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Act June 27. 1890.
Curtis Kelcey.

Hambine, Kansas Co. Minn.

Private Co. "C" - 2nd Reg't Wis. Inf.

and Private Co. "D" - Miss. Marine Brigade.

Claim Filed Feb'y 27. 1891.

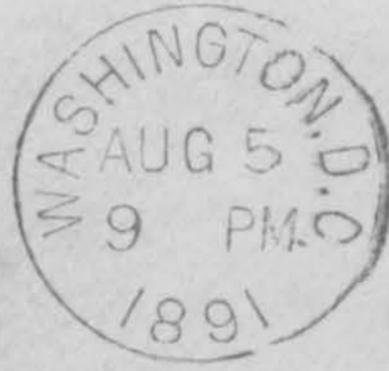
Claim Rejected Feb'y 15. 1892.

Claim Number 999165.

Rheumatism, lame back Wound in Head.

Claim Re-opened March 1st 1892.

With Adj't Gen'l State Minnesota.



Chas. J. Steers, Atty.
St. Paul,
Minn.

Department of the Interior.
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

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Original No. 999/65.
Curtis Kelsey
Co. C. 21st Reg't. Wis. Inf.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Feb. 15th*, 1892

Sir:

The claim above

cited, filed under the act of June 27, 1890, is rejected on the ground that

the claimant is not disabled for manual labor in a pensionable degree.

Very respectfully,

Quincy Rawm

Commissioner.

John H. Mullen
St. Paul,

Minn.

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

February 22^d 1892.

Henry B. Farwell, Esq.
No 18 East 4th St.
City.

Dear Sir: The enclosed will explain itself; Kelsey thinks the Board of examining Surgeons at St Paul did not do him justice & he desires to be examined by the Board at Minneapolis; how shall he proceed to do so.

He is a friend of mine & I desire to assist him, but any thing I do for him will have to done through Gen. Mullen, who was his attorney of record in this case - Will it not?

Curtis filed his application for pension with Gen. Mullen for Sunstroke & rheumatism, but the doctors would not examine him on rheumatism. The sunstroke only affects him at intervals & ^{he} was not affected nor showed any signs of it at examination & yet he is "laid up" & unable to work at his trade < house painter > for months at a time

He served five months in Co "C" - 21st Wisconsin Infantry & was transferred to the Mississippi Marine Brigade where he served three years & was Hon. discharged with a high character for bravery, good conduct & an efficient soldier, by his officers & yet Gen. Mullen's clerk did not enter his three years service on his application for pension.

Will you please advise me what course to pursue & return this letter with reply - for which I enclose stamp.

Truly yours,
Chas. J. Stees

St Paul, Minn.
Feb'y 24, 1892.

Farwell, Henry B.

Says - have Gen. Muller
re-open the case.

Make affidavit that you did not
receive satisfactory exam + ask for
examination by Board of Surgeons at
Minphis.

Get two friends or neighbors to
testify to your sunstroke + rheumatism.

Go to Dr. Pyme, Defail Block
"7 Corners" - Take a blank affidavit with
you - Have Dr. Pyme examine you +
make affidavit as to his examination +
+ your condition - Get two or three
blank affidavts from Gen. Muller -

Make out affidavit as to your
military records, your disabilities +
that you are not satisfied with the
exam. of Board Surgeons here + ask
to be sent to Minphis for Med. Exam.

CHAS. J. STEEBS,
PENSION CLAIM AGENT,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Steep Block.

Kurtis' Celsey.

Have 2^d enlistment
& discharge entered in
this Affid. - to wit:
his service in Miss Mamie
Bridgde which was over 2
yrs - while service in
Co "C." 21st Wis. Inf was
only 6 or 7 months

Do you see?

Also - "fell out" he has
no interest yet.

Mus out, Vibury - Jan'y '65.

Went to Oskosh 15th '80

do St Paul 12 '92

Dr. Woyos Oskosh

attended for Rheumat

Dr. Shimick } Oskosh
Shenick }

Dr. Nelson St Paul

for Quinsy -

Pointas for Curtis Kelley.

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++ matter ^{orig} Inv. Pens. Claim No. 999165

of Curtis Kelsey, Private Co "C" - 21st Wis.
On this 15th day of March 1862, 37 years of age, and
Kelsey says that he is the claimant in the
above named case, enlisted as a Private
in Co "C" 21st Regt - Wis. Inf. Vol. on the
18th day of Aug. 1862 & was discharged
at Benton Barracks, St Louis Mo. by order
of R. O. + + for re-enlistment in Miss.
Marine Brigade on the 2nd day of Dec. 1862,
& was discharged therefrom ~~from~~ on the
+ day of January, 1865.

