

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATE

No. 813541

VETERAN George T. Gillaspay

RANK Sgt. Priv

SERVICE Co. #184th Inf. 20 Ind. Inf.

CAN No. 16774

BUNDLE NO. 26

<b>REQUEST FOR MILITARY RECORDS</b>				1. DATE <u>8/15/22</u>	2. PULLTIME/STAFF INITIALS <u>J</u>
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11. NAME OF SOLDIER <u>George T. Gillaspay</u>			12. NAME OF DEPENDENT <u>Alias George T. Gillaspay</u>		
13. UNIT (CO, BN, or REGT.) <u>184th Infantry</u>			14. STATE SERVED FROM <u>IL</u>		15. WAR, OR DATE OF SERVICE <u>WW</u>
16. PENSION FILE NUMBERS					
			APPLICATION	CERTIFICATE	
a. INVALID	<u>7/12/1890</u>	<u>843311</u>	<u>813541</u>		
b. WIDOW	<u>1075185</u>	<u>1075185</u>			
c. MINOR					
d. MOTHER					
e. FATHER					
e. OTHER NUMBERS (XC, etc.) <u>contesting w/ doc 1165802</u>					
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Account W.C. 1075185

3-419.

Widow DIVISION.

Chandler L L, Examiner.  
(Write surname first plainly.)

W.C. No. 813541  
(Class.)

Soldier, George J. Gillaspay

Service, \_\_\_\_\_  
Submitted for Spec. Ex July 9, 1923

Cooper, Reviewer, JUL 11 1923

Resubmitted for \_\_\_\_\_, 1923

RICE, Reviewer, MAY 8 - 1925

Resubmitted for \_\_\_\_\_, 1925

RICE, Reviewer, MAY 6 - 1925

FROM BOARD OF REVIEW TO

Cert. Div. \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Use this slip in resubmitting the case.)

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BUREAU OF PENSIONS

NOV 10 1924

No. Claim 1075185

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

Claimant Lucy Gillaspay

Soldier George J. Gillaspay

Service C.A. 20 Ind Inf

This claim is made special at the instance of  
in field since  
July 18, 1923.

SPECIAL CLAIM

This slip must be kept on outside of case until  
pending claim is disposed of.

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FILES SLIP

No. W.C. 1075185

Lucy Gillaspay

George J. Gillaspay

"D.K. 20 Ind Inf"

Received S. E. D July 18, 1923

Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

S. E. DIVISION. 1925

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W.C. No. 1075185

Soldier, Geo. J. Gillaspay

D.K. 20 Ind Inf.

Service, C-18 U.S. Inf.

Mr. Robinson

Chief Widow Div.

The above case has been referred

by the BOARD OF REVIEW to the

S. E. Division,

this day, JUL 10 1923, 19

J. A. Cuddy  
Chief Board of Review.

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W.C. No. 1075185

S. E. 813541

George J. Gillaspay

CHARGE

Bd Rev for Spec. Ex

July 9, 1923

L L Chandler

Congressional

JUL 10 1923

Under Act June 27, 1890.

(3-217.)

INCREASE.

Claim to

No. 813, 541

George J. Gillaspay

P. O., Nat. Mil. Asst.

County, Leavenworth

State, Kan.

Application filed, Nov. 17, 1892

State Service, D.K. 20 Ind-

Inf. Atchison

ord. March 11/94

Aug 21/94 Af. mil med hist

W.C. 66

Disability, \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney, W. M. Dredley

P. O., City

County, \_\_\_\_\_, State, \_\_\_\_\_

(Order to - 100 M.)

MISCELLANEOUS  
S. E. 813541  
3-417.

FILES SLIP.

W.C. 1075185

Cont. W.C. No. 1165, 802

Geo. J. Gillaspay

C. 18 U.S. Inf.

CHARGE.

To \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

FILED



[3-216 a.]

Ex'r.

No. 843317

Act of June 27, 1890.

Blanchard

George T. Gillespie

George T. Gillaspie

P.O. Nat. Mil. Home

Leavenworth Kans.

Service: I & K 20<sup>th</sup> Ind. Inf.

C. 18<sup>th</sup> S. Inf.

Enlisted: July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1861.

Discharged: July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1866.

