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cert. no. 907364

Pensioner Isabel

widow of

Veteran John W. Bratcher

CAN NO. 67222

Bundle no. 6

Act of June 17, 1890.

[3-233.]

No. 402.286.

Henry G. - Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1896  
Stella - Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1898

MINORS OF  
Robert W. Field

Rank. 1st Lt. 13<sup>th</sup> Regt. Co. G.

Regt. Ky. Vol. Inf. Act.

Rate per Month, \$ 8.

Commencing June 9<sup>th</sup> 1894

Ending Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1898

Additional sum of \$ 2 per month for each of  
the aboved-named children, until arriving at the  
age of 16 years, commencing 9<sup>th</sup>  
day of June, 1894.

Certificate dated Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894

and sworn to on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894

Payable at Linnell Agency.

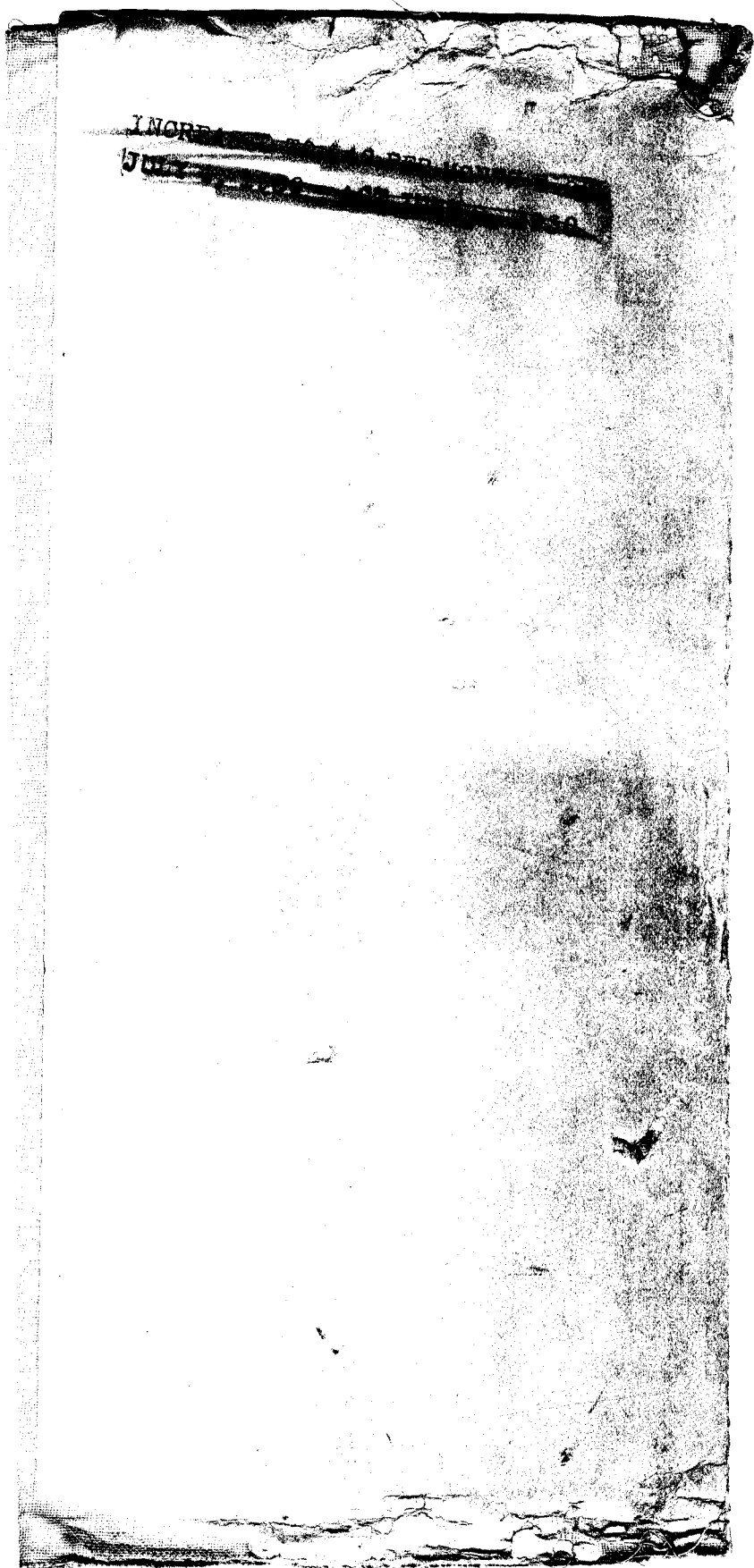
Test. 10<sup>th</sup> Attorney.

Act July 14, 1862.

Book \_\_\_\_\_, Vol. \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_

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

Issued Mailed Rate and Period, \$72, from Oct 16, 1920	Issued <i>Nov 18</i> , 1920
	Mailed _____, 19__
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ACT OF MAY 1, 1920	
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Report in Letter Reg. Div. Class <i>Oct 21 1921</i>	
DFC 18 1920 <i>W B Montgomery</i> MAY 1, 1920 <i>W B Montgomery</i> <i>[Signature]</i>	



(3-230.)

INVALID. (Series

*Deceased* ✓

Cert. No. 366985

Name,

*Robert Mills Field*

Rank,

*Priv* ; Service, *Co C 9 Ky Vol Cav*

Original Roll: *Loueville*

Agency. Transf'd

....., 18....., to

" ....., 18....., to

Issued *June 28*, 18*87*

Mailed *30*, 18*87*

Rate and Period, \$ *4*, from *Aug 22*, 18*63*

" " \$ *6* " *July 26*, 18*85*

Entered  
Issue. Class.  
*Dec \$ 15*

Deductions: *From March 30/64 to July 26/65 (include time)*

Disability:  *Saber wound of left wrist  
w/ bullet right chest & skull wound of head chest  
Resolun & shoulder*

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Rate and Period, \$ ....., from ....., 18

Deductions:

Disability:

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INDORSEMENTS.			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>ACCRUED PENSIONS-SEC. 4718.</p> <p>Accrued-Pension Certificate and Order issued <i>June 3, 1941</i></p> <p>(Pen. Cr. and vouchers herewith)</p> <p>Payable <i>to the claimant</i></p> <p>Mailed <i>June 24, 1941</i></p> </div>			

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*Wm. H. Roberts* [216.] *P. O.*  
~~Ex'r.~~ Ex'r. INVALID.

No. 397780

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

R. Willis Field  
P. O. Spring Boick  
Grayson Co Ky  
Service: Serjt Co B 9th Ky Cav  
6 19th Inf. Co 1st Lt Art

Enlisted: Aug 18th, 1862.

Discharged: Oct 20th, 1863.

Application filed: June 30th, 1880.

Alleges: gunshot wound in cheek  
sabre cut hand, wrist, shell  
wound head, right arm, chest  
Re-enlisted: and scrotum, loss of  
left testicle

Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

P. O. \_\_\_\_\_

Recognized. Contract.

MD.

VA.

W. VA.

Aug 27/83 cred of witness  
see packet inside  
Sept 19/83 same  
" 21/83 "  
Oct 1/83 cred of witness  
" 24/83 cred of witness  
" 31/83 cred of witnesses (see  
Oct 31/83 checked for files

N. C.

S. C.

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MISS.

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TENN.

MO.

ARK.

D. C.

U.S.C.T.

June 30/84 Med by Bd. Pittsfield  
Grayson Co Ky. Blunt force testimony as  
to nature & extent of wounds, and  
hospital data. Cred of witnesses (see  
slip) Confidential correspondence  
(see slip)

No.

Finance

January 11, 1922

Isabel Bratcher  
Steff, Kentucky

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the second instant, you are advised that the pension accrued to the date of death in the case of the soldier, John W. Bratcher, is not an asset of his estate nor is it chargeable with the debts of his estate. The administrator has no interest whatever in this pension. It was granted to you for your sole and exclusive benefit as widow. You are also a pensioner in your own right under certificate number 907,364.

Very respectfully,

W. J. BRANTON

CGJ/kav

Commissioner

Congressional  
Section

December 17, 1921.

Hon. Ralph Gilbert  
House of Representatives

My dear Mr. Gilbert:

In re Isabel Bratcher, - W.C. 907,334

Steff, Ky.

You are advised that this claim has been allowed  
at the rate of \$30 per month from January 3, 1921, certifi-  
cate for which was issued the first instant and numbered  
as above.

Very truly yours,

RJC/SAM

Commissioner.

*WJ*

Ex'r. DEPENDENT.  
No. *1167876*  
Act of *Act of May 1, 1920*

Notified *Jan 12, 1921*  
*Feb 9, 1921 - To claimant*  
*Proof of death of Sol.*  
*of death of Sol.*

*Isabel Bratcher*  
*Steff.*  
*Ky*  
*Widow*  
*John W. Bratcher*

*former wife. Cob +*  
*non-divorce. W. Bratcher*  
*W.C.*

Service *H 35 Ky. Mtd Inf.*

*July 13, 1921 To claimant*  
*Proof of death of Sol.*  
*Off. of W. B. Montgomery*  
*not satisfactory as it does*  
*not give date of Sol. death*  
*Suppl. Off. from Judge E.*  
*Steff. showing date of*  
*first wife's marriage.*

Died *Nov. 30, 1920 Steff. Ky*  
*No other claim. Chan*  
*J.C. 248403*

*July 14, 1921. Hon. Ben Johnson*  
*status as per case of July*  
*13, 1921, above.*  
*July 27/21. Hon Ben Johnson*  
*Clts P.O. ad. is Steff*  
*Grayson Co. Ky. H.C. 13*

*Jan 13, 1921 EPC*  
*Clerk.*  
Application filed: *Jan. 3, 1921*  
Attorney: *None*  
*See S.B. 366, 985, W.O. 386, 870, + C.C. 402, 286*  
*P. O. Robert W. Field*  
*29 Ky. Can. + C 1 Ky L.A.*  
*E. 19. Mtd. Inf.*

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2-11-21 Cert. of Dis. Searched for \_\_\_\_\_, 19  
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*For*  
**W. B. MONTGOMERY**  
—DEALER IN—  
**DRUGS. PATENT MEDICINES**  
—AND—  
**WINDOW GLASS**

FINANCE DIVISION  
DEC 11 1920  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

CANEYVILLE, KY December 8th. 1920.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D E

Dear Sir:

John W Bratcher, a pensioner of the U S Ctf #248,403 was notified by you Nov 18, 1920 of an increase of pension under Act of May 1, 1920, but the day it was received at his post office died.

This was on Nov 30, 1920 and was buried Dec. 1st at his family cemetery Steff Ky.

Will his widow be entitled to all accrued pension unpaid?

Please send me all papers necessary to make proof of death, and widow's claim for pension.

Yours very truly,

*W. B. Montgomery*  
W. B. Montgomery.  
Notary Public.



SIXTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

FREDERICK W. DALLINGER, MASS., CHAIRMAN.  
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RALPH GILBERT, KY.  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS No. 1

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Nov. 16, 1921.

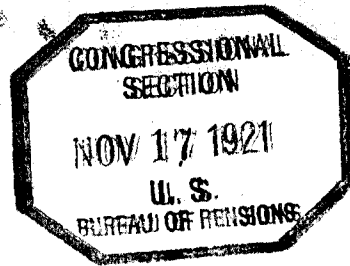
The Commissioner,  
Bureau of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly have the pension claim  
of Mrs. Isabel Bratcher, widow of John W. Bratcher,  
late of Co. H. 35th Regt. Ky. Mtd. Infantry., Claim  
number, 1167876 for adjustment and advise me as to  
action taken.

Respectfully,

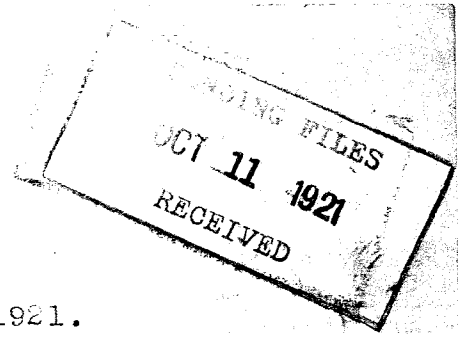
*Ralph Gilbert*



W. B. MONTGOMERY  
DEALER IN  
RUGS, PATENT MEDICINES  
AND  
WINDOW GLASS

Isabel Bratscher  
No 1167876  
Widow  
John W Bratcher,  
Co H 35 Mtd Inf.

CANEYVILLE, KY Oct. 7, 1921.



Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D C.  
Dear Sir:

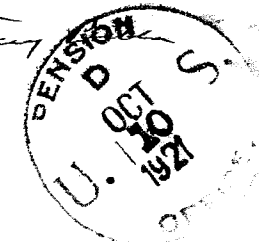
I am sending you a letter that I recently received from Mrs Isabel Bratcher, widow John W Bratcher which speaks for itself better than any words I could speak.

She has produced every bit of proof that the Dept. has called for. If any more is needed we have not been notified. She had a little money when her husband died almost a year ago. He was so old that he had not been able to work his farm for several years and had lived on his pension and thus could not save much. After his death his widow has been trying to resuscitate the old place and has exhausted her resources, thinking her claim would speedily come in soon to assist her.

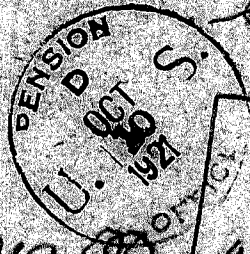
If there is any thing behind will you please notify me so I can help her out?

Yours very truly,

*W B Montgomery*  
W B Montgomery, Sales







Steff Eby  
Sept 25th

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Mr W D Mortgans  
Coneyville Ky

Dear Sir

I have never heard from Washington since those last papers were sent in. It seems there is unnecessary delay. Can't you do something to hurry them up. I am needing the Pension I have had to pay out so much on the farm for repairs, work and tools and feed that I am running short of funds. If you can rush them

up please do so  
yours<sup>self</sup> Respectfully

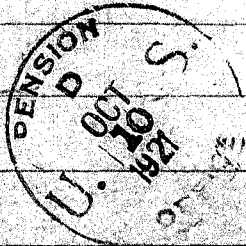
Isabel Bratcher

The claim no is 1167876

John W Bratcher

Co H 35 Regt

1st Inf



Widow Division  
W O 1167876  
Isabel Bratcher  
John W Bratcher  
H 35 mtd Inf.

State of Kentucky)  
(Sct  
County of Grayson)

In the claim for pension above named case personally appeared before me a notary public in and for the county and state afore said Juda E Goff who being duly sworn according to law states that she is 62 years of age, a resident of Grayson Co. Ky, post office address, Neafus, Ky. that she knew said soldier all her life, as far back as she can remember any thing, that she knew him while he was living with his first wife, and was present at his house the night when his first wife died and saw her after she was dead, Further affiant states that she has known claimant for the past 40 years and has lived about two miles f from them ever since claimant was married to said soldier, and has been intimately acquainted with them ever since they w were married and knows they lived together as husband and wife and that they were never divorced.

Further affiant states that she was present at the residence of soldier and stayed there the night he died and till after he was buried on the 1st day of Dec. 1920 and knows that it was said soldier that was buried.

Juda E Goff

Subscribed and sworn to by Juda E Goff this the 15th day of February, 1921, and I certify that above affidavit was read to subscriber and that she understood it, and I certify that affiant is known to me and that she is reliable and entitled to credit and that I am in no wise interested in this claim.

Witness

Grace Shrewsbury  
Laneville, Ky.  
Robt Bond  
Laneville Ky

W B Montgomery

Notary Public Grayson Co. Ky.

My commission expires Jan. 19th 1924



Widow Division  
W O 1167876  
Isabel Bratcher  
John W Bratcher  
H 35 Ky. Mtd. Inf

State of Kentucky)  
(sct  
County of Grayson)

In the matter of claim for pension in the above named case personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for the county and state aforesaid, Bettie Snider, who being duly sworn according to law makes the following statement:

That she is 64 years of age, a resident of Grayson Co. State of Kentucky, whose <sup>home, 32nd St., Saffell</sup> post office address is Steff, Ky. That she has been acquainted for the past 50 years, that she knew him while he was living with his first wife, that she was present at the death of his first wife, that it occurred in January, 1889, but the exact date is forgotten.

That she knew claimant before her marriage to said soldier, and has been intimately acquainted with claimant and soldier ever since they were married, not living over one-half mile from them at any time till the date of soldier's death. That she knows they lived together as husband and wife till his death and knows they were never divorced. Further affiant states that she was at the burial of soldier and that it occurred on the 1st day of December, 1920, and that she saw the body before it was lowered in the grave and knows it was said soldier that was buried.

Bettie Snider

Subscribed and sworn to by Bettie Snider this the 15th day of February, 1921, and I certify that above affidavit was read to affiant and that she understood the contents before she signed it and that the words added in pen were added by Notary before it was executed and I further certify that affiant is well known to me to be reliable and entitled to credit and I am not in any wise interested in this claim.

W. J. Montgomery

Notary Public Grayson Co., Ky.

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My commission expires Jan. 9th 1924



Widow Division  
W O 1167876  
Isabel Bratcher  
John W Bratcher  
H 35 Ky Mtd Inf

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In the matter of claim for pension in above styled case personally appeared before me a notary public in and for the county of Grayson, State of Ky. W B Montgomery, who being duly sworn according to law makes the following statement: That he is 53 years of age, a resident of Caneyville, Ky, that during the year 1920, he was Master of the Masonic Lodge No 635 F & A M at Caneyville, Ky. and that on the 1st day of Dec. 1920 he was called to the residence of John W Bratcher to conduct Masonic Burial service over the body of said soldier, That he has been acquainted with said soldier for the past 25 years and that upon reaching the residence of soldier he was shown the body of the deceased, and recognized it as the body of said soldier and that he conducted the ritualistic Masonic Burial service over the body after which he saw it deposited in the grave.

*W B Montgomery*

Subscribed and sworn to by W B Montgomery this the 15 day of Feb, 1921, and I certify that affiant is well known and entitled to credit and I am not interested in this claim.

*R B Porter*

Notary Public Grayson Co, Ky.

My commission expires Feb 6 1922.

PENSION  
FEB 17 1921  
U. S. OFFICE

Widow Division  
W O No 1167876  
Isabel Bratcher  
John W Bratcher  
H 35 Ky. Mtd Inf

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State of Kentucky)  
(sect  
County of Grayson)

In the matter of claim for pension in above styled case personally appeared before me a notary public in and for the county and state afore said, Isabel Bratcher, claimant and after being duly sworn according to law states that she had no one of her family in the late World War either in the Army, Navy or Marine corps of the U S. nor is she receiving any compensation whatever for any service rendered by any one for such service rendered by any person whatever in the said World War.

*Isabel Bratcher*

Subscribed and sworn to by Isabel Bratcher this the 15th day of February, 1921, and I certify that affiant is well known to me to be reliable and entitled to credit and further that I am in no wise interested in the prosecution of this claim

*W B Montgomery*  
Notary Public Grayson Co. Ky.

My commission expires Jan. 17th 1924

PENSION  
OFFICE  
U. S.  
FEB 17 1921

Widow Division  
W.O. 1167876  
Isabel Bratcher  
John W. Bratcher  
H 35" Ky. Mtd. Inf.

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Before me, a notary public in and for the State of Kentucky, County of Ohio, personally appeared Juda E. Goff who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposed and says that she is 63 years of age, her post office address is Neafus, Grayson Co. Kentucky, and that to the best of her belief and knowledge the following is a true statement of her knowledge of the date of the death of Mrs. Emaline Bratcher first wife of John W. Bratcher,

1. That she was present at the time of the death of the said Emaline Bratcher and knows her death to have occurred during the early part of January 1889.
2. That owing to the long lapse of time she is unable to state the exact day of the month on which the death occurred but that she is reasonably certain that it was between the 5th and 10th days of the month as she remembers clearly that her only male child was at the time a few days more than one month old, the date of his birth being December 9, 1888.

*Juda E. Goff*  
her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 25th day of July, 1921.

My Commission  
Expires April 4, 1925

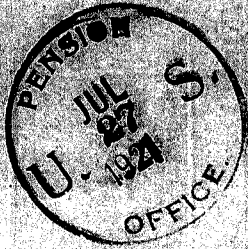
*Robert Bratcher*

NOTARY PUBLIC

Witness to Signature

*Harry C. Field*

*W. D. Bratcher*



Widow Division  
W.O. 1167878  
Ladell Bratcher  
John W. Bratcher  
H 30" Ky. Mch. Int.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of  
Kentucky, County of Ohio, personally appeared Julia K. Goff  
who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposed and  
says that she is (2) years of age, her home office address  
is Nealus, Grayson Co., Kentucky, and that to the best of  
her belief and knowledge the following is a true statement of  
her knowledge of the date of the death of Mrs. Emaline Bratcher,  
first wife of John W. Bratcher.

