



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

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Gottfried Ries.

Stillwater, Minnesota,

Private 2^d Battery Wisconsin Light Art.

Original Pension Certificate No. 366583.

Chronic Rheumatism.

Increase Claim filed April 2 '88.

Claim allowed July 17 '89.

Increased from \$4⁰⁰ to \$8⁰⁰ per month.

Second Increase Claim Executed Nov. 25 '89.

Do Filed Dec. 2^d 89.

Placed on Completed Files. June 25 '90.

Claim Allowed. Oct. 15. 1890.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

OFFICE OF

ADJUTANT GENERAL,

ST. PAUL.

St Paul Minn
July 13th 1889.

Dear Sir:

Gottfried Ries, private 2^d Battery
Wisconsin Light Artillery, Pension Certificate
No 366583 - called at my office & stated
he rec'd a communication from the Com^r
of Pensions thro' you direct that his claim
for Increase had been allowed.

This is the fourth time I have had
occasion to remonstrate against your com-
-municating with my clients direct - thus
utterly ignoring me & I think courtesy alone
would prompt you to address them
through me.

Please forward me some blanks
for "Invalid Claim for Increase" - I have
none on hand

Yours truly
Chas J Stees

Gen John Starkweather
Washⁿ, D.C.

St Paul, Minn.
July 13 '89

Slus, C. J.

To Slaskweather
about Gottfried Ries -
and remonstrance.

Mailed July 14 '89.

St Paul Minn
Aug 3 '89.

Sir: I have been notified that my
claim for increase has been allowed
by Cert. No 366583 - for Ch
Rheumatism & resulting disease of
heart - I received from \$4 to \$8
pr mo. to commence Oct 3 '88.
Please send my money to
Stittwater, Minn.

Yr Oblige

Yours truly,
(signed) Gottfried Riss

Aug. 3, 89.

Ries

Receives notice claim
is allowed

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CERTIFICATE DIVISION



De

July, 25. 89.

Sir
for Inc
325 Ones
pension is payable
who will also pay

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find Dept.,
letter of allowance in the
Increase Claim of Gottfried
Reis, accept my congratulations
for him. I will remit when
paid. Tell claimant to
apply to the Pension Agent
at Milwaukee, for his money.

Rate of pension
Ch. Chen
of least
Ver

Yours truly,
John C. Starkweather.
By

Atty John
W

Claim Allowed July 17. 1889.

Rec'd notice July 29.
Notified Reis July 30. } '89.
Ans. Starkweather July 30.

The act of July 4, 1884,
exceeding \$25, is agreed upon
by the Pension Agent out of the
compensation, he would subject
Any agent or attorney or
indirectly contract for, demand
for pension or bounty land that
provided, or who shall wrongfully
due such pensioner or claimant
conviction thereof, shall for ever
both, in the discretion of the court.

(3-165 a.)

CERTIFICATE DIVISION.

NOTICE OF ISSUE.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Sir July 17, 1889.

You are hereby notified that a certificate, No. 366583,
for Inc pension has this day been issued in favor of
Gottfried Ries
325 Oneida 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 Oct 3, 1888,
Ch rheumatism & resulting disease
of heart

Very respectfully,

James Ross
John C. Black
Atty John C. Starkweather Commissioner
Wash
D.C.

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.

Ries - Claim Allowed
July 17. 1889



March 19. 88

Dear Sir:

Yours of 14th rec'd.
You failed to send the
Increase application as
stated, of Gottfried Rees.
in your letter.

I send by mail Increase
& Fee Agreement Blanks
as requested.

Regarding Mrs Rolfe's
claim. It is hardly
time yet to hear. I asked
settlement Jan 16. Only
2 months. Will probably
take 3 or 4.

Regarding your Increase
claim, Ex. order was
filed Feb'y 27th Not
time yet. Probably hear

in 2 or 3 months.
Dept is behind hand
in current work.

July
John. Stakeracker
Atty

Rec'd from 22'88.
Am't April 2'88.
Maid April 3'88.

