

Widow
ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

No. O. 116 5802
Makinda Becker
former wid of
George J. Lillie
To 20 Ind. Inf.

Fort Scott. Kas. Aug. 26, 1920.

Mrs Malinda Bueker Culpepy.

Madam: Your papers pertaining to your case has been duly received and in reply will inform you that on this date recalled on Nevada and Mrs. Abbott for their affidavits in regard to how often you were married and how divorced and they objected to that part of their testimony as to your not being divorced from George D.

Culpepy by saying that you obtained a decree of divorce from him, and afterwards went to California, and if this is the case you would have no right to him as his former widow.

For the reason that when a divorce is granted that dissolves all relationship between husband and wife.

You should have told me this before your claim was filed. I know nothing about the past history over

of a claimant, & only go by what they tell me and act accordingly.

Your divorce from Henry Baker was all right and according to law but getting it from your Soldier husband if such is the case is all wrong.

If you can get the testimony of two persons with the affidavits given by Birch and Howard Kindrick that you were not divorced from George T

Oralby it will do, and I will follow up your case. and if you can do so I

will send you a blank for that purpose.

I suppose that the notary read the affidavits of your brothers to the effect that you were not divorced from your Soldier husband this matter was set forth in their statements. They ought to know whether this is the case or not. In a claim for pension the truth must be shown.

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As a matter of fact all that I can go by is what I am told by an applicant for pension and if the case is wrong I am not to blame. When you told me that you were at the home and visited your husband at the Hospital and was at his funeral I naturally supposed that you were not divorced from him and I refrained from asking you whether you were divorced from him or not as I thought that such a question would be absurd.

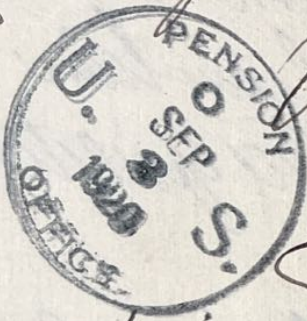
I send you the Army discharge of
Commander G. L. Lashby received from the Army
you failed to sign your affidavit
in regard to the world war.

Where it is marked ++ Signature of
applicant with these marks ++

If you want me to follow up your
claim petition it to me and get the
(over

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Testimony of two persons stating
that you were not divorced from
the soldier George T. Calaspy
I would be pleased to get you
a pension but it must be got
according to law Please let me
hear from you soon.



Very Respectfully

J. M. Higgins

Attorney



I return the affidavits to the Kendrick
brothers for them to ^{read} ~~see~~ their testimony
over again so they may be sure as to
the truthfulness of you being divorced
from George T. Calaspy or not and
if to return the affidavits

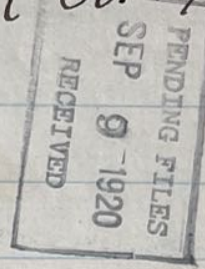
J. M. Higgins return this letter
with your reply

Returned Aug. 30, 1920, Doubtful if you had any

Fort Scott, Kansas August 30, 1920.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Washington D.C.



Sir:

I enclose herewith two letters of explanation in relation to the claim of Malinda Bukker, the supposed widow of George T. Chilesby, Co. D, 4th K. 20th Ind. Vol. Inf. filed in your office Aug. 24, 1920.

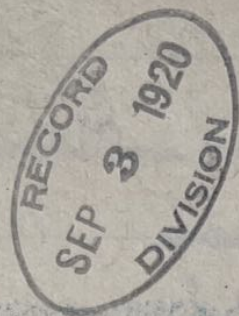
When the claim was instituted I thought that she was the legal former widow of the soldier but upon further investigation I discovered that she was divorced from him, hence she has no pensionable status, and no claim under existing law.

I want very plain that I file before your Bureau to be in conformity with the pension law and when ever there is an error and I find it out you shall be notified of the fact, and in this case it is null and void. As far as I am concerned.

Very Respectfully
D. H. Higgins

Attorney





Devon, Ks,
8-27-20

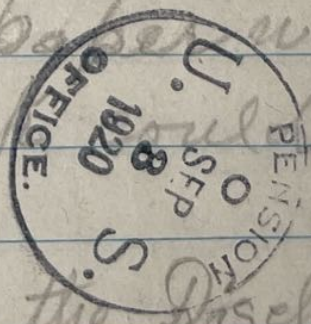
Mr Higgins

Kind Sir: if I have caused you trouble or annoyance I am sorry. I started to tell you every thing the first time I saw you but you were busy & did not notice what I said. I talked with another party & they said let that go. but my conscience told me different all the time. Mr Gillespie was 20 yrs older than I. we were married in 1890 had two children one born in '81 the other in '83. In '98 we moved to Ft. Scott & he left me in Spain 1899 & went to me; & stayed at my place then went to the "Home". I kept the 7 children, took in washing or any

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work could do. finally going to
Colorado. I obtained a divorce
before I left. Mr Abbott was
my witness. I want to
thank you for your trouble
& if there is any costs attached
let me know. I blame my
self for the whole thing of not
telling you. would have
saved me not only time and
trouble but deep humiliation.
may. He who watches over us
all still be with us as ever.
Cordially - Mrs Malinda Gillespie

P.S. The enclosed paper was
what made me think I could
get pension.



Thank you for the discharge
also all your trouble & may
this just remain between
you & myself. M.G.

yes, Mr Gillespie came to Colorado to see the children & after I married Mr Bueker we moved to Kans. city Mr Gillespie came again to see them. When he was sick I was there just a few days before he died & John our son & I went to the funeral. He was a good man. just got tired. Caring for a family he & I never had a cross word. I have always taught the children to love him.

He was their father. Mr Abbotts can tell you more about him as he boarded there 5 years before I knew him. why did I divorce

him? because I thought I was
getting a man that would
support me, but jumped out of
the frying Pan into the fire,
so much for a woman's
confidence in man.

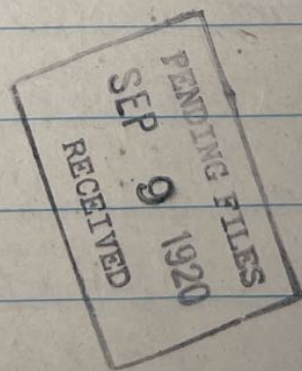
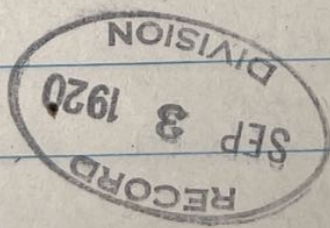
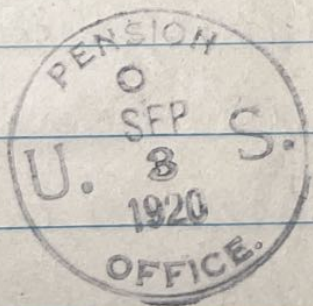
But I know there are good
men, even though it did not
fall to my lot to get one,
I have not lost faith in
man.

Received at Fort Scott, Kansas,

August 30th 1920.

Wm. Higgins

Attorney



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Notified _____, 19

Chandler, Ex'r.

DEPENDENT.

no 22/20

No. 1075785

C/18

Act of April 19, 1908

Act of

amended by Act. Sept. 8, 1918

Sept. 22/22 Ct. Any mgt ct between 1868 & 1894 Any re mgt. Ct from Leavenworth County Clerk showing whether ct & sd divorced. Any service

former husband Susan LLS

Sept 26 1922

Hon. D. R. Anthony Jr
Status, as per copy.

July 9/23 Hon D. R. Anthony Jr
Bel Rev letter LLS

5-6-25 m

Lucy S Gillespie

723 Delaware St

Leavenworth
Kans.

widow George J. Gillespie

George J. Gillespie

Service Id & K-20 Ark Army
C 18 U.S. Army

Died Sept 27, 1900

no other claim than

LC 813541-f

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Clerk.

Application filed: Sept 27, 1916

Attorney: F. W. Hershfield

P. O. Leavenworth
Kansas.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for _____, 19

STATUS TO A. R. Anthony Jr
AS PER COPY MAR 13 1918
H. C. A. n

REJECTED ³⁻⁸⁵² B. Green
Ex'r. **DEPENDENT.**
No. 1075785
Act of Act of April 19, 1908
amended by Act, Sept. 8, 1916.

Notified October 13, 1916
Jan 23/17 Atty for w. Death. Divorce of
1st wife & 1st Husb. Cohab. in Divorce
with the M^{rs} - Service of Husb. T. O. F.
at W.

