



Minnesota Office of the Adjutant  
General: Civil War Pension Files of  
Pension Agent Charles J. Stees

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Dennis Connor,

Minnesota Soldiers Home.

Private 2<sup>d</sup> Co. Ind't - S.S. Minn.

Original Invalid Claim # 676420.

Rheumatism and Cramps  
in the Feet.

Claim filed, March 18<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Claim allowed,

No fee paid by the "Sucker" and I got him  
into the Soldiers' Home.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

OFFICE OF

ADJUTANT GENERAL,

ST. PAUL.

St Paul, Minn.  
Sep. 7. 89.

Sir:

In the original Invalid Pension Claim  
No 676420, of Dennis Conner, late private, Second  
Company Minnesota Independent Sharpshooters  
I forwarded his History of Fall Aug 5. 89 & in  
your reply wrote that a Capt Withcombe had  
killed his claim up on July 30, 89.

I informed Conner of the fact and  
enclose you his reply for your information,  
please return both letters after you are through  
with the same. What is the status of Conner's claim?

Yours truly  
Chas Stees

To  
Genl Starkweather,  
Washington,  
D.C.

St. Paul, Minn.  
Sept. 7. 89.

Stees, C. J.

Encloses Dennis Connel's  
letter, with my letter + Starkweather's  
endorsement concerning Capt.  
Widdicombe. With a request of the  
return of the same after perusal.

Mailed Sep. 7. 89.



Headquarters Acker Post, No. 21.

Department of Minnesota.

# Grand Army of the Republic.

C. D. PARKER,  
COMMANDER.

WM. O'GORMAN  
ADJUTANT.

F. A. KRCH  
QUARTERMASTER.

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER, 376 JACKSON STREET.

St. Paul, Minn., July 22 1880

Capt Stees

Dear Sir  
your Letter came to hand  
and should of written before  
Informing you that I have  
my Pension, got it five weeks  
ago, stating no attorneys fees  
as the Adjutant Genl  
got my claim through  
will come down soon and  
see you

Respectfully yours

Dennis Connor

there was no attorney  
recognised in my case  
By the Department

St Paul, Minn.  
July 22. 1890.

Comdr. Fennis

States he received his  
pension + that no Attorney's fee is  
required as "the Adjutant General got my  
claim through"

"There was no Attorney recognized  
by the Department in my case."

Rec. July 23. 90.

Ans. July 25. 90.



Sept 12/89

Capt Widdicombe

Sir:

Mr. Div  
21-  
aug 1889

Invalid claim

N<sup>o</sup> 676420 of Dennis Connor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Indpt Co Minn Sharpshooters  
Power of Atty was filed in this  
case March 21/89 & status  
asked - July 30 or Aug 1<sup>st</sup>  
you called up the case in  
person. We have rec<sup>d</sup> no  
reply from Dept. - Please  
have status sent me -

Widows Claim N<sup>o</sup> 368328  
Bridget Nolan widow Robt. Nolan  
Co I 5<sup>th</sup> Minn Vols.

Power of Atty filed March 21/89  
& case called up several times  
for status & no reply - Please

call this up at same time

Jno C. Starkweather

per R.

In the case of Dennis Connor, I traced it to the Med Div, and the Office will have a re-med examination. The Office will write you to day.

Bridget Nolan. Office will inform you of the status of the case to day.

Sept 14/89

Chas J Stas Esq

Sir:

Agree endorse  
ments explain<sup>n</sup> w themselves -  
Will forward calls re as  
soon as rec<sup>d</sup> - Notify parties

Jno C. Starkweather

per R.

Rec. Sep. 17. 89.

St Paul. Minn.  
Sept. 30. 89.

Sr J. & Comrade:

The last <sup>time</sup> I wrote you I stated that my agent ~~in~~ in Washington wrote me in ~~my~~ reply to my request to call up your case that "on July 30. 89.

Capt. Widdicombe called up your claim. Thinking you had a new ~~agent~~ <sup>att'y</sup> I wrote you about it & you replied - "I do not know this man Widdicombe" So I referred your letter to Gen. Starkweather & asked for information ~~of~~ <sup>he replied</sup> "The Capt Widdicombe" who called up Connor's case in person July 30<sup>th</sup> is connected with my office & attends to this part of the business when I am unable to go myself." So this is a ~~tempt~~ in a teapot ended.