Application filed: July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1890.

Alleges: 2/180 2/198

Any other Claim filed: None

Numerical No. 59680

Attorney: M. M. Dudley

P.O. J. M. Fahl

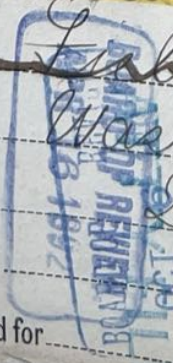
Wash. D. C.

Recognized.

Contract.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for

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U.S. Med. Bd. note  
IND. Mil Home Leavenworth  
Kans. in letter for  
ILL. sub service.  
IOWA. men 21/91  
Dec 1/91. Bd. Leavenworth Kans. (1<sup>st</sup> Bd.)

- WIS. Jan 30-92 - original dis. not  
alleged. A.G. 2. Call.
- MINN. May 26/92. A.G. reports
- NEBR. returned for further service.
- KANS.
- NEV.
- COLO.
- CAL.
- OREGON.
- IND. TY.
- N. MEX.
- DAKOTA.
- WASH.
- UTAH.

No.





W.O. 1075185  
Lucy S., widow of  
George T. Gillespie  
Co. K 20 Ind. Inf.  
County Hospital,  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.

San Diego, Calif.  
August 4, 1924

The Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith are returned all papers in the above described case referred for special examination to determine whether the claimant was married, other than to Myron Swan and the soldier, and if so, how such other marriages were dissolved; whether she was divorced from soldier, and what has been her manner of life since his death.

Reference to this district for the testimony of claimant's sister, Nancy D. Morey, and her niece, Flora Ellis.

Both witnesses are of good reputation and testified in a straightforward manner.

Mrs. Ellis was the first to be seen. It appears that she has seen the claimant but once and that was in 1907 when she learned that claimant was living in Leavenworth, Kans. and witness visited her.

The sister, Mrs. Morey, has not seen claimant since she and Swan were divorced. In the course of our conversation, she told me that claimant became angry with her because she, Mrs. Morey, would not let her have the children, after the court had awarded them to Swan, and for that reason claimant has not kept in touch with her.

Witness related that, after claimant and Swan, were divorced, it was rumored that claimant had married one Bowman Wilson, by whom she had a child. Claimant admitted in her initial statement having had a child by a man, Bowman, probably the one referred to by witness.

It would seem that a further statement from claimant will be necessary as it is apparent that she is concealing facts under the pretense of being unable to remember where she has lived, etc.

However, before this is done, it is thought proper to have the testimony of the daughter, Carrie.

Further examination is recommended:

Carrie Terry (widow) 1722 N. 45th St., Seattle, King Co.  
WASHINGTON.

Respectfully submitted,

*G. M. Milburn*  
Special Examiner.







Case of

LUCY S. GILLESPIE

No. 1,075,185

On this 22 day of August, 1924, at Seattle, county of King, State of Washington, before me, Milford M. Brower, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Carrie Blanche Terry, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: Hastings, Minnesota, is the place and January 17, 1857, is date of my birth. I reside at and my postoffice address is 1722 Forty-fifth street, north, Seattle, Washington. Occupation, nursing. I am widow of Albert R. Terry. I am not a pensioner. It will be thirteen years in October next since I came to this city to reside. My father was Myron Swan. He was not a soldier. He died more than forty years ago at either Eau Claire or Finley, Wisconsin, but I am not sure which. There were three children of my father of whom I am the first-born. One of the others, Charles, died in childhood. I have heard nothing of the other one, George W., since the war with Spain. Not that I know of, was he a soldier in that war. I don't know whether he ever married. He was at Eau Claire at the latest information I had of him. Lucy Squires Wilson is mother's maiden name. I have been reared in the belief that neither of my parents had been married prior to their intermarriage. They were divorced and the children were awarded to the custody of father. Yes, I have lived with mother since that divorce, namely, at Junction City, Kansas. I was with her there about a year there, I approximate, but I don't know what year. I approximate I was about seventeen years of age at the time. I had lost trace of mother and did not know she was surviving until recently. I have recently learned that she survives thru a letter from Grace, wife of John M. Walden, a cousin to me, residing, residing at Northfield, Minnesota. I lost trace of her at the time I was with her at Junction City as above-stated. I went from there back to Northfield and she was yet in Junction City. I wrote and wrote to her after that and could never get an answer from her. I never again saw her nor had a letter from her and never saw any person who said they had seen her or had a