1918 To atty Hershfield
for death or divorce of former
wife Margaret evidence of divorce
from former husband Swan -
non-prior Mar. Coh. remar
service of Swan & surname
1918 May 10 To Clerk of Court
W. for any record of divorce
from 1860 to 1865. at W.

June 11/18 atty with service
of 1st Husb Swan. T. O. F.
Feb 7, 1920 Postmaster
Leavenworth, Kans., for
clerk's address, J. W. H. at W.

June 24, 1920
claimant notified
of rejection, and
also of repetitions
of claim for
the record.

Jan. at W.
Mar 31/22
Clt. no title unless she can prove
death or div former husband at W.

Lucy S Gillespie
723 Delaware
721 Leavenworth St.
Leavenworth, Kans.
Wid George J Gillespie
George J Gillespie
George J. Gillaspie
Service D & K 20 Ind. Inf
C 18 - U.S. Inf
11-17-20
Wid Sep 22 1900
No other claim. than
I. C. P 13 541 - 2
Oct 17, 1916 James V
Clerk.
Application filed: Sep 22, 1916
Attorney: F. W. Hershfield
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Kans.
Cert. of Dis. Searched for 19
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Am H. C. Anthony Jr.
STATUS TO HON H. C. Anthony Jr.
AS PER COPY JAN 23 1917
Oct 18, 1917 - Clmt for statement
as to alleged marriage to Wagner
dates of same & divorce or death
and req. service of either Swan
or Wagner. at W. Div R. W.

Im H. C. Anthony Jr.
STATUS TO HON H. C. Anthony Jr.
AS PER COPY OCT 18 1917
Dec 22 1917 Natl Home Kans for
history of all David Wagners in the
Home from 1860 to 1900. at W. Div R. W.

STATUS TO HON A. R. Anthony Jr.
AS PER COPY DEC 22 1917
Jan 9, 1918 Gov of Home
Leavenworth Kans
date of soldier's death, date
of admission to Home &
P. O. add of nearest of Kin at W.
19th
Mar 1918 How call
on Gov of Home repeated
at W.
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Remarried Widow

REJECTED

Ex'r

DEPENDENT

W.O. No. ~~1075185~~ 1165802

6/18

Act of ^{D.K. 20}

Act of May 1, 1920

Nov. 17/20

Notified

Sept. 23, 1920

Nov. 16/20. Atty Higgins is thanked for his correct professional procedure & advised that he will be notified when claim is rejected. S.P. Wid. Div.

Malinda Bueker
Devon

Kans.

Widow Contesting

~~George J. Gillespie~~
~~George J. Gillespie~~
George J. Gillespie

Service D & K - 20 Ind. Inf.
C - 18 U. S. Inf.

5-6-25 us
11-17-20 us

Died Sep. 23, 1900, ^{nat.} Military Home, Kans.
No other claim. than

W. O. 1075185

J. C. 813541

Sept. 20, 1920

WB

Nov 18-20 us

Clerk.

Application filed: Aug. 24, 1920

Attorney: Thomas Higgins

P. O. Fort Scott

Kans.

att'y filed

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E.M.W.

Jan, 3/21
Letter re: atty, rdt, w.h.

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ACT MARCH 3, 1899.

Class of Claim: Deserted Wife.Invalid Certificate No. 813541Soldier: Geo. T. Gillaspie.

P. O. Address: _____

Service: K-20 Ind-Inf.Claimant: Lucy S. Gillaspie.
601 Shawnee St.P. O. Address: Leavenworth, Mo.Application Filed: Oct. 30, 1899.All papers relating to Claims under Act of
March 3, 1899, MUST be kept in this jacket.**REJECTED.** Oct 25-1900.Pensioner dead. C. S. D. P.Law Division Card No. 2237297 sent to P.C.for addressNov. 16/99Dec. 6/99 30 days notice to PensionerMich. 13/00 To claim for ev. prior mrg.,
div. OKWSept 14/00 To clt. for ev. of ~~mrg.~~ pr. mrg. chng.
need div. that the ev. of more than one
witness is required therefore Horatio
Knights is not sufficient. OKWOct. 25-1900. notice of rejection to claimant

Oct 20, 1900. And
P. Agt. adv. date of
death M.L.

DROPPED
~~Sept 29 1900~~
~~Death R.D.~~
Mch 21 1922

D. R. Antecum Jr
status, as per copy

March 27 Ottis O. Mann
Advised status of
widow's claim. S.M.

(3-230.)

June 27, 1890.

LID. (Series)

Act of March 3rd, 1899.

Cert. No. **813541**

George T. Gillaspie
; Service, *U.S. Army*
20th Ind. Vol. Inf.

Original Roll (Washington)
by Order

Agency Transferred, 1893, to *Ind.*
" " " " " " " "

Issued *Oct 10,* 189*7*
Mailed *18*, 189*7*
Rate and Period, \$ *1-*, from *July 12,* 189*7*

DEAD.

Deductions:
Disability: *Rheumatism & du
of rectum.*

Issued *Dec. 18"*, 189*7*
Mailed *" 30*, 189*7*
Rate and Period, \$ *12⁰⁰*, from *May 1"*, 189*7*

Act of June 27, 1890

Deductions:
Disability: *Inability to earn p-
support by manual labor.*

Issued, 18
Mailed, 18
Rate and Period, \$, from, 18

Deductions:

Disability:

Issued, 18
Mailed, 18
Rate and Period, \$, from, 18

Deductions:

Disability:

INDORSEMENTS.

*1897-1900 P.A. copy & vouchers
according to Treasurer of
Home (Leavenworth) as per
letter asking for same &
saying that papers were returned
and claim was identified. OK.
Oct 29, Chas & Atty (W.W. & Co)
of migration of increase*

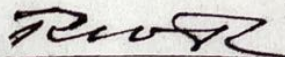
Memorandum, S.E. Division.

Subject. No. 1075185, Gillespie.

Statement. The testimony of claimant's sister indicates that claimant may have remarried to one Bowman Wilson following her divorce from Swan. Claimant denied marriage to said Bowman, but admitted relations with him. Further examination is required to determine claimant's prior marital history more definitely.

Reference. To Seattle, King County, Washington, for the testimony of Carrie Terry (widow) 1722 N. 45 St., for information she may have concerning the claimant's marital history. This prospective witness is the claimant's daughter Carrie, by Swan, whose identity the claimant did not disclose.

August 13, 1924.


Reviewer, S.E.D.

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Claim of Lucy S. Gillespie

No. 1075185

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Memorandum, S. E. Division

Subject. 1075186 Gillespie

Statement. Claimant is shown to have been married twice as alleged by her. She was first married to one Myron Swan from whom she was divorced in 1868 at Eau Claire, Wis. She alleges that she was next married to one George T. Gillespie on August 1, 1894 under the name of Lucy C. Swan.

There is no evidence to show that she was married other than as stated above. However, she admits the having borne a child by one Bowman, and states that she was not married to him. She is also shown to have assumed the name of David Waggoner at Leavenworth, Kans. Said Waggoner was a soldier. She denies ever having lived in the marital relation with Waggoner or that she ever indulged in improper relations with him. The claimant is shown to have been a woman of bad morals.

Claimant's sister, Mrs. Nancy D. Morey, states that it was rumored that the claimant had married and borne a child by one Bowman Wilson who lived in the country from Northfield, Minn.

The claimant has furnished very meagre information for further examination. She has refused to name witnesses who have known her as well as having failed to give places of residence and periods correctly.

The claimant's daughter, by Swan, Mrs. Carrie B. Terry, states that she visited her mother and was with her for about a year, at Junction City, Geary Co., Kans., and that she was about seventeen years old at the time. Considering her age at the time as seventeen years and the date of her birth as in the year, 1857, she probably visited the claimant at Junction City about the year, 1874. However, this is not reliable. The marriage records of Geary Co., Kans., should be searched to cover the period from date of divorce from Swan to date of marriage to the soldier.

Reference. The investigation is continued at Junction City, Geary Co., Kans., for a search of the marriage records as indicated above and for cross-examination of the claimant at Leavenworth, Kans.

Remarks. The special examiner, in cross examining the claimant, should bear in mind the testimony Frank W. Marshall, (BJ 6) and Peter La Jole, (BJ 7), which alludes to a marriage of claimant to David Wagner. If these affiants are yet living and can be located they should be carefully questioned as to what they may know relative to any marriage between claimant and ~~Waggoner~~.