I wrote again that your case called up & Sep. 17. 89 - rec'd the foll'g - <sup>was</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>Sept 12. 89.</sup> Capt Widdicombe, Sr. Inv. Claim No. 676420 - Dennis Connor 2<sup>d</sup> Ind Co Minn Sharpshooters. Pow'r Atty was filed March 21. 89 & status asked. July 30<sup>th</sup> you called up case in person. We have rec'd no reply from Dept. Please have status sent me. J. C. S. per R.

"In the case of Dennis Connor I traced it to Med. Dir - & the office will have a re-med. exam. the office will write you to day. Widdicombe  
Sep. 14. 89. Capt Charles Steas; Sr; above

St Paul. Min.  
Sep. 30. 89.

Stus. C. J.

Write to Dennis Connor,  
gives him a status of his claim  
& the correspondence between Gen.  
Starkweather & Capt. Widdicombe

Mailed Oct.

endorsements of Blair's numbers - with first call  
to: as soon as rec'd. Notify parties  
- J. R. -  
for R.



Dear Sir:

In claim of Dennis Comnot your letter rec<sup>d</sup> & same returned - The "Capt Middlecombe" who called up this case in person July 30 is connected with my office & attends to this part of the business when I am unable to go myself. -

No reply has been received from the Pension Office as of yet - I will have their attention called to this neglect Will advise you when I hear

Yours Truly  
John C. Starkweather  
per R.



Headquarters Acker Post, No. 21.

Department of Minnesota.

# Grand Army of the Republic.

C. D. PARKER,  
COMMANDER.

WM. O'GORMAN  
ADJUTANT.

F. A. KRCH  
QUARTERMASTER.

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER, 376 JACKSON STREET,

Soldiers Home

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 15th 1889

Capt Stees  
St Paul Minn.

Dear Sir  
yours of the 14th I at Received  
contents only noted. I wish  
you to keep on with my claim  
and push it as fast as you can  
and when I want to greet you  
I will let you know. The  
man Widdicombe you mention  
about I do not know, please  
write to me when you hear  
of anything pertaining to my  
Pension

Respectfully Yours

Pennis Conner  
Soldiers Home

Minnehaha  
Minn

Miner. Soldiers Home,  
Minnitahka, Minn.  
Aug. 18. 89.

Conner, Dennis.

Receives my letter of 14<sup>th</sup> inst.  
Wants his claim pushed. Dennis  
knowing Uiddicombe.

Rec. Aug. 19. 89.

Filed. Aug. 19. 89.



Headquarters Acker Post, No. 27.

Department of Minnesota.

# Grand Army of the Republic.

C. D. PARKER,  
COMMANDER.

WM. O'GORMAN,  
ADJUTANT.

F. A. KRCH  
QUARTERMASTER.

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER, 376 JACKSON STREET,

St. Paul, Minn., Aug 5 1889.

Sir:

You will find enclosed the  
History Affidavit of Dennis Connor,  
Private Second ~~Company~~ Independent Company  
Minnesota Sharpshooters.  
Original Invalid Pension  
Claim No- 676420.

Yours truly,  
Chas. J. Stebbins,  
Pension Claims, Real Estate  
& Notary Public.  
N. W. Cor. 7<sup>th</sup> & Minnesota Sts.

To -  
Genl. Starkweather,  
#1420 New York Ave.  
Washington, D.C.

St Paul, Minn.  
Aug. 5. 89.

Steele, C. J.

Forwards the History  
Affidavit of Dennis Conner.

John C. Starkweather's reply  
dated Aug. 10. 89. in which he  
states that - "on July 30. 89.  
Capt. Widdicombe called  
this claim up.

Mailed Aug. 5. 89.

Returned Aug 10. 89.

Rec'd Aug 13. 89.

August 10. 89.

Capt. Charles J. Steele:

Dear Sir: Love

in receipt of the  
enclosed & have this  
day fixed & filed  
the same. & asked  
the Dept. to grant  
status. On July 30. 89.

Capt. Widdicombe  
called this claim up.

Yours truly

John C. Starkweather.

By

St Paul, Minn.  
Aug. 5 '89.