That he filed an application for
pension in Office Adjt - Genl State Minn
on the 27th day of Feby 1891 - for rheumatism
same back & wound in the head - That
said claim was rejected on the 15th day of
Feby 1892 - "on the ground that the
claimant is not disabled for manual
labor in a sensible degree"

claim affiant further states under oath
that at the present time he is suffering
from ^{rheumatism same back & wound in the head} diseases right testicle & cord, that
he has chronic eczema affecting Auditory
is troubled with ^{itching} itching and watery dis-
charge of the eyes which also affects his canals -

That he also suffers from a blow rec'd
in head while in service in line of duty
which now causes affiant almost constant
Vertigo, resulting in absence of mind, loss of
memory to such an extent that he gets lost on
the street - & can't tell the locality altho
he has lived in this city 12 yrs. & is familiar
with all the streets. That this condition

That in his application he did not
think it necessary to mention these facts
& was consequently not examined thereon
& asks that his case be reopened - & that he

be ordered before exam. board Surgeons Minn
phis - That he states under oath that he be-
lieves the Board Ex. Surgeons at St Paul Minn
did not do him full justice & give him a
thorough examination
& disability - greatly interferes with his trade
Painter - prevents him from climbing ladder
upon scaffolds & roof of houses

affiant & declares he has no interest re-
sworn to & subscribed before me
Curtis Kelsey
Chas. Steus
Notary Public Ramsey Co. Minn.

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

February 27th, 1892.

Doctor Pyne,
"7 Corners",
Deziel Block,
City:

Dear Comrade:

I take great pleasure in introducing Comrade
Curtis Kelsey of Acker Post of this city; late Private Co. "B" 21st
Regt Wis. Infantry; transferred discharged for re-enlistment in
Co "D" Mississippi Marine Brigade.

Comrade Kelsey will explain to you his
disabilities for which he claims pension. He made application
for pension through Gen. Mullen, Adjutant General of the
State of Minnesota in February 1891; Feb'y 15th 1892, the Com-
-missioner of Pensions notified Gen. Mullen that Kelsey's claim
for pension "is rejected on the ground that the claimant is not
disabled for manual labor in a pensionable degree".

Now Comrade Pyne, I am satisfied from
my long acquaintance with Comrade Kelsey & hearing his complaints,
that he did not receive due and full justice from the Board of
examining Surgeons in this city when Kelsey was ordered before them
for medical examination & I want you to give him a thorough
examination of all his complaints & make out as strong an affidavit
for him as you possibly can. I am not interested in this case Gen. Mullen
being the Attorney of record & being actuated only from the Spirit of Fraternity &
Charity. Kelsey is highly endorsed by his officers & deserves a pension for his services - his needs
one & should have it.

Fraternally yours,
Chas. J. Stees, Acker Post 26.

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

Feb 27. 92.

Gen. Jno. H. Muller,
Adjt-Gen. State Minnesota,
City:

Sr. Stearns:

Please give me the following
prints in regard to Commodore
Curtis Kelsey, private in Co. 21st
Regt. Wis. Inf. Vols. discharged
for re-enlistment in Co. "D"
Mississippi Marine Brigade,
Claim No. 999165. to wit:
1st Date of 1st enlistment
+ discharge.

2^d Date of 2^d enlistment +
discharge.

3. Date of application for
pension through your office.

4. Names of diseases ^{+ disabilities} for
which pension is claimed,
under act June 27. 1890.

Object — An affidavit by
Kelsey through your office
to have a re-examination
before Examining Board of
Surgeons at Minneapolis
or elsewhere.

Travelling yours,
Chas. Stees.

State of Minnesota,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

ST. PAUL, FEB'Y 20, 1889.

Believing that it is not generally understood throughout the State that by Section 7, Chapter 12, General Statutes of 1878, it is made the duty of the Adjutant General to prosecute all pension claims against the government without cost to the claimant: the undersigned desires to make it clear to all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans and dependent parents, now resident of this State, that every honest and meritorious claim against the United States government for pension, bounty, or back pay, arising out of the war for the Union, will be cheerfully received and promptly and vigorously prosecuted without money and without price.

The necessary blanks will be sent upon application, to any part of the State. Letters will be promptly answered and all information cheerfully given.

JOHN H. MULLEN,

Adjutant General.



Curtis Kelsey

Enlisted Aug 18 - 1862

Transferred to Miss Marnie

Brigade Dec 21 - 1862 = 4 mos.
discharged therefrom Jan'y + 1865.

Filed in this office

Feb 27-91 No 999165

Refiled Feb 15-92

Rheumatism - Lam Back
Wound in Head

Dr ~~James~~ O. De Pini says -

Curtis Kelsey has a diseased right testicle & cord.
He has Chronic eczema affecting Auditory
Canal. He has a ^{contracted} ear on forehead, stated
caused by a wound in ^{the nose} ~~the nose~~ which applicant
claims causes almost constant vertigo.