Case of LUCY S. GILLESPIE, No. 1075185Deposition of Carrie Blanche Terry, continued, sheet two. 6-5120

1 further than in connection with the information which came to me  
 2 thru Aunt Nancy that mother was at Leavenworth, I learned that she  
 3 was under the name of Gillespie and it was under that name I made  
 4 attempt to correspond with her. Yes, Wilson, Swan and Gillespie  
 5 are all and the only names I have ever gained information or  
 6 knowledge of mother having, using or being known or called by.  
 7 My father is the only husband I have either knowledge or informa-  
 8 tion of mother having further than the assumption that she must  
 9 have had a husband named Gillespie to enable her to use or war-  
 10 rant her in using that name. I know nothing about mother giving  
 11 birth to a child of which a man named Bowman or Bowman Wilson was  
 12 the sire. I have no memory of knowing or hearing of a man of that  
 13 name. Nor have I either knowledge or information of mother being  
 14 the wife of or living with or under the name of Wagner or Waggoner.  
 15 Have never heard that name connected with her at all. Father re-  
 16 married after his divorce from mother. I don't know whether step-  
 17 mother survives. Josephine Scribe, a school-teacher, was name of  
 18 his second wife. He married her at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Yes,  
 19 the three children whom I have named are all I know of mother giving  
 20 birth to. Reading mother's testimony, I note she speaks of a still-  
 21 birth and as my memory adverts to a child-hood recollection, it  
 22 seems to me that probably explains and reveals to me something which  
 23 I could not quite comprehend which occurred in my child-hood home.  
 24 One <sup>thing</sup> I desire to say for mother is that during the time I was  
 25 with mother in Junction City she had lots of good friends and was  
 26 well-respected.

27 I know of the erasures "there" and "residing" and interlinea-  
 28 tion "thing". I also know that the examiner has erased "Johnson  
 29 City" and written "Junction City" three times. It was Junction  
 30 City, not Johnson City, where I last saw my mother. Have read the  
 31 foregoing. It is correct. *Carrie Blanche Terry*  
 32 Deponent

33 Sworn and subscribed to before me this day, August 22, 1924

*M. M. Drower*



28 letter from her since that. Or that is not exactly accurate: I  
29 have information thru a letter from my aunt, Nancy Morey, that she  
30 had in some way got trace of mother, and I believe she was then said  
31 to be at Leavenworth, Kansas, and upon receipt of that information  
32 I again endeavored to correspond with mother but could get no reply  
33 from her. I thought the reason might be that I did not address my  
34 envelopes properly, or some other reason. I did not know of any  
35 reason why mother should not be willing to answer my letters. At  
36 the time I was with her at Junction City I went to her. I had been  
37 away from mother then from the time of the divorce between my par-  
38 ents. I don't know whether there is a surviving brother or sister  
39 of my father. I have had no information of any of them since he  
40 passed away. He had brothers and sisters, but they were all in the  
41 State of New York and I never saw any of them. During the time I  
42 was with mother at Junction City, Kansas, she was living under the  
43 name of Wilson. She had resumed her maiden name. She was gaining  
44 her livelihood by sewing - dress-making. I have not so much as an  
45 impression as to how long she had been there before I went to her  
46 there. Asked how I learned that mother was there, I will explain  
47 that, after the separation between my parents, father was not able  
48 to take care of me, consequently I went to live with my maternal  
49 grandmother at Northfield and thru the correspondence between her  
50 and mother I had information of mother all the time. The examiner  
51 suggesting that this is scarcely in accord with my previous answer  
52 that I have no impression as to how long mother had been at Junction  
53 City before I went to her there, I will explain that I was nothing  
54 more than a child, but the fact is I do have the impression that she,  
55 mother, was at or in the vicinity of Junction City from the time of  
56 the separation between my parents and the time of my going to her at  
57 Junction City. Of course it is obvious that, not having had any  
58 information of mother's whereabouts from the time of my returning to  
59 grandmother's, leaving mother at Junction City until getting the in-  
60 formation of her being at Leavenworth thru Aunt Nancy Morey as here-  
61 inbefore-stated, I am not able to supply information as to her where-  
62 abouts or furnish other information

Barrie Blanche Levy



Widow's Original 1,075,185  
Lucy S., as widow of  
GEORGE T. GILLESPIE  
D and K, 20 Indiana Inf.