Sir: Enclosed please find History  
Affidavit of Dennis Connor - Private  
Second Company Minnesota Independent  
Sharpshooters. Original Invalid Pension  
Claim No 676420.

Yours truly,

C. J. S.  
P. O. R. S. & N. P.  
Waver 7<sup>th</sup> & Minn

J. C. S.  
#1420 N. Y. A.  
Wash, D. C.

St Paul. Minn.  
Aug 5- '89.

Steele, C. L.

Forwards the History  
Affidavit of Bennis Connor.  
Calls for more History  
Blanks.

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Mailed Aug 6 '89.

St Paul Minn.  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1889.

Sir:

In the case of Dennis Connor, private  
2<sup>d</sup> Co, Independent Sharpshooters, Minnesota,  
Original Invalid Claim # 676420, whose  
claim was filed with us March 18<sup>th</sup> 1889,  
I would like to be informed as to the status  
of his claim, and if any further evidence  
is necessary to complete his case.

Yours truly  
C. J. S.

J. C. S.  
Wash<sup>ton</sup> D. C.

St Paul Min  
July 23 '89

Stiles, C.J.

Asks status of  
Bennis Connor's claim &  
if any further evidence is  
required to complete the same

Mailed July 25 '89.

St Paul Minn.  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith the "Power of Attorney"  
+ "Articles of Agreement" - minus the usual .50 fee  
and I am furnishing his notary's acknowledgments gratis  
as he is very poor & has no money of Dennis Connor -  
- Invalid Pension Claim No 676420 - late Private  
Second Independent Company Minnesota Sharpshooters.  
Said Connor filed his claim with the  
Adjutant <sup>General</sup> of the State of Minnesota last fall -  
[1888] but now withdraws the same & places it  
in our hands for the same reason that Mrs.  
Wolun does.

I hope he will not have cause to regret  
the action & that we will not disappoint him in  
his anticipations.

Gen Sprol Starkweather,  
1420 New York Ave.  
Washington, D.C.

Yours truly  
- Chas. J. Stees,  
Real Estate & Pension Claims  
#321 Wabasha Street

Note: "Articles of Agreement," + "Power of Attorney" signed  
by Dennis Ohio Connor, & witnessed by Fredrik F. Price  
and Berin Davis, Notary Public, for Ramsey County,  
Minnesota; dated March 15<sup>th</sup> 1889.

St-Paul, Minn.

March 18<sup>th</sup>. 1889.

Stee, C. J.

Forwards the "Power of Attorney"  
+ "Articles of Agreement of Dennis  
Coyne, private 2<sup>d</sup> Company  
[Independent?] Minnesota -  
Sharp-shooters.  
Invalid Claim No 676420.

Mailed Mar 18'89.

Witnesses,

Commitment,

Order to bring up Deft.

Order to Discharge,

Taxing Costs,

Entering Judgment,

Con's Fees on Warrant,

Subpoenas,

COPY.

Washington, D.C.  
March 21<sup>st</sup>/889.

Sir:

In + + + Dennis Conner case -  
papers recd + filed - status asked if  
any thing more is needed to complete  
the case - and when we get Dept's  
reply will so inform you.

Truly Yours  
Protestant weather.

COPY.

Washington, D.C.  
March 21 '89.

Stackweather & Co.

Extract.

+                    +                    +

Dennis Connor's papers  
received, filed + status asked.

Rec'd Mar 24. 89.

Witnesses,

Attachment,

to bring up Deft.

to Discharge,

Costs,

on Judgment,

Fees on Warrant,

Subpoenas,

(3-040.)

RECORD DIVISION.

ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF CLAIM.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,**

**BUREAU OF PENSIONS,**

Washington, D. C., *Nov 7*, 188*8*.

Sir: Your claim for pension has been received, recorded, and given a number as below, and will be taken up for action in its regular turn. The intervening time can be employed in preparing necessary evidence.

Your claim is entitled

No.

*676420*

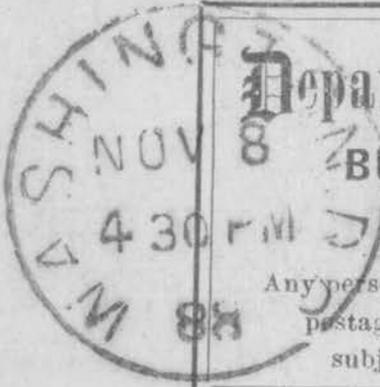
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Co.