1. That she was present at the time of the death of the said  
Emaline Bratcher and knows her death to have occurred  
during the early part of January 1889.

2. That owing to the long lapse of time she is unable to state  
the exact day of the month on which the death occurred  
but that she is reasonably certain that it was between  
the 25th and 10th days of the month as she remembers  
clearly that her only male child was at the time a few  
days more than one month old, the date of his birth being  
December 1888.

*Julia K. Goff*  
Ky. Mch. Int.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the  
25th day of July, 1921.

*Robert T. Bratcher*

Notary Public  
My Commission  
Expires July 1, 1922

*Witness to Signature*  
*Stacy C. Goff*  
*W. A. Bratcher*



NOTARY PUBLIC



Heathell [8-218.]  
Nos. 376870  
Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

Filed 1231-89  
Feb 2/89, Atty. Simon. Record Dth. Mge. 13th.  
No. 10th. Court. let. with in. cause. Child. living.  
5-17-94. Atty. & Claimant.  
Date & cause of rejection.

Isabel Field  
Seach. Grayson Co. Ky.  
Widow  
Robert W. Field  
Prof. Co. 9th Ky. Inf.  
Died at  
July 12-88.  
6/163 no other claim than  
5/207 Louisville  
Jan 17 1889  
4/70 Clerk.

- N.C.
- S.C.
- Fla.
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- ALA.
- MISS.
- LA.
- TEX.
- KY.
- TENN.
- Mo.
- ARK.

6/163  
Application filed: Jan 11", 1889.  
Attorney: Gen. E. Simon  
Wash.  
John W. Bratcher  
435 Ky. 1141, I.L.V.

- D. C.
- U.S.C.T.

No.



Spring Lick Ky 25<sup>th</sup> July 84

Col. Wm W Dudley -

Commissioner

Dear Sir

I have been in receipt of yours of July 3<sup>rd</sup> for some time, but being an invalid have not been able to reply and now I am obliged to write in my bed, which wears me very much. I have also an order for Surg Examination which I am unable to attend to but will try to do so tomorrow. I have furnished the evidence you call for as nearly as I could to Fitzgerald. I enclose you some papers from him which will explain. These attorneys have got my case up it seems badly as they only mention part of my service & part of my disabilities, having had my house burned of late all my papers were destroyed & now I cannot answer questions only from memory though by referring to my discharge from 19<sup>th</sup> U.S. Inf I find I was discharged at Nashville the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 1862 by reason of Physical disability. This is signed by Stanley Matthews Col 50<sup>th</sup> U.S. Inf Comely Post. I was admitted there to No 6 or 7. Hospital on College St about the last of Feb 63, but was in the Invalid Camps over

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my full name is used in all but 5th Ky Cav when I was unable to proceed further than Bardonia Ky where Dr Wm Middleman Post Surgeon admitted me to the Hospital there it had been a catholic school I forget the name it was captured by Morgan & Stripes of bedding &c & the men paroled & left Ex Gov Charles McKeliff then member of Congress took me to his house & cared for me this was near Christmas 1862 the day Col Hickey was killed on Rolling Fork. I find from an old letter to my father that I was in Post Hospital at Mt Sterling Ky 36 Jan 1865, where I was when the war closed. This is all that I can state positively. Though I was Hospital both at Columbus & Louisville Ky. but can't tell now any thing positive about them my attorney ought to have all this is Fitzgerald & Gilmore. as I furnished as near as I could all that was called for the above my entire service. I send you some papers can get some information I would be sorry if it is not got up right for I am too feeble now to undertake to straighten it again

Very Respectfully yours  
R. Willis Field

my full  
name is  
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# Neighbors ~~Claimant's~~ Testimony.

STATE OF Kentucky } ss.  
COUNTY OF Grayson }

In the matter of the application for Invalid Pension No. 397780  
of Willis Fidler late Serg Co. C. I. K. Cav personally comes John W. Bratcher, who  
being first sworn on oath, says:

I have been intimate with  
with the Claimant for 8 or 9 years a  
greater portion of which time he has  
been living with me & I know that  
his health has been badly broken  
since I know him caused ~~that~~ is said  
by wounds received in service to State  
My judgement as to hard manual  
Labor the most he could do. I would say  
that he would be absolutely worthless  
could do now at all. of course he could do  
some kinds of light jobs. I know these  
facts from being with him at my  
house for years & seeing him daily  
during the time. My age is 49 yrs  
late Co H. 35. Ky Intel Dept

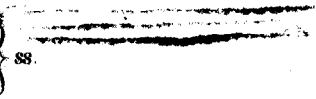
My Post Office address is Leach State of Kentucky  
County of Grayson  
John W. Bratcher  
(Claimant's Signature.)

When signed by mark, two Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 23 day of August 1883. The affiant is the  
person Le represents him self to be and a credible witness. I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and ac-  
quainted him with its contents before Le executed the same. I am not interested in this claim.  
Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

E. O. Brown [SEAL]  
(Official Signature.)  
Clark Grayson Geo. Coust  
My D. W. Bates

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



I HEREBY CERTIFY that \_\_\_\_\_ before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, was at the execution thereof, a \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in and for the County of \_\_\_\_\_

and State of \_\_\_\_\_ duly authorized to administer oaths, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

(Official Signature.)

**DEPARTMENT'S TESTIMONY,**

*Claim of*  
P. Willis Child  
& 1st My. L. a.  
q. in case  
For Aug. Pearson

OFFICE OF THE  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
PENSACOLA  
NO. 340780  
USED 11:19835

FILED BY

**N. W. FITZGERALD & CO.,**  
Attorneys,

1006 F STREET  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

# For Officer's or Comrade's Testimony.

Officer's, Surgeon's or Comrade's Post Office Address

I, Gas C Mills a resident of Fordsville in the County of Ohio State of Kentucky late Private of Company A of the 15 Regiment of Ky Vol Inf

Here state condition of soldier's health at time of enlistment.

on oath, depose and say, that I was well acquainted with R Willis Field late a Serjt in Company C of the 9 Regiment of Ky Vol Cav of the war of 1861; that at the time of his enlistment, said R Willis Field was a sound able bodied man we were raised boys together is why I know and while in the military service of the United States, in the line of his duty, and without fault or im proper conduct of his own, on or about the 8 day of Oct 1862

state time and place of disability, and if by wound in battle, state name of battle; if by accident, state the circumstances; and if by sickness, state the cause and nature of the dis-

at The Battle of Perryville in the State of Kentucky was wounded by Pistol shot in right cheek. Fire but in left hand to wrist, also by fragment of shell of head, right side of head. I saw him in Louisville afterwards & saw the wounds. He was also captured by Gen Bragg's command. I saw him in Louisville on his way to Camp Chase Ohio, to be exchanged, and he stayed all day & night with me there, have lived near ever since the war he is now well, cant do farm work, rattall, taught school & sometimes

State your source of information.

I know these facts from personal observation and I have no interest whatever in the prosecution of this claim for pension. True.

James C Mills

Two Witnesses when signed by mark:

## NOTE.

Execute this before a Clerk of the Court if possible. When executed before a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, a certificate from the Clerk of the Court should be attached, certifying that the Notary or Justice had authority to act as such.

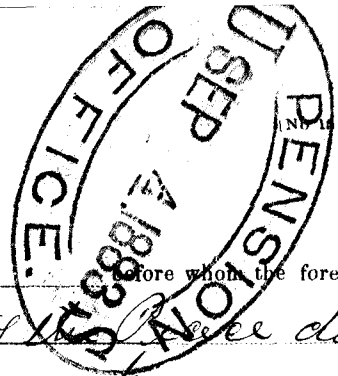
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of July 1889, at Lyonia in the County of Madison State of Kentucky. I certify that I am disinterested, that the affiant is to me well known, and is respectable, and worthy of full credit as a witness, and that the contents of the affidavit were made known to him before execution

J. H. Porter J. P. K. C.



STATE OF Kentucky  
COUNTY OF Hancock } ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that J. H. Coiter before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, was at the execution thereof, a Justice of the Peace duly commissioned in and for the County of Hancock and State of Kentucky duly authorized to administer oaths, and that his signature thereto is genuine.



N. B. Chambers Clerk  
(Official Signature.)  
Hancock County Court

Chambers  
Affidavit.

P. Mills Field  
In Claim of  
6" 1st Ky. L. a.  
9" " " "  
For Aug. Penning

[Signature]  
No. 397.780

FILED BY  
N. W. FITZGERALD & CO.  
Attorneys,  
1006 F STREET. WASHINGTON, D. C.

## AFFIDAVIT FOR Neighbors' and General Purpose.

STATE OF Kentucky COUNTY OF Grayson SS.

In the matter of Pension of Willis Field No 637780

Late Supt Co C 9th Reg Ky Cav Vols

ON THIS 15 day of August A. D., 1883 personally appeared before me, a

County Court Clerk in and for the aforesaid county, duly authorized to administer oaths

Reuben Bratcher aged 54 years, a resident of Spring Dick Ky  
aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

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

*I have known the claimant Willis Field for a number of years & for the past two years have lived in the same house with him. I also can certify that he has been in bad health a great portion of his time, not able to do business of any kind, or to manual labor on farm he would not make more than a 1/4 of a hand & that would have to be at general work his disabilities have been caused principally by wounds received in action at Perryville 14 & Oct 1862. I know these facts from personal observation & assoc. time with the soldiers on waiting upon him when sick have often heard him & others relate the incident of his capture & imprisonment while wounded.*

My Post Office address is Spring Dick Grayson Co Ky  
further declare that I no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its

prosecution.

Reuben Bratcher  
(Affiant's Signature.)

Late Priv Co D 17th Vol Inf

(If Affiant's sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

**IMPORTANT.**—If testimony is given as to physical condition of claimant, it should be stated how long you have known him. If before his enlistment, was he sound and free from his present disability; and what his physical condition was when you first saw him after his discharge; what he complained of, and about to what extent ( $\frac{1}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ), or how much it has disabled him yearly during your knowledge of his case; also state how you know the fact to which you testify.

(No. 13.)

STATE OF Kentucky COUNTY OF Grayson SS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before him 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 affiant is personally known to me, and that he is credible person.

Ed O Brown

(Official Signature.)

L. S.

Clerk Grayson Co Court

(Official Character.)

By D W Bates D C

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the County Court, in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing \_\_\_\_\_ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereto 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 on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

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ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY.

In Claim of

R. P. Child  
vs  
W. B. Child  
of Grayson Co  
Kentucky  
vs E. S. Child  
of Grayson Co  
Kentucky  
For Seigniorial Interest

No 397780

FILED BY

N. W. FITZGERALD & CO.

Attorneys.

1006 F STREET.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Kentucky  
County of Madison

In the matter of the Pension Claim of R Willis Field No 397780  
(Character and number of claim.)

Late Sergeant Co 9th Reg Ky Vol Cav B 15th U.S. & C 1st Ky Art Vols  
(Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Notary in and for  
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

aforesaid County and State, H. C. Field aged 39 years a resident  
(Here write the name of affiant, or of each affiant, together with AGE, RESIDENCE, and Post-Office address.)

of the City of Owensboro Co of Daviess & State of Kentucky  
whose P.O. address is Owensboro Daviess Co Kentucky  
persons of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I first saw claimant about the 10th of Nov 1862 on his way to Parole Camp near Columbus Ga. at Louisville he stayed over night with me. he was complaining very much of pain in the head and right eye caused by a wound by a shot in right cheek near the outer angle of the eye also of right side of nose effect of fragment of shell, he also had a bad cough & diarrhoea he also had a sabre cut in left wrist & hand. During the time he had a badly contused tibia which he lost when he was otherwise injured but I cannot now remember he had a bad cough & I again saw him on his return from Camp soon after Christmas 1863 he said his wounds were all healed but the pains in head & chest were still troubling so that had to take opium. I went with him to report to his Reg then lying at Lebanon Ky. he was permitted to return home on sick furlough until fit for duty. I saw him again in latter part of the following March his stay at Home had improved him. I saw I saw him no more until April 1865 when I paid him a visit in Hospital at Mt Sterling Ky. he looked badly & still complained of head, cough & diarrhoea he now had piles badly. Since the war I have lived near him until past 3 years he has always been unable to do any kind of labor I know that he has always had to use opium to allay pain. I learn for past 18 mos he has been growing his constitution has been about the same from year to year until the last year or two he has been slowly going down he is a good Physician treats himself generally could make a good living if in health. I learned these facts as stated above. I am an invalid myself with failing memory. This the true state of the case as I now recall it.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 James W. Devoe  
(Name of one witness to X mark.)  
2 W. H. ...  
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Signature of Affiant, or of each Affiant. Henry C. Field

This Blank is prepared by GEORGE E. LEMON, of Washington, D. C., and is Exclusively for his Use.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this 8 day of December, 1880, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words \_\_\_\_\_

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

\_\_\_\_\_ in line \_\_\_\_\_, erased, and in line \_\_\_\_\_, added;

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

that the affiant he is to me well known and is respectable and worthy of full credit, and that (is or are.) (is or are.)

I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

M. M. Mattingly (Name of officer before whom executed.)  
Darius Co. Court. (State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

The Officer before whom this Affidavit is executed must be sure and note in his certificate all erasures and interlineations, as indicated above.

READ.—It is preferable that this instrument should be executed before a Clerk of Court. The seal should be impressed on the original paper, either direct or through the paper on which the jurat is made, if that be a separate paper. When executed before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, a certificate from the Clerk of the Court must be attached, certifying that the Justice of the Peace or Notary Public had authority to act as such, except in cases where the Justice of the Peace or Notary Public has filed his commission, or certified copy thereof, in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions.

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 the foregoing jurat, 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 thereto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 188

[L. S.]

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

South DIVISION.  
No. 397778

Additional Evidence.

CASE OF

R. Miller Field  
Co. 1st Regt. 1st Arty

FOR

Orig. Dues Recd

AFFIDAVIT OF

FILED BY

**GEORGE E. LEMON,**  
ATTORNEY.

Offices 615 Fifteenth St. N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
P. O. Lock Box 325.

**Instructions.**  
The Affiant should state in his own handwriting these facts following:

1. Length of time he has been practicing medicine.  
2. Whether, or not, he knew the soldier before enlistment. If he did know him, for how long a period he knew him, how intimately, and what his opinion is as to said soldier's soundness at enlistment; adding, if true, that he was sound, and particularly that he was free from the disability on which he claims pension or any tendency thereto.  
3. If he treated the soldier during his enlistment, either as his regimental surgeon or while he may have been at home on furlough, he will state his physical condition at such times, the nature and duration of his disability, and the dates of treatment.  
4. Whether he has treated said soldier since his discharge. If he have, he should state—  
(1) At about what date he first treated him.  
(2) What his physical condition was when he first treated him, giving a full description or diagnosis of his disability.  
(3) Period during which he has treated him, giving approximate dates where exact dates cannot be given, and if dates of prescriptions or visits cannot be given, he should state why.  
5. Very Important.—He will also state what has been the DEGREE of claimant's incapacity for manual labor, by reason of the disabilities on which his claim is based, during each month or year of the period of his treatment; in other words, what has been the average loss of time from labor, per month or year, or about what proportion of a sound able-bodied man's work he has been able to perform, whether  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ , or as the case may have been.

**IMPORTANT.**—The affidavit of the Physician must conform to the instructions contained in the margin, or it will not be considered by the Pension Office as satisfactory. Therefore, he should read said instructions very carefully before undertaking to prepare this Affidavit, and then embody in his statement all the facts known to him. Let the diagnosis be so full and complete that a medical man can at once unmistakably recognize the diseases, wounds, or injuries, even though they be not technically named. Where the disability is the sequel of a wound received, injury incurred, or disease contracted in the service, the pathological connection between them must be clearly and fully set forth, together with the reasons upon which he bases his conclusions.

STATE OF Kentucky }  
COUNTY OF Grapson } ss:  
In the pension claim of Re Willis Hillis late Surg  
Co C 9th Reg Ky Vol Cav Co E 19th U S C 1st Start Vol  
(Name of claimant)  
Personally came before me, a Deputy Clerk in and for  
(Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or Clerk of Court, as the case may be.)  
aforesaid County and State, Christy H. Walcott, a resident  
(Name of Physician or Surgeon.)  
of Spring Lick of the County of Grapson  
(Village.)  
State of Kentucky, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I was a member of Claimant's Regiment  
I know that many of our men was captured  
& reported as missing while we were operating  
against Bragg & Kirby Smith in Central  
Western Kentucky. I remembered well though when  
Claimant & about 27 in all that were  
forwarded to us while lying in camp at  
at Columbus Ky. The reason that I know  
so well is that the exchanged Prisoners brought  
me news from our Col Jacob who was shot at  
Perryville in right ribs whom we all dearly  
loved as a commander. I remember the  
Chirping of men on the arrival of the  
Prisoners. The Claimant was reported missing  
& no one knew whether he or many of the boys  
were killed or captured until they arrived in  
Camp. I did not see him wounded but have  
seen his scars & have heard him when his  
trials. I have also for many years seen him  
14 & 15 years have seen the claimant almost  
daily for that period he when able being my  
family Physician & know that he has not  
at any time been able to perform manual  
labor, and for at least half of his time  
he has been unable to practice medicine  
these facts I learn by being a member of  
the same Regt & by being his neighbor  
since the war

THIS BLANK PREPARED BY OFFICE OF WASHINGTON AND IS FOR YOUR USE.

And he further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution

C. H. Walcott  
(Signature of Physician or Surgeon. If ever in the Army, give rank and service.)  
Lat Private Co H 9th Ky Cav Vol

THE PHYSICIAN IN FILLING THIS BLANK SHOULD NOT REFER TO THE MARGINAL INSTRUCTIONS BY NUMBERS, BUT SHOULD WRITE HIS STATEMENT IN NARRATIVE FORM.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day; and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician in good professional standing; that I am in nowise interested, either directly or indirectly, in the prosecution of this claim; and that I read the foregoing affidavit to the affiant, and acquainted him of its contents before he executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal this 12th day of December 1885  
[L. S.]  
Certificate of Office  
Filed in Washington D.C.

Sign here  
E. O. Brown  
Justice, Notary, or Clerk of Court, as the case may be.  
Court  
Deputy

THE OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS AFFIDAVIT IS EXECUTED MUST BE SURE AND NOTE IN HIS CERTIFICATE ALL ERASURES AND INTERLINEATIONS WHICH MAY BE MADE IN THE BODY OF THE AFFIDAVIT.  
READ.—It is preferable that this instrument should be executed before a Clerk of Court. The seal should be impressed on the original paper, either direct or through the paper on which the jurat is made, if that be a separate paper. When executed before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, a certificate from the Clerk of the Court must be attached, certifying that the Justice of the Peace or Notary Public had authority to act as such, except in cases where the Justice of the Peace or Notary Public has filed his commission, or certified copy thereof, in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions.

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 the foregoing jurat, was at the time of so doing a \_\_\_\_\_, (Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.) 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 thereto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 188

[L. S.]  
Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

Handwritten initials

DIVISION.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

FOR

FILED BY  
GEORGE E. LEMON,  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law.  
P. O. Lock Box 325.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

As this may reach the hands of some persons unacquainted with this House, we append hereto, as specimens of the testimonials in our possession, copies of letters from several gentlemen of political and military distinction and widely known throughout the United States:

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1, 1879.  
We, the undersigned, having an acquaintance with Captain GEORGE E. LEMON for the past few years, and a knowledge of the system of manner in which he conducts his extensive business, and of his reliability for fair and honorable dealing connected therewith, cheerfully commend him to citizens generally.

- A. V. MOSE, Chairman, Committee on Enrolled Bills, House Reps., 45th Congress, 1st Session, Washington, D. C.
- W. P. LYNNIE, Member of Congress, Fourth Congressional District of Ark.
- R. W. TOWNSEND, Member of Congress, Maryland Congressional District of 11.
- BEYVIDER, ILLINOIS, October 24, 1875.

