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Pension Agent Charles J. Stees

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Bertha Minch

657 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street,

Widow of Emil Minch

Capt - 1<sup>st</sup> Battery Minn L. Art.

Pension Certificate # 12622.

Widow's Claim # 396216.

Claim filed May 18<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Claim allowed -

Claim 1<sup>st</sup> Made Sep. 8. 87.

Residence 1031 Sims Street,

Between Earl + Cypress Streets.

OFFICE OF  
ADJUTANT GENERAL,  
ST. PAUL

Att. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Group

E. Div.

No. 396, 216.

July 3<sup>d</sup> 1890

Claimt. Bertha Munch  
Jedier. Emil Munch  
Service. Betty Munch A.

John B. Starkweather Esq.

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Sir: \_\_\_\_\_

In response to your inquiry of recent date, relative to the above cited claim for pension, you are advised that it has been referred to a Special Examiner of this Bureau for special examination at the residence of the claimant, and elsewhere if necessary, to determine its merits.

The case will be taken up when reached in regular order, and due notice given as to time of taking testimony.

Very respectfully,  
Geo B Kamm

Commissioner

Dept Interior  
Bureau Pensions  
Washington D.C.  
July 3. 90

Stark J. C.

Forwards Com of Pene  
letter dated July 3<sup>rd</sup> relating  
relating to Bertha Wunsch, widow  
Claim No. 396216, referring  
same to Special Examiner.

Rec. July 12, 90.

Ans.





Headquarters Acker Post, No. 21.

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA.

# GRAND ARMY of the Republic.

C. D. PARKER,  
COMMANDER

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER, 376 JACKSON STREET.

WM. O'GORMAN,  
ADJUTANT.  
F. A. KRCH,  
QUARTERMASTER.

St. Paul, Minn. June 7<sup>th</sup> 1889

General Letter.

Dear Sir:

In the case of Mrs Bertha Minch, Widow of Emil Minch  
late Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Battery, Minn. Light Art. Pension Certificate No 12622 — if  
her claim is allowed will she draw pay from the date of her first application  
which was, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1887? Please answer this point by return mail: She  
will make affidavit to the fact of her papers being made out Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1887.  
if necessary. I will forward the affidavits of midwife + two neighbors  
in a few days. You close your letter of May 22<sup>d</sup> by saying — "This is a  
good case" — "What's the matter with Mrs Rolfe"? A parallel case  
Widow of Robt Rolfe Co 7<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Regt Minn. Inftry, Pension Certificate  
No 365419 — whose application was made all evidence in, Dec  
10<sup>th</sup> 1887 — "That was a good case too!" Something is wrong there, why  
don't we hear from her claim?

Received the good news of L. R. Cummings's claim allowed  
to day. Why didn't you write how much he got — what rate per month?  
I don't care how soon you send on my share of the plunder — I hope you  
will receive the same news — very soon — of all your Minnesota Clients —  
"All along the line."

To  
Gen John LeStarkweather,  
#1420 New York ave,  
Washington, D.C.

Yours truly,  
Chas. J. Stees.  
Real Estate & Pension Claims,  
#71 East 7<sup>th</sup> St. Cor. Minnesota.

St Paul Minn  
June 17. 1889.

Stees. C. J.

Asks Starkweather if Bertha  
Munich's claim when allowed will  
date back to first application 1887.

Speaks of Mrs. Rolfe's claim.  
Summings claim allowed.

Rec'd the instruments

St Paul Minn  
July 16 '89,

Sir - Bertha Minch would like to know  
status of claim & if further evidence is  
needed to complete same.

Yours truly  
C. J. S.

J. C. S.  
Wash<sup>n</sup> - D. C.

Starkweather's Reply.

Wash<sup>n</sup> - D. C.  
July 23 '89.

Capt. C. J. S.

Sir:

Have asked status in above  
claim & as soon as we hear, will inform you  
Yours truly  
J. C. S.

Rec'd July 27 '89.

St Paul Minn  
July 16. 89.

Stas, G. J.

Inquire for status of  
Mrs. Bertina Minich.

Mailed July 16. 89.

Starkweather's Reply.

Washington, D.C.  
July 23. 89.

Starkweather J. C.

Has asked status in  
the above.

Rec. July 27. 89.

COPY.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT FOR ANY PURPOSE.

State of Minnesota,

County of Washington

ss.

In the matter of the Widow's Pension Claim acct. of Mrs. Bertha Minch, widow  
of Emil Minch (Here give Soldier's name.)  
Late Captain of 1st Battery, Minnesota Light - Pension office No. 12622,  
Establish Certificate

no 396216

On this 8th day of June A. D. 1884 personally

appeared before me a Notary Public in & for said County authorized to administer oaths,

Nellie Olson aged 47 years a resident of Lakeland  
County of Washington

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

sworn, says that she well remember the birth of Gustav Minch, youngest son of Emil and Bertha Minch, which occurred on or about January 20th. 1876, and that her knowledge of the facts are obtained from being present at the time of birth of said Child - Gustav Minch, and her acting as Midwife at the time and nursing the child after its birth.

