



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

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NOTICE TO CLAIMANT.

This Contract is permissible under the Law, but not compulsory.

READ THE FOLLOWING COPY OF THE STATUTE:

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

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APPROVED JULY 4, 1884.

FEE CONTRACT.

No. *Certificate 262083,*
CLAIM OF
Franco Hoffman Butler
Co. *"H" 71st Reg't.*
Lynn County Vols.
Incarcerated
FOR PENSION.

Filed by *Chas. J. Stee,*
Room 8 - Six Block
Adams Seventh Street,
St Paul, Minn.

WHEREAS, I, Francis Hoffman of the City of St Paul,
Ramsay County, Minnesota, late a Drummer
 in Company "E", of the Fifth Regiment of Town Cavalry Volunteers,
 war of rebellion having made application for increase pension under the laws of the United States.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of his
 services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my agent Charles J. Stees
 of St Paul, Minnesota, the fee of Ten \$10.00
 dollars, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any services in furtherance of said claim, and said
 fee shall not be demanded by or payable to my said agent, in whole or in part, except in the case of the granting of
 my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions; and then the same shall be paid to him
 in accordance with the provisions of sections 4768 and 4768 of the Revised Statutes,

John K. Cook
Geo. A. Stees
 [Two Witnesses Signatures.]

Francis Hoffman
 [Signature of Claimant.]
Room 8 - Stees Block
Jackson & Seventh Sts. St Paul, Minn.
 [Post-office address.]

State of Minnesota, County of Ramsay, ss.

Be it known that on this, the Fourth day of June A. D., 1890, personally appeared
Francis Hoffman the above named, who after having had read over to him
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being added before signing.

[L. S.]

Alfred H. Stees
 [Official Signature.]
Notary Public, Ramsay Co. Minn.

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 And that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without additional cost to the claimant, as required by law,
 in excess of the fee above-named, the said agent making no charge therefor.

Witness my hand the year and day above written.

Charles J. Stees
 [Signature of Agent.]

State of Minnesota, County of Ramsay, ss.

Personally came Charles J. Stees, whom I know to be the person he represents
himself to be, and who, having signed above acceptance of agreement, acknowledge the same to be
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[L. S.]

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Notary Public, Ramsay County, Minn.

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 _____ of _____
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APPROVED JULY 4, 1884.

FEE CONTRACT.

No. Certificate 262083

CLAIM OF

Francis Hoffman, Buffalo

Co. K. 11th Reg't.

40th Cavalry Vols.

Successor

FOR PENSION.

Filed by Chas. J. Stees.

Room 8 - Steen Block

Jackson + Seventh Streets

St Paul, Minn.

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

WHEREAS, I, Francis Hoffman of the City of St Paul, Ramsey County Minnesota late a Bugler in Company K, of the Fifth Regiment of Iowa Cavalry Volunteers, war of rebellion having made application for pension under the laws of the United States.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of his services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my agent Charles J. Stees of St Paul, Minnesota, the fee of Ten & 10/100 dollars, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any services in furtherance of said claim, and said fee shall not be demanded by or payable to my said agent, in whole or in part, except in the case of the granting of my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions; and then the same shall be paid to him in accordance with the provisions of sections 4768 and 4768 of the Revised Statutes.

John Cook
Ing A. Stees
[Two Witnesses Signatures.]

Francis Hoffman
[Signature of Claimant.]
Room 8 - Stees Block -
Jackson & Seventh Sts, St Paul, Minn.
[Post-office address.]

State of Minnesota, County of Ramsey, ss.

Be it known that on this, the Fourth day of June A. D., 1890, personally appeared Francis Hoffman the above named who after having had read over to him in the hearing and presence of the two attesting witnesses the contents of the foregoing articles of agreement, voluntarily signed and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed. The word increase being being added before signing.

[L. S.]

Alfred W. Stees
[Official Signature.]
Notary Public, Ramsey Co. Minn.

AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE.

And now, to-wit: this Fourth day of June A. D., 1890, I accept the provisions contained in the foregoing articles of agreement, and will, to the best of my ability, endeavor faithfully to represent the interest of the claimant in the premises. I hereby certify that I have received from the claimant above named, the sum of dollars and no more; dollars being for fee, and the sum of dollars being for postage and other expenses. And that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without additional cost to the claimant, as required by law, in excess of the fee above-named, the said agent making no charge therefor.

Witness my hand the year and day above written.
Chas J. Stees
[Signature of Agent.]

State of Minnesota, County of Ramsey, ss.

Personally came Charles J. Stees, whom I know to be the person he represents himself to be, and who, having signed above acceptance of agreement, acknowledge the same to be his free act and deed.

[L. S.]

Alfred W. Stees
[Official Signature.]
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.

APPROVED FOR DOLLARS, and payable to

of the recognized attorney. Commissioner of Pensions.

Know all Men by These Presents, That *Francis Hoffman*, late *Buyer Co. "K" Fifth Regiment Iowa Cavalry Vols.* have appointed, and

by these presents do make, constitute and appoint *Charles J. Stees*, of *St Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota*,

true and lawful attorney for *me* and in *my* name, place and stead, and do hereby authorize the said *Charles J. Stees* to

appear before any and all the Departments of the interior in Washington, D.C. and in every legal manner act for me in the prosecution of my claim for increase pension, No of Certificate 262083 as private of Company "K" Fifth Regiment Iowa Cavalry Volunteers.

And in consequence of the fact that I have been informed that *John C. Starkweather* who was my attorney has been disbarred from practice before the said Department, and the fact that the said *Charles J. Stees* has already procured all or nearly all of the evidence required in my said claim, I hereby revoke the power of attorney heretofore given by me to said *John C. Starkweather* and in his place appoint *Charles J. Stees* as my attorney as aforesaid.

granting unto *him* said attorney full power to perform everything whatsoever required and necessary to be done as *I* might or could do if personally present, without revocation.

In Witness Whereof, *I* have hereunto set *my* hand and seal the *fourth* day of *June* in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety *8*

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

John R. Cook
Geo. A. Stees

Francis Hoffman 




State of *Minnesota*,
County of *Ramsey*.

Be it Known, That on this *fourth* day of *June* A. D. 189*2*, before me personally appeared *Francis Hoffman*

to me known to be the individual person described in and who executed the foregoing Power of Attorney, and *he* acknowledged that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Alfred H. Stees
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

FROM

Francis Hoffman

TO

Charles J. Stees

No. 99.—Pioneer Press, St. Paul, Minn.



F. E. Pond Rec. June 26. 90.
Hoffmans Voucher.
Paid June. 30. 90.

Francis Hoffman
St Paul

Ramsay Co -
Room # 8 Steis Block Cor. Jackson & 7th St. -
Minn

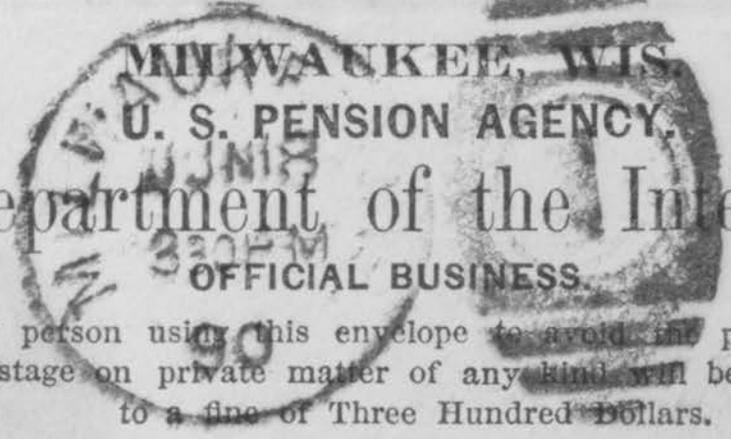


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Francis Hoffman
Room 8 Steers Bldg St Paul

a/c C. J. Steers

Ullman

Hoffman -

From Dec 4 to Mar 4
3 mos at \$4 pr mo \$12.00
From Mar 4 to Mar 12
8 days at \$4 pr mo - 1.04
From Mar 12 to ~~June 1st~~ ^{March 31}
19 days @ \$6. pr mo. - 3.80
From April 1st to June 1st 12.
June 1 to June 4 = 3 days .60
\$29.44