PRO.: County Hospital  
Leavenworth, Kansas

SEATTLE, WASH.

AUG 22 1924

CHIEF,  
Special Examination Division

Sir:

With this report the files in the above-entitled pension claim are returned.

Special examination directed with a view to ascertaining whether claimant is lawful widow of the soldier and her mode of life since his death.

It is in evidence that soldier was one time previously married and divorced from former spouse; that claimant was previously married with Myron Swan who divorced her October 2, 1868; that she lived as wife of David Waggoner, Co. I, 6 Iowa Infantry, who appears to be survived by contesting claimants as his widow, one of whom this claimant is not; that she married soldier August 1, 1894, under the sur-name of her former husband, Swan.

Herewith is the deposition of Carrie Blanche Terry, in all probability claimant's first-born child. Comment thereon seems unnecessary further than to say that the reputation of the witness is good, that her manner of testifying was satisfactory from my view-point and does not add any material adverse feature to the case and but little upon which to base search for additional evidence.

It is noted in a review of this case that Wilson was the name of the minister who performed the wedding ceremony between claimant and soldier and that Wilson was her maiden name.

It is also noted that the examiner making the initial examination indicates in his summary that he had difficulty in locating witnesses who might have known claimant during the thirty years or more she alleges she has resided in Leavenworth, Kansas, but it is not indicated that he made effort to locate certain persons



who appeared as witnesses in her claim under Act of March 3, 1899, namely: Horatio and Nora Knight, Peter La Joie (would be ninety years of age now if he stated his age correctly in his affidavit B.J.7) and Frank W. Marshall, of the present indicated age of about sixty years and as having known claimant "prior to the time she married David Wagner", etc.

The reviewer (S.E.D.) apparently has eliminated the man Waggoner as a possible former husband of claimant. However, with the meagre information indicated as to that which we have at present (with these files) it seems not impertinent to suggest that further consideration on that phase of the matter may be advisable, depending, of course, upon what evidence has been or may be filed in the claims of the contestants as his widow. There may have been divorces which would affect this case very materially in the "common-law" state of Kansas in which claimant and Waggoner lived as husband and wife.

The directory search made by Special Examiner Stafford begins with year 1894. That is the year of the ceremonial marriage between claimant and soldier. Claimant appears to have then been listed as widow of David Wagner. It may be that a common-law marriage did arise between claimant and Waggoner, even if she did not live with him to time of his death and that her rights as his widow would have a material bearing upon the rights of the contesting claimants as his widow. In <sup>any</sup> event, as suggested, it seems (to me) as if no final consideration in any one of the three claims could be considered as complete or satisfactory without consideration simultaneously.

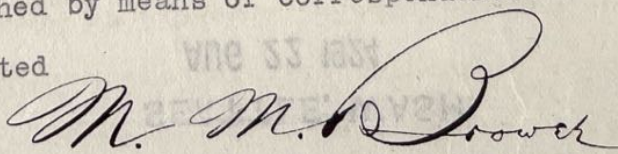
RECOMMENDATION: Further examination at

Junction City, Geary county, Kansas

there to ascertain if there is a public record of marriage of the claimant.

I has been suggested that claimant will be again cross-examined. I leave that to be determined by another or others, but suggest that case might be returned to Leavenworth county, Kansas, with that in view and that the matter of search of Geary county marriage records might be satisfactorily accomplished by means of correspondence.

Respectfully submitted

  
Special Examiner



Memorandum, S. E. Division

Subject. 1075185 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 of Frank W. Marshall, (BJ 6), and Peter La Joie, (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

W. B. A.  
Reviewer.



RECORDS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION

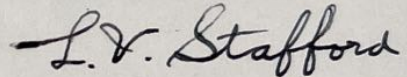
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19, 1924.

Clerk of the District Court,  
Hastings, Minn.