I take great pleasure in recommending Captain GEORGE E. LEMON now of Washington, D. C., to all persons who may have claims to settle or other business to prosecute before the Departments at Washington. I know him to be thoroughly qualified, well acquainted with the various departments, and a man of high character and integrity. I have had occasion to employ him for several quarters in the soliciting of patents, and have found him very active, well informed, and successful. As a gallant officer during the war, and an honorable and successful practitioner, I recommend him strongly to all who may need his services.

S. A. HURLBUT, Member of Congress, Fourth Congressional District, Illinois, Late Major-General U. S. Vols.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3, 1875.  
From several years acquaintance with Captain GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, I cheerfully commend him as a gentleman of integrity and other claims to Government. His experience in that line gives him superior advantages.

W. P. SPRAGUE, Member of Congress, Fifteenth Congressional District of Ohio.  
JAS. D. STRAWBRIDGE, Member of Congress, Thirteenth Congressional District of Penn.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, HOUSTON, TEXAS, September 5, 1878.  
Captain GEORGE E. LEMON, Attorney and Agent for the collection of war claims at Washington City, is a thorough, able, and exceedingly well-informed man of business, of high character, and entirely responsible. I can assure all having war claims requiring adjustment that their interests cannot be confided to safer hands.

M. BRAYMAN, Governor of Idaho and late Maj.-Gen. Vols.  
Any person desiring information as to my standing and responsibility will, on request, be furnished with a satisfactory reference in his vicinity or Congressional District.

Steff. Ky  
JAN 7 1922  
Jan 2 1922  
Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with  
my claim for pension  
(Claim #1167876 - Widow of  
John W. Bratcher Co. H. 35 Ky Mil. Sg.)  
which was allowed  
Dec 1st 1921 on Cert. 907364  
I was allowed accrued  
pension due my husband  
at time of his death  
(\$141.80).

Does this money belong  
to me in person or should  
I deliver it to the  
Administrator of my



2.

husband's estate?

There being some question  
as to whether this money  
is my property or a  
part of the estate I  
refer to your Office  
as authority in the  
matter and will  
appreciate as early a  
reply as practical.  
Very respectfully.

(ISABEL BRATCHER)

## AFFIDAVIT FOR Neighbors' and General Purpose.

STATE OF Kentucky COUNTY OF Daviess SS.

In the matter of Pension claim of R. Willis Field  
late Co. C. 9th Reg Ky Cav. 1862

ON THIS 16 day of July A. D. 1882 personally appeared before me,

Clerk in and for the aforesaid county, duly authorized to administer oaths

Ben J. Field aged 28 years, a resident of Owensboro Ky

aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

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

The claimant is my eldest Brother of all of whom were soldiers throughout the war I being too young to enlist served as teamster my Brother was all Robust young man up to the war. They have all died since but 2 that were in the service the 2 left are invalid 1 of whom is a pensioner. I was at Home in Shelbyville when my father went for and brought my Brother Home from Rockcastle Ford where he had been left by Gen. Boaz who had captured him at Perryville Ky & Oct 1862 he had been badly wounded. I then nursed him up till Dec when the Surgeon in charge of the wound at Shelby pronounced him convalescent, he was then sent to the Parole Camp at Camp Chase Ohio to stay till exchange

Post Office address is Owensboro Daviess Co Ky

further declare that I no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its

prosecution.

Ben J. Field

(Affiant's Signature.)

(If Affiant's sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

**IMPORTANT.**—If testimony is given as to physical condition of claimant, it should be stated how long you have known him. If before his enlistment was he sound and free from his present disability; and what his physical condition was when you first saw him after his discharge; what he complained of, and about to what extent ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ), or how much it has disabled him yearly during your knowledge of his case; also state how you know the fact to which you testify.

[No. 18.]

STATE OF Kentucky COUNTY OF Daviess SS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he 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 affiant is a person fully known to me, and that he is a credible person.

M. S. Mattingly  
(Official Signature.)

L. S.

Clk Daviess County  
(Official Character.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of the County Court, in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing \_\_\_\_\_ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188

[L. S.]

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

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ADDITIONAL TESTIMON.

In Claim of

Benjamin J. ...  
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N. W. FITZGERALD & CO.,

Attorneys.

1006 F STREET. WASHINGTON, D. C.

## AFFIDAVIT FOR Neighbors' and General Purpose.

STATE OF Kentucky COUNTY OF Daviess SS.

In the matter of Robert Willis Field Late Co C 9<sup>th</sup> Ky  
Lead Note

ON THIS first day of June A. D., 1883, personally appeared before me,  
in and for the aforesaid county, duly authorized to administer oaths  
L. C. Sherwood aged 39 years, a resident of Owensboro  
aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

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

at the request of Robert Willis Field  
late Sergeant in Capt. J. G. Harding Co C 9<sup>th</sup> Ky  
Ky Cav Regt I was living in Shelbyville Ky  
when the Battle of Perryville Ky was fought.  
I saw said Field just before the battle & know  
th that he was in good health. he was wounded  
& captured at Perryville & was paroled & left at  
a County House at Rockcastle & his father  
went with a carriage & brought him home and  
and I nursed him until he he got well  
enough to go to the parole Camp at Camp  
Chase Ohio. I saw him again after his exchange  
at his father's house, on February I have known  
him all my life he has never done any work  
since the battle except to dispense medicine  
& in my opinion he will never be able to do any  
labor outside of his profession he is disabled fully 1/4

My Post Office address is Owensboro Ky  
I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and I am not concerned in its  
prosecution.

J. B. Field

L. C. Sherwood

(Affiant's Signature.)

(If Affiant's sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

**IMPORTANT.**—If testimony is given as to physical condition of claimant, it should be stated how long you have known him. If before his enlistment, was he sound and free from his present disability; and what his physical condition was when you first saw him after his discharge; what he complained of, and about to what extent ( $\frac{1}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ), or how much it has disabled him yearly during your knowledge of his case; also state how you know the fact to which you testify.

[No. 18.]

STATE OF Kentucky COUNTY OF Javess SS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted her with its contents before she 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 affiant is personally known to me, and that she is a credible person.

M. S. Mattingly (Official Signature.)

Javess County Court, (Official Character.)

L. S.

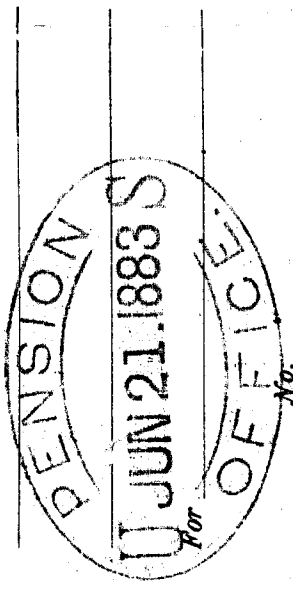
I \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of the County Court, in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing \_\_\_\_\_ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all official acts are entitled to full faith and credit and that his signature thereto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_

[L. S.] Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

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**ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY.**  
*In Claim of*



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*COMM. BY*  
*12/11/1883*

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**N. W. FITZGERALD & CO.,**  
**Attorneys.**  
1006 F STREET.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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*Adm. by N. W. Fitzgerald*

**AFFIDAVIT FOR  
Neighbors' and General Purpose.**

STATE OF Kentucky COUNTY OF Daviess SS

In the matter of Robt Willis Field Late Sergeant  
in Co. 1st Regt Ky Cav Vols

On this 1st day of June A. D., 1883, personally appeared before me,  
Thos W Myers in and for the aforesaid county, duly authorized to administer oaths  
aged 45 years, a resident of Davis Co  
aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

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

*I was well acquainted with the said  
Robt Willis Field at the period of his  
enlistment and before and I always  
regarded him as a perfectly sound  
and able bodied man. I never knew  
or heard of him being sick. I have  
seen him occasionally up to the present  
time & have never known him to attempt  
to do hard labor of any kind. I do not  
know the extent of his disability but  
I would not place his disability over  
1/4.*

Post Office address is Galvington Davis Co Ky

further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its  
prosecution. Thos W Myers

(Affiant's Signature.)

(If Affiant's sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

**IMPORTANT.**—If testimony is given as to physical condition of claimant, it should be stated how long you have known him. If before his enlistment, was he sound and free from his present disability; and what his physical condition was when you first saw him after his discharge; what he complained of, and about to what extent ( $\frac{1}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ), or how much it has disabled him yearly during your knowledge of his case; also state how you know the fact to which you testify.

[No. 18.]

STATE OF Kentucky COUNTY OF Jarvis SS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he 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 affiant is personally known to me, and that he is a credible person.

W. S. Mottley  
(Official Signature.)  
Jarvis County Court,  
(Official Character.)

L. S.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of the County Court, in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing \_\_\_\_\_ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all official acts are entitled to full faith and credit and that his signature thereto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188

[L. S.]

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

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**ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY.**

In Claim of  
R. Willis Field  
vs  
W. S. Mottley  
For  
U. S. Dist. Ct.  
For  
Dist. Court  
No. 297780

W. S. Mottley

FILED BY  
**N. W. FITZGERALD & CO.,**  
Attorneys,  
1006 F STREET,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

W. S. Mottley

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Kentucky  
County of Fayette

In the matter of the Pension Claim of R. Willis Field No 357780  
(Character and number of case.)  
late Sergeant Co. 1st Bat 9th Reg Ky. Cav. Vol.  
(Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Co. Court Clerk in and for  
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)  
aforesaid County and State, L. O. Sherwood whose age

(Here write the name of affiant, or of each affiant, together with AGE, RESIDENCE, and Post-Office address.)  
is 44 years Residence in Owensboro, Ky. P.O. address  
is Owensboro, Daviess Co. Kentucky

persons of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I cannot now recollect the exact date when  
the claimant arrived at his father's house after  
the Battle of Perryville with say 14 to 18 days there were other  
sick soldiers there that we were taking care of  
he remained till about the middle of November when  
he was sent to Parole Camp in Ohio but he was not  
with when he left we never expected to see him again  
as to the wounds they were as follows 1st a shot in  
right chest bone passed under base of nose & out left corner  
of the mouth fragment of shell fractured skull on right side  
of head also another piece entered right side of chest  
bone cut in left wrist & hand & a very bad contusion of  
left testicle which suppurated & destroyed it. Dr R. M. Minklock  
was the Surgeon detailed to attend to the soldiers left at  
Shelbyville Dr Slaughter assisted both now dead. I saw  
the claimant after discharge he was on sick furlough  
I attended him several weeks until he was detached to  
Co. Clerk at No 1 Barracks at Louisville. I have seen him  
more or less each year since the war he has always  
been looked upon as an invalid to this present time  
he is a good Physician & treats himself but is not able  
to practice but very little the past 3 years he has heard  
been going down fast before he about held his own  
this is all that I can recollect that would be of use  
to him I aimed to think of all in my former certificate  
it is so long ago I cant recall everything especially dates  
it was about from 10th to 10th Jan 1863 when he returned  
from Prison he stayed this time till last of  
Feb. or 1st March 1863

I further declare that I no interest in said case, and am not  
concerned in its prosecution.

If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons WHO WRITE THEIR NAMES MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.  
1 Martin Cox Signature of L. O. Sherwood  
(Name of one witness to X mark.) Affiant, or of  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ each Affiant.  
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

This Blank is prepared by GEORGE E. LEMON, of Washington, D. C., and is Exclusively for his Use.



SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this 28 day of Dec, 1887, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

in line \_\_\_\_\_, erased, and in line \_\_\_\_\_

the words \_\_\_\_\_, added;

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

that the affiant \_\_\_\_\_ to me well known and \_\_\_\_\_ respectable and worthy of full credit, and that

(is or are.)

(is or are.)

I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

*M. S. Mattingly* Clk.  
(Name of officer before whom executed.)  
*Davies Co Court*  
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

The Officer before whom this Affidavit is executed must be sure and note in his certificate all erasures and interlineations, as indicated above.

READ.—It is preferable that this instrument should be executed before a Clerk of Court. The seal should be impressed on the original paper, either direct or through the paper on which the jurat is made, if that be a separate paper. When executed before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, a certificate from the Clerk of the Court must be attached, certifying that the Justice of the Peace or Notary Public had authority to act as such, except in cases where the Justice of the Peace or Notary Public has filed his commission, or certified copy thereof, in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions.

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 the foregoing jurat, 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 thereto is genuine.

(Name of Clerk of Court.)

(Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.)

(Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.)

Witness my hand and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188

[L. S.]

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

*Boed*  
Southern DIVISION.  
No. 397780

Additional Evidence.

CASE OF  
*Re Will's Field*  
*H. M. La*  
*F. C. G. My Car*  
*" E. 19 m. Sub*

FOR  
AFFIDAVIT OF

FILED BY  
**GEORGE E. LEMON,**  
ATTORNEY,  
Offices 615 Fifteenth St. N. W.,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
P. O. Lock Box 325.

**AFFIDAVIT FOR  
Neighbors' and General Purpose.**

STATE OF Kentucky COUNTY OF Grayson SS.

In the matter of Willis Hulet, Serjt-Co C 9th Ky Cav Reg  
Claim for Pension

ON THIS 2 day of Aug A. D., 1883, personally appeared before me,

Deputy Clerk in and for the aforesaid county, duly authorized to administer oaths

aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

John Baker aged 38 years, a resident of Grayson Co Ky

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 I have known said Soldier for many years, have been with him on land & water & know & believe him to be a stout & able man but for the wounds he received in Battle at Perryville Ky 8<sup>th</sup> Oct-1862. he was shot in right Cheek. Sabred in left hand & Right hurt by shell in right side of head. besides other injuries. I know this from being a Comrade after his return. I do not know by reason of his capture & imprisonment.*

My Post Office address is Spring Lick Ky  
further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

John Baker  
(Affiant's Signature.)

(If Affiant's sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

**IMPORTANT.**—If testimony is given as to physical condition of claimant, it should be stated how long you have known him. If before his enlistment was he sound and free from his present disability; and what his physical condition was when you first saw him after his discharge; what he complained of, and about to what extent ( $\frac{1}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ), or how much it has disabled him yearly during your knowledge of his case; also state how you know the fact to which you testify.

(No. 18.)

STATE OF Kentucky COUNTY OF Grayson SS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he 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 affiant is personally known to me, and that he is a credible person.

Ed O Brown  
(Official Signature.)

L. S.

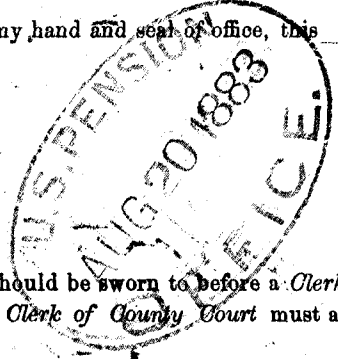
Clerk of Grayson Co Court  
(Official Character.)  
By D W Bates D C

I \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of the County Court, in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing \_\_\_\_\_ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all official acts are entitled to full faith and credit and that his signature thereto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188

(L. S.)

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



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**ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY.**

In Claim of

R. W. Miller Field

"C" 1st Ky. L. A.

"9" 1st Ky. L. A.

"E" 19th Ky. L. A.

For Orig. Receipt

No. 397.480.

Ed O. Brown  
Clerk of the Peace  
Grayson Co. Ky.

FILED BY

**N. W. FITZGERALD & CO.**

Attorneys.

1006 F STREET. WASHINGTON, D. C.

DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

To be executed before a Court of Record, or some officer thereof having custody of its Seal.

STATE OF Kentucky }
COUNTY OF Ohio } ss.

On this 10th day of April 1890 A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy & c personally appeared before me, County Court Clerk of the County and State of Ohio, a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Willis Field, age 40 years, and resident of the House Branch Station, County of Ohio,

State of Ohio, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical person who enlisted under the name of Willis Field on the 18 day of Aug 1862, as a Sergeant in company 16th of the 9th regiment of Ky Vol. Cav commanded by Col. R. T. Jacot and was honorably DISCHARGED at Sardinia Ky on the 27th day of Oct 1863; that his personal description is as follows: Age 21 years; height 5 feet 11 inches; complexion fair; hair dark; eyes grey. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at Perryville Ky in the State of Kentucky on or about the 8 day of October 1862, he was wounded

(Here state name or nature of disease, or location of wound or injury. If disabled by disease, state fully its causes; if by wound or injury, the precise manner in which received.)
by a Sabre Cut on left wrist of hand - gun shot in right chest & fractured Bomb shell struck on right side of head & chest & right arm & scrotum causing the entire loss of left testicle while carrying message from Gen. Bell to Gen. R. H. Rousseau, unfortunally got between the 2 commanding armies, while engaged in conflict - had my hands killed & was taken prisoner & was carried to Bragg's HQ Quarters placed in a cage & was attended by their surgeons at their huts until I finally passed clear when I was paroled & abandoned

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: I was carried with Bragg's forces as far as Rock castle River (Here state the names or numbers, and the localities of all hospitals in which treated, and the dates of treatment.) on their retreat near their parole & left as a citizen & was by private surgeon until I was cured when I reported to No 15 Sanitary Reg for a few days then forwarded to Camp Parole at Columbus Ohio & remained till I was discharged & did do after that only light duty since exchange & discharge have been under treatment at times ever since

That he has not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above.
I served in Co H 19th U.S. Inf Capt. F. E. Fitzgerald & discharged at Nashville Tenn I think in April 1862 - I have a double name Robt Willis Field but by some means my name was not properly placed in the rolls of the 9th Cav - I was carried on the 19 Reg Inf U.S.
That since the 27th day of October A. D. 1863, he has not been employed in

(Give date of last discharge from the service.)
the military or naval service of the United States. That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the Co. of Ohio, in the State of Kentucky, and his occupation has been that of a Physician. That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound physical health, being when enrolled a

(\* I am not certain that the 27th of Oct-1863 is correct but I believe it is according to the best of my recollection)

*Douglass* That he is now *permanently* disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States. He hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation, GILMORE & CO., of WASHINGTON, D. C., his true and lawful Attorneys to prosecute his claim; and requests that the certification issued in the case be delivered to them. That he has *not* received *or* applied for a pension. That his post Office address is *Horse Branch Station* county of *Ohio* State of *Ohio* *270.000*

Two Witnesses to Claimant's signature sign here:

*V. B. Mair*

*Willis Field*  
Claimant's signature.

*E. J. Pearce*

Also personally appeared, *Amos H. Bratcher*, residing at No. *100* in *Washington* street, in *Ohio* County, *Ohio* and *Patrick Murphy* residing at No. *100* in *Washington* street, in *Ohio* County, *Ohio* 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 *Willis Field* the claimant sign his name (or 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.

*Amos H. Bratcher*  
Signatures of Witnesses to identify of applicant.

Two witnesses to signatures of identifying Witnesses sign here.

*E. J. Pearce*

*Patrick Murphy*

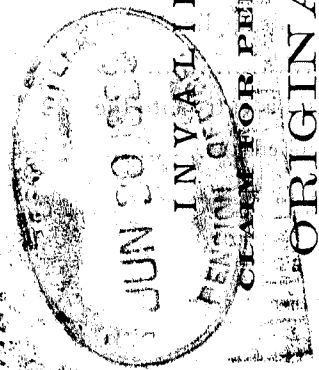
*V. B. Mair*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *10* day of *April* A. D. 18*70*, 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 *swearing*, (L. S.) *swearing*, erased, and the words *swearing* added; and I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

*Sam. H. Co. C. C. C.*  
(Signature.)

*W. J. Keane Deputy*  
(Official Character.)

The application must be acknowledged by the claimant and identifying witnesses before a Clerk or Judge of a Court of Record under the seal of the Court. If executed before any other officer it will not be recognized at the Pension Office. In the absence of the Clerk of the Court this application may be acknowledged before the Deputy Clerk, who should sign his own name as Deputy and affix the Seal of Court.



*Willis Field* Applicant  
*Sgt. Co. '61* Regt  
*By Vol. Gen.* Vols.

FILED BY  
GILMORE & CO.,  
ATTORNEYS,  
629 F STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C.

**GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.**

*E. E. C. P. A. H.*

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State of Kentucky  
County of Grapewin 88:

In the matter of claim for pension of Isabel Field, widow of  
Robert T. Field, C. I. Ky. 2 A. & 9 Ky. cav. + E. 19. U.S. Inf  
(Character and number of claim.)  
(Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for  
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)  
aforesaid County and State, Annanda J. Rains  
(Here write the name of affiant, or of each affiant, together with Age, Residence and Post-Office address.)

age 36 years P.O. address  
Waverly Ky.

a person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

*That she was present at the birth of Henry C. Field, son of Isabel Field, and that he was born Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1880, and that the said Henry C. Field is now living. I know the above fact from the circumstance of a brother of Dr. Fields having died on the 12<sup>th</sup> just four days before his wife was confined which occurred at Rome, where I was living at the time.*

She further declare that she has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 Annanda J. Rains  
(Name of one witness to X mark.) Signature of Affiant, or of each Affiant.  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of other witness to X mark)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 30 day of March  
1889 and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

in lines \_\_\_\_\_, erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

in lines \_\_\_\_\_, added, that the affiant is to me well known and is respectable and worthy of full credit; and I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

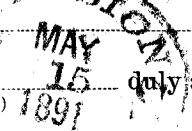
Van B. Raines  
(Name of officer before whom executed.)  
Notary Public  
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

[L. S.]

THE OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS AFFIDAVIT IS EXECUTED MUST BE SURE AND NOTE IN HIS CERTIFICATE ALL ERASURES AND INTERLINEATIONS AS INDICATED ABOVE.

READ.—It is preferable that this instrument should be executed before a Clerk of Court. The seal should be impressed on the original paper, either direct or through the paper on which the jurat is made, if that be a separate paper. When executed before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, a certificate from the Clerk of the Court must be attached, certifying that the Justice of the Peace or Notary Public had authority to act as such, except in cases where the Justice of the Peace or Notary Public has filed his commission, or certified copy thereof, in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_, before whom the above affidavit was made, is a \_\_\_\_\_ duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 188\_\_\_\_\_.

[L. S.]

(Name of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Court.)

Southern DIVISION.  
Additional Evidence.

no. 420246

CASE OF

Isabel Bratcher

Melora

Robert M. Fiddel

By H. L. Kelly

FOR

AFFIDAVIT OF

FILED BY  
**GEORGE E. LEMON,**  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,  
Offices 615 Fifteenth St. N. W.,  
U. S. Lock Box 385. WASHINGTON, D. C.

C.F.C.  
Jan

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.



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State of Kentucky  
County of Grayson SS:

In the matter of claim for Isabel Bratcher Guardian of  
Minors Robert N. Field Co "C" 1<sup>st</sup> Ky Liberty.  
(Character and number of claim.)  
(Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Deputy Clerk in and for  
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)  
aforesaid County and State, Kentucky  
(Here write the name of affiant, or of each affiant, together with Age, Residence and Post-Office address.)

Spring Hill Ky age 40 years

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

That she was present at the birth of  
Stella Field, a daughter of Isabel Field  
and that she was born Nov - 26<sup>th</sup> 1882  
and that the said Stella Field is now  
living.

I know this by the birth of  
one of my own children

She further declare that she has no interest in said case, and is not  
concerned in its prosecution.

If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.  
1 W. C. Givens Signature of Affiant, or of each Affiant. W. C. Givens  
2 Amos R. Bratcher MARK  
(Name of one witness to X mark.) (Name of other witness to X mark.)

Field

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Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 10 day of March 1891

Geo. H. Cullhage Clerk  
By J. C. Daniels Secy.

Southern Division

No 420. 246

Isabel Bratcher  
Witness

Robert W. Field

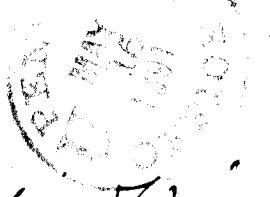
E. 1<sup>st</sup> Wy. S. City

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GEORGE F. LEE  
CLERK OF THE  
COURT OF THE  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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State of Kentucky 88:  
County of Grayson



In the matter of claim for Nabel Bratcher Guardian of minor  
(Character and number of claim.)  
Children of Robert W. Field Co. C. 1<sup>st</sup> Ky. Inf. Art.  
(Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Rachel Bratcher in and for  
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)  
aforesaid County and State, Rachel Bratcher  
(Here write the name of affiant, or of each affiant, together with Age, Residence and Post-Office address.)

Age 26 years P.O. address  
Spring Hill

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

That she was present at the birth of Stella Field a daughter of Robert W. Field and that she was born Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1882, and that the said Stella Field is now living  
the reason why I know this is I was staying at said R. W. Field's while my husband was out on business & also by the birth of one of my own children

She further declare that she has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.  
1. John W. Bratcher (Name of one witness to X mark.)  
2. Amos B. Bratcher (Name of other witness to X mark.)  
Signature of Affiant, or of each Affiant. Rachel Bratcher  
man

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R.A.L.

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Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 11 day of March 1891

Geo. H. Cabbage Clerk  
By J. M. Smith D.C.

Southern Division

No 420, 246

Abel Bratcher

Witness

Robert M. Fritch

6<sup>th</sup> day of July

FILED BY  
GEORGE E. LINDEN  
BY A. G. GUNDEL  
315 FIFTEENTH ST. N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DROPPED because of death on  
DEC 8 1920  
last paid to *Nov. 4 1920*  
*@50.*  
*J. W. Bratcher*  
Chief, Finance Division.

DEC 4 1920

To the Chief, Finance Division:

You are hereby notified that check # *116102* for \$ *13 20*

dated *Nov. 29, 1920* in favor of  
post-office

Class *ACT OF MAY 1, 1920.* Certificate #

JOHN W. BRATCHER,  
NEAFUS, KY

248403

ACT MAY

Section *4* has been returned to me by *P.M.*

with the information that the pensioner died *Nov. 30, 1920*

and said check has this day been canceled.

Very respectfully,

(D-1)

GUY O. TAYLOR,

Disbursing Clerk.

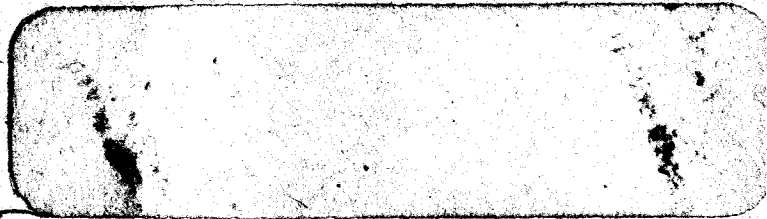
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,  
OFFICE OF THE DISBURSING CLERK,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**RETURN IF NOT DELIVERED IN TEN DAYS.**

**TO THE POSTMASTER:**  
The Act of August 17, 1912, prohibits the delivery of this letter to any person if the addressee has died or removed, or being a widow, is believed to have remarried; and postal regulations prohibit its delivery if the pensioner has reenlisted in the military or naval service of the United States, and require its return forthwith in any such case with a statement of the reasons for so doing, and if on account of death, remarriage or reenlistment, the date thereof if known.

*Return Address Dead  
Died mar 30 1910*



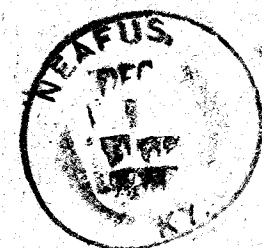
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VALID. (Series )

Cert. No. 248403

Name, John V. Bratcher

Rank, Sgt.; Service, Co. 33, 1st Regt. Vol. Inf.

Original Roll: Louisville

Agency Transf'd, 18, to

" " 18, to

Issued Aug 20, 1887

Mailed " 24, 1887

Rate and Period, \$2, from Dec 30, 1886

Deductions:

Disability: Slight deafness of both ears

Issued Aug 23, 1887

Mailed Sept 10, 1887

Rate and Period, \$4, from Dec 30, 1886 and \$6 April 3, 1887

Deductions:

Disability: Slight deafness of both ears

Issued, M Oct 12, 1887

Mailed " " 1887

Rate and Period, \$1, from July 1, 1887

Disability: Slight deafness of both ears, resulting from

Disability: severe deafness of right ear and slight deafness of left ear and pneumonia

Issued Feb 13, 1889

Mailed " " 19, 1889

Rate and Period, \$10, from Nov 15, 1888

" \$20 Aug 27, 1889

Disability: Slight deafness of both ears, resulting from

Disability: of right ear, and slight deafness of left ear and pneumonia

INDORSEMENT

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Feb 1 1888

Family data correct J. Q. W.

Vertical text on the left margin: Entered, Issue, Class, Date

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W. B. MONTGOMERY  
DEALER IN  
DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES  
AND  
WINDOW GLASS

RECEIVED  
JUN 13 1921

Isabel Bratcher  
Orig Widow  
Noll67876  
John W Bratcher  
Co H 35 Reg Ky  
Mtd Ify

CANEYVILLE, KY June 13, 1921

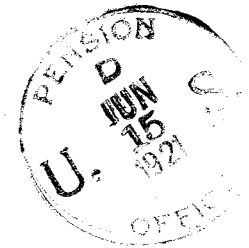
U S Pension Commissioner  
Washington, D C

Dear Mr Gardiner:

Will you please tell me the status of above named pension claim? It was filed about Dec. Acknowledged receipt. No given as above. And on or about the middle of Feb. 1921 a total of 4 affidavits were filed that were never acknowledged. These were made by my self. Mrs Bratcher, the widow, Mrs Judy E Goff and Miss Snider. We thought these were of themselves sufficient evidence as they covered all that was asked, but we have never heard whether they were received or not, hence this enquiry. If not if you will send enquiry will present the same proof as all parties are still living, and if they were received if anymore proof is needed will try to make it.

Respectfully

*W.B. Montgomery*  
W. B. Montgomery,  
Notary Public



Act of May 11, 1912.

Invt. Cert. 248.403

Name, John W. Bratcher,  
Neafus, Grayson Co.,  
Kentucky

Application filed May 25, 1912

Service, Co. H, 35 Ky. Inf.

~~Nov. 27, 1912. A. G. Wood~~

~~Nov. 27, 1912. Letter client~~  
~~for evidence~~ RJ



Congressional Section

July 28, 1921

Honorable Ben Johnson,  
House of Representatives

My dear Mr. Johnson:

In re Isabel Bratcher: W.O. 1167876  
Steff, Kentucky

With the return of bureau letter of the 19th  
instant and carbon copy thereof, you are advised that  
the claimant's address is as given above.

Very truly yours,

Acting Commissioner

HNB/ghd

Leach Ky.

Jan 21. 1889.

Hon. John C. Black.

Comm'r

I hereby make application for  
reviving of my Pension under  
Act of Congress of August 27. 1888,  
I am a pensioner under certifi-  
cate 248403. was a member of  
Co. H. 35<sup>th</sup> Ky Inf Vols.

signed.

John W. Butcher

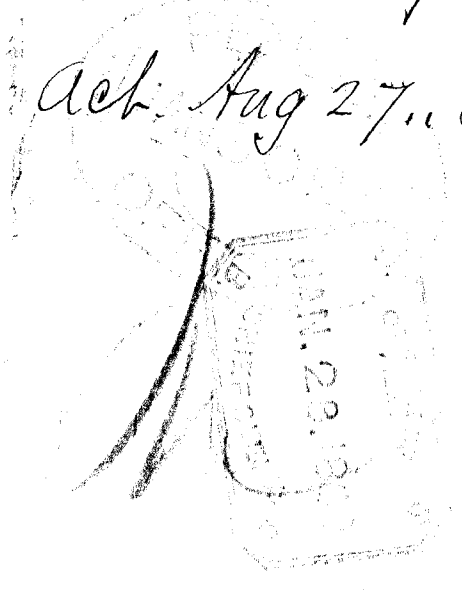
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Application of  
John W. Bratcher  
H. 35 Ky Inf

Cert 248,403  
for

Re-rating

act. Aug 27, 88



W. D. JENKINS  
A. D. JENKINS  
Patent, Land and Oil  
ATTORNEY,  
207 LOUISIANA AVE.,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Congressional Section

July 19, 1921

Honorable Ben Johnson,  
House of Representatives

My dear Mr. Johnson:

In re Isabel Bratcher; W.O. 1167876

You are advised that in the above claim, the claimant was called on on the 13th instant for a certified copy of the public record, the affidavit of the attending physician or of witnesses who were present at the death of the soldier to prove the fact and date of his death. She was advised that the affidavit of W. E. Montgomery is not satisfactory, as he merely gives the date of burial and not that of death. She was advised that a supplemental affidavit from Judah E. Coff should be furnished showing the date of death of the soldier's first wife, Emaline.

Upon receipt of the evidence so called for, the claim will be taken up for further consideration.

Very truly yours,

WASHINGTON GARDNER  
Commissioner

HWB/ghd

Widow Division  
W.O. 1167876  
Isabel Bratcher  
John W. Bratcher  
H 35" Ky. Mtd. Inf.

July 13, 1921.

Mrs. Isabel Bratcher

Steff, Kentucky

Madam:

Your above cited claim requires proof of the death of the soldier by a certified copy of the public record, the affidavit of the attending physician or of witnesses who were present at the death of soldier. The affidavit of W. B. Montgomery is not satisfactory, as he merely gives the date of burial of soldier.

There is also required a supplemental affidavit from Juda E. Goff, showing date of death of soldier's first wife, Emaline.

The soldier's name and service and the number of this claim should be inscribed on all papers filed, and no affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to show the age and address of the witness and his means of knowing the facts stated.

Very respectfully

WASHINGTON GARDNER

HEE/SAM

Commissioner.

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Widow Division  
W.O. 1167876  
Isabel Bratcher  
John W. Bratcher  
H 35" Ky. Mtd. Inf.

July 13, 1921.

Mrs. Isabel Bratcher

Steff, Kentucky

Madam:

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There is also required a supplemental affidavit from Juda E. Goff, showing date of death of soldier's first wife, Emaline.

The soldier's name and service and the number of this claim should be inscribed on all papers filed, and no affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to show the age and address of the witness and his means of knowing the facts stated.

Very respectfully

WASHINGTON GARDNER

HEE/SAM

Commissioner.

*RF*

*SPW*

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MM.  
Removal Div.  
Inv. Ctf. 248,403  
John W. Bratcher  
Co. H, 35, Ky. Mtd. Inf.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON

November 29, 1912.

Mr. John W. Bratcher,  
Neafus, Ky.



Sir:

Your above entitled claim for pension under the act of May 11, 1912, requires medical or other competent evidence showing whether you are now unable to perform manual labor by reason of disability from slight deafness of both ears, resulting in severe deafness of right ear, and slight deafness of left ear, and rheumatism and left hydrocele, alone.

Very respectfully,

*J. W. Bratcher*  
Commissioner.



MM.  
Removal Div.  
Inv. Ctf. 248,403  
John W. Bratcher  
Co. H. 35, Ky. Mtd. Inf.

November 29<sup>th</sup> 1912.

Mr. John W. Bratcher,  
Neafus, Ky.

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Very respectfully,  
J. L. CAVENDISH,  
Commissioner.



CLAIM No. ....

Examiners are required to keep the unimportant papers in this wrapper.

**PAPERS NOT  
BRIEFED.**

I certify that the inclosed papers are of no value in determining the merits of this claim.

6-2089

....., *Examiner.*

DISCHARGE CERTIFICATES, POWERS OF  
ATTORNEY, AND CONTRACTS FOR  
FEES NOT TO BE INCLOSED.

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Section F.  
Civil War Division  
Inv. Ctf. 248,403  
John W. Bratcher,  
Co. H, 35 Kentucky Mtd. Inf.

September 12, 1914.

Mr. John W. Bratcher,

Neafus,

Kentucky.

Sir:

Your claim for pension under the disability clause of the act of May 11, 1912, filed August 23, 1912 is rejected on the ground that you are not shown to be unable to perform manual labor by reason of your disability of service origin, slight deafness of both ears, resulting in severe deafness of right ear and slight of left ear, and rheumatism and left hydrocele (disease of left testicle.)

The Rules of Practice of the Interior Department give you the right to appeal to the Secretary of the Interior within one year from the date hereof.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

September 12, 1914.

Hon. Ben Johnson,

House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

Relative to the claim for pension under the disability clause of the act of May 11, 1912, filed August 23, 1912, certificate number 248,403 of John W. Bratcher who served in Company B, 35th Kentucky Mounted Infantry and whose address is Heafus, Kentucky, I have the honor to advise you that said claim is rejected on the ground that soldier is not shown to be unable to perform manual labor by reason of his disability of service origin, slight deafness of both ears, resulting in severe deafness of right ear and slight of left ear, and rheumatism and left hydrocele (disease of left testicle.)

Soldier has this day been fully advised of the above action.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

Carbon copy  
for files.

August 25, 1914.

Hon. Ben Johnson,

House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

In response to your inquiry of the 19th instant, relative to the claim for increase of pension under the act of May 11, 1912, certificate number 248,403 of John W. Bratcher who served in Company H, 35th Kentucky Mounted Infantry and whose address is Heafus, Kentucky, I have the honor to advise you that said claim is now being considered with a view to its final adjudication and you and the claimant will be advised of the result.

Very truly yours,

Acting Commissioner.

Carbon copy  
for files.

Widow

~~Division~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C., Feb 9, 1921

No. Claim, W. O. 1167876

Cert. No. 248403

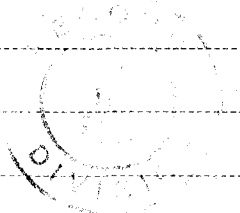
Claimant, Isabel Bratcher

Soldier, John W. Bratcher

Co. A, 35 Regt Ky Mt Inf.

Respectfully, referred to the  
Chief of the Record  
Div. for cross  
reference with  
M. C. 402286

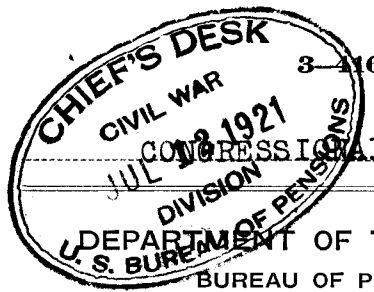
Inv. Ct. 366985  
Robert W. Field.



B. J. Rogers

Chief of Widow Division.

H. Edwards



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Division  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C., July 12, 1921

No. Claim, W.O. 1167876

Cert. No.

Claimant, Isabel Bratcher

Soldier, John W. Bratcher,

Co. H, 35 Reg't Ky. Mtd. Inf.

*Chief Wnd. Dir.*

Respectfully, requested:-

Status by endorsement hereon,  
after consideration of evidence  
herewith.

*John W. Bratcher*

*Deputy Commissioner*

Chief of Division.

HWB/ghd

J. C. No. 248403

MF 47  
Act of May 1, 1920.

H. T. G.  
Medical Division.

Name *John W. Bratcher* DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Service *H. 35 Ky Mtd. Inf.* WASHINGTON *Home*

P.O. *Steff*  
*Grayson Co. Ky*

OCT 4 1920

Dr. Samuel H. Armes, Secretary,  
Board of U. S. Examining Surgeons,  
Room 2, Masonic Hall,  
Leitchfield, Kentucky.

Sir: should be examined at his home.  
The above named applicant ~~has been examined and report made to you for examination.~~ He claims pension under Section 2 of the Act of May 1, 1920, which provides:

That every person who served ninety days or more in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil war, and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, or who, having so served less than ninety days, was discharged for a disability incurred in the service and in the line of duty, or is now upon the pension rolls as a Civil War veteran, and every person who served sixty days or more in the War with Mexico, or on the coasts or frontier thereof, or en-route thereto, during the war with that nation, and was honorably discharged therefrom, and who is now, or hereafter may become, by reason of age and physical or mental disabilities, helpless or blind, or so nearly helpless or blind as to require the regular personal aid and attendance of another person, shall be entitled to and shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$72 per month.

In every instance state in so many words whether applicant does or does not require regular aid and attendance.

He alleges that he requires the regular personal aid and attendance of another person by reason of *arteriosclerosis, cystitis, senile debility, impaired vision*

You should examine him for these alleged disabling causes and for any other physical or mental disabilities, and describe fully conditions found, so that it may be determined from your description whether the regular personal aid and attendance of another person is required by this applicant.

Very respectfully,

*F D Byington*  
Acting Commissioner.



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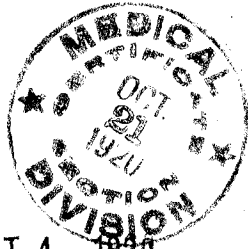
Medical Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
WASHINGTON

Ctl. No. 248,403

John W. Bratcher

H. 35" Ky. Mtd. Inf.



OCT 4 1920

Dr. Samuel H. Armes Secretary  
Board of U. S. Examining Surgeons

Room 2 Masonic Hall

Leitchfield, Ky.

Dear Doctor:

It will be appreciated if the member of your board residing nearest the above named claimant proceed to the home of said claimant and examine him carefully in accordance with the inclosed instructions. His post-office address is

Steff, Ky.