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

That affiants P. O. Address is Lakeland, Minnesota  
and she further declare that she has no interest in said claim.

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

BK Watson  
Hans J. Hanson

Signature of Affiants.

Nellie Olson  
her mark

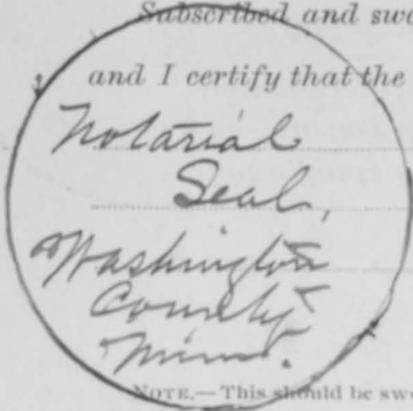
OVER.

State of Minnesota.

County of Washington

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of June 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 B.R. Watson, Notary Public, Washington County, 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.

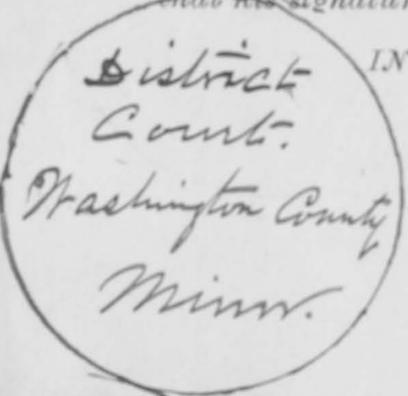
STATE OF Minnesota, COUNTY OF Washington

I, C. A. Bennett, Clerk of the Court in and for the County

and State above named, do hereby certify that B.R. Watson, Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has thereunto signed his name, was, at the time of so doing, a Notary Public 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 11th day of June 1889,

C. A. Bennett, Clerk of the District Court.



COPY.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

Widow's Pension Claim, No. 12622, 396216. Acc't of Mrs. Bertha Minich, widow of Emil Minich late Capt. 1st Battery Reg't. Minnesota - Light Artillery. Affidavit of Nellie Bloom, Michroise, Lakeland, Washington County, Minn.

Executed June 11th, 1889.

FORWARDED BY

Chas. J. Sileo, Real Estate and Pension Claims

AT SAINT PAUL, MINN.

On June 12th, 1889.

COPY.  
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Minnesota, } SS.  
County of Ramsey, }

Claim no 396216.

In the matter of Mrs. Bertha Minich, widow of Emil Minich late Captain  
1st Battery Minnesota Light Artillery Pension Certificate # 12622

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County  
and State, Gustav Heinemann, aged 41 years  
and Adolph Stierle, Jr., aged 21 years  
citizens of the Town of St Paul, County of Ramsey, State of  
Minnesota,  
Post Office Address.

Minnesota, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who,  
being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

*That they are neighbors of Mrs. Bertha Minich & have been acquainted with her for 17 years & knew her at the time of her husband's (Captain Emil Minich) death, & they know that she has not re-married but still remains the widow of said Captain Emil Minich deceased. That they reside in the immediate vicinity to Mrs. Bertha Minich and ~~she~~ reside at the corner of Fifth & Hoffmann Avenue and No 618 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street respectively, & they have gained a knowledge of the above facts from being neighbors of the aforesaid Mrs. Bertha Minich for over a year & soon after the decease of her husband the aforesaid Capt. Emil Minich & what they testify to they know from their own personal observation & knowledge*

Gustav Heinemann's - P.O. Address: No 157 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.  
do Residence: Corner 5<sup>th</sup> & Hoffmann Ave.

Adolph Stierle's - P.O. Address: No 302 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.  
do Residence: No 618 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

1 \_\_\_\_\_ }  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ } Signature of Affiants. Gustav Heinemann,  
Adolph Stierle Jr.

NOTE.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark (†), two persons who can write must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.  
The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark.

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 case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiantS ~~are~~ personally known to me; that *they are* creditable persons and so reputed in the community in which *they* reside

Witness my hand and official seal this.....*12<sup>th</sup>*.....day of.....*June*..... ..18 *89*,

ADD SEAL HERE.

Sign here... *Bern Davis*.....  
Notary Public, *Barnsey County, Minn.*  
*on record in Pension Department, Washington*  
*D.C.*

NOTE.—Should this be sworn to before any other officer than a CLERK OF COURT, then the proper CLERK OF COURT must add his certificate of character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

STATE OF....., COUNTY OF....., ss.

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..... ..18

Clerk of the.....



If a Notary Public (or Justice of the Peace) will put his signature and seal impress (if he has one) on a sheet of paper, and a Clerk of Court will certify that they are genuine, stating when his commission was dated and when it will expire, he can execute papers to be used in ONE DEPARTMENT ONLY during his term of office without authentication by Clerk of Court. Such Certificate for each Department where many authentications are required, will save much expense.