Aug. 29, 1924
WBU

M. B. H.
Reviewer.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

~~*****~~

Kansas City, Mo., April 25, 1925.

The Commissioner of Pensions:

Herewith are all papers in claim No. 1075185, Lucy S. Gillespie, as widow of George T. Gillespie, Co. K 20 Ind. Inf., Civil War. The case was returned to this district for further examination as indicated in memorandum attached to face of Rept. 4.

On Dec. 24, 1924, I undertook to cross-examine the claimant in accordance with the instructions. In the beginning she did not seem to be in any worse condition than she was when I took her initial statement but I had asked her only a few questions when she closed her eyes and her head fell back. I thought that she was dying. I summoned the nurse and she revived the claimant. The claimant's hand was so limp that she could not write her name to the statement (Dep. A). Yesterday I called at the county hospital at Leavenworth, Kans., and made another attempt to cross-examine the claimant. I failed completely that time. She declined to make any further statement in the case. Her condition did not appear to be materially different from what it was when I took her initial statement.

The claimant's daughter, Carrie Blanche Terry (Dep. A, Rept. 4), stated that she lived with her mother at Junction City, Kans., for about a year and that while there her mother had lots of good friends but said witness failed to mention the name of any of those friends or the name of any person who knew the claimant at said place. If that witness will furnish the names of some of the people who knew the claimant at Junction City, Kans., an endeavor will be made to locate them. The witness did not state

whether she and the claimant lived alone at said place.

I recommend reference for consideration by the Chief of the Board of Review.

Respectfully submitted,

L. V. Stafford
Inspector.

[Faint, mostly illegible text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

On Dec. 24, 1954, I interviewed the above-named person as indicated in memorandum attached to case of record. The case was referred to this district for further examination as a matter of course. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report of the examination.

The Commissioner of Patents:

Enclosure

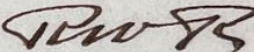
Memorandum, S. E. Division

Subject. No. 1075185, Gillespie.

Statement. Papers have been examined in case Ctf. 650996, David Waggoner, Co. I, 6 Iowa Inf. It appears from the statement of that soldier before a special examiner that he was married three times, no reference being made to this claimant in any connection. Claims of contesting widows were filed, those of Susan M. Waggoner, and Emma Waggoner, neither of whom however, have yet established title. It appears that this man may be eliminated from further consideration in this examination. Evidence indicates that the claimant has not remarried or otherwise forfeited title since the death of the soldier.

Reference. To Northfield, Rice County, Minn., and elsewhere for the testimony of witnesses indicated to determine claimant's full marital history, and her status as widow of the soldier.

February 7, 1924.


Reviewer, S.E.D.

Board of Review
I.C. 813541
W.O. 1075185
Lucy Gillespie
Widow of
George T. Gillaspay
Co. K, 20 Ind. Inf.

July 16, 1923.

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Chief of the
Special Examination Division

This claim is referred to determine whether claimant was married other than to Swan and soldier, and if so, how such marriages were dissolved -- whether she was divorced from soldier, and what her manner of life has been since his death in 1900. Attention is invited to testimony filed by soldier, in answer to her claim for one-half pension, in which it is indicated that she had been previously married to one Wagner.

The correct spelling of soldier's name should be ascertained.

Claimant's address is County Hospital, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Chief, Board of Review.

Examination approved:

Acting Commissioner.

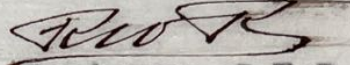
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Memorandum, S.E. Division

Subject. No. 1075185, Gillespie.

Statement. Status of claim is not changed. Further examination is required concerning claimant's prior marital history.

Reference. To Los Angeles Co., California, and elsewhere to determine claimant's legal widowhood, for testimony of Mrs. Flora Ellis, 713 Parkman Ave., and to San Diego, Calif., for testimony of Mrs. Nancy Morey, claimant's sister.


Reviewer, S.E.D.

June 3, 1924.

ECP

Widow Division
W.O.No. 1075185
Malinda Bueker
George T. Calespie
K 20 Ind. Inf.

November 16 1920

Thomas Higgins Atty.
Fort Scott
Kansas

Sir:

Referring to your letter dated August 30, 1920, concerning the title of the above named claimant, you are advised that your courtesy in furnishing the information that she is divorced from the soldier, is appreciated by this Bureau, since it obviates the necessity of making unnecessary calls upon the claimant. The proper legal action will be taken in disposing of said claim, and you will be notified of such action in a later communication.

Very respectfully

Commissioner

ECP/emh

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Act of April 18, 1908
amended by Act, Sept. 8, 1917

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W O No. 1075185
Claimant LUCY GILLESPIE
Soldier GEORGE T GILLASPY
Service K 20 IND INF
Address COUNTY HOSPITAL, LEAVENWORTH
LEAVENWORTH County KANS

NOV 10 1924

Rec'd in S. E. DJUL 18, 1923, from B R

REFERENCES

To L. V. Stafford July 26, 1923
initial ex LEAVENWORTH

LEAVENWORTH County KANS

To C. W. Young Feb 8, 1924
further ex legal widowhood

Reed County Miss

To A. M. Melburn June 4, 1924
further ex legal widowhood

Los Angeles County Calif

To M. B. Brown Aug 15, 1924
further ex legal widowhood

King County Wash

To L. V. Stafford Aug 30, 1924
further ex as to legal widowhood

Leary County Kans

To _____, 19____
further ex _____

County _____

ACCRUED
I. M. 913541

W. O. 1165802--MAI. LINDA BUEKER

Client boy

AN 18 1924

SpL E Stafford advised that David Waggoner, Co. J. 6 Iowa Inf. # 1650996, died Feb 28/17 - GER

SEP 5 1924

SpL E Stafford given mental history of David Waggoner

NOV 10 1924

Special slips to SpL E Stafford - GER

Widow Division
W.O.1165802
Malinda Bueker
George T.Gillaspy
K, 20 Ind. Inf.

W.H.
January 3, 1921.

Mrs. Malinda Bueker,
R. R. #1, Devon,
Kansas.

Madam:-

Your above cited claim under the act of May 1, 1920,
filed August 24, 1920, is rejected on the ground that you
are not the former widow of the soldier, having been
divorced from him, May 16, 1892.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

WH/FLH

Widow Division
W.O.1165802
Malinda Bueker
George T.Gillaspy
K, 20 Ind.Inf.

January 3, 1921. *MA*

Thomas Higgins, Atty.,
Fort Scott,
Kansas.

Sir:-

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the claimant is not the former widow of the soldier,
having been divorced from him, May 16, 1892.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

WH/FLH

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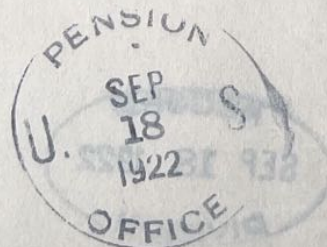
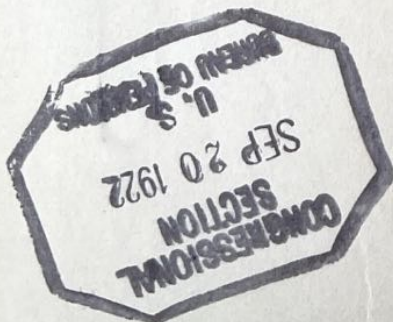
My dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto for your information a letter which I have received from Mrs. Lucy Gillespie, County Hospital, Leavenworth, Kansas, who has a claim for pension, #1075185, pending before your Bureau. Will you kindly return her letter to me with advice as to the present status of her claim, and what is delaying action on same, and greatly oblige

Yours very truly,

D. R. Lamborn

W.O. 1075.185 ^{OK}
 D & K 20 Ind Inf



Leavenworth Kansas. Sep. 29, 1922

Commissioner of Pensions
Washington - D.C. -

Hon Dear Sir! -

I write

for some information in regard to my pension. It has been so long since I have heard from there. Some good news would be encouraging, and would help me in my need. I hope to hear from you, for I have done every thing I could, to establish the justness of my claim. Trusting all matters are right

for me and

Very Respectfully

Lucy Gillespie

County Hospital

Leavenworth - Kansas



No of claim - 1075185



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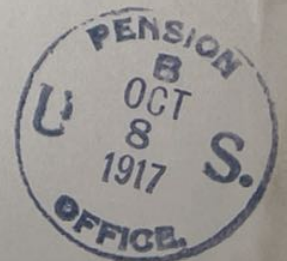
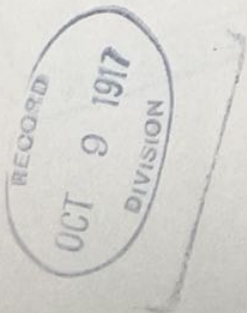
Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I inclose herewith additional evidence for consideration in connection with the claim for pension of Lucy Galespie, 723 Delaware St., Leavenworth, Kansas, widow of George T. Galespie, alias George T. Gallispy, Co. K 20th Indiana Infantry. You will note that this claimant has made diligent effort through her attorney to secure a copy of the court record of her divorce from her former husband, Myron Swan, said to have been obtained about 1865, but has been unable to get same. Inasmuch as this was now over fifty years ago I trust it will be possible for the Bureau to waive this requirement and grant this old woman a pension on the evidence now on file in the case. If you will advise me whether this can be done, or whether it will be necessary for her to file further evidence I will be very much obliged.