Nathan Bickford

Atty's fees -

10

Washington - D.C.

19 + 44

Expenses - Pres. lent - 10.

10.

~~to houses -~~

9.47

Borrowed money 4.

Paid balance \$5.47

June 30th 1890.

Commenced Application
for Pension Certificate
about Dec 28th 88
in place of one lost.

Frank Hoffman.

Claim for Increase filed

Dec. 24, 88.

ditto
Duplicate Cert. Pens. Dec 5. 88.

Francis Hoffman.

applied under Bickford
< give date >

Pension worked up by
Stus + allowed from
date of Stus' application.

Claim agent's fees given
to Bickford ^{but} ~~Pension~~
claim not allowed from
Bickford's application.

Frank Hoffman.

1889.

Feb'y-8 th Loan	\$1.50
Mar 23 rd do	2.00
do 23 rd Writing 6 letters.	2.00
April 19 th Loan -	1.50
Sept-11 th Writing <u>A.P.</u>	2.00

1890.

Feb'y 6 th Loan returned	<u>2.00</u>
June 13 th Loan -	2.50
do do	.50
" 26 th " "	<u>1.00</u>
Loan due -	4.00

Commenced writing for
Auplicate Pens. Certificate
Dec. 5th, 1888.

Note for Permits
to draw Pension money

COPY.

~~St Paul, Minn~~

Mar. 14. 90

to -

Enclosed find
Or. Frank Hoff
- man Buylor & Co
5th Iowa Cav.

orig. Recs. Cert

No 2620 83.

Or. made

Mar. 12. 90.

Signed, Chas. E. Smith

See y.

To -

Jobstark,

Washⁱⁿ - DC.

Frank Hoffman.

Recd June 3. 90.

New Pension Cert + Vouchers with 6 mos pay
for Hoffman to sign +

Ans June 4. 90.

Returned above duly executed + explaining why
the "Old Pens. Cert." was not returned +

~~See
Com^r Penns Rann's
letter to Hoffman —
or — ditto Ponds do
that two papers had been
allowed.~~

~~Said papers may be
with Hoffmans Cert of
Pensions —~~

St Paul Min
Aug 19 '89.

Dr. Stearns -

Hav'n't heard any thing of
Frank Hoffman's duplicate cert of
Pensions - ~~that~~ - that I wrote you
about -

Where does "She hang fire"
hat - yrsl

C. J. S.
W. Corb & Min.

1
Maj Frank A. Butts
Co A + N - S. Div.
Bur. Pns
Wash - D. C.

TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST TO CLAIMANT.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

Whereas I, Francis Hoffman of the city of St Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota late a Bugler in Company "K" of the Fifth Cavalry Regiment of Iowa Volunteers, war of rebellion, having made application for pension under the laws of the United States, ^{increase}

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my agent John C. Starkweather Charles J. Stees of Washington, D.C. the fee of Twenty-five Dollars - paid Jan 25/10 7 DOLLARS, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any services in the furtherance of said claim; and said fee shall not be demanded by, or payable to my said agent, in whole or in part, except in case of the granting of my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions; and then the same shall be paid to him in accordance with the provisions of sections 4768 and 4769 of the Revised Statutes, U. S.

John K. Cook
Geo A. Stees
(Two Witnesses Signatures.)