Slater & Co. J.C.
Yrly for Cottin & Co's Insurance
apportioned.
Some foreign and fee
agreement blank.
Mr. Fodge's claim and
1 or 2 months more for settlement
C. J. Stone will take 2 or 3
months more for settlement.

Washington, D.C.
March 19'88.

St Paul Minnesota
April 2^d, 1888.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose you the ^{claim for increase} application of Gottfried
Ries for private 2^d Battery Wisconsin Light Artillery, & otherwise
"Washington Artillery" & Certificate # 366583.

I also enclose one dollar & less .50 c for exp. stamps &c.
But I wish to call your attention to the fact as stated
in my last previous letter - that Ries & last October or
November 1887 & asked for an increase & placed his claim in
the hands of the Adj't Genl of this State which I presume is now
on file in Washington; ^{This claim he desires} ~~the~~ ~~wishes~~ to transfer that claim to
our hands.

Wm. C. Kalls, Musician Co. "C" 33^d Regt, Ills. Vet, Vol.,
Pension Certificate # 365513 - whose name I sent you
for an increase "baked out" & refused to sign the agreement
blanks which you forwarded because you charge \$25 instead
of \$10.

This claim
stricken
out of the
original
letter
of
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He enlisted Sept 18th 61, Mustered into
service Oct 1st 1861 & discharged October 12th 1864,
asks for an increase of Pension, & he draws \$4.⁰⁰
per month for ^{chronic} rheumatism. No of Certificate 366583.
Dated August 21st 1886.

1420 New York Ave
Washington, D.C.

Frederick J. Moller

Gottfried Ries
(Signature of Claimant.)

(Signed) Hubert Moller

(Two witnesses who can write, sign here.)

St Paul Minnesota

April 2^d, 1888.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose you ^{Claim for increase} the application of Gottfried Rics for private 2^d Battery Wisconsin Light Artillery, & otherwise "Washington Artillery" > Certificate # 366583.

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of
transmitt

Pension Certificate # 365513 - whose name I sent you for an increase "backed out" & refused to sign the agreement blanks which you forwarded because you charged 25 instead of \$10 - as others do.

Fraturnally Yours

Chas. J. Steer

#34 E 3^d Street

Gen. Spolestarkweather

#1420 New York Ave

Washington, D.C.

Trinidad J. Fullen

(Signed) Hubert Mollers

(Two witnesses who can write, sign here.)

Gottfried Rics

(Signature of Claimant.)

St. Paul Minn.
 April 2 '88.
 State, Class of.
 for increase of Pension the claim
 of Gottfried Ries, late private
 2^d Battery Wisconsin Light Artillery
 1st Wisconsin Light Artillery
 Pension Certificate # 366583
 Mailed April 3 '88.

Declaration for the Increase of an Pension

TAKE NOTICE.—If this declaration is executed before a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, the certificate of the
 CLERK OF THE COURT, as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer, must be attached.
 Neglect to comply with this requirement will cause trouble and DELAY.

State of Minnesota, County of Ramsay, ss:

ON THIS second day of April A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight
 personally appeared before me, a Deputy Clerk of the District Court within and for the County and State
 aforesaid, Gottfried Ries aged fifty (53) three years, a resident of
the City of St. Paul County of Ramsay State of
Minnesota, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the
 United States, enrolled at the Milwaukee, Wis. Pension Agency at the rate of Four
 dollars per month, Certificate No. 366583; by reason of disability from Chronic Rheumatism
 (Here name the disability for which pension was granted.)

incurred in the Military service of the United States, while serving as a private in the
 (Here state rank, company, and
Second Battery Wisconsin Light Artillery (then in Washington Artillery)
 regiment, if in the army; vessel if in the navy.)

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of the same disability
for which pensioned, the amount now allowed him
 (Here state reasons for applying for increase. If on account of increase in the disability for which already pensioned, that should be described. If
being wholly incommensurate with his
 on account of disability for which not pensioned, the location of the wound or injury, the name of the disease, and the time, place and circumstances
inability to perform manual labor. He is
 of its origin, and the names of hospitals where treated in the service, should be fully stated. The dates of treatment should be given as nearly as
by occupation a Carpenter but cannot work at his
 possible.)
trade on account of his rheumatism.

that he hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation,
John L. Starker of Washington, D. C.
 his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim.