Yours very truly,

D. R. Anthony



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Ind. O.1,075,185
Lucy, wid. **BUREAU OF PENSIONS**
George T. Galespie, **WASHINGTON**
Co. K, 20" Ind. Inf.

January 19, 1918

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The Governor,
National Military Home,
Leavenworth Co.,
Kansas.

Sir:-

DL
JAN 22 1918
Adjutant & Inspector.

In the above entitled claim for pension it appears that the soldier, George T. Galespie, died in the institution under your charge about September 22, 1900.

You are requested to furnish this bureau a statement from the records of said institution showing the date of the soldier's admission thereto, the date of his death, his marital condition, and name and post office address of his nearest of kin.

Very respectfully,

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Commissioner.

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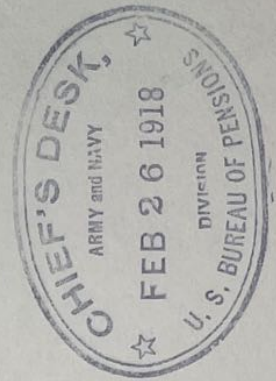
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 19, 1918.



Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I attach hereto a letter which I have received from Arthur M. Jackson, an attorney of Leavenworth, Kansas, in further reference to the claim for pension of Lucy Galespie, widow of George T. Galespie, alias George T. Gallispy, Co. K 20th Indiana Infantry. In view of Mr. Jackson's statement that this widow is in a destitute condition would it not be possible for you to make this case special, in order that it may be adjudicated without further delay. If you could advise me I would be very much obliged.

Yours very truly,



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
RECORD DIVISION

Briefed by W. W. sep
Orig. 1075185
Cert. 813541
Claimant Lucy Galespie
Soldier George T. Galespie
alias George T. Gillespie
Service K. 20 Indiana Inf
C 1874 Inf

No claim, Service record _____, 191
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REMARKS:

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W.O. No. 1075185 84

NAME OF CLAIMANT:

Lucy Galespie

P. O.

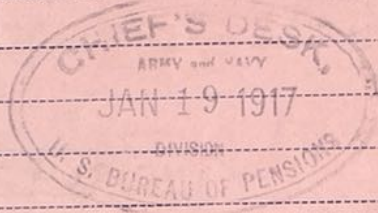
723 Delaware St
Leavenworth, Kans.

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Geo T Galespie or Gillespie
Co. D. & K. Reg't 20 Indiana Inf
C 1874 Inf

The above-named claimant is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a bona fide resident of the District which I represent; and this inquiry is not made at the request of any pension attorney or claim agent.

I desire to be advised as to status



D. R. Anthony Jr., M. C.
January 11/1917, 19

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LEE BOND,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
S. W. COR. 30 & DELAWARE STS.
TELEPHONE 192.

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS,

January 3, 1900.

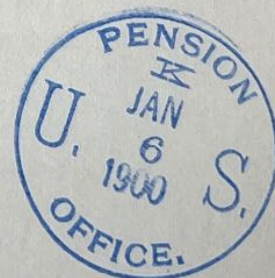
Hon. H. Clay Evans,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose you your letter of recent date to Mr. George T. Gillaspay in regard to his wife claim ^{by} one half of his pension, and attached thereto three affidavits in regard to same. Your letter to Mr. Gillaspay was not received by him until a short time ago and in case the enclosed affidavits are not sufficient to prevent her from obtaining any part of his pension you will kindly advise what kind of evidence you want or if you have blank affidavits concerning this matter if you will send me the same I will endeavor to have them properly made out and send to you.

Yours truly,

Lee Bond



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Leavenworth, Kansas,
July 29th, 1920.Hon. G. M. Saltzgaber,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

#1075185.



Dear Mr. Saltzgaber:

I am writing you this letter in connection with the claim for pension of Mrs. Lucy Galespie, widow of Geo. T. Galespie, Co. K, 20th Indiana Inf. Your office advised me on June 24th that this claim had been rejected for the reason that claimant failed to prove that she was the legal widow of this soldier.

For your information beg to advise that Mrs. Galespie is 80 years of age, and at present confined to the County Poor Farm. She states that a decree of divorce was granted from her first husband in the Circuit Court at Chippewa Falls, Wis., about 1865. However, the Clerk of the Court at Chippewa Falls advises that he can find no record of such a divorce. I feel sure Mrs. Galespie states the truth in regard to being divorced from her former husband, and is the legal widow of Geo. T. Galespie, and is certainly entitled to receive a pension, and I wish you would please look up this case and advise me whether it would not be possible to have your nearest special examiner to Chippewa Falls, Wis., go there and search for the record of her divorce, or to waive the requirement of proof of divorce entirely and allow her claim.

Yours very truly,



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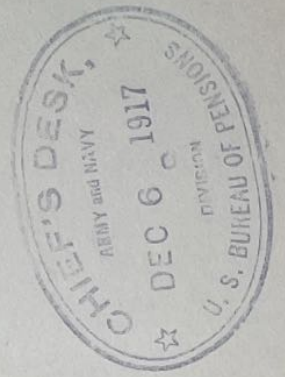
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COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 28, 1917.



Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I hand you herewith an affidavit signed by Lucy Galespie, 723 Delaware St., Leavenworth, Kansas, widow of George T. Galespie, alias George T. Gallispy, Co. K 20th Indiana Infantry, together with a letter from Arthur M. Jackson of Leavenworth, Kansas, for consideration in connection with Mrs. Galespie's claim for pension, to which I trust you may be able to give favorable consideration.

If you could advise me of the status of the case after giving this affidavit and letter your full consideration I will be very much obliged.

Yours very truly,

D. R. Chubbuck



ARTHUR M. JACKSON
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW
LEAVENWORTH, KANS.

November 20, 1917.

Hon. D. R. Anthony,
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir: Enclosed herewith, I send you affidavit of Lucy Gallespie or Gillispie, touching her claim for pension. There is no doubt in my mind but that this old lady was never married to one David Wagner but only boarded him for so much per week and some gossip has caused the Pension Commissioner to think she may have been married to him. I hope this affidavit will be sufficient, as this old lady is very destitute and needs this pension very much. I am helping her with this purely as an act of charity because I believe she is entitled to the pension claimed.

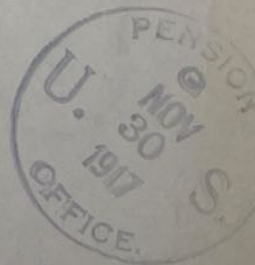
Kindly present this affidavit to the department and help her all you can.

Very truly yours,

AMJ-M.

Arthur M. Jackson

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Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D.C. —

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Hon. Dear Sir —

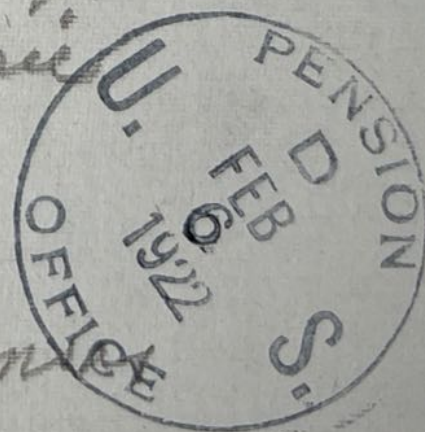
Having been unable to attend my claim for a widows pension, I now wish to learn something regarding it, and what further steps I must take, to complete the same. My pension claim is No 1075185. I am the widow of George T Galespie Co K 20th Indiana Infantry. Will you please inform me of its present status, what further I must do, and kindly oblige

Very Respectfully

Mrs Lucy Galespie

R County Hospital

Leavenworth City - Kansas



LEAVENWORTH COUNTY HOSPITAL

G. A. BROWN, SUPERINTENDENT

Leavenworth, Kansas July 21st

1922

Hon Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D. C.