Several papers executed before one N. P. or J. P. on the same date need Co. Clerk's Certificate, on one only, if all are to be used in one case.

Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places, as near as you can remember, and if of your own personal knowledge and observation, and state how you know what you say to be true.

COPY.

No. ~~4622~~ *396216*

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

*Mrs. Berta Minch*

*Widow of Emil Minch*  
*late Capt 1st Regt Minn S. Art.*  
FOR

*Witness Pension*

*Continued* *Noborhoff*

AFFIDAVIT OF

*Gustav Heinemann*

*by* *Joseph Steink, Jr*

FILED BY

*Chas. J. Shes, Pension Claims*

*by* *Real Estate - N. W. Brown*

*J. E. Minnesota State.*

Printed and sold by W. U. Moore, Box 646 Washington D.C.

*June 12<sup>th</sup> 1889.*

COPY

St Paul, Minn.  
Oct. 18. 89.

Dr Sir:

1. In the matter of the claim no 396216 of Bertha Münch, widow of Emil Münch late Capt. 1st. Battery Minn. Light Art. whose pension certificate was no 12622 - she would like to know the status of her claim & what further evidence if any, is required to complete the same.

3. She filed her claim with us May 18. 89 & May 22. 89. you write me - "this is a good case."

2. Her husband was a pensioner at the time of his death - said death being caused by <sup>the same</sup> disabilities for which he drew a pension

4. We have furnished all papers called for, and June 18<sup>th</sup> - you asked for a settlement

6. We must hurry up this claim or the Dept will make a 2<sup>d</sup> call for neighbor's affidavits as to continuous ~~continuous~~ widowhood as in the case of Widow Polfers claim.

5. I wish you would open up the Dept on this claim.

Yours truly  
Char. Stead

7. Mrs. M - has a friend in the Pens. Dept. named Capt Hunter a one armed officer from Minn. perhaps he could be of some assistance. Think he was in her husband's Battery

St Paul, Minn.  
Oct. 18. 89.

Stus, C. J.

Inquire into Claim  
No 396216 of Mrs. Bertha Münch  
Widow of Emil Münch, Capt.  
1st. Battery, Minn. Lt. Art.

Mailed Oct. 18. 89.

COPY.

St Paul Minn.  
July 18. 90

Sir:

I return you herewith your favor  
of the 8th inst. in regard to Bertha Trunch  
McClow - Emil Mines, late capt. 1st Battery  
Minn. Lt. Art.

During the time Mr. Starkweather  
was disbanded, I procured the Power of Atty.  
in the above case, and I am the only  
Attorney to be recognized in said claim, as  
the case was given to me.

I will respectfully call your  
attention to rule 10 of the rules of practice  
of your department:

Very respectfully,  
C. J. S.

7th + Jackson -  
Stos Block - Room 8.

To the  
Hon G. B. R.  
Comm. Puro.  
Washington, D.C.

Mailed July 18, 90.

N E Qr. of N E Qr.

COPY

N W Qr. of N E Qr.

*St Paul Minn  
July 18. 90.*

S W Qr. of N E Qr.

S E Qr. of N E Qr.

Stes. G. S.

*Writen born Pensions  
why he not Stark-should be  
recognize as attorney for Bertha  
Münch, widow Emil Münch  
Capt. 1st. Battery Minn Lt. Art.*

N E Qr. of N W Qr.

N W Qr. of N W Qr.

S W Qr. of N W Qr.

S E Qr. of N W Qr.

N E Qr. of S W Qr.

Trailed July 18. 90.

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## POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I, *Bertha Minch, widow*  
*of Emil Minch, late Captain 1st. Battery Minnesota Light*  
*Artillery*

of *St Paul*, in the County of *Ramsay*, and State of *Minnesota*,  
 on account of the death of my former attorney, *John C. Starkweather*  
 have made, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute, and appoint

*Charles J. Stees*, of *St Paul, Minn.*,

my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name, place, and stead, hereby annulling and  
 revoking all former Powers of Attorney whatever in the premises, to prosecute before any  
 Department, or the Courts, or Committees of Congress of the United States until final completion,

for me, my Claim for *Widow's pension No 396216 - Original Widow's*  
*Claim executed May 18th. 1889 - Application first made out*  
*September 8th. 1887*

and to, from time to time, furnish any further evidence necessary, or that may be demanded,  
 giving and granting to my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and  
 every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises,  
 as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present at the doing  
 thereof, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that  
 my said Attorney or *his* substitute, may, or shall lawfully do or cause to be done by  
 virtue hereof.

My Post Office address is *No 1031 Sioux Street, St Paul, Minn.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this  
 day of *December*, eighteen hundred and *ninety*

(Signature of Claimant.)

[L. S.]

State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, 55:

BE IT KNOWN, That on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year eighteen hundred and \_\_\_\_\_, before me, the undersigned, a \_\_\_\_\_ in and for the said County and State, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ 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 h\_\_\_\_\_ and the contents thereof duly explained, acknowledged the same to be h\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

(Official Signature.)