The examination should be made as soon as possible at a time which will not conflict with a meeting of the board. Before going to Steff the surgeon should ascertain by correspondence with the postmaster, or otherwise, whether the claimant is still residing there.

All papers should be returned with this order and the certificate of examination. In preparing the voucher for services, the surgeon should closely observe the directions in Form 3-168, and the accompanying instructions dated March 3, 1917.

Very truly yours,

F. D. BYINGTON  
Acting Commissioner.

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Mr. Div. 248403  
Case No. 248403  
John W. Bratcher  
H-35 Ky. Milit. Inf.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
Washington

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Sept 8, 1920

Mr. John W. Bratcher  
Steff  
Kentucky

Sir:

In the claim for increase under section 2, act of May 1, 1920, filed July 19, 1920 in the above cited case the evidence indicated in paragraph No. 2 should be furnished.

1. (a) The sworn statement of the attending or family physician, describing the disabilities which require the regular personal aid and attendance of another person; or, if the claimant is unable to procure such statement, (b) the sworn statement of his attendant showing the character and frequency of the aid and attendance required; whether the claimant is confined to the house or to his bed and if so, whether for the whole or only a portion of the time; and the relationship existing between the attendant and the claimant.

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2. The claimant's statement setting forth whether any member of his family rendered service in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in the late World War, and if so, whether he is in receipt of, or has ever applied to the War Risk Insurance Bureau for, compensation because of the death in or since the service of such member of his family.

All sworn statements should be made before a notary public or some other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.

Persons testifying should state their ages, post office addresses and means of knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

Do not fail to inscribe on each paper furnished the name and service of the claimant and the number of the claim to which it relates.

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Very respectfully,

W. S. G. Gable

Commissioner.

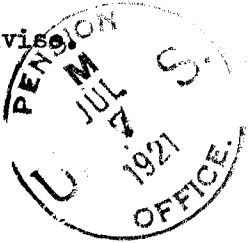
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*Burr Johnson*

M. C.

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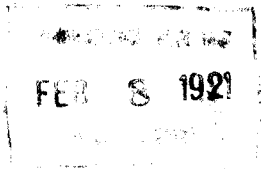


KENTUCKY.

February 7, 1921

REMARKS.

Chief of Files: -  
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Please  
draw Inv. Ch. 366985  
Robert W. Field  
C 1 Ky L. Art. Vol.  
for use in claim  
W. O. 1167876  
Isabel Bratcher Wick.  
John W. Bratcher  
H. 35 Ky. Mt. Inf.  
Robt. W. Field was a  
former husband of the  
claimant.  
Edwards



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Robert St. Field-service spec  
d. 7-12-88. O  
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d. 1+3+89. 10.  
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Crallica. O

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HOME

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MEDICAL DIVISION

*WJ* No. *248403*  
Co. *7th* Reg't *35th Ky Mtd Inf.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Oct 1 1920*, 192

*John W. Bratcher*  
*Steff Grayson Co.*  
*Ky.*

Sir:

You are informed that an order has this day been issued, directing a member of the board of United States examining surgeons at *Leitchfield, Ky.*, to examine you at your home with reference to your claim for pension.

The doctor should fill in the spaces below, after which you will return this notice to the Bureau.

Very respectfully,  
*F D Byington*

Acting Commissioner.

Examination made by me this *16* day of *October*, 192*0*

*S. L. Givan*  
Examining Surgeon.

*Springfield*  
(P. O. address of examining surgeon.)  
*Kentucky*



ADMITTED FILES

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Certificate No. 248403

Series *Inv.*

Pensioner

Soldier *John W Bratcher*

Service *H 35 Ky Mtd Inf*

Drawn by

for *M. J. ...*

Division.

Charged *9*, 19

to

on slip signed

File Clerk.

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Steff Ky  
July 5 1921

Hon Ben Johnson  
Washington



Sir:

I have pending with  
Bureau of Pensions claim  
for pension which  
was received by the

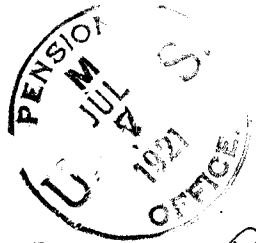
Bureau on Jan 3 1921

and entered as

Number 1167876

Claim of Isabel Bratcher, widow  
(Act May 1 1920) of John W. Bratcher  
late of Co "H" 35 Regt Ky. Inf.  
Early in February I received  
request for additional  
evidence on one or two  
points. This was furnished  
promptly and since





that time I have heard nothing whatever from the bureau.

The run down condition of the farm due to scarcity of labor during war, shortage of feed and hiring of all labor leaves me in pretty tight place financially and the allowance of the claim at once will help very much.

I do not think there is the slightest question as to validity of the claim and it appears that there has been unnecessary

CONGRESSIONAL  
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delay.  
Any help you can  
give in hurrying the  
case along will be  
appreciated

Very respectfully

Isabel Bratcher

(Isabel Bratcher)

Steff

Grayson Co. Ky

IDENTIFICATION AND DATA SLIP

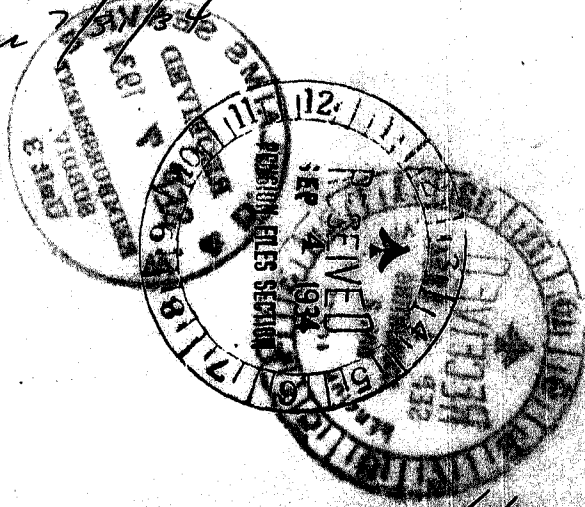
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Number Assigned *C* *907364*

War Code *4A*  
Rate \$ *40* Classification *JW*  
Date *8/31/34* Clerk, M.P. & I. Unit *JW*

Data for Correspondence or Disposition  
(Must be initialed and dated by clerk supplying data)

*Died August 22, 1934*  
*P.O. #38 thru 7/31/34*



*Speckham*

*7/1/34*

ACT OF MAY 1, 1920  
**RESTORED** 3-1647.

~~Act of May 11, 1912.~~

Cert. 248403

Name, John W. Bralton

Application filed July 19, 1920  
Service, A, 35-

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT  
HARVEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DISTRICT 152, COOK COUNTY  
HARVEY, ILLINOIS



Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D.C.

Div. Widow Pensions.

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September 10, 1934

MBAC-c

Mr. E. E. Bratcher,  
Harvey,  
Illinois

BRATCHER Isabel  
W.C. 907 364

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter of August 27, 1934.

Pension accruing from the date of last payment to the date of the pensioner's death is not an asset of the estate, is not payable to heirs and is not liable for the payment of debts, but may under certain conditions be paid to reimburse the person who bore the expenses of the last sickness and burial, or who is held responsible therefor, in the event the pensioner did not leave sufficient assets to meet such expenses, and is not survived by a minor child under sixteen years of age at the date of her death.

If, under the circumstances, it is desired to file claim for this amount, the enclosed form 5036 should be completed in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and filed in this office.

All future communications relative to this case should bear the pensioner's name and refer to the number W.C. 907 364.

Respectfully,

E. L. BAILEY  
Director,  
Widows' and Dependents'  
Claims Service.

Enc. Form 5036  
MV:ejl

E. E. BRATCHER, SUPERINTENDENT  
OFFICE, WHITTIER SCHOOL  
151ST STREET AND LOOMIS AVENUE  
TELEPHONE HARVEY 300

## HARVEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISTRICT NO. 152, COOK COUNTY

Harvey, Illinois

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Steff, Ky.

August 27th, 1934.

Bureau Of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.

Div. Widows Pension.

This is to advise you of the death of our  
mother, Isabel Bratcher, Steff, Ky. who drew widow's pension  
under certificate No. ~~907,364~~, who died at Harvey, Ill on  
August 22nd 1934. 907364

In connection with this matter we ask that you  
advise us as to the amount due her for the month of August.

Can this be paid to the undertaker to apply on  
his bill or to one of us to apply on other indebtedness without  
the formality of appointing an administrator?

Due to the small value of the estate and the fact  
that there will be but little, if any, more that enough to  
meet obligations, we are anxious, if possible to avoid the  
expense of an administrator.

Respect fully,

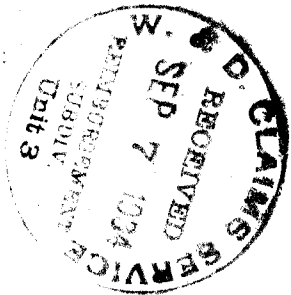
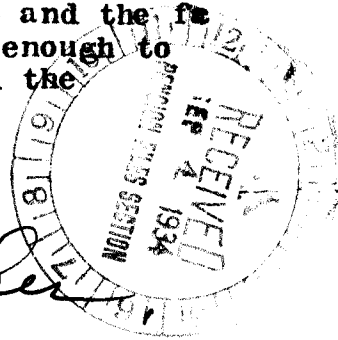
*E. E. Bratcher*

*Floy Taylor*

*Henry C. Field*

Direct reply to

E.E.Bratcher, Harvey, Ill.



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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At Leach, Ky.  
January 9, 1893.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Isabel Bratcher No. 386, 870 Wid  
To Isabel Bratcher, Claimant: 420 246 4ain.

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 9 day of January, A. D. 1893, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Leach, County of Grayson and State of Kentucky, and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all material witnesses will be heard.

And you are further notified that you have the privilege of being present, in person or by attorney, during said special examination, and of cross-examining said witnesses and of introducing any material evidence on your own behalf, if you so desire.

Thomas House  
Special Examiner.

I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 9 day of January, 1893, and desire the examination to begin on the same

Isabel Bratcher

Louisville, Ky, January 28 1893

Hon. Green B. Raum,  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.,

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith  
the papers in claim No. 420, 246, of  
Isabel Beatcher, whose P.O. address is  
Beach, Ky., and who claims pension  
as the widow of R. Willis Field, late Sgt.  
Co. G. 9 Ky. Cav., also as Guardian of  
his minor children.

The claim was sent to the field  
to determine cause of soldier's death.  
Claimant was duly notified <sup>and informed</sup> of  
her rights and privileges in the prem-  
ises and waives notice of further  
examination.

All the witnesses are correctly  
rated on index sheet.)

Claimant's reputation is fair  
but she evidently lied when she  
said that he was not a drunk-  
ard as did Hudson when he  
said he didn't know what  
caused soldier's

It is generally known

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in the neighborhood where the  
soldier lived that he was a victim  
of the whiskey and opium habit

All the witnesses with the ex-  
ception of the two mentioned  
testified in a fair and impartial  
manner.

In my opinion the claim  
should be rejected on the ground  
that soldier died from gastritis  
the result of excessive whiskey drink-  
ing etc.

Dr. J. W. Meador, has removed  
from Spring Lake, to Athens, Ohio  
County, N.Y., but for the next  
three months can be found at  
174 Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill.,  
where he is attending lectures at  
the Polyclinic School of Medicine.

Very respectfully  
Thomas Meador  
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *A*

Case of *Isabel Bratcher*

No. *386, 870 Widow*  
*420, 246 Adm*

On this *ninth* day of *January*, 1893, at  
*Leach*, County of *Grayson*  
State of *Kentucky*, before me, *Thomas House*, a  
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Isabel*  
*Bratcher*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
said pension claim, deposes and says: *I am 37 years old*

*I am keeping house*

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wounded.

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Dr. Deuker (now of Spring Lick)  
Ky. came to see my husband twice  
between Dr. Meador's visits, but  
Dr. Meador was the last one that  
came to see him.

Dr. Field never received any injury  
of the head that I know of except  
the wound that he always told  
me he got in the army.

No Sir Dr. Field never received a  
sunstroke or had a palsy that I  
know of.

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Dr. Meadows, P. O. address is Shreve  
Ohio County, Ky. now and Dr. J. Waterman,  
P. O. address is Spring Lick Grayson  
County, Ky.

John Snyder, Letch Grayson Co., Ky.  
Larkin Hudson " " " "  
Lee Worley " " " "

saw as much of Dr. Field during  
the last few years of his life as  
anyone that I can think of

I couldn't go with you and  
have no one to send with you  
I understand your question and  
my answer have been correctly record-  
ed in this deposition.

Isabel Bratcher  
Deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of January  
1893, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Thomas H. Burr

Special Examiner.

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CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION *G*

Case of *Isabel Bratcher*, No. *386,870* (*Midson*)  
*420 246* (*Guardian*)

On this *tenth* day of *January*, 189*3*, at  
*Louisville*, County of *Jefferson*  
State of *Kentucky*, before me, *Thomas Huse*, a  
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Isabel Bratcher*

the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

Q. If it should become necessary to further examine your claim, by taking the testimony of witnesses elsewhere, do you desire to be present in person or be represented by an attorney, or both, at such further examination? If so, you will be notified as to the place and time when it is to be made.

A. *No*

Q. Should you change your mind and desire to be present, or be represented by an attorney during any further examination of your case, will you *at once* address a letter to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.," giving the name and the number of your claim, informing him that you have so changed your mind, and desire to be notified when your claim is to be further examined?

A. *Yes.*

Q. State the names of the person or persons and their post-office addresses, instrumental in the prosecution of your claim for pension.

A. *George E. Lemon, Washington*  
*D.C.*

Q. State what contract or contracts you have made with such person or persons for their services in prosecuting your claim for pension, and whether such contract or contracts were written or verbal.

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A. I signed a \$25.00 contract and have sent him about ten dollars in money

Q. State the amount of fees paid by you or at your instance, to whom paid, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction.

A. I sent ten dollars but I don't remember the dollars now

Q. Please give me the names of all witnesses that you desire examined elsewhere, with their post-office addresses, and also state what you expect to prove by each witness.

A. I don't know of any better witnesses than I have mentioned

Q. Have you any complaint to make as to the conduct, manner, or fairness of the examination of your claim? If so, please state specifically what it is.

A. No

Q. Do you desire to introduce any more testimony before me?

A. No

Isabel Bratcher  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this tenth day of January, 1893, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Thomas Howe  
Special Examiner.

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No. 420,246 claim of  
Isabel Patcher widow of  
Robert W. Field, late Sergt Co "C" 9 Ky Cav.  
P.O. address Leach, Grayson Co "Ky"  
and also guardian of her minor children.

Owensboro, Ky. Apr. 23<sup>d</sup> 1894

Hon. Wm Lochee  
Comr of Pensions  
Washington D.C.

Sir:  
I have the honor to return the papers in  
the above described claim, and submit my  
report. This claim was sent to the  
field to determine cause of soldier's death  
and came to me for cross-examination of Dr.  
J. W. Meador.

The Doctor has an extensive country practice  
and is a man who is well informed.  
I am of the opinion from the Doctor's testimony  
and that of others taken by Special Examiner  
Huse that the soldier's death was attributable  
to his own vicious habits and therefore  
recommend rejection of this claim.

Respectfully  
H. M. Burfield  
Spec'l Examiner

## DEPOSITION

Case of Isabel Bratcher, No. 386870

On this 21 day of Apr, 1894, at  
Trisler, County of Ohio  
 State of Ky, before me, H M Burfield, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Dr. J. W. Meadows, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am 55 years old, practiced

for 29 years, Graduate of the Medical Dept of  
 The University of Louisville Ky, P. O. address  
Trisler Ohio Co Ky.

I knew Dr. R. W. Field about 12 or 14 years  
 prior to his death. Never was his family  
 physician. I was called in to treat him once in  
 the Spring of 1888, and then again in his last  
 sickness. At my first visit in the Spring I found  
 some swelling of the feet and ankles, I can not  
 now state what I thought the cause of that swelling.  
 I am inclined to believe that I attributed it to  
 his morphine habit. I knew then and had  
 known for some time that he was a morphine  
 eater. I also knew then and before that time  
 that he also drank whiskey to excess.

I had heard of his using whiskey to excess for ten or  
 twelve years before his death. I had seen him at  
 times intoxicated several years before he died.

For several years before he died, his excessive use  
 of whiskey interfered with his medical practices.  
 It is my recollection that in the Spring of 1888, he  
 told me he had been in the habit of using  
 morphine to excess. When I was about to inject  
 morphine in his arm in his last illness, he  
 gave me to understand that double the usual dose  
 would have but little effect on him as he had  
 been in the habit of using it, and I found it so.

not have any effect.

Q Will you describe the symptoms attendant upon and your diagnosis of Dr. Field's last illness?

A When I visited him he was vomiting excessively and complaining of pain in his head. I was at first without making a diagnosis, from the fact that I was aware of his whiskey and morphine habits, but decided that he had gastritis and probably complicated with circumscribed meningitis or trouble with the meninges of the brain. The excessive vomiting was caused by inflammation of the mucous membrane of the stomach exaggerated by the meningeal or cerebral trouble. But as the case progressed, the head symptoms became more and more prominent. The pain was so intense he called for and kept continually rubbing his head & back of his head as long as he was conscious. As well as I remember his temperature was from 100 to 103, circulation from 70 to 100 I believe. He continued to vomit - could keep nothing on his stomach, and frequently called for whiskey. 1/2 grain of morphine hypodermically had no effect on him. I was not present when he died. Continued stimulation and debauchery had reduced the vital forces, but in giving my opinion of the cause of death, it was a combination of the result of a wound of head and excessive use of narcotics and whiskey. I have no interest in this claim. I have heard my deposition read and I am correctly reported.

J. W. Meador, M.D.  
Deponent.

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of Apr, 1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

H. M. Burfield  
Special Examiner.

(8-450.)

S. E. D.

No. 386 870 ind. 420,246 guar.

Claimant: *Isabel Oratcher*

Soldier: *Robt W Field*

P. O. address: *Seach*

County: *Grayson* State: *Ky*

Recommendation: *Rejection*

*H M Bonfield*  
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

*May 7, 1894*  
*Respectfully submitted*  
*Chief Board of Review*  
*for Consideration*

*Jack Smith*  
Chief S. E. Division.

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# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At Leach, Ny.

Oct. 26, 1898.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of John W. Bratcher cut No. 248,403

To John W. Bratcher, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., A. D. 1898, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Leach, County of Grayson and State of Ny., and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all material witnesses will be heard.

And you are further notified that you have the privilege of being present, in person or by attorney, during said special examination, and of cross-examining said witnesses and of introducing any material evidence on your own behalf, if you so desire.

C. R. McBride

Special Examiner.

C. R. McBride

I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1898, and desire the examination to begin on the at once

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John W. Bratcher

Nature of Claim: General Law.  
Number of Claim: Inv. Cert. No. 248,403.  
Claimant's Name: John W. Bratcher.  
Soldier's Name: " "  
Service: Supt. Co. N, 35 Ky. Mtd. Vol. Inf.  
Post Office: Leach, Grayson Co., Ky.  
Notice: Given. Further Notice: Waived.

Overbrook, Ky. Oct. 31, 1898.

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith return the papers in the above cited claim, referred to this district for original special examination, and to submit my report thereon.

Claimant is pensioned under the general pension laws at \$20 per month on account of "slight deafness of both ears, resulting in severe deafness of right ear and slight deafness of left ear, and rheumatism", and claims additional pension for varicocele of left testicle.

Claim was referred to the S. C. Division for investigation as to origin of left varicocele and for the testimony of neighbors as to degree of existing deafness of pensioner, if any, and came to me by transfer from Mr. D. M. Cutler for the initial examination

Claimant was duly notified of the special examination of his claim and all his rights and privileges were explained to him. He was present at the examination of a number of the witnesses and heard and read the testimony of all others excepting that of comrade Day and Major which was in no sense adverse.

He retains right to notice of any further examination of his claim.

He has the reputation and appearance of being a truthful and sincere man.

I was with him parts of two days and in his home one night. I observed him closely and was unable to notice that there was any greater defect of hearing in one ear than in the other, but his hearing is certainly defective in both ears and pensioner doubtless speaks truly when he avers that his hearing is worse at times. One can carry on a conversation with him at a distance of from six to ten feet when he is giving attention by a slight elevation of the voice. If I spoke to him in an ordinary conversational tone he would request me to repeat if he observed that I was speaking and gave no heed if he did not see.