I herewith reply to your request, as well as
I am able at the present. I also return certified copy of decree of
divorce of Myron Swann. The place in Indiana of my husbands enlistment
I do not remember, but think questions were fully answered, and
forwarded by your department, by Mr Archer Jackson of this City - who was
then attending to matters for me - That was 405 years ago -

Very Respectfully

Mrs Lucy S Gellispie

care

County Hospital Leavenworth Kas -

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Sixty-Seventh Congress
Washington, D. C.
March 5th, 1922.

Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

W.O.

In re #1075185, Mrs. Lucy S. Gallespie, care County Hospital,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

I would appreciate it very much if you could advise me the
present status of the above mentioned claim? Also please let me know
if all necessary evidence has been furnished your Bureau?

Thanking you for a prompt response, I am

Yours very truly,

D. R. Humphrey

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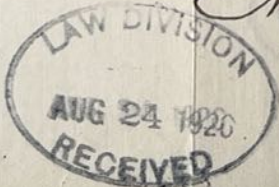
Fort Scott, Kansas, August, 21, 1920.
The Commissioner of Pensions.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:
When I prepared the enclosed papers pertaining to the claim of Malinda Bueker, Galaspy, the copy of the decree of divorce was not at hand. As I would have her name signed to them as that of Malinda Galaspy as the court has restored her name from Bueker to that of Galaspy, the name of the soldier, this as a matter of fact does not change her pensionable status, as she is one and the same person. She represents herself to be,

I will get the claimant to make an affidavit in relation to what name she is to go by, and correcting the discrepancy.

Very Respectfully,
J. M. Higgins

Attorney



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Dec. B. Widower Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16, 1920.

No. Claim, W. O. 1075185

Cert. No. Inv. 813541

Claimant, Malinda Bueker

Geo. F. Galaspy

Soldier, alias Geo. F. Gillaspay

Co. 40th K. 2d Reg't Inf. U.S.

Respectfully, referred to the Chief of Record Division. This claim is a contesting widow's claim and is returned for re-consideration. Attention is also invited to the fact that soldier enlisted both times as Gillaspay, and always wrote his name in all the papers on file which bear his signature, as Gillaspay. It is therefore believed that Gillaspay is the true spelling of his name and that all other forms of it should be regarded as aliases.

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[Signature]

Chief of Widower Division.

E. P. Perr

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.

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....., *Examiner.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24, 1924.

Postmaster,
Northfield,
Minnesota.

My dear Sir:

The evidence in pension claim No. 1075185 shows that a man named Bowman Wilson resided in the vicinity of Northfield, Minn., years ago, - probably in the early seventies. He separated from his wife (name not known) and went away with Lucy Swan, who was separated from her husband, Myron Swan. Wilson was the maiden name of said Lucy Swan but it is not known certain whether he ^(Bowman Wilson) was any blood relation to said Lucy Wilson Swan. It is desired to determine what became of said Bowman Wilson. Said Lucy Swan is now in the county hospital in Leavenworth, Kans., and is in such condition that she cannot furnish any information concerning said Bowman Wilson. Will you please be so kind as to make inquiry among old residents of your vicinity and advise me whether you can furnish any information as to what became of Bowman Wilson or furnish the name and address of any of his people. I am very sorry to trouble you with this but as stated above the old woman is in such condition that we cannot obtain the information from her and it is necessary to secure evidence to show what became of said Wilson. I will thank you for any assistance that you may give me in this matter.

Please return this letter with reply in the envelope which is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,
L. V. Stafford
Special Examiner.

United States Post Office

_____CLASS

Northfield, Minn.
Dec. 29/24

Mr. L.V. Stafford,
Special Examiner,

Dear Sir-

Have interviewed a number of old settlers and no one can recall such parties, am sorry I can not any information.

Very truly yours,



Postmaster.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER

June 10, 1924

POSTMASTER,
Fall Brook, California

Sir:

For use in claim No. 1075185, please furnish the present address of each person named below, stating the distance and direction from the post office, as well as the rural route and name of the road on which he resides, if in the country; or the street and number, if in a city.

If any persons named are no longer within your mail delivery, such aid as you may give in definitely locating them will be greatly appreciated. Use back of sheet if necessary.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Millburn
Special Examiner.

Mrs. Nancy Morey

5 miles + 9 tenths South East on rural route #1
to their mail box their house is 1/2 mile
South of mail box

JUN 12 1924

D. Woodbury
Postmaster.

Locate Frank W. ...
B. J. Co. ...
1/2 mile, ...
P. J. 7 Peter ...
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 16, 1924.

POSTMASTER,

Leavenworth, Kans.

Sir:

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Use back of sheet if necessary.

Very respectfully,

L. V. Stafford
Special Examiner.

Wilbur F. Coffman and wife (who formerly resided at 1319 Olive St.,
Leavenworth, Kans.).

L. V. Stafford, Special Examiner,

Kansas City, Mo.,

Dear Sir:-

The present address of Wilbur F. Coffman is # 1024
Baltimore Ave., West, Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs Coffman died recently and Mr. Coffman left here
giving the forwarding address as mentioned above.

E. C. Brewster
Acting Postmaster.

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Leavenworth Kas May 7, 1923
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Washington D.C.

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My Dear Sir

I have tried by every means in my power, to find persons, who knew me intimately from 1848 to 1894, and after long and diligent inquiry, I have found those I have inquired for are dead - And that none who were living knew anything of me - my relatives are dead, and also those who knew me well, in the places I lived, before I came to Leavenworth Kas. A divorce application was filed here in the District Court by Gillispy - but shortly after

No. 1075-185
Gillespie

Not answered,
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Exr. Stafford
July 18/23
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married to any one but Gillaspie
while in this City - My son Swan was
never in the army or navy of the U.S. but
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I know he was not - I can kindly
ask you what I shall do, and patiently
await your instructions S.E.D

Ad. Hills
1/6/21
Very Respectfully July 18/23
Lucy Gillespie

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O.C. 813541
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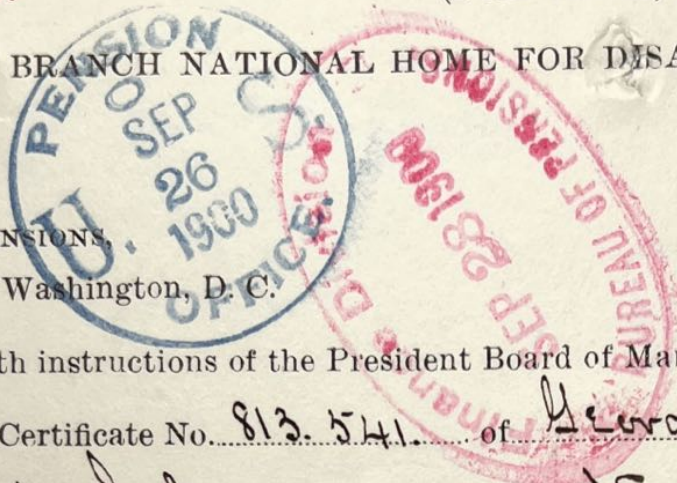
Act of June 27. 1890.

(FORM No. 59.)

WESTERN BRANCH NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

September 23, 1900, 1900.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,
Washington, D. C.



SIR:—In accordance with instructions of the President Board of Managers N. H. D. V. S., I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed Pension Certificate No. 813.541. of George S. Halaspy, late K Co., 20 Reg't 1st Inf. + Co., who died at Home Hospital, on the 23 day of September 1900, 1900.

W. H. Calkins

Very respectfully

W. H. Calkins

GOVERNOR.

Address, "Chief of the Record and Pension Office,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

Record and Pension Office.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

George T. Gillaspay,

Co. D, 20 Reg't Ind. Inf.,

was enrolled July 2, 1861,

and M. O. July 12, 1865,

with (New) Co. K same Regmt,
to which transf'd by consolid.

Re-enlisted Feb. 13/64.

From Enrollt, 1861, to M. O., 1865,

he held the rank of Sgt.

and during that period the rolls show him present
except as follows: June 3 of 63, absent,

at Camp Parole, Annapolis,

Md. Aug. 31/63, absent in

parole camp at Alexandria,

Va. Oct. 31/64, absent sick.