[L. S.]

(Official Character.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing, \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_\_

[L. S.]

Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

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

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

No. 396216.

CLAIM OF

Bertha Minch,  
widow of Erub Minch  
late Capt. 1st. Battery  
Light-Inf. Minn. Vol.

FOR

Wilson's Pension.

FILED BY

CHAS. J. STEES,  
Offices, 7 & 8  
PENSION CLAIM AGENT,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Printed and For Sale by J. F. Shelby, Claim Blank Printer,  
No. 623 D Street, N W., Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Bertha Minch

6574 East C<sup>th</sup> St.

Marriage Certificate produced.

Proof of birth of Children - by Hellie  
Olson

Lakeland - Minn. - Wash<sup>n</sup> Co.

Affidavit of 2 neighbors.

Proof of being still a widow by A. Sterle  
Druggist 7<sup>th</sup> E & B<sup>th</sup> Way + G. Heinenman.  
Dry Goods Cor 7<sup>th</sup> E & Jackson.

Affid of Midwife

State Minn. County of Ramsey Wash<sup>n</sup> SS.

Mrs. Bertha Minch, widow of Emil Minch  
Late Capt 1<sup>st</sup> Battery Minn Lt-Inf-Pens. Cert  
No 12622 - on this day of June 1889. Before me  
Notary Public . . . aged yrs - resident  
Lakeland, Co Wash<sup>n</sup> Minn P O address

That she remembers birth of Gustav Minch  
which occurred on or about Jan 20' 1876 -  
+ youngest of Emil + Bertha Minch

that her knowledge of the facts are obtained from  
the fact of her being present at the birth of Emil  
Gustav Minch + her acting as midwife + nursing  
child after birth

She further declares she has no interest in case

General notes of  
Mrs. Bertha Münch.

State Min - County Clerk



June, 15. 89.

Capt. Charles J. Stees,  
Dear Sir:-

All  
papers in the claim of  
Bertha Münch rec'd.  
& filed. I have this day  
asked a settlement of  
the same. Enclosed please  
find Father's endorsement  
which please read.

Yours truly, respectfully,  
J. M. Starkeather.  
Clerk.

Washington, D.C.  
June 15-189.

Stark, D.C.

All papers of Bertha Munch  
rec'd + settlement asked -

calls attention to endorsement  
inclosed.



May, 22. 89.

Capt. Chas. J. Stees,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of  
18<sup>th</sup> rec'd. Enclosed find F.A.  
for Mrs. Bertha Münch  
have her execute the same  
& return to me with \$<sup>4</sup>.  
for expenses. Her marriage  
must be proven, births of  
children & that she is his  
widow & still unmarried.  
Also find 2 Gen'l blanks  
& 1 Physician's Dr. or attend-  
ing physician, or nurse,  
or mid-wife or a witness  
who was present can  
prove births of children.  
Use Gen'l. or Physician  
blank. Marriage by

certified copy of the  
Church record, marriage  
certificate, witnesses etc,  
Widow & still unmarried  
by neighbors, etc. use such.  
Execute all properly &  
return to me without  
delay. I return 2 papers  
which are not wanted.  
This is a good case.

Yours truly,  
John C. Starbuck

Ans June 12 '89.

By Son.

Ans. June 12 '89.

Enclose the Agreement  
Blankes + acks for \$1.00 + return  
2 papers not wanted + give  
general instructions - "This is a  
good case" - Mrs. Betta French.

Starbuck, J. C.

Washington, D. C.  
May 22, 89.

*Duplicate*  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

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

*After* ~~St Paul~~ Minn.

Name *Emil Munch*

Male, Female, Age.... *55 yrs*

Where Born (Nativity) .. *Germany*

~~White, Colored, Mixed Race~~

Date of Death, day... *31*... month *Aug*: year *1887*.

Cause of Death... *Heart Disease*

Place of Death (Street) *Farm near Florham*

Parentage (Nationality)... *German*

~~Single, Married, Widowed~~

Occupation.....

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

*O F Thomas* M. D.

*Lakeland Minn*

*Not wanted!*

*Filed by,*





Headquarters Acker Post, No. 21.

Department of Minnesota.

Grand Army of the Republic.

C. D. PARKER,  
COMMANDER.

WM. O'GORMAN  
ADJUTANT.

F. A. KROH  
QUARTERMASTER.

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER, 376 JACKSON STREET.

St. Paul, Minn., June 15<sup>th</sup> 1889

Sir:

Enclosed please find Affidavit  
of Mrs. Bertha Minnich, Widow of  
Emil Munch, late Capt First  
Battery, Minnesota Light Artillery  
Pension Certificate No 12622.

Yours truly  
— Chas. J. Stees

W. Cor. 7<sup>th</sup> & Minnesota

To —

J. B. Starkweather,  
#1420 New York Avenue,  
Washington, D.C.

June 18. 89.

The above all OK. I have  
this day filed & filed the  
same & asked its  
settlement.