His Post Office address is #325 Oneida Street, St. Paul, Ramsay
County, Minnesota

Travis E. Jull Gottfried Ries
 (Signature of Claimant.)
 (Signed) Hubert Moller
 (Two witnesses who can write, sign here.)

St. Paul Minn.
April 2 '88.
St. Paul, Minn.
Commissioner of Pension
for Increase of Pension
of Gottfried Ries, late private
2nd Battery Wisconsin Light Artillery
"otherwise Washington Artillery"
Pension Certificate # 366583
Mailed April 3 '88.

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State of Minnesota, County of Ramsey, ss:

ON THIS second day of April A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight personally appeared before me, a Deputy Clerk of the District Court and for the County and State aforesaid, Gottfried Ries aged fifty (53) three years, a resident of the City of St Paul County of Ramsey State of Minnesota, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the Milwaukee, Wis. Pension Agency at the rate of Four dollars per month, Certificate No. 366583; by reason of disability from Chronic Rheumatism (Here name the disability for which pension was granted.)

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His Post Office address is #325 Oneida Street, St Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Twining J. Fullen Gottfried Ries (Signature of Claimant.)

(Sign) Habut Moller (Two witnesses who can write, sign here.)

Also personally appeared Frederick Falkner residing at No 365 Von
Minden Street and Hubert Mollers residing at
No 241 West 3^d Street persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and
who being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Gottfried Rice

....., the claimant sign his name (make his mark) to the foregoing
declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him
that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

.....
Frederick Falkner
(Signed) Hubert Mollers
(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.) (Signature of Affiants.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2^d day of April A. D. 1888.

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained
to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words

.....
..... erased, and the words

..... added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the
prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.] 

(Signed) G. A. Limberg
(Official Signature.)

Deputy Clerk District Court.
(Official Character.)
Ramsey County, Minnesota.
Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County

I,
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, 188.....

[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.

COPY.

INVALID.

CLAIM FOR INCREASE.

Gottfried Rice, Applicant.
2nd Battery, Wisconsin.
Lights Artillery, Vols.
10th Wisconsin Washington Artillery
{ Pension Certificate No. 366583.

Executed April 2. 1888.

Filed by

COPY.

Washington Dc.

March 11 '89.

D. J. J. :
Your letter of the 6th Inst
at hand.

Extract.

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x

x

In the case of Gottfried Riez
We will hear from it in a few
days — I have called it up.

Truly Yours,
J. W. Starkweather.

COPY.

Washington, D.C.
March 11 '89.

Starkweather, J. C.

Extract.

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Will hear from the
case of Gottfried Reis in
a few days.

Rec'd Mar. 13,
Ans'd Mar. 18, 189.

5 West. Div.
W. E. Exp.
Inv. No. 36
Gottfried Ke
= 2. Boty.



June, 24. 89.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed is sent
for your information.

Yours truly,
John C. Starkweather,
Byson.

Sir:-
In re
date, relat
pension, I
mitted this
it will recee
y

Gard' Inc

Rec June 27. 1889.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

15 West. Div.

W. E. Exp.

Ins. No. 366583

Gottfried Reis

2. Baty. Mi. S. I. Ad.

June 20, 1889.

Sir:-

In response to your inquiry of recent date, relative to the above cited claim for pension, I have to state that it will be submitted this day to the Board of Review, where it will receive early consideration.

You will be promptly advised of the result.

Very respectfully.

James P. Smith,
Commissioner.

Genl Geo. C. Starkweather,

Cy.

Recd June 27, 1889.

Reis - June 20, 89.
Submit - Board Review.

LAW DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., 25th June, 1890.

Sir:

The application to have *Inc.* pension claim, No. 966583, of *Wolfgang Kros* 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. Raum
Commissioner.

To Mrs. L. Starkweather

490-5

Rec June 28. 90.

Return to Stark -

June 25, 90.

Ries - Hoffman -

Comfiles -





August 21. 1888.