Sir:

To aid the Government in adjudicating pension claim No. 1075185 please furnish the information indicated below and return this letter in the inclosed official envelope, which requires no postage. An early reply will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,



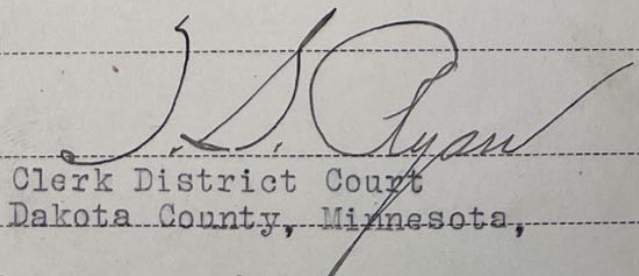
Special Examiner.

If your records show the marriage of Bowman Wilson to Lucy or  
Lucy S. Swan or Wilson (her maiden name) at any time between  
Jan., 1866, and Jan., 1880,

please furnish a certified copy of the record, and state the charge, if any.

In case of negative result, please state whether the records examined are full and complete for the period indicated. I have examined my records  
of Marriage in Dakota County between Jan, 1866 and Jan, 1880,  
and find no record of the above marriage in this County,  
the records for the above period are full and complete. ~~fn~~

(Signature)



Clerk District Court  
Dakota County, Minnesota,

Date Dec, 22nd, 1924,

E. C.



RECORDS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 2, 1924.

Clerk of the District Court,  
Faribault, Minn.

Sir:

To aid the Government in adjudicating pension claim No. 1075185 please furnish the information indicated below and return this letter in the inclosed official envelope, which requires no postage. An early reply will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

*L. V. Stafford*  
Special Examiner.

If your records show the marriage of Lucy or Lucy S. Wilson or  
Lucy or Lucy S. Swan to Bowman Wilson or any other man at any  
time between 1860 and 1885,

please furnish a certified copy of the record, and state the charge, if any.

In case of negative result, please state whether the records examined are full and complete for the period indicated.

*I fail to find record of this marriage - I believe the records examined are full and complete*

(Signature)

*Robert H. Sime*

Date

*Sept 4 - 1924*

ROBERT H. SIME

Clerk District Court

Rice County, Minn.

*E. L.*



DIVORCE

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**BUREAU OF PENSIONS**  
**SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION**

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19, 1924.

Clerk of the District Court,  
 Junction City, Kans.

Sir:

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Very respectfully,

*L. V. Stafford*  
 Special Examiner.

If the records of your office show divorce proceedings between \_\_\_\_\_  
Lucy or Lucy S. Wilson and Bowman Wilson \_\_\_\_\_  
 during the period from 1870 to 1889, inclusive,  
 please furnish a certified copy of the decree and state the legal fee.

If you do not find the case, please state whether the records examined are complete, what courts are covered, and whether or not any other court had divorce jurisdiction during the period indicated.

The index to the records in this office do not show a case  
entitled as above between the period of 1870 to 1889.

SEP 5 1924

(Signature)

*Geo. J. Leebster*

Date Dec. 22, 1924.

Clerk of Dist. Court, Geary County,  
 Kansas.

*E. B.*



SPECIAL EXAMINATION  
DIVISION

3-1870

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 2, 1924.

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In pension claim No. 1075185 there is some testimony indicating that the claimant, Lucy Gillespie (formerly Lucy Swan and Lucy Wilson), was married to David Waggoner, Co. I 6 Iowa Inf., Civil War, Inv. Ctf. No. 650996.

If said Waggoner made a statement in his pension case as to his marital history, please furnish therefrom the names of his wives and the date and place of marriage to each.

Very respectfully,

*L. V. Stafford*  
Special Examiner.

Mr. Stafford:

David Waggoner, Co. I, 6 Iowa Infantry, was pensioned under Ctf. 650996. He died Feb. 28, 1917. Two women filed claims as his widow-- Susan M. Waggoner, Oakland, Calif, No. 1119443, alleging marriage at Vernon, Hickman Co., Tenn., April 19, 1866.

Emma Waggoner, Des Moines, Iowa, also filed, No. 1102666, claiming marriage Jan. 4, 1898, at Marshalltown, Iowa.