St Paul, Minn,  
July 15, 1889.

Miss C. J.

Forward Affilt of Retha

Munch.

Starks reply of June 18'89.

~~Letter in 18. 7. 1889~~  
~~file in D. 1889~~

~~Keep records open for all~~

~~Concordia~~

Milwaukee, Sept 22 1887

In case of

Accrued pension due  
Emil Munch decd

before payment can be made the follow-  
ing is required:

Madam:

A. B. JUDD,

Pension Agent.

Take two witnesses  
before a Notary, Justice or  
Clerk of Court, and sign and  
Execute these two papers care-  
fully, having your own first  
Name inserted in the proper  
places, and so signing, as  
Mary J. Munch, or Sarah A.  
Munch &c &c.

Return the papers to me  
together with the Pension  
Certificate of your late husband  
which must now be surrendered  
and when the papers are  
approved by the Hon.

Commissioner of Pensions  
I will send you a check  
for amt. due

Sept 30, Papers  
filled out to order  
acknowledged & to  
other with jurisdiction  
of 12622 of Pension  
mailed to A. B.  
Judd U.S. Court  
Milwaukee

Not mailed.  
S.M.F.  
F.M.S.

St Paul, Minn.

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

Dear Sir,

Here is a case that will require your particular attention - Mrs. Bertha Münch Widow of Emil Münch late Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Battery Minn. St. Art. Pension Act No 12627 made "declaration for Orig Pens for Widow" Sept-8<sup>th</sup> 1887, & placed her papers in the hands of her Father, who soon after was taken sick, <sup>and</sup> the papers were neglected being forwarded to Washington.

I enclose what papers she left in my charge with the request that you return those you do not desire for use - to wit -

- 1<sup>st</sup> Her original declaration for Widows Pension.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Attending Physicians Affid of death of husband.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cert. of death of town authorities, when husband died.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dr. Potts Cert disability of her husband
- 5<sup>th</sup> A. B. Sudds' Pens. Act at Milwaukee & Notice.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Her Power of Atty to you.

Please let me hear your opinion on this case at your earliest possible convenience.

St Paul, Minn.  
May 18, 1890.

Stes. G. A.

Forwards "Original Decla-  
-ration" with 3 other papers of  
Bertha Munch.

St Paul Minn  
June 12<sup>th</sup> 1889

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Fee Agreements  
\$1.00 fee - Affidavits of 2 neighbors -  
ditto Midwife & marriage Certificate  
of Mrs. Bertha Munch Widow of Emil  
Munch late Capt 1<sup>st</sup> Battery Minn Light  
Art.

O Pens Cert 12622

Also - Letter of Inquiry for Pat Dawson  
Miss Marine Brigade -

To  
J. H. M. M. M.  
Washington D.C.

Yours truly,  
Chas. J. Stetson,  
Pension Claims & Real Estate,  
W. Cor. 7<sup>th</sup> & Minnesota,  
Room 5.

St Paul Minn  
June 12 '89.

Steu. G. J.

Forwards Fee Agreement,  
Fee, Aff'd to 2 Neighbors -  
Midwife & Maniay Certificate  
of Bertha Munch.



March, 25. 90.

Capt. Charles J. Stees,  
Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of Departmental call of Oct 29. 89 claimant's general and inability affidavit with claim of Mrs. Sarah Bertha Minch, widow. Capt. Emil Minch, "Battery, Minn. St. Art. Good!! I must have testimony of neighbors that Alfred has been always known & recognized as the claimant's son, that he is now living & is supported by the mother. Also a

verified copy of the church  
record of baptism on public  
record as to Alfred's birth or  
baptism. Return all direct  
to me when fully complied  
with.

Yours truly,  
John C. Starkweather,  
Attorney.

Rec. Mar 25 '90  
Ans. April 2 '90  
Mailed do 3

Rec. Mar 25 '90  
Ans. April 2 '90  
Mailed April 8 '90

Stark. J. C.  
letter for evidence  
as to the birth of Bertha  
Muncho's son Alfred  
March 25 '90  
Washington D.C.



July 7. 90.

Captain Charles J. Stea,  
Dear Sir:-

I have received  
for Widow's Pension # 396,216.  
Cert. no. 12,622 of Bertha  
Münch as the widow of  
Emil Münch Capt. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Batt. Min. St. Art., I  
have this day received  
from Mr. John A. Seeger  
of your City (claimant's  
own brother) four affidavits  
containing important  
evidence in the case. I  
have fixed & filed the  
same & acknowledged to

Mr. Decker with two blanks  
& instructions. One an  
Inability & the other a  
general.

Yours truly,  
John C. Startweaver,  
B. J. S.

Rec. Feb. 10. 90.  
Ans. Feb. 14. 90.

Stark. Feb.  
I think this is the  
account from Aggett's firm  
from Decker for the month

Mrs. Minah,  
Rec. Feb. 10. 90.  
Ans. Feb. 14. 90.