The witnesses are well to do farmers of good repute and I think they state the facts in their testimony to the effect that Pensioners hearing is defective in both ears. Pensioners rating is in my opinion excessive for the defect of hearing existing at the present time but I am unwilling to believe that he pretended greater deafness than that which actually existed at the time he was given a high rating for deafness by the board of examining surgeons.

I am aware that continuance of varicocele is not required but I took the testimony of witnesses on that point in order that they might be unguarded in testifying as to the defect of hearing.

While in their vicinity on other business I interviewed comrades Park, Wesley Embry, John Embry, Wm. S. Byers, Samuel Embry, Maiden, Sapp and Cook but they were without information as to the disability in the pending claim.

Comrades Aaron V. Gray, John Majors and Thomas Embry are men of good reputation for truth and in my opinion origin of left varicocele is established. I therefore recommend admission.

Very respectfully,

C. R. McBride.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *A*

Case of *John W. Bratcher*, *Cert.* No. *248,403*.

On this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct.*, 1898, at *Leach*, County of *Grayson* State of *Ky.*, before me, *C. R. McBride*, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

*John W. Bratcher*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: *I am 64 years of age. My residence and post office address is Leach Grayson County, Ky. I am a farmer by occupation and am at the present time post-master at Leach, Ky.*

*I am the identical John W. Bratcher who served as a Sergeant in Co. H, 35<sup>th</sup> Ky. Vol. Inf. enlisted in Aug. 1863 and mustered out with my company in Dec. 1864. That was my only service and I was never in the Confederate army.*

*Prior to my service in the army I was in good health, sound and able bodied. I never had any serious sickness before my enlistment.*

*I was born within two miles of where I now reside and have lived in this vicinity all my life.*

*I am a pensioner under the general pension laws at \$20 per month for deafness and lumbago paid at the Louisville, Ky. Pension Agency. I was originally pensioned at \$2 per month for deafness and subsequently granted additional pension on account of lumbago.*

*My pension has been increased from time to time by reason of increasing disability. I am now claiming additional pension on account*

of varicocele of left testicle.

In the fall of 1863, while on the march from Henderson to Hopkinsville, Ky., I was taken with a severe pain in the head. Do not know the cause but have always supposed it was from cold and exposure, lying on the ground and not being accustomed to such a life. The pain became so severe that I had to be placed in an ambulance and in that way made the rest of the journey to Hopkinsville and was in hospital at that place about three weeks. At the expiration of such time the pain in my head left me but my hearing was impaired and I was afflicted with deafness in both ears during the remainder of my service and the deafness has continued to the present time. During the following winter, 1863 and 64, my deafness was about the same in both ears and was so severe that I was excused from answering at roll call as I could hardly hear the drum beat at times. My deafness during that winter was more severe than it has ever been since. My deafness is now more severe in the right ear than in the left ear and is much worse at some times than at others. When I take cold it at once affects my ears and I sometimes become so deaf that I can scarcely hear at all.

On the return march from Hopkinsville to Henderson, Ky., the same fall, 1863, about the latter part of October or early part of November, I incurred varicocele of left testicle by a fall of my horse. I was riding an old, broken down horse which slipped or stumbled in some way and fell with me. I was caught under him by my left leg, thrown forward on the pommel of the saddle and my left testicle

was twice out washed. The night  
made me very sick at the time but after a  
while I feel better and with some assist-  
ance immediate relief was obtained. The night  
the injury occurred I went down on the second de-  
ck and Mr. McNamee, and Mr. Westman, Mr. and  
Mrs. Westman, Mr. Westman, Mr. Westman, Mr. Westman  
were the same day. I remember that I spent  
a week in my bed at the time of re-  
covery. I did not go to hospital for  
that disability and had no treatment  
the same for the same. It did not trouble  
me much during the remainder of my service  
but became enlarged about the time of my  
discharge. The reason why I did not claim for  
pension at the time I did not claim for  
the reason that I had not at that time  
known as much enlarged as to hinder me much  
in my work. But if continued to claim for  
it. I would desire of course about Oct. 1, 1884,  
at some place near the Virginia and Kentucky line.  
The next day I was out and received the same  
the same day, evening and receiving the same  
and laid all night in wet clothing. The next  
morning I could hardly move my legs  
on account of the pain in my feet. I then  
went to bed from that day and was not  
able to get up anything but my feet  
and I stop on I suffer from pain  
in the back.

Then I was discharged and returned to my  
home where I now reside and have been  
in my service. I was first taken after  
my return from the service by Mr. Brewster,  
my dear, formerly of Danville, Ky. I was  
first treated by Mr. Westman, Mr. Westman  
and Mr. Westman of Danville, Ky. and Mr. Westman  
of Danville, Ky.  
I expect to show again and continuance  
of my disability by the evidence and

neighbors who have already testified in my claim and have no other names to suggest. I desire that they shall be seen interviewed and their testimony obtained.

H. P. Bratcher a brother, John M. Snyder, Theodor Steff and Frank Goff are neighbors of mine and are well acquainted with me.

A. V. Way of White Run Ky., Wm. Byers, White Run, Ky., Avery Byers, dead, Lira A. R. Byers address unknown and Jos. Park, White Run, Ky., were my associates and we sometimes worked together.

You have read to me the list of surviving comrades and those whom I think would know of my disabilities. I have read your "answers" "obus" "no".

I have been married twice. My first wife was Emeline Maiden. I married her in Grayson County, Ky., and she died here Jan. 9, 1889. I had six children by her, three of whom are now living, all over sixty years of age. My second and present wife was Isabella Field. I married her here in Grayson County, April 2, 1889. She had been married once prior to her marriage to me. Her maiden name was Isabella Bratcher and she was married to Robt. W. Field in this county Oct. 22, 1879. We have had two children, both living. Their names and the date of their birth are as follows -

Emmet E. born Aug. 20, 1890, and

Felix born Dec. 23, 1891, a son and a daughter. I will try to be present at the examination of witnesses men but not elsewhere and I waive right to notice of further examination.

I have heard the foregoing read and it is correct.

John W. Bratcher

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C. R. Mc Bride

Special Examiner.

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## Medical Division,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

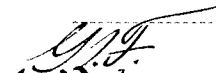
Washington, D. C. *March 29 1898*No. Claim, *248403.*

Claimant,

Soldier, *J. W. Bratcher*Co. *H-35* Reg't *Key*Respectfully returned to *Chief of*  
*Board of Rev.*

There is some doubt as to claimant's title to present rate, for disability due to deafness should be reduced the *Varicocele* (discomodities) would become a factor.

While specially examining the claim for "Varicocele" have the Special Examiner investigate claimant's title to his present rate, i. e. to what extent he is deaf.

  
Approved:

*Hollifield*  
Medical Examiner.

Medical Referee.

Medical Division,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *April 2, 1898*

No. Claim, *218403*

Claimant, \_\_\_\_\_

Soldier, *John W. Bratcher*

Co. *H, 33* Reg't *Ky Inf*

Respectfully returned to \_\_\_\_\_

*Chief of Board of Review  
with opinion that  
Dr. D. S. Reynolds, in  
whom this Division  
has perfect confi-  
dence, shows that  
claimant is a ma-  
ringer and has no  
notable deafness.  
To avoid further  
medical examination  
by an expert, or by  
another board both,  
or either, of which*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Examiner.

Approved  
*J. S.*

*J. S.*  
Medical Referee.

BUREAU

Washington, D. C., ..... 189.....

No. Claim, .....

Claimant, .....

Soldier, .....

Co. ...., Reg't .....

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would) probably  
be deceived) by  
claimant, it is  
desired to secure  
by special examination  
before taking initial  
action of reduction  
or dropping, full  
confirmatory infor-  
mation regarding  
the actual degree  
of deafness.

Such medical ac-  
tion will then be  
based upon the

.....  
Medical Examiner.

Approved  
*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
Medical Referee.

BUREAU OF MEDICINE,

Washington, D. C., ..... 189....

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Claimant, .....

Soldier, .....

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best available) in-  
formation, and need  
not be affected by  
any rebuttal affi-  
davits filed by  
claimant.

It is the fore sug-  
gested that, while  
the special Exam-  
iner is investiga-  
ting the claim  
for variance, he  
may note the  
distance at which

Trance

Medical Examiner.

Approved  
J.S.

J.H. Case  
Medical Referee.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C. 189

No. Claim, .....

Claimant, .....

Soldier, .....

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claimant hears  
ordinary conversation  
in each ear  
separately and  
while his attention  
is diverted, after  
ward the Examiner  
should interview  
claimant's neigh-  
bors and secure  
their evidence in  
regard to his actual  
deafness.

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Medical Examiner.

Approved  
J. E.

J. E.  
Medical Referee.

## DEPOSITION

Case of John W. Bratcher, No. 248,403

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1898, at  
White Run, county of Ohio  
 State of Ky., before me, C. P. McTigue, a  
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared  
Aaron V. Gay, who, being by me first duly sworn to  
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special  
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 62 years of age; my post-office address is White Run,  
Ohio Co., Ky., by occupation a farmer.

I served as Adjutant in Co. H, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Ky. Vol. Inf. enlisted about Aug. 1863 and  
 mustered out with my company Dec. 29,  
1864. I was born near Spring Lick, Grayson  
Co., Ky. within five miles of where I now re-  
 side and have lived in this vicinity all  
 my life. I know the claimant, John W. Bratcher,  
 who was a member of my company. I know  
 him long before the war. We were boys together  
 and worked together often before we went into  
 the army. Prior to his enlistment claimant was  
 in good health. He worked on a farm and made  
 a full hand at farm labor.

We missed together in the service and I know  
 him well and have been well and inti-  
 mately acquainted with him ever since the  
 war. I recollect that on the march from  
Henderson to Hopkinsville, Ky., in the early fall  
 of 1863 claimant was sick and ailing in  
 some way and went to hospital at Hop-  
kinsville. I do not recollect just the  
 nature of his disability, but I remember  
 that after his return to the company from  
 the hospital at that time he was hard  
 of hearing and his hearing was affected  
 during the remainder of the service and  
 has been ever since the war to the



present time. On the return march from Hopkinsville to Henderson, Ky., in the latter part of Oct. or early in Nov. 1863, claimant was injured by having his horse fall with him and being thrown on the pommel of the saddle and under the horse. One of his testicles was injured by the fall. I did not witness the accident but was informed of it soon after and in a short time, perhaps a week or such a matter claimant called my attention to the injured testicle but to save me I am unable to state now which it was though I have seen it within a year or such a matter. It was at the time he showed it to me that first time in the summer much enlarged being about the size of a goose egg and appeared to be sore and painful and he complained of it right sharply. He complained of it at times during the rest of our service and was sometimes unable to ride horseback on account of it. After when riding his horse I would notice that he would throw himself on one leg to shield the injured organ. He would frequently complain of his testicle giving him pain and trouble after our discharges and I saw the injured organ a number of times since the war and it continued to enlarge till when I last saw it a while before he was operated on it was fully as large as a quail egg.

Aaron W. Day

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. R. McBride

Special Examiner.



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John W. Bratcher

Leach Graysen Co. Ky.

40 West 35th St. Vol. 107.

Invented at 20<sup>th</sup> St. New York.

Address of my firm is 107 West 35th St. New York.

Primary claim on grounds of  
est. best in art.

Received by (and 10. 10. 10.)

Don E. Gray Evans

Commissioner of Patents

Sir:

I have the honor to return  
in reply and submit herewith  
above entitled claim papers  
referred to, to the Division of  
Patents (and continue) of alleged  
prior art and grounds of medical  
reservé that the Special Examiner  
ascertain and of the nature and  
extent of claimants' claims and  
returned to the field for an addi-  
tional statement from claimant  
and recommendation of witnesses as  
to all they know about claimant's  
discovery of article during and

each year since service.

In the light of Claimant's supplemental statement I do not see that any thing is to be gained by re-examining Compresses.

Say is the only one who claims to have seen the injuries sustained in service and according to Claimant he has exaggerated the condition and Claimant did not show his will to say so till long after the war - so that it is no use to describe it year by year -

It is a hip brace - never was a varicocle and was capped Dec. 1897. Some 7 pints of fluid were removed. Since which Claimant has suffered little inconvenience from it. He showed it to me on the 8th inst. There is no sign of varicocle. There is a small amount of fluid in left scrotum making that side about 50%, larger than the other. Claimant says it filled up gradually reaching a disturbing point - some 15 years ago - and says if it fills no faster than it did before he will not live to have

It tested again. It is not as  
substantial as my such rating as 2/18  
in my work. He is not now certain  
It was result of injury on saddle  
but says it began in service and  
the evidence. The best to be found  
fairly indicates it had origin in  
service and gradually progressed  
to the condition described by Board  
May 15 1895 since which it has  
not been clinically examined  
If not admitted on the evidence  
now in (do not think it can be  
established - I am of opinion  
claim is meritorious and recom-  
mend admission of this claim  
but should have another medical  
examination - but in view of steps  
in the case did not feel warranted  
in taking him before a board.  
There is a good Board at Fort Belknap  
two members of which have never  
examined claimant - and I think  
they are capable of getting at the  
facts as to his hearing.  
I had no difficulty in making  
myself understood by claimant -  
but does at a distance of 15 ft.

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by raising my voice considerably  
 In the house at a distance of 3 feet  
 he seemed not to understand  
 without slight elevation of voice.  
 He watches the lips closely, and  
 I am satisfied he has deafness  
 in excess of slight but not reaching  
 severe in both ears. He contin-  
 ually turned right ear toward  
 me which might indicate he  
 could hear best in that ear or it  
 might indicate he was putting his  
 worst ear forward to express his

I would recommend admission  
 as ~~hydrophobic~~ and examination  
 as to all disabilities by a Board

Very respectfully  
 J. Dulanto  
 Special Examiner

DEPOSITION A

Case of Wm. W. Bratcher Ex., No. 248403

On this 8 day of June, 1897, at Dech., County of Grapes, State of Ky, before me, W. H. Miller, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Wm. W. Bratcher, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer

truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:— I am the claimant in this case. My injury to left seed-bow caused on march from Henderson to Hoptonville Ky in fall of 1863. I would not know it was caused by the hurt I got in that march by horse falling with me and pitching me on horn of the saddle. But it commenced gradually and was a long time getting to full size. It hurt me right at first. Then it gave me no special trouble for a long time. I got it about 15 years ago I could not plow or work on the farm. It had by that time got a bad voice its natural size was so. It appeared to me the enlargement was all around the natural size. When it was tapped and 7 quarts of water drawn off. just before Christmas 1897. it appeared the seed was larger than natural. It never was tapped until that time I would have been tapped years before but the doctor said it was solid flesh and some said it was water. The doctor was said it contained water till the Board at

7 Litch field 3 or 4 years ago. Said  
 it contained water. I have not  
 been tapped since Dec-1897. If it  
 fills as slow as it did before I will  
 never live to see it. Tapped again  
 I was tapped right here at home.  
 Dr. Harold W. of Conwayville now  
 of Oklahoma. performed the operation  
 and drew off 7 measured pints  
 of water.

Dr. -- Stone of Conwayville and  
 Dr. Crab of Arnold Ohio were  
 present.

What was the appearance of the  
 section in strike

Said it never showed much till  
 after I came out. I was only in  
 a little over a year after I got hurt.  
 When it began to fill up it looked  
 a little red.

I had no treatment for it in  
 service and. none for a long time  
 here after and lots of my neighbors  
 never knew it till 3 or 4 yrs ago  
 My own brother said he knew it all  
 about 3 yrs ago but men that worked  
 on the farm with me knew it for  
 15 years.

I didn't show it to any body  
 when I came out of the army  
 didn't let any body know there  
 was any thing of the kind the matter  
 I and recollect ever showing it to  
 any body till it got to it. I showed  
 for it.

The first doctor I ever showed it  
 to was Dr. Newt Reines then of  
 Rosine Ky. Now somewhere in  
 Mo. He never gave me much

satisfaction but gave me something  
to paint it with. That has been 15 or  
20 yrs ago I expect -

The next person I applied to  
was Mr. Feltus near here now dead.  
He got me a brass which I wore till  
it got so big it wouldn't go in. It has  
a track attached to a gun belt.

Ques

Who saw the injured part in  
service

Ans

Nobody I don't think at all.  
It didn't enlarge to amount to  
any thing for several years after  
I got out of the army. But when we  
at times if I lifted too heavy or  
strained myself - I never had had  
any symptoms of the kind before  
enlistment.

Ques

Which ear can you hear best in  
I forget. Sometimes I can't hear  
much in either. I hear best now  
in right ear. If I catch cold I  
can't hear much out of my ear  
for 3 or 4 days. To my best recollection  
my right ear has been the worst

Ques

How long testified you showed  
it to him in the report & article in  
service and that it was as large as  
a goose egg. Is this so

John W. Bratcher

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June  
1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. L. Miller

Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION *A*

Case of *John W. Bratcher* *et al.*, No. *248803*

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Ornement Coulmull*

\_\_\_\_\_, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: *Ans. I showed a*

*him it has escaped my memory and he is mistaken as to size of it. I am sorry and I don't know if my best-in-service I am sure whether you are all know of it.*

*All the persons who have seen it since the war testified factually in my case. I have none to introduce, only those who have already testified.*

*How is your hearing now compared with what it was formerly? Well sometimes it is worse than it is now and sometimes it is better. Change of weather makes me deafen I have heard this deposition and my answers are correctly recorded.*

*John W. Bratcher*  
*deponent.*

*Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1899 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.*

*[Signature]*  
Special Examiner



DEPOSITION <sup>B</sup>

Case of John W Bratcher Cert. No. 248803

On this 9 day of June, 1897, at  
Springfield, county of Grayson  
 State of Ky, before me, [Signature], a  
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared  
Richard W Givans, who, being by me first duly sworn to  
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special  
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 62 years of age; my post-office address is Springfield  
Ky. I am a farmer. I have lived in the vicinity  
 ever since 44 or 5 yrs before the war and have  
 known John W Bratcher all the while.

John is in bad shape with his secret  
 He showed me 7 or 8 years ago the condition  
 his bag was in. It was puffed out about the  
 size of a pint cup. It hung down 4 or 5 inches  
 and felt to me like it was full of water. It  
 was smooth and sleek. It was a sort of  
 reddish color. There were no enlarged veins  
 that I noticed. He told me he got through on  
 a cavalry saddle and built him his

Oh I had heard it spoken of and he had  
 told me himself he had seen that - that before  
 he showed it to me 7 or 8 yrs ago the only time I  
 saw it. I had noticed it through his clothes  
 before and I was going with him a post from  
 Caveville to see some mules he had bred but then  
 he kept telling me not to walk so fast - but he  
 could not walk very fast that his joints were  
 making him powerless and then he showed  
 me the parts. I could not give exact time but that  
 was 7 or 8 yrs ago

No yes. I have noticed he is hard of hearing  
 It seems to me he is harder of hearing in one ear  
 than the other. It seems to me it is his right ear he  
 claims to be hardest of hearing in. I have noticed  
 he has <sup>heard of</sup> hearing ever since his mules only

I met him a few days after my discharge in July 1865, in Co H 17th Vols. He was hard of hearing then but I know him though than he was then.

I can't hear ordinary conversation without putting his hand to his ear and getting up close to you. I have met him often during your absence to New York for 15 years lived within about 1/2 mi of him.

I heard of his having an operation on his leg. and he has showed me through his clothes how much it had gone down. It seemed very small through his clothes a little over a year ago.

I don't think that he ever told me what caused his deafness. I never heard any cause given for his trouble in bag only what he told me about getting it hurt in a cavalry saddle in the Army. He worked for me a good deal running logs back as far as 2 years ago - and complained of that thing his leg in bag. Nothing in result of getting hurt in the Army. He claimed getting it on our - strained him there and I have sent him back a number of units because he has played out in that respect. That was as much as 25 yrs ago at first - then on later occasions.

I am not related to defendant and have no interest in his pension claim. I have heard the deposition read My Uncle Henry is nearly dead.