Tris. of War Records show

him captured at Chancellors-

ville, Va., May 3/63, con-

fined at Richmond, Va., May
9/63. (con statement) paroled
at City Point, Va., May 14/63;
reported at Camp Parole, Md.,
May 16/63. sent from C. P. to
Washington, D. C., May 20/63,
present at Camp Conval't, Va.,
June 8th Aug. 17/63; present
at Camp Conval't, Va., July
24/63.

The medical records show him treated as follows:

as Geo. Gillespie, Priv, Co,
20. 20 Ind. Sept. 13 to 30. 64

Diarrhoea; as Geo Gil-
aspie, Priv. Co. K, 4c Jan. 19,

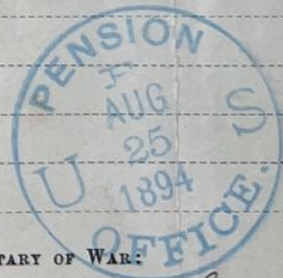
65 Intermittent; Apl. 22
to 23. 65 Diarrhoea; as G. T.

Gillespie. (no rank or Co)
18 W. A. Inf. Sept. 17 & 18. 65

(no diagnosis); as - Gil-
laspay, Sgt. Co C, 4c, May. 23

to 27. 67. Constipation, re-
turned to duty.

Nothing additional
found



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

J. A. Misworth

Colonel, U. S. Army, Chief of Office.

Per *J. M.* AUG 24 1894

Washington, D. C.,

(COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.)

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DIVISION.

AUG 23 1894

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., AUG 21, 1894

Respectfully returned to the ^{Adjutant} ~~office in charge~~
~~General U.S. Army~~ War Depart-
ment, requesting a full military and medical
history _____
(Descriptive _____
_____ of the soldier.
list.)

Please examine all records likely to afford
any information as to diseases, wounds, or inju-
ries incurred by him while in the service.

Claim No. 813541

Name George T. Gillaspay

Co. C 2d Inf 18th Regt U.S. Inf

W.A.R. 21
G. W. Lochron
Commissioner.

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DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSIONS.

ACT OF JUNE, 27, 1890.

To be Executed Before a Court of Record or some Officer Thereof Having Custody of its Seal.

State of Kansas, County of Seavenworth, ss:

On this 7 day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety
personally appeared before me A Notary Public, of the
~~Court, a court of record~~ within and for the County and State aforesaid George J. Gillaspie
aged 57 years, a resident of the National Military Home, County of
Seavenworth, State of Kansas, who, being duly sworn according to law,
declares that he is the identical George J. Gillaspie who was ^{or about} enrolled on the 14 day
of June, 1861, in Co "D" 20th Ind. Infy
Here state rank, company, and regiment in military service, or vessel, if in the Navy
in the war of the Rebellion, and served at least ninety days, and was honorably discharged at
Indianapolis, Ind on the 15 day of July, 1865. That he
is now unable to earn a support by reason of Heart disease and
Rheumatism
Here name the diseases or injuries from which disabled.

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief
permanent; that he has not applied for pension under application No. 4; that he is a
pensioner under certificate No. _____
If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given; if not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States
under the provisions of the act of June 27, 1890.

He hereby appoints J. M. Fied, of Washington, D. C.
State of _____, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim; that his
P. O. address is Nath Mil Home, County of Seavenworth
State of Kansas.

George J Gillaspie
Claimant's signature.

Attest: James Miller
Thomas Hogan

Also personally appeared James Miller, residing at Military Home No
and Thos Hogan, residing at Military Home No, 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 George J. Gillaspie, the claimant, sign his name (make his mark) to
the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their
acquaintance with him for _____ years and _____ years, respectively, that he is the identical
person he represent himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

James Miller
Thomas Hogan
Signatures of witnesses.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

SOLDIER'S APPLICATION.

Name Geo J. Gillaspay
Service D + R 20th Ind

ADDRESS:

Natf Mil Home
Leavenworth Kas

39680

FILED BY

J. M. Field
City

Date of execution

CERTIFICATE ON FILE IN
U. S. PENSION DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

[r. s.]

direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim,

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words
erased and the words
added and that I have no interest,

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 7 day of July, A. D. 1890

W. D. Holloway
Signature

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Commission Expires November 25, 1893.
Official character.

NOTES.

The act of June 27, 1890, requires, in case of a soldier:

- (1) An honorable discharge (but the certificate need not be filed unless called for).
- (2) A minimum service of ninety days.
- (3) A permanent physical disability not due to vicious habits. (It need not have originated in the service.)
- (4) The rates under the act are graded from \$6 to \$12, proportioned to the degree of inability to earn a support, and are not affected by the rank held.
- (5) A pensioner under prior laws may apply under this one, or a pensioner under this one may apply under other laws, but he cannot draw more than one pension for the same period.

M.G., Ex'r.

W.W. and N. Div.
Inv. No. 813. 541
George T. Gillaspay
Co. C, 18th Reg't U.S. Inf.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Oct. 21*, 1897.

SIR:

Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Evans

Commissioner.

Mr. George T. Gillaspay,
National Military Home,
Kansas.

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: *Yes. Lucie S Gillaspay, nee Lucie S Wilson*

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: *August 2, 1893*

Leavenworth Kansas, by a Methodist Preacher, named Wilson
now dead.

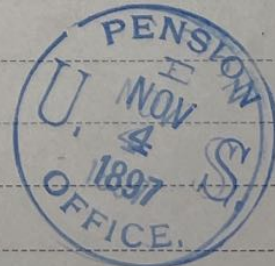
No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: *a marriage Certificate*

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce. Answer: *Yes, Margaritha M. Gillaspay*

nee Margareth M. Kendrick

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth. Answer: *John M. Gillaspay, born March 26, 1881*

Florence A. Gillaspay born June 28, 1883



Date of reply, *November 1st*, 1897.

George T. Gillaspay
(Signature)

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Aug 23rd, 1894.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions:

It appears from the records of this office that George J. Gillashy ¹⁷ was enlisted on the 6th day of September, 1865, at Indianapolis, Ind., and was assigned to Co. "C," 18th Regiment of W. I. Infantry, 1st battalion. Joined Co. Sept 19/65, from Camp Thomas. Co. App'd Corporal, to date, Oct 1/65. Promoted Serg't. Sept 1/66. Muster roll Oct 31/68 reports him: Discharged, Sept 6/68, at Fort D. A. Russell, D. T., by expiration of service, a sergeant.
Not reported sick on any muster roll, during service in the regular army.



Thomas M. Vincent
acting Adjutant General.
(260.)
By J. H. S.

Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, &c.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim. Original Pension Claim No. 843, 317
Name and rank of claimant. George T. Gulaspy, Rank, Private
Company Det 10 Reg't Ind Vol. | Lawrence Kan State,
Claimant's post office address. WADDS, Lawrence Kan | ad J April 23, 189, .
[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]
[Post-office address of the Board.]
[Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred

Cause of disability. in the service, viz: Heart disease and rheumatism

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives a pension of _____ dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Original
[Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible. That he has heart disease and rheumatism in right shoulder and arm and left knee.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 112; respiration, 20; temperature, 98.6; height, 5 feet 9 inches; weight, 170 pounds; age, 57 years.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with pars. 5, 6, 51, 52, &c., of Book of Instructions for 1889. He has crepitation on motion in the right shoulder, elbow and wrist and left knee. There appears to be pain upon motion in these joints. Except as above this man is strong and healthy.

Adjourned Meeting,

Rate for EACH cause of disability. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 4/18 rating for the disability caused by rheumatism, nothing for that caused by heart disease, and _____ for that caused by _____

N. Van Aman Pres. N. P. Van Luyck, Sec'y H. W. Wath, Treas.

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

George J. Giddens
Co. D & K 20 Reg't Ind. Vol

Applicant for Original

No. 843,317

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

Adj. Mut. Apr 23, 1891,

H. Van Eman, Pres.,
W. R. Van Trump, Sec'y,
H. H. Moore, Treas., } BOARD.

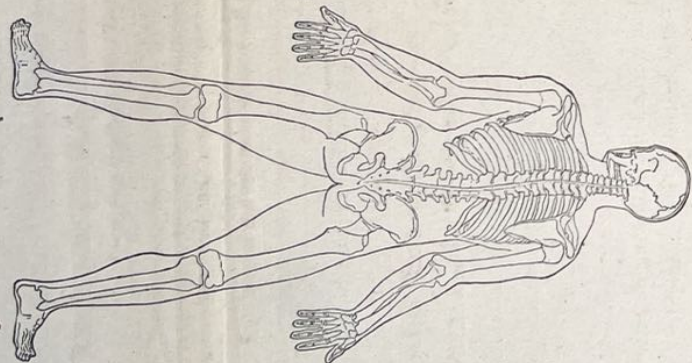
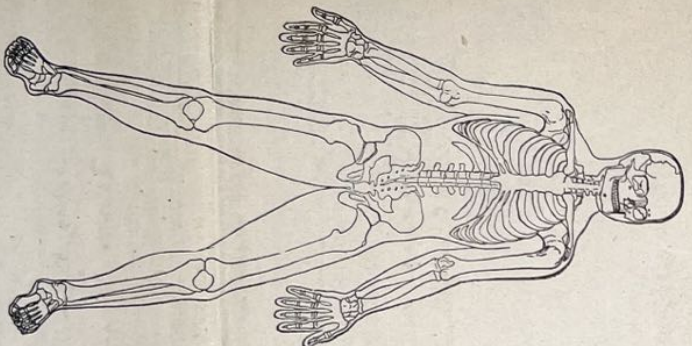
Post office, Lawrence

County, do

State, Kansas

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plainly and in full.