Washington, D.C.  
July 7. 90

St Paul, Minn.

Mar. 10. 90

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find letters for reference.  
I can't understand what you want  
Mrs. Minch to make affidavit to  
in the "Additional Evidence" and  
"Inability" Affidavit blank.

The Affdts of Henry Ernst, Chas.  
Nodine, Saml Patterson + John A. Suger  
covers all these points - it seems to me

how to cut it short; just  
fill out the two blanks you wish  
Mrs. Minch to acknowledge +  
return the same to me + I will  
have her sign them immediately  
+ forward to you. This is the  
shortest + quickest way to  
solve this knotty question.

Attend to this at once.

To -

Protector Weather,

Washington, D.C.

Yours truly

Chas J. West

#34 East 3<sup>d</sup> St.

St Paul, Minn  
March 10. 1890

Steele. C. J.

To Markweather & ask  
Why? Inability + Additional  
Evidence blanks.

COPY.



CITY OF

ST. PAUL AND COUNTY OF RAMSEY

OFFICE OF

BOARD OF CONTROL

ROOMS 14 & 15 COURT HOUSE CITY HALL



St. Paul, Minn. March 18<sup>th</sup> 1890

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

In matter of Widow's claim #396218, husband's #12622, of Bertha Minch, widow - Emil Minch, late Capt 1<sup>st</sup> Battery Minn. St. Art. & before me a Deputy Clerk of the District Court & & Bertha Minch of St Paul, Minn; P. O. Address, #654 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. & & being sworn - says - That she is the widow of Emil Minch the above named soldier. He was in the habit of talking over old war times with me & would say that the wounds he received in the service would be the cause of his death that he knew by the palpitations of his heart - the result of said wounds. - That he could not hold out much longer & I believe that his death was caused by the above - said wounds. During his last illness I called in a neighbor of mine by the name of Charles Rodin. My husband was then lying upon the floor struggling in the agonies of paralysis & death with Mr. Rodin's assistance we succeeded in lifting him into his bed when he deceased almost immediately. I further state that I believe from remarks made to me by the Captain at various times during our married life that his paralysis of the heart from which he effected his death & from which he suffered was the result of said wounds as before stated. I further state that Albit Minch, the son of soldier by me was born at St Paul, Minn; on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August - 1872, in a house situated on East 5<sup>th</sup> St. & &

and I further declare that I have an interest in said case & am concerned in its prosecution.

signed > Bertha Minch  
County of Ramsey

State of Minn.

Sworn to & & & he & & she & & is & & she is a & &

signed > G. A. Limberg,  
Deputy Clerk, District Court, Ramsey Co, Minn.

Widow's no 396216,  
Husband's no 12622.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

CLAIM OF

Bertha Minch,  
Widow of Emil Minch,  
Capt-4<sup>th</sup> Battery Minn St. Art.

AFFIDAVIT OF

~~Claimant~~

Mar. 18. 90.

Executed March 18. 1890.

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DIRECTORS  
NEPENDINGER  
KIMMEL  
ISAAC  
DEVER

St. Paul, Minn. March 18<sup>th</sup> 1890

INABILITY AFFIDAVIT.

In matter Widow's Pension claim 396216 of Bertha Minch widow Emil Minch  
Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Battery Minn. Lt. Art. x x before me a Deputy Clerk Dist. Court x x x  
Bertha Minch of St Paul, Minn. x x P.O. Address # 654 E 6<sup>th</sup> St. x x x  
being sworn x x x unable to comply x x x as to furnishing medical evidence  
of the last sickness of her late husband Emil Minch the reason that Capt Emil  
Minch did not employ a Physician during said sickness was the fact that we  
were living in the Country when he was taken with the paralytic stroke we  
were unable to secure a physician from the nearest town before his decease  
During his lifetime the Captain was what is called a Vegetarian & believed only  
in water cure; consequently never came in contact with any Allopathic  
or homeopathic physician for treatment and I further state that Alfred Minch  
the son of Captain Emil Minch by me was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1872, in a house situated on East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, St Paul, Minn.  
that at the time of his birth a Physician and a midwife were sent for  
but neither of them arrived until after the birth of the child, and that my  
brother John A. Sezer was present at the birth of said child Alfred!

She respectfully requests that the testimony of Samuel Patterson, Charles  
Woolin, Henry Frost & John A. Sezer be accepted in lieu of required  
evidence as to medical treatment at soldier's death & also as to Alfred's  
birth.

< Signed > Bertha Minch

State of Minnesota:

County of Ramsey.

Sworn to &c x x x her x x she x x x x is x x  
& she is a x x

< Signed > G. A. Simberg,  
Deputy Clerk, District Court,  
Ramsey Co. Minnesota.

Widow's no 396216.  
Soldier's # 12622.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

Inability Affidavit.

CLAIM OF

Bertha Münch,  
Widow Emil Münch, late  
Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Battery Minn. Lt. Art.

Affidavit of claimant.

Mar. 18-90.

Executed March 18. 1890.