R. W. Givens

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of June 1897 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J. W. Smith

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of John W. Bratcher Cert. No. 248403

On this 9 day of June, 1897, at Springfield, county of Wayson, State of Ky, before me, W. H. Miller, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared J. W. Bratcher,

who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 51 years of age; my post-office address is Springfield, Ky. I am a merchant & have known John W. Bratcher about 20 years. I have done a good deal of business with him during that time & stay upon him or less ever since. I have seen him through & never used any means to him that I have always lived about & in a quiet way. I have noticed he is hard of hearing. I have heard him speak of it often and have had him ask me to repeat and had to repeat and then to make him understand. I never noticed he heard him say there was any difference in his ears in regard to hearing. I used to know that his hearing was rather better than other. I do not recall that I noticed or knew of any aspect of his hearing during the earlier years of my acquaintance with him. I think it is 8 or 10 yrs. along thing since I took particular notice he was hard of hearing. I should not say I ever heard any remark for his deafness. I don't think he can hear ordinary conversation. I always talk louder than him & as people generally.

I have known for 4 or 5 yrs of his having what Dr. Crabbe called a hyaline and have filled prescriptions for him for it. He bought nearly all his drugs from me. His hearing would please be cured if it - drugs. I never saw his notes. Hyaline

It became very noticeable through his clothes  
I think he has been here only once since  
he was operated on for hyaroid about a  
year and a half ago. and I don't remember  
ever noticing whether the hyaroid was  
to be seen through his clothing. then

I have heard it said Bratcher was  
pretending as to his deafness.

I am not related to claimant and  
have no interest in his claim for pension.

I have heard the deposition read. My  
answers are correctly recorded.

J. C. Russell

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of June,  
1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent  
before signing.

*[Signature]*

Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of

John W. Bratches

Set, No. 248403.

On this 9 day of June, 1897, at  
 Spring Lick, county of Grayson  
 State of Ky, before me, J. M. Miller, a  
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

John McChall, who, being by me first duly sworn to  
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special  
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension; deposes and says:

I am 26 years of age; my post-office address is Spring Lick, Ky.  
 I am a wood workman. I have lived here ever  
 since May, 1871. I have known John W. Bratches  
 20 years any way. Have done some work for  
 him in the way of repairing wagons.

I have noticed he is hard of hearing  
 ever since my first acquaintance with  
 him. I don't think he is any harder of hearing  
 than I am. I never made claim for pension on  
 account of deafness. I was in C & E 7<sup>th</sup> Ind. Regt.  
 and C. C. & V. R. C. I can hardly hear any  
 thing in right ear.

I have noticed there was some difference in  
 Bratches ears in regard to hearing.

If I am talking to him alone he seems  
 to hear very readily. I have sat with him  
 in Magistrate's court - and whispered to him  
 and he seemed to understand me very well.  
 and then in a crowd I have noticed he seemed  
 to be mighty hard of hearing & so loudly  
 things he puts on sometimes.

Yes I have noticed in a crowd. he turns  
 one side of his head to hear - but when we  
 are alone he seems to hear. We talk just  
 like we are talking now. Oh I am satisfied  
 he is somewhat hard of hearing I think  
 he is about like myself.

I have known he had some trouble with  
 his bag. It has been very large at times.

so you could see it through his clothing  
 plain. I never saw it washed and never have  
 any talk with him about it and never heard  
 any name for it. I heard he was getting  
 pension on getting his bag washed in the  
 army. I don't know when by first. I would  
 or know of this. It might have been about  
 the time he first got pension & got an increase.  
 I never heard any cause for his  
 deafness. Never asked him any  
 question because I always thought  
 he was a putty on a cith. because  
 when drinking a cith and feeling pretty  
 lively he seemed to hear very well and  
 when there was some one round ofered to  
 pension he seemed pretty tolerable deaf.  
 I am not related to claimant and  
 have no interest in his pension claim  
 I have heard the deposition read & my  
 testimony to correctly reviewed

John Michael  
 Deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of June,  
 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent  
 before signing.

J. M. Miller

Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of John W. Bralche      Sub. No. 248403

On this 9 day of June, 1899, at  
Caneyville, county of Crawson  
 State of Ky, before me, M. M. Miller, a  
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Dr. J. J. Stone, who, being by me first duly sworn to  
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special  
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 59 years of age; my post-office address is Caneyville Ky  
 I am a physician in practice since 1868  
 I was present Dec 11 1897. at his time  
 all an operation for hyarocle performed on  
 him by Dr. E. O. Starnes. my patient (State  
 the date from our record - - -

The hyarocle was an immense thing.  
 as large as a baby head I don't remember  
 that the fluid removed was measured. There  
 was a large quantity. I don't think 7 pts is  
 far out of the way. I saw no signs of a  
 varicocle at that time. I never examined him  
 after the operation the proper way to detect  
 I think whether he had varicocle would be  
 to examine him after the swelling had  
 subsided. He was suffering from an  
 attack of Grippe at the time

I don't think he had his ears. He is hard  
 of hearing very hard gets worse in that  
 respect. I never have noticed he appeared  
 danger of hearing in one ear than the other  
 He can not hear ordinary conversation  
 The operation Dec 11 1897 was the first he  
 ever had for hyarocle -

I don't remember what history of  
 his hyarocle as to origin or length of time  
 he had had it. It had been in existence a  
 long long time. He had showed it to me 3

or 4 years before and I wanted to speak  
 but he said - he had been told it was solid  
 and was afraid I would kill him to speak  
 by Arnold is now at Lovell Oklahoma  
 I am not related to Bratcher and  
 have no interest in his person claim  
 Bratcher has been heard of hearing over  
 since I have known him noticeably so  
 I have heard this deposition read  
 My testimony is correctly recorded.  
 J. B. Stone M.D.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of June, 1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*[Signature]*

Special Examiner.



(S-450.)

S. E. D.

*Lois*  
HUN 12 1899  
Act No. 248403

Claimant *W. Bralcher*

Soldier: " " "

P. O. address: *Laurel*

County: *Luzerne* State: *Pa.*

Recommendation: *Admission*

*J. M. Smith*  
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

*June 16, 1899*  
Respectfully referred  
to Chief of Bd. of Rev.  
for admission

*W. B. Casselman*  
Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.  
*Ad.*  
....., 189.....

Reviewer.

ACTION.  
....., 189.....

Commissioner.

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Examined in

Record Div.

April 27/10  
W. R. H.

4/28/10

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Orig. 386.870

# WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant Isabel Field Branch Soldier Robert Willis Field  
 P. O. Leach Rank private, Co. "B"  
 County Grayson, State Ky. Regiment 9<sup>th</sup> Ky. Vol. Inf.  
 Rate, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, commencing \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

and two dollars a month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	{ Born, _____, 18 _____ }	} Commencing _____, 18 _____ .
	{ Sixteen, _____, 18 _____ }	
	{ Born, _____, 18 _____ }	} " _____, 18 _____ .
	{ Sixteen, _____, 18 _____ }	
	{ Born, _____, 18 _____ }	} " _____, 18 _____ .
	{ Sixteen, _____, 18 _____ }	
By last marriage.	{ Born, <u>Dec. 16</u> , 18 <u>80</u> }	} " _____, 18 _____ .
	{ Sixteen, <u>4</u> <u>15</u> , 18 <u>96</u> }	
	{ Born, <u>Feb. 26</u> , 18 <u>82</u> }	} " _____, 18 _____ .
	{ Sixteen, <u>4</u> <u>25</u> , 18 <u>98</u> }	
	{ Born, _____, 18 _____ }	} " _____, 18 _____ .
	{ Sixteen, _____, 18 _____ }	
{ Born, _____, 18 _____ }	} " _____, 18 _____ .	
{ Sixteen, _____, 18 _____ }		

REJECTED.

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

All pension to terminate \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_, date of \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name Geo. E. Remon Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Agent \_\_\_\_\_ to pay.  
 P. O. City Articles filed \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_

### APPROVALS:

Submitted for Rejection, Feb. 10, 1893, Thomas House Spl, Examiner.  
May 7, 1894, W. M. Burdick, " "  
 Approved for Rejection, origin of Rejection; death resulted from  
was not due to his military service, The Spl. Ex. reports to  
Benjamin which has been legally accepted,  
May 10, 1896, Legal Reviewer. \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_, Medical Reviewer.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Re-Reviewer. \_\_\_\_\_, Medical Referee.

# WIDOW'S PENSION. 3124

Claimant *Isabel Field now* Soldier *Robert Willis Field*  
 P. O. *Leach* Rank *Ort*, Co. *L*  
 County *Wayson*, State *Ky* Regiment *9 Ky Vol Inf.*  
 Rate, \$ *12* per month, commencing *July 13*, 18*88*, and  
 and two dollars a month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	(None)	(Born, ..... 18 .)	(Sixteen, ..... 18 .)	Commencing ..... 18 .
		(Born, ..... 18 .)	(Sixteen, ..... 18 .)	" ..... 18 .
		(Born, ..... 18 .)	(Sixteen, ..... 18 .)	" ..... 18 .
		(Born, ..... 18 .)	(Sixteen, ..... 18 .)	" ..... 18 .
		(Born, ..... 18 .)	(Sixteen, ..... 18 .)	" ..... 18 .
		(Born, ..... 18 .)	(Sixteen, ..... 18 .)	" ..... 18 .
By last marriage.	<i>Joseph</i>	(Born, <i>Dec 16</i> , 18 <i>80</i> )	(Sixteen, <i>15</i> , 18 <i>90</i> )	" <i>July 13</i> , 18 <i>88</i> .
	<i>Stella</i>	(Born, <i>Nov 26</i> , 18 <i>87</i> )	(Sixteen, <i>25</i> , 18 <i>98</i> )	" <i>13</i> , 18 <i>88</i>
		(Born, ..... 18 .)	(Sixteen, ..... 18 .)	" ..... 18 .
		(Born, ..... 18 .)	(Sixteen, ..... 18 .)	" ..... 18 .
		(Born, ..... 18 .)	(Sixteen, ..... 18 .)	" ..... 18 .
		(Born, ..... 18 .)	(Sixteen, ..... 18 .)	" ..... 18 .

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.  
 All pension to terminate *April 2*, 18*89*, date of *Remarriage*

### RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name *George E. Luom* Fee \$ *25* Agent ..... to pay.  
 P. O. *City* Articles filed *July 23*, 18*89*

### APPROVALS:

Noted for *Adm* *May 20*, 18*91*, *Algate*, Examiner.  
 Approved for *Admission*, origin of *Admission*; death resulted from  
*U.S. of right chest* accepted *Disease of Brain* due to  
*and skull of head chest* *scrotum & shoulder* Cause which has been legally accepted,  
*May 25/91*, 18, *F. Moore*, Legal Reviewer. *W. C. May*, *May 7*, 1891, Medical Reviewer.  
 , Re-Reviewer. , Medical Referee.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Enlisted <i>Aug 11</i> , 18 <i>62</i>	Invalid application filed <i>June 30</i> , 18 <i>80</i>
Mustered ..... 18 .	Invalid last paid to ..... 18 .
Discharged <i>Aug 21</i> , 18 <i>63</i>	Former marriage of soldier <i>No</i> , 18 .
Died <i>July 12</i> , 18 <i>88</i>	Death of former wife <i>No</i> , 18 .
Declaration filed <i>July 11</i> , 18 <i>87</i>	Claimant's marriage to soldier <i>Oct 27</i> , 18 <i>79</i> <i>Dec 2</i> , 18 <i>87</i>

*mits* (51-25,000.) 6-581 *700112*

Index Widows, Claim No. 386870

Robt Miles Field Col 9 Regt Ky Cav.

ARRANGE PAPERS IN INVALID CLAIMS—1. Declaration; 2. Soldier's statements as to origin; 3. A. G. 4. S. G.; 5. Cert. of Dis. Let history as to origin, continuance, &c., follow in regular order.

IN WIDOWS' AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES' CLAIMS—Let evidence of soldier's death, marriage, dependence, &c., follow evidence of origin and continuance of fatal disease.

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NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1	chut	Aug 11 /89	Dec
2	Dr J. W. Meador	Aug 23	Treatment date & cause of death
3	Same	Feb 7	" " " " "
4	J. B. Bates	" "	No firm marriage and
	W. W. Purdy	" "	Continued mid
5	Record	Mar 23 /91	Marriage
6	Sarah Bates	Feb 7 /89	" only Marriage and
	A. R. Bratcher	" "	Births
7	Amanda Davis	May 15 /91	Birth
8	Rachel Bratcher	" " "	"
9	W. D. Givens	" " "	"
10	Record	Sept 17 /89	Re marriage

# Claimant's Testimony.

STATE OF Kentucky  
COUNTY OF Grayson } 88.

In the matter of the application for Invalid Pension No. 397780  
of R. Willis Field late C Co 9/4 Co personally comes the claimant, who

being first sworn on oath, says: The reason that my officers & Surgeons cannot testify in my case is that I was wounded & captured while on detached service, bearing a dispatch from Gen. Sill to Gen. L. H. Rousseau, I was reported "Missing" I was treated until paroled by Bragg's Surgeon. I finally got word to my father & he came with a carriage & took me home to Shelbyville. Dr. R. B. Winlock was detailed to care for the wounded there (about 80 in all) he is dead. Lieut. Macy of my Co & Capt. Johnson & some 60 members of Louisville Legion were my Prison mates Macy & Johnson on whom I was depending have both died recently. Since my claim has been pending, I never saw my Comrade until exchanged at this time of service in 1863. Maj. Harris of my Reg having been crippled was in charge of No. 25. Babcock at Louisville he got my pay & a new uniform & gave me a clerk'ship there. These are part of my

My Post Office address is Spring Lick State of Kentucky  
County of Grayson

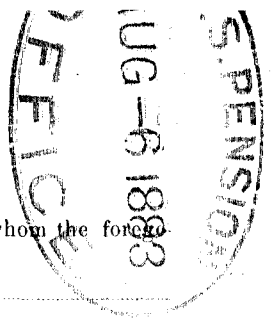
R. Willis Field  
(Claimant's Signature.)

When signed by mark, two Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20 day of July 1888. The affiant is the person he represents him self to be and a credible witness. I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I am not interested in this claim.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Ed. C. Brown [SEAL]  
(Official Signature.)  
Clerk Grayson Co Court  
By D. W. Bates Deputy



STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ } ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that \_\_\_\_\_ before whom the foregoing

affidavit was made, was at the execution thereof, a \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in and for the County of \_\_\_\_\_

and State of \_\_\_\_\_ duly authorized to administer oaths, and that his signature

thereto is genuine.

(Official Signature.)

**CLAIMANT'S TESTIMONY.**

Claim of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

FILED BY \_\_\_\_\_

**N. W. FITZGERALD & Co.,**

Attorneys,

1006 F STREET,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

# Claimant's Testimony.

As to Surgeon

STATE OF Kentucky } ss.  
COUNTY OF Grayson

In the matter of the application for Invalid Pension No. 397780  
of Willis Field late Sert Co C 9th Ky Cav personally comes the claimant, who

being first sworn on oath, says: I have tried every means in my power to find the whereabouts of Dr. Bailey & Botto I have written many times but can get no reply. I do not see what benefit they would be to me anyway as I never saw either of them again after my capture the 9th Ky Cav was a 12 mos Reg & some of the privates that went to Richmond did not get back for several mos of the muster out of the Reg One Dr. Hankins was acting Reg Surgeon while I was with the Reg Bailey only remained a little while I always thought he resigned however I cant find or hear from either of them if they get any letters they will not notice them. last week I wrote to them (using the address sent me) requesting simply a letter stating what they know in regard to me if I ever get anything from them I will send it forward.

My Post Office address is Spring Dick State of Kentucky  
County Grayson

Willis Field  
(Claimant's Signature.)  
late Sert Co C. 9th Ky Cav

When signed by mark, two Witnesses.

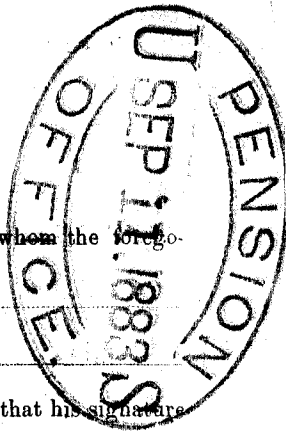
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 23 day of August 1883. The affiant is the person he represents himself to be, and a credible witness. I am not interested in this claim. Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

E. O. Brown [SEAL]  
(Official Signature.)  
Clerk Grayson Co Court  
By D. W. Bates De



STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ } 88.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that \_\_\_\_\_ before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, was at the execution thereof, a \_\_\_\_\_ in and for the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ duly authorized to administer oaths, and that his signature thereto is genuine.



(Official Signature.)

**CLAIMANT'S TESTIMONY.**

*Claim of*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

FILED BY

N. W. FITZGERALD & CO.,

Attorneys,

1006 F STREET WASHINGTON, D. C.

**CLAIMANT'S AFFIDAVIT.**

State of Kentucky  
County of Grayson } S.S.

Comes now Willis Ficket Claimant for Original Pension No. 397780

who being first duly sworn on his solemn oath, deposes as follows:

"I am the claimant above named; for 5 years prior to my enlistment in the U. S. service, my place or places of residence were as follows: was at school at K. M. D. 3 yrs & 2 at the Drug business at Shelbyville Ky my birth place  
My occupation during said time was as above stated  
My occupation since discharge has been 1st 4 years Med Student & Med Practitioner  
Since my discharge to the present time I have resided at the following place or places: Shelbyville Ky  
Louisville Ky - & as above Owensboro Ky & my present place, i.e. Spring Lick Ky

The following is a full and complete history of my disability and its incurrence, from the time it first appeared to the present: Since the reception of my wounds, I have been incapacitated from all kinds of Manual Labor, I had to quit the Drug Business on acct of the confinement. Heretofore exercise does me good when able to ride

The following is a complete statement of all the treatment I have received for said disability, together with the names and places of residence of all the doctors who have treated me: Bragg left me with a cut in Dr Martin at Rockcastle River - Don't know whether living or dead - at Shelbyville Dr R B Minklock (dead) at Louisville Ky Dr Silas Hansbrough - at Owensboro Ky Dr Jarboe at this place Drs Rainey & R W Brandon

State on these lines which of your Doctors - if any - are now dead.

Drs Minklock - Dr Hansbrough (I so heard) Dr Jarboe -

If you suffered from any attacks of disease of any kind since your disability was incurred, you must state here when such attacks occurred, stating their character and violence, and also state when and by whom you were treated for the same.

I have suffered a great deal with my lungs & bowels had measles in U.S. & settled on lungs have had Chronic Diarrhoea in Service, it has now entirely left me, have occasional attacks - had Pneumonia Once. Drs R W & J W Brandon attended me

Also state here on these lines, whether you have performed any manual labor since discharge; if so, what kind, and state whether at any time, and for what period or periods, giving dates as near possible, you have been prevented from following your usual occupation.

No more of any kind, I cannot get my own stave wood, all the work I have ever attempted is with pen & ink & medically

And I further declare that my present P. O. address is Spring Lick

If signed by mark, have two persons who write their names sign here.

State of Kentucky  
W. W. Purdy Willis Ficket  
Claimant's Signature.

Sworn and subscribed to, before me, this 9 day of October 1883

I have no interest whatever in the prosecution of this claim.

D. B. Ferguson, J. P.  
Magistrate Officer sign here. SEAL

NOTICE!  
If this evidence is sworn to before a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, it will be necessary to have the CLERK'S certificate attached, unless said Notary or Justice already has such a certificate on file in the Pension Office, showing official capacity. If such a certificate is on file, the Notary or Justice must say so in his Jurat.

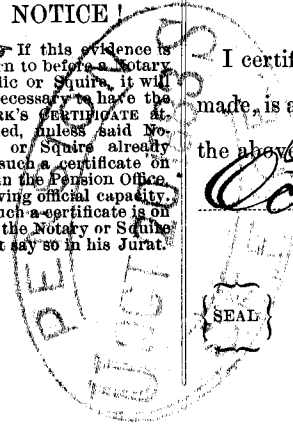
I certify that D. B. Ferguson before whom the above affidavit was made, is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.

Witness my hand and Official Seal, this 10 day of

October 1883

E. C. Brown, Clerk  
Signature.

Grayson Co. Court Ky  
Official Character.

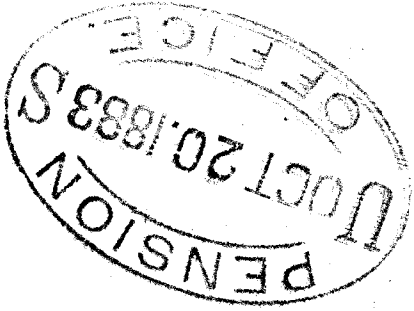


<sup>White</sup>  
B. Willis Field

Co. C. 1 Reg L.A.  
— 9 Reg Cav  
Co E. 19. U.S. Inf.