Reg't

and in all communications relative thereto be sure and state the same in full, as above. Very respectfully,

*Wm C. Hunt*



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.

Dennis Connor

~~# 290 N 3rd St~~

361 N 1st St Paul

Minneapolis Minn

Receipt No 958

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# History of Claimant's Disability.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT FOR ANY PURPOSE.

State of Minnesota,

County of Ramsay

ss.

In the matter of the Disabl. Pensions Pension Claim acct. of Dennis Connor,  
[Here give Soldier's name.]

Private of Co. "2<sup>d</sup>" Minn Reg't Adj't. S. S. Shoten Pension office No. 676420,  
[Rank.]

On this Fifth day of August A. D. 1889 personally  
appeared before me Deputy of the District Court, x x x Dennis Connor, aged 54 years,

a resident of St Paul County of Ramsay,

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

sworn, says that my P. O. Address is Minnesota Soldiers Home - Minnehaha

Falls, Hennepin Co. Minn. Since discharge x x x Feby 15<sup>th</sup> 1889,  
have resided in St Paul, Ramsay Co. Minn ever since x x x Occupation  
Famster x x

x x x Disability arises from Rheumatism & Cramps in the feet;  
contracted at Harrison's Landing, Va. in 1862, right after the  
seven days fight & retreat from Fair Oaks: by lying in the mud  
and marshy wet ground - it raining most of the time - and we had  
no blankets.

From discharge to present time, rec'd treatment [medical] by  
Dr. Burnham, who afterwards went to California & died:  
Then by Dr. S. W. Hand, who is now dead. Both of these  
men were practicing Physicians in St Paul, Minn.  
After which time I had no attending Physician but obtained  
what relief I could from medicine purchased at the various  
Drug Stores.

x x During all said time x x x Have been able to work  
only part of the time - that of driving a team - and for the  
last three winters I have been laid up with rheumatism  
and Cramps and have not been able to do any work  
whatever.

That affiant's P. O. Address is Minnesota Soldiers' Home, Minnehaha, Minn.  
and he further declare that he ha no interest in said claim

Attest when any affiant signs BY MARK [2 persons.]  
Wm. Faytinger,  
William Hornsby

Signature of Affiants. Dennis Connor  
his mark

OVER  
J. M. Redding,

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

COPY.

History of Claimant's Disability

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

Original Invalid Pension Claim,

No. 676420.

Acc't of Dennis Connor.

late Private Co. 2<sup>d</sup> Ind. Inf't Reg't.

Minnesota - Sharpshooters.

Enlisted -- Feb. 16 '65.

Discharged - Feb. 16 '65.

Claim filed - Mar. 18 '89.

FORWARDED BY

Capt. Chas. J. Steer  
Pension Claim Agent,  
MINNESOTA  
Real Estate & Robbery Public,  
AT SAINT PAUL, MINN.,

On August 6<sup>th</sup> 1889.

J. W. Cunningham & Co. Print, 16 W. Fourth Street, St. Paul.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Fifth day of August 1889,  
and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was read and explained to affiants before they signed the same

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

Official Signature

*W. Reading Deputy*  
Clerk District Court  
Ramsey Co. Minn.

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a Clerk of Court, or a Magistrate, whose official character is duly verified by such Clerk under seal.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Connor

No 676420

July 30/89.

In above case I wish you would have him make out history affd. in detail that I may be able to enter particulars of case in book. You failed to send it with Power of Atty. — I will have case called up in person this week & let you know as to its status

Jas C. Hartweach

proof.

Rec'd Aug 2 '89.

Ans'd Aug 5 '89.

Mailed Aug 6 '89.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Fifth day of August 1889,  
and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was read and explained to affiants before they signed the same

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

Official Signature

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STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of the Court in and for the County  
and State above named, do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Esq.,  
before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has thereunto signed his name, was, at the time  
of so doing, a \_\_\_\_\_ in and for the County and State above named  
duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and  
that his signature thereto is genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

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

COPY.

History of Claimant's Disability.

