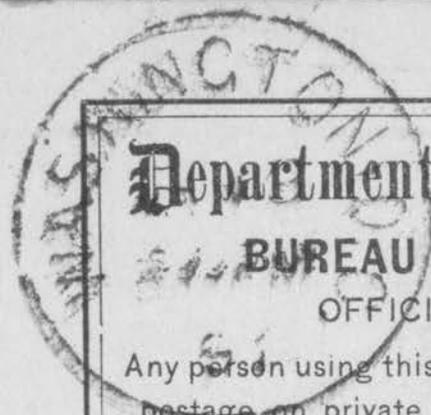
Geo B Raum

Commissioner.

Recd. Jan. 2. 91. Rec. Jan. 5. 96.
Bridgett Bennett, widow's claim 4 53446.

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C. J. Steese
St. Paul
Minn.



Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
Any person using this card to avoid the payment of postage on private matter of any kind will be subject to a fine of Three Hundred Dollars.

Same

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

(3-165 a a.)

CERTIFICATE DIVISION.

NOTICE OF ISSUE.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Nov. 1, 1892.

Sir:

You are hereby notified that a certificate, No. 349887, for *Orig.* pension has this day been issued in favor of *Bridget Bennett widow of John Bennett* of *576 Randolph St. St. Paul, Minn.* and that the pension is payable by the Pension Agent at *Milwaukee* who will also pay to you a fee of \$ *10.*

Rate of pension \$ *8.* per month from *July 22*, 1890,

to *Oct. 4*, 1892.

= *26 12/30 mos @ \$ 8.00 = \$ 211.20*

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\$ *201.20*

Very respectfully,

Charles J. Stees
St. Paul
Green B. Raum
Commissioner.

Minn.

The act of July 4, 1884, provides that the fee for the prosecution of a pension claim shall be \$10 only, unless a larger fee, not exceeding \$25, is agreed upon under a special written contract. The fee will be paid to the attorney, or other person entitled thereto, by the Pension Agent out of the pension allowed. Should the attorney or other person demand or receive for his services any greater compensation, he would subject himself to the penalties provided in the statute, as follows:

Any agent or attorney or other person instrumental in prosecuting any claim for pension or bounty land who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, or receive or retain any greater compensation for his services or instrumentality in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than is herein provided, or for payment thereof at any other time or in any other manner than is herein provided, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of the pension or claim allowed and due such pensioner or claimant, or the land-warrant issued to any such claimant, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall for every such offense be fined not exceeding \$500, or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Rec. Nov. 14. 92.

Dept Interior,
Bureau Pensions
Nov. 1. 1892.

Ramon, Green B.

To Sters, that certificate No.
349887 has been issued to Bridget Bennett.

Rec'd Nov. 14. 92.

U. S. PENSION AGENCY,

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

Enclosed herewith you will find your Original Pension Certificate and Voucher. You will please examine Certificate carefully as to name, service, etc., and, if NOT correct return same for correction to this office.

If you have **changed** your residence, since your application was filed, please fill affidavit below, showing your former and present P. O. address, and time the change was made.

If Voucher is signed by mark for first payment in an **original case**, you having signed application or evidence for pension in writing, or if you have formerly signed by mark and now write your name, affidavit must be furnished **giving reason** why you do not so sign now.

L. E. POND,

Pension Agent.

State of _____ }
County of _____ } ss. On this _____ day of _____
189 , personally appeared before me _____, a pensioner on the
Rolls of the Milwaukee Agency, under Certificate No. _____, who, under oath declares that
h_____ former P. O. address was _____, that on or about the
_____ day of _____ 189 , _____ removed to _____
_____, h_____ present P. O. address.

Pensioner's Signature _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 189 .

Magistrate's Signature _____

Official Character _____

ATTACH TO VOUCHER

(AFFIDAVIT AS TO CHANGE OF P. O. ADDRESS.)

Same

Certificate Division.

(3-165 bb.)

Act of June 27, 1890.

NOTICE OF ISSUE AND FEES.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Nov. 1, 1892.

Madam:

Inclosed herewith is a Certificate No 349887 for

Orig. pension, this day issued in your favor.

The Pension Agent at Milwaukee, upon whose rolls your name is to be inscribed, will forward to you properly prepared vouchers, and, when these shall have been duly executed and returned to him, will transmit directly to your address a check for the pension then due.

Your recognized attorney is Charles J. Steer of St. Paul, Minn., whose fee is Ten dollars, which is payable by the Pension Agent.

Very respectfully,

Guen B. Ransom

Commissioner.

Bridget Bennett
St. Paul

Minn.

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