Dear Sir:

I forward herewith order for the examination of Gottfried Ries. Tell him to see that he gets a thorough examination and when completed to return the order to me.

Yours Truly
John C. Starbweather

Forwarded card to Ries at Stillwater, State Prison, Sept-25-1888.

Washington, D.C.
Aug 21 '88.

Starkweather, J. C.

Forwards order for
examination before Board of
Examining Surgeons of
Gottfried Rice

Forwarded -

Sept. 2 '88.

St Paul, Minn.

June 9th 1888.

Dear Comrade.

News of 21st. inst. rec'd -

Am surprised at the small allowance allowed Falkner, will apply for increase in fall.

What's the matter with Gottfried Rees application for increase made last fall. We have had no notice to appear before the Examining Board.

Should we not hear of Mrs. Kolfer's Widows Claim, put in about the same time with Fred Falkner.

Fraternally Yours,
Chas. J. Stees.
#34 East 35th St.

OFFICES
No. 1420 New York Ave.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 12th 1888

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 9th inst. I have to state that the claim of Gottfried Ries will probably be acted upon before long. I called it up May 25th but received no reply. I will call it up again to-day.

I have not heard anything from Mrs Rolpers claim although it is time we did. I will ^{call} that up also and let you know.

Yours Truly
John C. Starkweather
Atty

Washington, D.C.

June 12th 1888.

Starkweather, J.C.

Statis he has called up
Gottfried Ries + Mrs. Rolfe's
Claims + will call them up
again.

Rec'd June 15 '88.

Ans'd June 21 '88.

Gottfried Reis -

See Stees' letter of
March 6 '89 in
John Smiths Page.

"Makes Inquiry in Reis claim
application made April 2 '88

St. Paul, Minn. _____ 188

National German American Bank
St. Paul

to _____ or Bearer
Dollars

St Paul Minn

June 9 '88

Dear Comrade:

In Regarding
the claim of Chas. May
via which you wish
a statement in my own
hand writing, would state
I have no education
sufficient to write as
you desire, but what
I made affidavit to
I am willing to swear
to again ^{Gottfried Rieis}
Hon Jno C. Black, Com. of Pensions

MAIL DIVISION.

(3-057.)

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

SIR:

Your letter inclosing fee agreements

7-5, 1890.

Spowally

in the claim of

Gottfried Ries

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.

(18889-50 M.)

6-550

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF LANDS.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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

Chas J Stees,
St. Paul,
Minn.

Co.

Recd - July 5 '90.

Rec. Nov. 4, 89, COPY.

Forwd Stillwater Nov. 21. 89.

Returned Nov 25. 7/1 enclosed.

Forwd to Wash^g Nov. 28. 89.

St Paul, Minn.

Nov. 27. 89.

Sir:

Enclosed please find Affidavit
of Gottfried Ries, with your letter
returned as requested. 2^d Battery Wis. Art.
Cent. No. 366583.

Yours truly,

Chas. J. Stees.

To

Genl Prob Starkweather,

Washington, D.C.

Transmitting application for re-rating
or increase of rate allowed him dispropo-
-rionate to rates granted others for similar
disabilities

(Signed) Gottfried Ries.

Andrew Muehlen } Witnesses -
Henry E. Berner } Stillwater.

Dated Nov. 25. 89

W H H Taylor,
Notary Public, Requested.



Dec. 2/89.

Capt. Char. J. Star,
Dear Sir:-

Application
for Increase of
pension in behalf
of Gottfried Res, recd.,
fixed and filed.
Good!

Yours truly,
John C. Starkweather.
By Sam

Rec. Dec. 4. 89.

St Paul 7
Nov. 27. 1889.

Stees, G. J.

Forwards 2^d application
of Gottfried Reis for Increase No
Cert. 366583.

Executed at Stillwater, Minn. Nov.
25 1889. R

Mailed to Stark - Nov 28. 1889 -

With Stark weather's letter returned

as requested

Receipt acknowledgd by Stark - Dec 2. 89

Placed on Completed Files - June 25. 90.

Claim Allowed.