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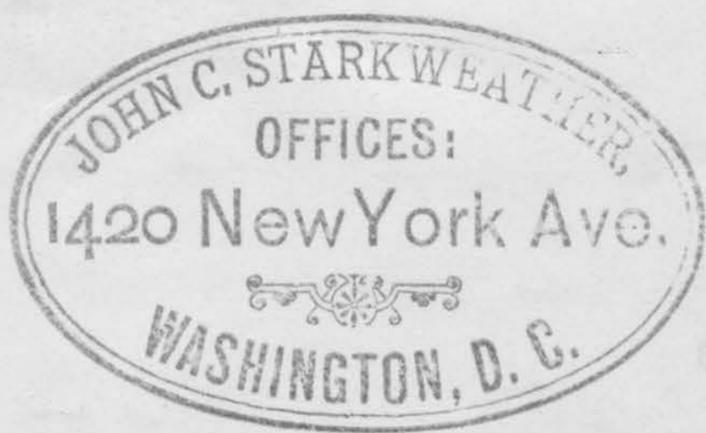
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FORWARDED BY

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Pension Claim Agent.  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA  
Real Estate & Notary Public.  
AT SAINT PAUL, MINN.

On August 6<sup>th</sup> 1889.

J. W. Cunningham & Co. Print, 16 W. Fourth Street, St. Paul.



October, 23 '89.

Capt. Charles J. Stee,

Dear Sir:-

In Invalid  
Claim no: 676,420 claim of  
Dennis Connor, Private Second  
Independent Co. of Minn.  
Sharpshooters I have to inform  
you he is indebted to me in  
sum of \$1. minus 50¢ your fees.  
Please have him remit at his  
early convenience.

Yours truly,

John C. Starkweather.  
By Son.

*Overs*

Dear Sir:

The enclosed subject has been discussed before & your decision was that we better lose the dollar - agreement <sup>fee</sup> fund - than the client, I hold your letter to that effect.

Yours truly,  
Chas. J. Stees.

Prof. Starkweather,  
Washington, D.C.

Connor is an inmate of Soldiers' Home, so poor that when he wishes to consult me about his pension, walks all the <sup>18 miles</sup> way to St Paul for the want of 25¢ to ride -

I paid his acknowledgment - fee ~~when~~ out of my own pocket when he took out his papers but I have stopped that kind of business.

I will remit as soon as I receive. I  
am tired of being dunned.  
Feb: 10. 90. Stees

St Paul, Minn.

Nov. 13. 89.

Sir:

Dennis Connor, private, Co 2<sup>d</sup>  
Independent Sharpshooters, Minnesota;  
Claim 676420, received about Oct.  
7. 89. at the Minnesota-Soldiers Home,  
blanks for two neighbors to fill out,  
which he executed & while I was  
absent from the city, <sup>returned</sup> ~~forwarded~~ the  
same to Washington to the Pension  
Department.

How's this? Did you send the  
blanks to him or was it sent  
by some other agent, and was such  
evidence required?

Yours truly,

Charltes.

Prof Starkweather,  
Washington, D.C.

(over)

Feb. 15. 90

There is no entry on my books of  
any such action. I am at a  
loss to account for it. It is  
immaterial I guess anyway.  
Still we ought to know something  
more definite. If possible find  
out more about it.

Starbuck.  
Jr.



Jan. 30. 90.

Capt. Charles J. Stees,  
Dear Sir:-

In re  
Invalid claim # 676,420  
of Dennis Cannon, private 2<sup>d</sup>  
Quadr. Sharpshooter I would  
state that there is 50¢ due  
in the same. You are requested  
to remit the same.

Yours truly,  
John C. Starkweather,  
By Son.

over

The enclosed has been a subject of correspondence before, & your decision was that we better lose the dollar agreement fee - than the client. I hold your letter to

mate of the Soldiers Home  
he wishes to consult me  
walks all the way to St  
8 miles - for want of

knowledge - fee out of  
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ing dunned.

Steels.

Feb. 15. 90.

perfectly satisfactory.

the \$1. go for good &

Starkweather.

Account Debit

Starkweather

Letter from -

Oct. 23. 89.  
Nov. 13. 89.  
Jan. 30. 90.

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I will remit as soon as I receive. I am tired of being dunned.

Feb. 10. 90.

Steels.

Feb. 15. 90.

Explanation perfectly satisfactory. We will let the H. go for good & all.

Starkweather.