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COR. SEVENTH & CEDAR STS.

## LUMBER and BUILDING MATERIAL.

*Dictated Letter.*

*St. Paul, Minn. Mch. 18/90*

Cap. Charles J. Stees.  
488 Grand Ave. City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find the two affidavits of Mrs. Bertha Muench  
duly signed and acknowledged before District Clerk of Ramsey County  
Please forward same to Washington at your earliest possible  
moment and oblige

Truly yours,

*John A. Sugar*

St Paul Minn  
March 18. 90

Seeger, Jno. A.

Encloses two Affidavits  
of Mrs. Münch to forward  
to Washington.

Jno. A. Seeger,  
Mar. 18. 90

Vertical text and stamps on the reverse side of the paper, including "RECEIVED" and "MAY 18 1890".



Chas. Rodin.  
Jan. 14, 90.

Affidavit of  
Charles Rodin.  
Jan'y 14th. 1890.

COPY.

State Minn.      Emil Affelt.      County of Ramsey.  
 Matter of Bertha Münch Widows Claim #396216, Widow of  
 Emil Münch, Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Battery Minn. Lt. Artly Pens. Cert. no  
 12622 ~~27~~ On this April 1<sup>st</sup> 1890. + + before Clerk Dist. Court  
 Elizabeth Steele, age 50 yrs. no 618 E 6<sup>th</sup> St. St Paul, Minn.  
 + Theresia Münch, age 47 yrs. no 618 E 6<sup>th</sup> St. St Paul, Minn.  
 + + + being duly sworn + + + That they are neighbors of Mrs.  
 Bertha Münch & have known her for 28 yrs. that they were  
 present in a house situated on E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. St Paul, Minn,  
 on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1872, when Alfred Münch the son of  
 Capt. Emil Münch & Bertha Münch was born. In the  
 absence of a Physician or Midwife they - the affiants - acted  
 in that Capacity & performed the duties of female attendants  
 & they are able to testify to the precise date from their own  
 personal <sup>observation &</sup> knowledge of the facts & their being present at the time  
 the said child Alfred was born. And the said <sup>son</sup> Alfred  
 Münch has been always known & recognized as the  
 baptism <sup>was</sup> his birth placed upon public record <sup>of a no</sup>  
 Claimant's son, that he is now living. <sup>(with)</sup> &  
 Physician <sup>or Midwife</sup> present & affiants testify to these facts from their  
 own personal knowledge & observation. The above  
 named claimant - Mrs. Bertha Münch, +  
 they have reviewed +

State Minn. Co Ramsey      <Signed> Elizabeth Steele  
 Sworn to + + they & ex do Theresia Münch,  
 Bloomsburg, Chief Deputy  
 Clerk Dist Court, Ramsey Co, Minn.

N E Qr. of N E Qr.

COPY,

N W Qr. of N E Qr.

Widow's # 396216,  
Husband's # 12622.

S W Qr. of N E Qr.

S E Qr. of N E Qr.

ADDITIONAL  
EVIDENCE  
CLAIM OF

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S E Qr. of N W Qr.

Bertha Münch,  
Widow of  
Emil Münch, late  
Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Battery Minn. Lt. Art.

N E Qr. of S W Qr.

AFFIDAVITS OF

N W Qr. of S W Qr.

S W Qr. of S W Qr.

S E Qr. of S W Qr.

Elizabeth Stierle and  
Theres Münch.

N E Qr. of S E Qr.

Mailed April 3, 90,

N W Qr. of S E Qr.

S W Qr. of S E Qr.

S E Qr. of S E Qr.

COPY.

St Paul, Minn.  
April 2 90.

Sir

Enclosed find Sept  
call returned as requested.

also - Affidavits of  
two neighbors fully complied with  
as desired in Widows Claim  
#39 6216 of Bertha Munch widow  
of Capt. Emil Munch

Yours truly  
Chas J. Stess.  
#34 83<sup>rd</sup> St.

To

Gen. Pro. Ct. & Weather,  
Washington D. C.

Mailed April 3. 90.

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S W Qr. of N E Qr.

S E Qr. of N E Qr.

St-Paul, Minn.  
April 2. 90.

Stus C. F.

Returns two Affidits

with Sep't bull to Stark.

N E Qr. of N W Qr.

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S W Qr. of N W Qr.

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Mailed April 3. 90.

State of Minnesota)  
County of Ramsey )ss.  
1

John A. Seeger being first duly sworn says that he is and for more than twenty (20) years past has been a resident of St. Paul County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota. That he was personally acquainted with Cap. Emil Muench in his life time and that he is personally acquainted with Bertha Muench and Alfred Muench, that the said Bertha Muench is the widow of said Cap. Emil Muench and the said Alfred Muench is the son of said Cap. Emil Muench and said Bertha Muench. That the said Alfred Muench was born in said City of St. Paul in said County and State on the 8th day of August, 1872 in a house situated on East 5th St. near the corner of Hoffman Avenue in the said City and that this affiant was present at the birth of said child; that all the facts hereinbefore recited, deponent knows of his own personal knowledge, and further affiant says nothing.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of January,  
1890.