Lawrence



Single surgeons will use this blank, changing "we" to read "I," and "our" to read "my." They will erase the words "Pres.," "Sec'y," "Treas.," and "Board" where the words appear, and sign at the foot of the certificate, and also on the back of the same.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.]

Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, &c.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim. Orig. J. S. Lillaspay Pension Claim No. 843-317
[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.] , Rank, Pvt.

Name and rank of claimant. Company K, 20 Reg't Inf Leavenworth Kans. State, [Post-office address of the Board.]

Claimant's post-office address. 1141 1/2 Mil. Home Kans. Dec 26 [Date of examination.] , 1899.

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz: Rheumatism & Heart Dis

Cause of disability.

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives a pension of _____ dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Orig. [Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible. Pain in right shoulder & arm & left side of chest. Stiffness of Anca

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 102; respiration, 24; temperature, 98; height, 5 feet 9 inches; weight, 162 pounds; age, 58 years. There is stiffness in right shoulder & hip no arm stiffness nor enlarged joints. Feet beat 6.7 cts & a little 9.5 cts of ripple line. Action regular sounds distinct & audible right lighter than

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with pars. 5, 6, 51, 52, &c., of Book of Instructions for 1889. Rectum congested two large internal & one external congested folds. No ulceration Disable six lighter than no other disability.

He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 15 rating for the disability caused by Rheumatism & Heart, 6 for that caused by Piles, and _____ for that caused by _____

Rate for EACH cause of disability.

Sam H. Jew, Pres. Edw. Jones, Sec'y. L. L. Swallow, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

George S. Gillaspy
Co. K, 20 Reg't 2nd

Applicant for Origin
No. 843.317

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

Dec 26, 1891

Sam. P. Shaw, Pres.,
S. W. Jones, Sec'y, } BOARD.
L. A. J. Milligan, Treas., }

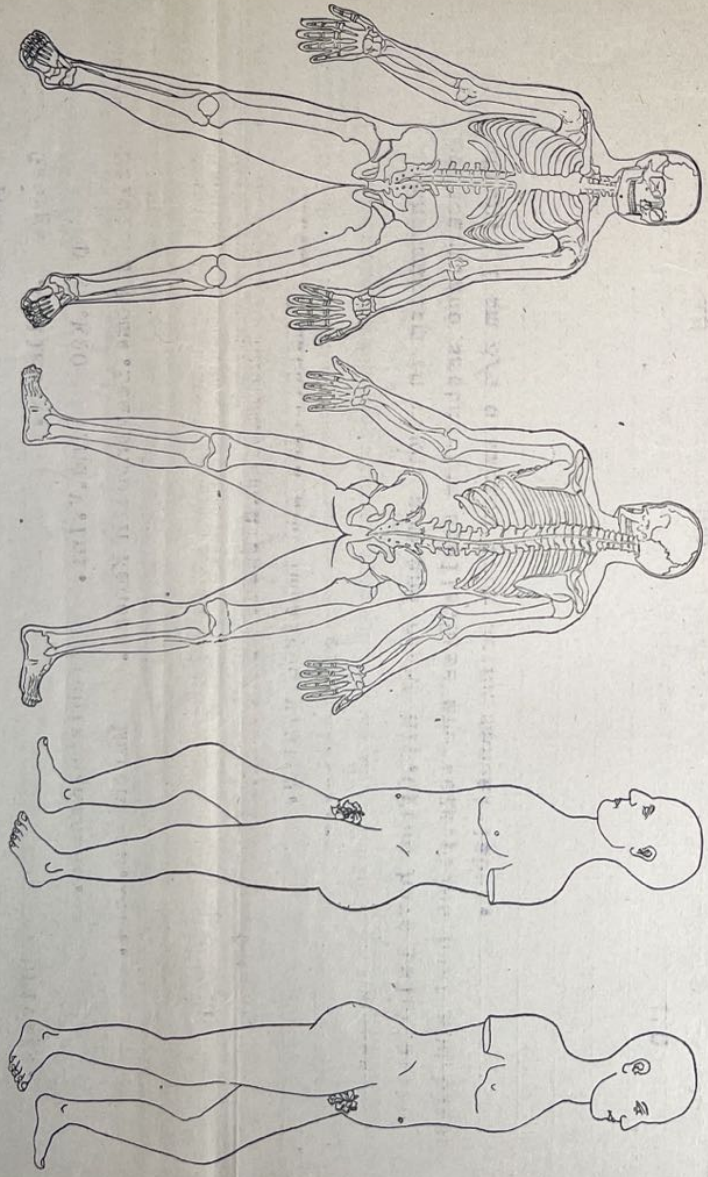
Post office, Leavenworth

County, "

State, Kans

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plainly and in full.

Handwritten signature



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Insert character and number of claim. Increase Pension Claim No. 813.541
[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]

Name and rank of claimant. George T. Gillaspay, Rank, private.

Company Det. K20 Reg't Ind. V. Inf. Atchison, Kansas State,
[Post office address of the Board.]

Claimant's post-office address. Soldiers Home, Leavenworth Kansas March 7th. 1894, 189
[Date of examination.]

Cause of disability. We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz: Rheumatism, disease of rectum, disease of heart, disease of back, piles and impaired vision.

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives a pension of eight dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible. He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for increase
Rheumatism in right arm and right hip. Often have palpitation of heart, and smothering spells. Eyes are weak, piles hurt and bleed often. I am 3/4 disabled from doing manual labor.
[Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of Instructions. Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 120; respiration, 30; temperature, 100; height, 5 feet 9 inches; weight, 170 pounds; age, 61 years. Body well nourished, chest symmetrical, lungs normal. C.D/increased, apex not visible, but percussion reveals the fact that apex beat is 3 inches directly below nipple; impulse heaving, action irregular in force but rhythmical. Pulse, standing, 125, after moderate exercise 150 per minute. No objective symptoms of rheumatism; however, his walk and movements generally indicate pain and roughness in the joints. Abdominal viscera normal.

Sphincter ani relaxed, mucous mem. red, three internal piles; 2, 1/6 of an inch, and the other, 1/4 of an inch in diameter, the latter ulcerated and bleeding. The skin of left leg, on anterior and outer aspects, from ankle to 8 inches above, discolored, about the center of this discoloration, is a scar one inch in diameter, evidently caused by varicose ulcer; the veins however are not enlarged.

Eyes normal in appearance; pupils of the same and normal size; respond to light and shade readily, vis., both eyes, D, 12/20.

No history of vicious habits, no other disability found to exist. From age and above described causes, claimant is disabled for the performance of manual labor, two thirds.

He is, in our opinion, entitled to a rating for the disability caused by for that caused by
by and for that caused by

B. H. Smiley, Pres. P. S. Mitchell, Sec'y. E. T. Shelly, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Geo. W. Mitchell
Cdr. U.S. Army
Regt. 2nd Inf. Ariz.

Applicant for *Doc.*

No. *813, 544*

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

March 7th

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W. H. Miller Pres.
D. S. Mitchell Secy.
E. J. Shilly Treas.