Francis Hoffman
Room 8 - Stees Block -
Jackson South St. St Paul, Minn.
(Post-office Address.)

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(Official Signature.)

Agent's Acceptance

Alfred W. Stees
Notary Public, Ramsey Co., Minn.

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Witness my hand the year and day above written.

Charles J. Stees
Agent
(Signature of Agent.)

District State of Minnesota
County of Washington Ramsey

Personally came John C. Starkweather Charles J. Stees whom I know to be the person he represents himself to be, and who, having signed above acceptance of agreement, acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal this 4th day of June 1890

L. S.]

Commissioner's Approval.

Alfred W. Stees
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No. Certificate 262083.

CLAIM OF

Francis Hoffmann,

Bureau

Co. 1st Fifth Reg't.

10th Iowa Cavalry Vols.

In witness whereof

FOR PENSION.

Filed by

JOHN C. STARK WEATHER,

OFFICES:

1420 New York Ave.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Printed and for sale by J. H. SCOTT, Washington, D. C.

LAW DIVISION.

K Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., June 6, 1890

On

The application to have *the* pension claim, *of* No. 262,083, of Francis Hoffman placed upon the list of "Completed Files," has been received. The allegations therein, complying substantially with the requirements of Order No. 151, dated January 6, 1890, the claim will be placed in the "Completed Files."

Very respectfully,

Green B. Ransom
Commissioner.

To J. C. Starkweather

180-5

Hoffman
Rec, June 9, 90.

Search by
JOHN C. STARKWEATHER,
OFFICES:
120 New York Ave.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Frank A. Butler
Frank Hoffman
Chas. P. Lincoln
Dep't. Sec'y Genl. Pens.
Dep't. Sec'y Genl. Pens.
May 19. 90
Rec May 22. 90

WASHINGTON, D.C.
MAY 19
6 PM
90

Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

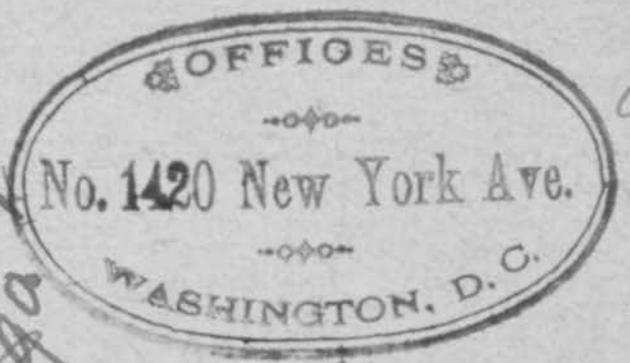
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Capt. James J. Stees
Adjutant General's Office
St. Paul Minn.

SAINT PAUL MINN.
MAY 21
3 PM
1890
REC'D.

10. Atty Gen paid Nathan Bickford
Mrs. Stark. July 29, 90



July 9/90
Dear Sir:- Have you
heard anything about your
claim?

Yours truly,
Geo. C. Hartweather,
Attorney.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Francis Hoffman,
Room # 5, Minn. st., Cor. 7th
St. Paul,
Minn.

Frank Hoffman - Busler Co. "N"

5" Iowa Army. Cert. No. 262083.

C/o Capt. Chas. C. Steen

Adj. General's Office

Has sent in alpha for new ch. St. Paul,
Request permit to draw pens -
to March 4" 1898. Minn.

MAY 5 1890

CERTIFICATE DIV.
MAY 15 1890
RECEIVED.
B P

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m. b. d.
C. K.
Certificate Division.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19, 1890.

Capt. James J. Stees,

Adjutant General's Office,

St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that the claim for Increase of pension by Frank Hoffman, late of Co. "K" 5th Iowa Cavalry, has been admitted, and his certificate, No. 262,083, reissued accordingly. It will be mailed to the Pension Agent at Milwaukee, for payment, in a few days - about the 21st instant.

Very respectfully,

Charles Lincoln
Deputy Commissioner.