John L. Moon, Notary Public

Ramsey County, Minn.

The above affidavit of John A. Seeger.

John A. Seeger.

Jan. 17, 90.

Affidavit of  
John A. Seeger  
Jan'y 17th. 1890.









COPY.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT FOR ANY PURPOSE.

State of Minnesota,

County of Ramsey, ss.

In the matter of the *Widows Pension Claim* acct. of *Mrs. Bertha Münch, Widow* of *Emil Münch* late *Captain* of No. *1<sup>st</sup>* Battery *1<sup>st</sup> Minn. Light Art.* Pension office No. *12622*, [Here give Soldier's name.]

On this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* A. D. *1889*, personally appeared before me *Mrs. Bertha Münch, Widow of Capt. Münch* a resident of *St Paul* County of *Ramsey* State of *Minnesota* a respectable citizen and entitled to credit, who, being duly sworn, says that

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

*on or about September 8<sup>th</sup> 1887, she made signed a "Declaration for Original Pension" as the widow of Emil Münch, late Captain First Battery Minnesota Light Artillery, which was duly acknowledged before the proper authorities and that she placed the pension papers in the hands of her father to forward to the Pension department at Washington, D. C. and that her father neglected to do so and that after her father's death her papers were found among his effects and forwarded to Washington, D. C..*

That affiants P. O. Address is *No 654 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, St Paul, Minn* and she further declares that she has *no* interest in said claim.

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

Signature of Affiants. { *Signed* } *Bertha Münch*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 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 Eugene Benn Davis, Notary Public  
whose name is required in the Pension  
Office, Hallowell, Me.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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**ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.**

Widow's Pension Claim,

No. 396216

Acc't of Ms. Bertha Munch, widow  
of Smif. Munch  
late Captain 1st. Battery Reg't.

Minnesota Light Artillery.

Affidavit of Bertha Munch  
as to claim for pension made  
Sept. 8, 1887.

Executed June 15, 1889.

FORWARDED BY  
Capt. Chas. J. Stees  
Real Estate & Pension Claims  
ADJUTANT GENERAL OF MINNESOTA,

AT SAINT PAUL, MINN.,

On June 15<sup>th</sup> 1889.

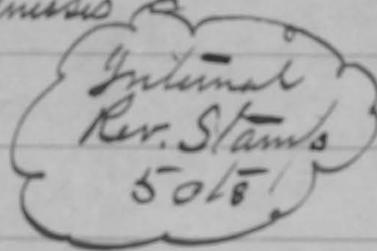
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State of Minnesota }  
County of Le Sueur } ss.

I hereby certify that on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1865, at Le Sueur in said County, I the undersigned a Justice Peace, did join in the holy bonds of Matrimony according to the laws of this State Emil Minch, of Ramsey County - Minnesota - and Bertha Seeger of Le Sueur County, Minnesota in presence of -  
William Seeger

Paul Seeger

Witness



Robert Travis  
Justice Peace

District Court, Eighth Judicial District.

State of Minnesota }  
County of Le Sueur } ss.

I Jacob Gish, Clerk of the District Court, Le Sueur County, and State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing annexed copy with the original Certificate of Marriage recorded in "Book A" of Marriage Records upon page 84 in this office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original & the whole thereof.

Witness my hand & seal of said Court at Le Sueur Center, Minnesota this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1889.

District Court -  
Le Sueur County  
Minnesota

Jacob Gish  
Clerk of the District Court

Certificate of Marriage  
of  
Mrs. Bertha Munch.

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is arranged in several columns and appears to contain names and dates.]*

LS

W.S.

Alc. P.

(3-366.)

S. E. DIVISION.

No. 396,276.

Claimant, Bertha Munch

Soldier, Emil "

Service, Capt 1<sup>st</sup> Batt'y Minn. I. O.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1890.

Mr. John C. Starkweather  
City

SIR:

You are advised that the papers in above entitled claim are now in the Special Examination Division and will be referred to a Special Examiner of this Bureau for special examination at claimant's residence and elsewhere, if necessary, to determine the question of merits.

Very respectfully,

Geo B Raum

Commissioner.



*Starkweather*

Washington  
May 22, 90

Ramm, Owen B.

Notifies Starkweather that  
Bertha Minch's claim will be  
referred to a Special Examiner.

NOTE.

Mrs. Bertha Minch was  
notified personally June 3, 1890.

Rec. May 26, 90.

~~318-249-5~~

Stark - Rec. May 26. 90.

Mrs. Arthur Trumbull

Notified personally June 3. 90 -  
1031 1/2

P.O. Address 1031 1/2 Sims St.

Belton Park & Cypress Sts.

JOHN C. STARK WEATHER  
OFFICES:  
1420 New York Ave.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Captain Charles J. Stark  
#34 - East 3rd

St. Paul,  
Minn.