397.780

*[Signature]*



# Claimant's Testimony.

STATE OF Kentucky  
COUNTY OF Grayson } ss.

In the matter of the application for Invalid Pension No. 397.780  
of Willis Field Supt. Co. Co 9<sup>th</sup> Ky Cav personally comes the claimant, who

being first sworn on oath, says: My Quits Macey & Craig gave me their affidavits which I sent to my former atty. Gilmore they have both since died (Craig was killed) Capt Harding was last heard from at Saco N. Me. The Reg was disbanded in Oct-1837 & many officers being mostly ruffians in Co. immediately reinducted in other Co's. Dr our Co was disbanded in 3d Ky Bat. & art. Consequently I can't find them now. I was shot with the Co when wounded. I have furnished the testimony of those that saw me & knew my condition old Dr R. B. Windlock who attended me has been dead several years. I have written several letters to the address of Drs. Botto & Baily which the Dept furnished, but can elicit no reply. I got a card from Dr. Slaughter who saw me at Shiloh, & dressed my wounds once in Windlock's absence he says he charges \$6.50 in advance for affidavits & I can't raise the money if I had money for expenses I would go in person to Hunt & his party they will not receive a letter without them is a fee in it & I can't out either now & can do no more.

My Post Office address is Spring Hill State of Kentucky  
County of Grayson

W. Willis Field  
(Claimant's Signature.)  
Supt. Co. Co 9<sup>th</sup> Ky Cav Vol

When signed by mark, two witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1883. The affiant is the person he represents him self to be and a credible witness. I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I am not interested in this claim.  
Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Ed O Brown [SEAL]  
(Official Signature.)  
Clerk Grayson Co Court  
By D. W. Bates D.C.

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

} ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that \_\_\_\_\_ before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, was at the execution thereof, a \_\_\_\_\_ in and for the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ duly authorized to administer oaths, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

(Official Signature.)

**CLAIMANT'S TESTIMONY.**

*R. Willis Field*  
Claim of

"E" 1st Ky. S. A.  
"G" 1st Ky. Cav.  
"E" 19th Ky. Inf.  
For *Engl. Pension*

No. *397.780*.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

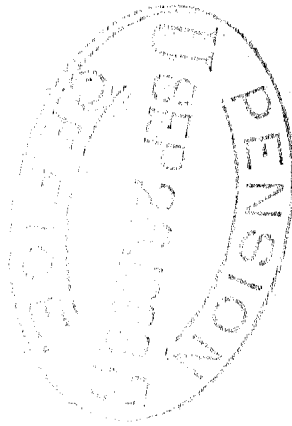
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(Order appointing Guardian of a Minor under 14 years of age.)

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STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Grayson County Court.

Special Term, 1890

March 3rd 1890

On motion of Isabell Bratcher

it is ordered that she

be, and she is hereby appointed Guardian of Henry C. Field and Stella Field

Minors under the age of fourteen years, children of R. M. Field

deceased, whereupon she appeared in Court and took the oath prescribed by law, and together with Reuben Bratcher

surety

who was accepted and approved by the Court, entered into and acknowledged bond to the Commonwealth of Kentucky as Guardian aforesaid, conditioned according to law.

A Copy—Attest: Geo. A. Gibbons

C. G. C. C.

D. C.

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# Medical Testimony.

STATE OF Kentucky  
 COUNTY OF Grayson  
 R. W. Brandon whose Post Office address is Carmyville  
 County of Grayson State of Tky and whose age is now  
 - years, being first duly sworn, says that he is a regular practicing physician of \_\_\_\_\_ years

Doctor's name and Post Office address.

standing, and that he gave medical advice and treatment to R. Willis Field late Sergt of Company C of the 9th Regiment of Cal Vol  
 Vols. as follows: that he has acquainted with R. Willis Field since the Spring of 1873 and that said Soldier has consulted him and advised with him about his wounds received while in the

**DIRECTIONS.**

Doctor: Please state when (the year at least) you first treated the soldier, what you treated him for, and how many years thereafter you continued to treat him and give him medical advice giving a full medical history of his disease and its progress, whether he has grown better or any worse. If at all possible, give dates and duration of all treatment administered: your books will help you. If the case appears to have been one of long standing, and chronic, please say so. If his disease has been aggravated by intemperance or other bad habits, so state. If you have treated him for more than one disease, please follow these instructions for each. And particularly, doctor, give your opinion as to the degree or extent (1/2, 3/4, etc.) to which he has been disabled for labor during your knowledge of his case.

of the Crabling by the Fragment of a Shell from which he has complained ever since my first acquaintance with him also a Labor wound cutting the tendons of wrist which partially destroyed the use of the second third and fourth fingers of the the left hand also gunshot wound in the right Chest Chronic pneumonia is superinduced from the effect the Shell from the Shell for which he has treated said Soldier as of his as far as his wounds by means of

But one affidavit from each doctor.

I further swear that I am not interested in this claim for pension.

(Affiant's Signature.)  
R. W. Brandon M.D.  
 (If ever in the Service give rank.)

**NOTE.**  
 If this evidence is sworn to before a Notary Public or Squire, it will be necessary to have the Clerk's certificate attached, unless said Notary or Squire already has such a certificate on file in the Pension Office, showing official capacity. If such a certificate is on file, the Notary or Squire must say so in his Jurat.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18 day of July 1883  
 The affiant is the person he represents himself to be, and a credible witness. I am not interested in this claim. Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

E. O. Brown (SEAL)  
 Clerk Grayson Co Court  
 By D. M. Bates Deputy

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

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

} ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that \_\_\_\_\_ before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, was at the execution thereof, a \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in and for the County of \_\_\_\_\_

and State of \_\_\_\_\_ duly authorized to administer oaths, and that his signature

thereto is genuine.

(Official Signature)

**MEDICAL TESTIMONY.**  
S. P. B. I. C.  
AUG-6 1898  
In Claim of  
OFFICE

For \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

*Handwritten signature and notes*

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Attorneys,

1006 F STREET

WASHINGTON, D. C.



State of Kentucky  
County of Boone {SS  
Personally appeared before  
me a Clerk of the Boone  
County Court the same being a  
Court of record

George Sharwood

of the residence of Owensboro Ky  
and his postoffice is Owensboro  
Boone Co Ky and is 54 years of  
age and by Captatur a partner  
and states in the private claim of

R Willis Field Sergeant Co. C. 9 Ky  
County that I was well acquainted  
with the applicant at and prior to  
his enlistment and knew him  
to be a sound abled bodied man  
Especially free from any wounds  
and at or near Lawrenceburg Ky  
in October 1862 we were engaged with  
Army and after the battle the above  
applicant was missing and I made  
some inquiry for him and the comrades  
of his co told me he was captured  
I did not see him captured nor I did not  
belong to the same company but belonged  
to some Regt and some time in  
January 1863 He returned back to  
his Regiment

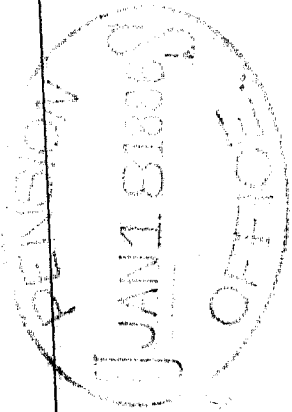
with me every in camp at  
Lynchburg then after his return  
he never was fit for duty afterward  
On account of wounds led to of his  
Return at Lawrenceburg 14 October 1862  
I have saw the above named  
Applicant frequently since his discharge  
and he is still suffering with the  
same wounds contracted while in the  
service

Geo Sherwood

Sworn to and Subscribed  
Before me this 5 day of

January, 1886,  
Wm. Mattingly Clk  
Jovins & Co. Notary

Sworn  
1862



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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Dec. 12, 1883.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

James C. Mills, a Priv. of Company "A",  
13th Regiment Ky. Inf. Volunteers, was enrolled on the  
day of ~~186~~, at

and is reported: on muster roll of Co. dated  
Louisville, Ky. Jan. 14/65; discharged Sept.  
20/62. by Genl. Pezlay at Nashville, Tenn.  
in certificate of disability

W.C.

M. G. Guler

Assistant Adjutant General.

*[Signature]*

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New.

RB8  
(No. 3.)

(3-061.)

To ~~Division.~~

Department of the Interior,



PENSION OFFICE,

Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 1883.

Respectfully requested of the ADJUTANT

GENERAL U. S. A. a report from the records of his

Office as to the presence or absence, on or about

Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 1862,

of James C Mills

Private

of Co A 15<sup>th</sup> Ky<sup>\*</sup> Cav

and the station, at that date, of the Co.

Claim No. 397,780

Willis Field Serjeant Co B 9<sup>th</sup>  
Ky Cav

Wm M. Dudley<sup>\*</sup>

Commissioner.

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Roby messenger Dec '83:

" A 15<sup>th</sup> Ky. Cav.

T.H.

State of Ky }  
County of Ohio }

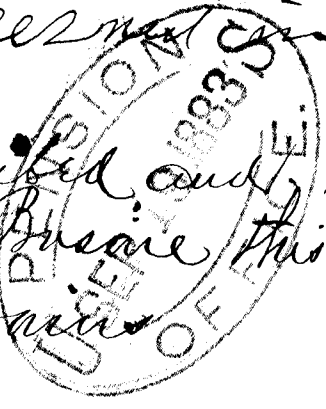
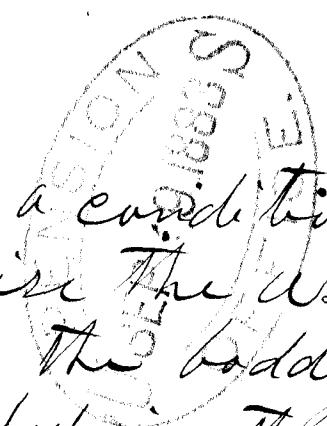
N. J. Rains M D whose Post office address is Rosine County of Ohio and State of Ky and whose age is now 35 years being first duly sworn says that he is a regular practicing physician of Ten years standing and that he gave medical advice to Willis Field late a Sargent of Co C of the 9 Regt of Ky Cavalry Vol as follows That he examined the said soldier first about 1875 and from time to time each year since - The said soldier is disabled by reason of the following wounds. A Sabre cut across the front of the left wrist all the flexor tendons were severed and in writing they were allowed to adhere to the bones in such a manner as to materially interfere with the function of wrist and hand - Has also had a Gun shot wound of right shoulder the ball entering in front of the deltoid and passing backward under the muscle hugging the shoulder joint and coming out at the angle of the scapula The ~~wound~~ wound left the shoulder in

such a condition that he is unable  
to raise the arm above a right angle  
with the body - He also was  
wounded in the pericardial region  
by explosion of a shell which causes  
that whole side to become numb and  
as it were dead to feeling ~~and~~ which  
causes considerable <sup>fundamental</sup> derangement of the  
~~circulation~~ heart - I further state  
that the said soldier ~~is~~ was  
wounded on ~~his~~ right cheek by  
a gun shot. The ball passed in  
at about the center of malar bone  
and ranged downward and came  
out at mouth - I further state  
that by reason of said disabilities  
the said soldier is incapacitated  
from performing manual labor  
to the extent of at least one  
half - and I have no interest  
in this claim and am not  
concerned in its prosecution

N. J. Bains M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me Police  
Judge Briaire this 23<sup>d</sup> August 1883 by the said  
N. J. Bains

D. W. Morgan P.P.



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Simsville

ORIGINAL PENSION OF MINOR CHILDREN.

#420,244  
which are furnished at of  
on 6. 9. 98. by our laws

Henry C. Field, et al. *Stella Field*

C. 100

Robert ~~William~~ Field

Children of

Rank, *Private*  
Company, *Battery C*  
Regiment, *9 Ky. Inf. Regt.*

Guardian, *Isabel Prater*

Residence of Guardian, *Grayson* County, and State of *Ky.*

Post-office, *Leach Grayson County Ky.*

Rate, \$8 per month, commencing *June 9*, 1894, and two dollars per month additional for each child, as follows:

<i>Henry C.</i>	Born, <i>Dec 16</i> , 1880	} Commencing <i>June 9th</i> , 1894
	Sixteen, <i>11 15</i> , 1894	
<i>Stella</i>	Born, <i>Nov 26</i> , 1882	} Commencing <i>June 9th</i> , 1894
	Sixteen, <i>4 25</i> , 1895	
	Born, ....., 18 ..	} Commencing ....., 18 ..
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	Born, ....., 18 ..	} Commencing ....., 18 ..
	Sixteen, ....., 18 ..	

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

The pension of all the minors to terminate ....., 18 .., date of ..  
except that of ..... who is permanently helpless, which is to continue at \$ ..... per month  
to ....., and at \$ ..... per month from ..... during the period  
of such disability.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name *George L. Emory* Fee \$ *10.00* Agent to pay.  
P. O. *City* Articles filed ....., 189 ..

APPROVALS.

Submitted for *Adm. Sept 19*, 1894, *C. W. Key*, Examiner.  
Approved for *Admission*.

*Sept 28*, 1894, *Quinn*, Legal Reviewer.

The soldier was pensioned at \$ *6* per month for *Serv. and left with 4d. m. at Chute. pension of 1st Chute. Serv.*

The widow was <i>non</i> pensioned at \$ ..... per month from .....	Widow's application filed <i>Jan 11</i> , 1889
Enlisted <i>Aug 19</i> , 1842	Minors' appl'n under other laws <i>April 19</i> , 1890
honorably discharged <i>Aug 21</i> , 1843	Former marriage of <i>non</i> , 18 ..
Re-enlisted <i>March 30</i> , 1844	Death of former <i>non</i> , 18 ..
honorably discharged <i>July 26</i> , 1845	Last marriage <i>Oct 22</i> , 1879
Died <i>July 12</i> , 1855	Re-marriage of widow, <i>April 2</i> , 1889
Declaration filed <i>June 9</i> , 1894	Guardian appointed, <i>March 30</i> , 1894
Soldier's application filed <i>June 30</i> , 1894	

Act of June 27, 1890.

DECLARATION OF CHILDREN UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

TO BE EXECUTED BEFORE ANY OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES. IF SUCH OFFICER HAS NO SEAL, A CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT ATTESTING THE OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND CHARACTER OF SUCH OFFICER MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS DECLARATION.

State of Kentucky }
County of Wayne } SS:

On this 5 day of June, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety four, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public,

Leabel Bratcher, aged 39 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by Act of Congress, approved June 27, 1890: That she is the legal guardian of

Henry C and Stella, legitimate children of Robert M. Field,

who enlisted under the name of Robert M. Field, at Eminence Ky, on 22 day of September, 1862, in Co - C - 9 - Ky - Cav.

and served at least ninety days in the war of the rebellion; who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED

and died July 12 - 1868. That he left widow surviving him who remarried April 2 - 69

That the names and dates of birth of all the surviving children of the soldier under sixteen years of age are as follows:

- Henry C, born December 16, 1850
Stella, born November 26, 1857
, born , 18
, born , 18
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, born , 18

That the widow has not applied for pension; that a prior application for minor's pension has been made. (If the widow or the guardian of the minors has applied, the number of the respective claim or certificate should be stated.)

That the mother was married under the name of Leabel Bratcher to Robert M. Field, there being no legal barrier to such marriage.

That the soldier was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That the declarant hereby appoints

GEORGE E. LEMON,

OF WASHINGTON, D. C., true and lawful Attorney, to prosecute this claim; and in consideration of services done, and to be done, in the premises, she hereby agrees to allow said Attorney, George E. Lemon, a fee of TEN DOLLARS, payable only in the event of the allowance of the claim by the Commissioner of Pensions.

That her Postoffice address is Leach, County of Wayne, State of Kentucky.

Leabel Bratcher (Signature of claimant.)

ATTEST: William Lewis
John M. Swider

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Also personally appeared Wm. J. Lewis, residing at Leach Kentucky, and John M. Snider, residing at Leach, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Saml Batcher (Name of claimant.) the claimant sign his name 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 she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

William J. Lewis  
John M. Snider  
(Signatures of witnesses to identity of applicant.)

Two witnesses to signatures of identifying witnesses sign here, when either of them signs by mark:

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 5 day of June, A. D. 1894, 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 thereto, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ (If any words have been erased in the application, enter them here.)

[L. S.] \_\_\_\_\_, erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_, added; (If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.) and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

John Michael  
(Signature.)  
Notary Public  
(Official character.)

The officer before whom this declaration is executed must be sure and note in his certificate all erasures and interlineations, as indicated above.

Wm. J. Lewis  
John M. Snider  
Saml Batcher

**ACT JUNE 27, 1890.**

MINOR CHILD'S CLAIM.

Saml Batcher

Guardian  
Minor Children of Robert M. Field

Soldier,  
Pr. C. B. E. G. C. C. C.  
3681 1/2 5th  
1915  
1/2 5th

FILED BY  
**GEORGE E. LEMON.**  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,  
1729 New York Avenue Northwest,  
(LEMON BUILDING)  
P. O. DRAWER 325. WASHINGTON, D. C.

As this may reach the hands of some persons unacquainted with this House, I append hereto, as specimens of the testimonials in my possession, copies of letters from gentlemen of political and military distinction and widely known throughout the United States:

U. S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6, 1890.  
It gives me pleasure to recommend George E. Lemon, of this city, to those having professional business, as a reliable and responsible attorney of high character and superior attainments.  
Respectfully,  
JOHN J. INGALLS, U. S. S.  
U. S. SENATE CHAMBER, WASHINGTON, D. C.

GEORGE E. LEMON, Esq., Washington, D. C.  
MY DEAR SIR: Before leaving for home, I desire to express to you my high appreciation of the methods used in your business office, resulting as they do in a degree of efficiency that gives to your clients a prompt, careful, and successful management of their personal interests. This is due to the manner in which you attend to every high case, a man, and I am glad of the opportunity to assure you of my high esteem.  
Very truly, yours,  
CHARLES F. MANDERSON, U. S. S.

U. S. SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13, 1890.  
I take pleasure in recommending George E. Lemon, Esq., of Washington City, as a reliable and able attorney who is in every way worthy to be entrusted with the confidence of those who desire his services in the line of his profession.  
Very truly,  
G. C. MOODY, U. S. S.

I regard GEORGE E. LEMON as one of the most thoroughly reliable and competent attorneys in Washington.  
U. S. SENATE, GILBERT A. FIERCE, U. S. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7, 1890.  
I take pleasure in recommending Geo. E. Lemon, of this city, as a reliable attorney, and entirely responsible for all his contracts.  
Respectfully,  
S. M. COLLOM, U. S. S.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7, 1890.  
C. K. DAVIS, U. S. S.  
PHILIPUS SAWYER, U. S. S.  
W. S. WADSWORTH, U. S. S.  
W. D. WASHINGTON, U. S. S.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
I take pleasure in recommending George E. Lemon, of this city, as a reliable attorney and worthy lawyer, to whom claimants can entrust their business with assurances that it will be well and honestly attended to.  
L. E. ATKINSON, M. C., 15th Pa. District.

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I take pleasure in recommending Geo. E. Lemon, of this city, as a reliable attorney. He has had many years of successful practice, and is worthy of confidence.  
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J. C. DUNN, 4th Dist., Mich.

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I take pleasure in recommending Geo. E. Lemon, of this city, as a reliable attorney. I have had occasion for years to carefully observe his treatment of soldiers' claims intrusted to him, and have never yet heard one complaint from his clients. I also personally know of his doing many acts of kindness for soldiers without charge.  
Very respectfully,  
D. B. HENDERSON, 3d Dist., Iowa.

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I take pleasure in recommending George E. Lemon, of this city, as a reliable attorney, vigilant, active and diligent in looking after the claims of his clients.  
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L. E. PAYSON, 5th Dist., Ill.  
THOS. J. HENDERSON, 1th Dist., Ill.  
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W. G. LADLAW, 3rd Dist., N. Y.  
L. S. STRUBLE, 11th Dist., Iowa.  
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J. M. VILEY, 23rd Dist., N. Y.  
S. H. WATSON, 1st Dist., N. Y.  
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J. H. MCCARTHY, 8th Dist., N. Y.  
W. E. OWEN, 10th Dist., Ind.  
J. E. CREADLE, 9th Dist., Ind.  
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J. J. PUGSLEY, 12th Dist., Ohio.  
HENRY H. BINGHAM, 1st Dist., Pa.  
JOSEPH D. TAYLOR, 7th Dist., O.  
and others.