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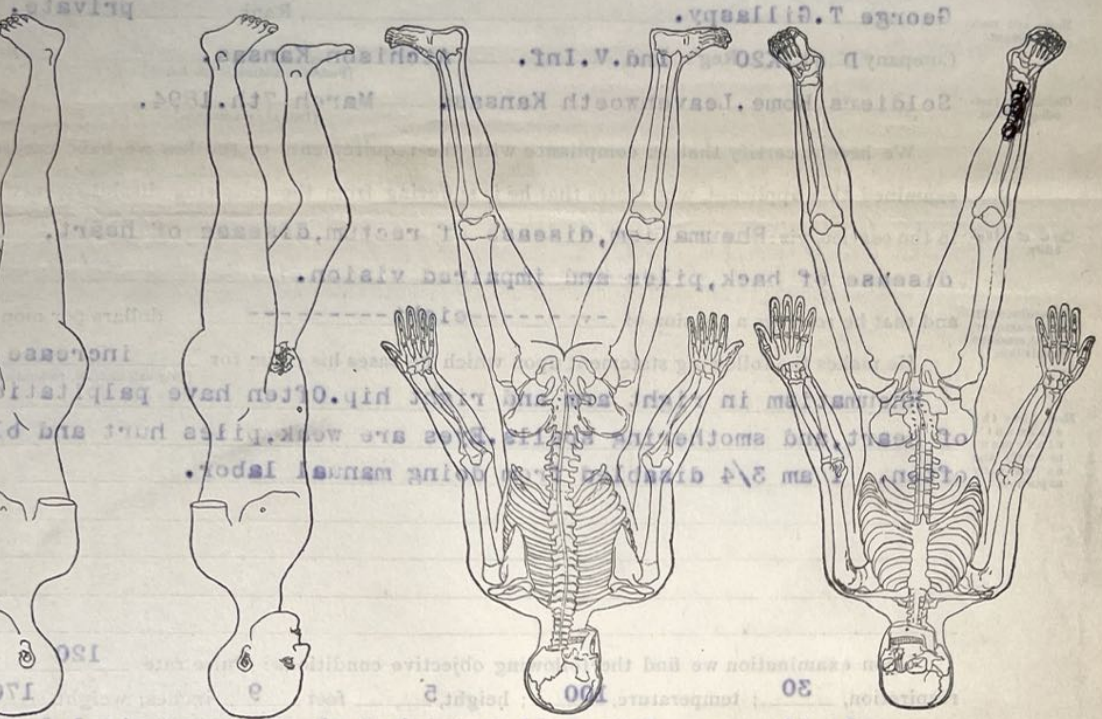
Post office, *Atchison*

County, *Atchison*

State, *Kansas*

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plainly and in full.

W. H. Miller



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Provided further, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Ex- tract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.]

REPLY REFER TO

A. & N. Division
W.O. #1,075,18
Lucy, widow of
George T. Galespie, alias
George T. Gillaspy,
K, 20" Ind. Inf.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
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February 7, 1920.

The Postmaster,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sir:

In the above cited claim for pension it appears that the post-office address of the claimant, Lucy Galespie, October, 1917, was #723 Delaware St., Leavenworth, Kansas.

For use in said claim, you are requested to furnish this bureau a statement setting forth whether the claimant is living, and, if so, her present post office address; or, if she is dead, the date or approximate date of her death.

An early reply with the return of this letter under cover of the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

Im...

Present address of Mrs. Lucy Galespie is, care County Hospital, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Commissioner.

Respectfully,

C. J. Jaschetta

Postmaster.



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State of Wisconsin, }
Eau Claire County } ss

I, H. S. Lund, Clerk of
the Circuit Court for Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify
that I have compared the annexed copy with the original Judgment,
In Re- Myron Swan, VS- Lucy S. Swan,

on file and record in my office, that it is a correct transcript there-
from, and of the whole thereof.

Given under my hand and official seal, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin,
this 12th day of June, A. D. 1922.

H. S. Lund Clerk.



Circuit Court For Eau Claire County.

At a regular term of the Circuit Court in and for said County begun and held at the Court Rooms in the Village of Eau Claire in said County on the Fourth Monday of September A. D. 1868-to wit-October 2nd 1868.

Present, Hon. H. L. Humphrey,
Circuit Judge.

Myron Swan,
Plaintiff,

VS-

Lucy S. Swan,
Defendant.

This cause having this day been brought on to be heard upon the bill of complaint filed herein, taken as confessed by the defendant, and upon reading and filing the order of F. W. Prindle Esq, a court commissioner in and for said county directing that the service of said summons in this action be made upon said defendant by the publication thereof in the Eau Claire Free Press a weekley newspaper printed and published in said county for six successive weeks once in each week, and on reading and filing the affidavit of H. W. Stocking one of the printers and publisher of said paper, by which it appears that the summons in said action was published in said paper for six successive weeks once in each week and on reading and filing the affidavit of E. W. Bartlett one of the attorneys for said plaintiff by which it appears that a copy of the summons & complaint in this action was on the 29th day of June 1868, deposited in the Post Office at Eau Claire Wis, directed post paid to Mrs Lucy S. Swan at North Field Minnesota, and that due service of the summons in this action was obtained on the said defendant on the 3rd day of September 1868, and that the time allowed the said defendant in which to answer or demur in said action has expired, and that no answer or demurrer or appearance has been received by the attorney of said plaintiff and upon reading and filing the report of H. E. Houghton Esq,

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a referee duly appointed in this action, by which it appears that all the material facts charged in the said complaint are true and that the said defendant has been guilty of the several acts of adultery therein charged; On motion of Messrs Cousins and Bartlett Attorneys for said plaintiff, It is Ordered and Adjudged and it is the Judgment of the Court now here that the marriage contract between the said plaintiff and defendant be dissolved and the same is hereby dissolved accordingly; and the said parties are and each of them is freed from the obligation thereof, and that it shall be lawful for the said complainant to marry again in the same manner as if the said defendant was actually dead, and it is further Ordered and adjudged that the said plaintiff have the care, custody and education of the said children Carrie Blanch Swan, George W. Swan and Charles Frederick Swan until the further order of this Court.

By the Court,

H. L. Humphrey,

Circuit Judge.



Receipts

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY HOSPITAL

RETURN THIS LETTER

G. A. BROWN, SUPERINTENDENT

Leavenworth, Kansas June 16th 1922

Hon Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have at last succeeded in getting
a certified copy of the decree of divorce
which I herewith inclose to you - and
all is satisfactory

Very Respectfully
Mrs Lucy S. Gillespie ✓

County Hospital - Leavenworth Kas

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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W. O. No. 1075185

Lucy Gillespie, widow of George Gillaspay, K. 20 Ind. Inf.

Acts of Apr. 19, 1908 and Sept. 8, 1916.

In cases submitted for special examination the papers should be indexed to show page numbers, names and addresses of claimants and witnesses, dates of filing, and subjects covered, a separate index being required for each brief. In indexing surgeons' certificates, dates of examination, not of filing, should be stated.

- 1 Circuit Court for Eau Claire, County, Wisc. Divorce of Myron Swan vs Lucy S. Swan, Oct. 2, 1868.
- 2 Postmaster, Leavenworth, Kas. Present address of Mrs. Lucy Gillespie, County Hosp. Leavenworth, Kas.
- 3 Claimant, Sept. 22, 1916, declaration.
- 4 Oct. 8, 1917, Claimant's aff., Soldier died, Sept. 24, 1900, at Soldier's Home, Leavenworth, Kas., Prior to his mar. to clmt. the soldier was divorced from Malinda Gillespie, May 16, 1892, at Bourbon Co., Kansas. Clmt was mar to Myron Swan, in 1857, from whom she was divorced in 1865, at Chippewa Co., Wisc. Cohabitation. Non-remarriage.
- 5 Nov. 30, 1917, Claimant's aff. Never was married to David Wagner.
- 6 Clerk Circuit Court, Chippewa Falls, Wisc. Oct. 8, 1917. No record of divorce of Myron Swan vs Lucy Swan.
- 7 Western Br. N. H. D. V. S., Jan. 26, 1918, Death of soldier, Sept. 23, 1900.
- 8 Mar. 22, 1918, same as above.
- 9 Jan. 5, 1918, Name of David Wagner does not appear on rolls. One David Waggoner, Co. I, 6 Iowa, Inf. was admitted July 27, 1886, Nearest relative, Susan Waggoner, wife, Springfield, Mo.
- 10 Nov. 4, 1897, Marriage Circular, Married to Lucy S. Wilson, Aug. 2, 1893, Leavenworth, Kas. Prev. mar. to Margaret Kendrick,
- 11 District Court, Bourbon Co., Kansas, Oct. 8, 1917, Divorce of Malinda Gillespie and Geo T. Gillespie, May 16, 1892.
- 12 Clerk of Court, Chippewa Falls, Wisc. No record of divorce of Lucy Swan and Myron Swan.