Soldier also alleged marriage to a second wife, Eliza Stowe, at Fayetteville, Ark., and that he then married Emma. He also stated that he was divorced at Springfield, Mo., in 1888. No action was taken on either claim.

SEP 5 1924

*J. J. [Signature]*  
Chief of Division

12  
E. E.



RECORDS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 2, 1924.

The Probate Judge,  
Junction City, Kans.

Sir:

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Very respectfully,

*L. V. Stafford*  
Special Examiner.

If your records show the marriage of Lucy or Lucy S. Wilson or  
Lucy or Lucy S. Swan at any time between 1860 and 1890 to any man,

please furnish a certified copy of the record, and state the charge, if any.

In case of negative result, please state whether the records examined are full and complete for the period indicated.

The marriage records were not indexed in name of women, Indexed  
only under name of the men. For this reason I am unable to give  
you the information asked for.

(Signature)

*W. W. Pense*  
Probate Judge

Date Sept 3, 1924

E. A



Case of Lucy S. Gillespie

No. 1075185

On this 24 day of Dec. , 19 24 at Leavenworth county of Leavenworth , State of Kansas before me, L. V. Stafford , a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Lucy S. Gillespie , who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

6-5121

I am the claimant in this case. My address is the same as given in my first deposition in this special examination.

Q. Do you have a daughter Carrie?

A. I did have. I haven't seen or heard from her lately. That is the child to whom I referred in my former deposition as Blanche. Her full given name is Carrie Blanche.

Q. Did Blanche live with you at any time after you separated from your husband Swan?

A. I cannot remember that she ever did.

Q. Did you live at Junction City, Kans., at one time?

A. I cannot remember that I ever did.

Q. Do you not remember about living at Junction City, Kans., and about your said daughter Carrie Blanche staying with you for a time while you lived there?

A. No sir, I cannot remember.

No sir, I cannot remember that I ever lived at Junction City, Kans.

Q. Where did you marry Bowman Wilson?

A. I do not remember that I ever was married to any man of that name. I do not remember that I ever was married to any man except Myron Swan and the soldier, George T. Gillespie.

I have heard the foregoing deposition read and it is correct.

Attest:

Bernice Kennedy R.S.

Lucy S. Gillespie  
Deponent.

No other witness available.



28 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of Dec., 1924, and  
29 I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent  
30 before signing.

*L.V. Stafford*  
Special Examiner.

*John W. ...*

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Case of Lucy S. Gillespie

No. 1075185

On this 24 day of April, 1925, at Leavenworth county of Leavenworth, State of Kansas before me, L. V. Stafford, an Inspector of the Department of the Interior, ~~a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions,~~ personally appeared Ida Love, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

6-5121

I am 30 years old. I am matron of the Leavenworth County Hospital, Leavenworth, Kans.

I was present today when you offered to take a statement from the claimant, Lucy Gillespie, in her claim for pension. I heard her decline to be sworn and heard her decline to make any further statement in her claim. She gave as a reason for so declining that she was not well enough to give a statement.

Q. Was there anything in my conduct to cause the claimant to decline to give a statement in her claim?

A. No, I did not see anything.

I do not believe that the claimant will furnish any further information in her claim unless she gets a whole lot better than she is now. I do not believe that there is much chance of her condition improving.

I have heard the foregoing deposition read and also have read it myself and it is correct.

*Ida Love*

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of April, 1925, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*L. V. Stafford*  
Inspector.



MARRIAGE RECORDS--GEARY CO., KANS.  
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3 I certify that I have, this 17 day of Dec., 1924, searched  
4 the indexes to the marriage records in the office of the probate  
5 judge of Geary County, Kansas, covering the period from Oct. 2,  
6 1868, to Aug. 1, 1894, and failed to find any record of a  
7 marriage of Lucy or Lucy S. Swan or Wilson.

8 Said records are not indexed under the names of the wives  
9 for the portion of the above-indicated period subsequent to  
10 Dec., 1881. That is to say the surnames of the women are not  
11 arranged alphabetically. The names of the women appear in the  
12 index opposite the names of the men. Covering said portion of  
13 said period I searched the list of names of the wives appearing  
14 in the index under each letter (index letter of the men's names).  
15 The older records have been badly kept. It is likely that the  
16 records may be considered complete subsequent to July, 1874. They  
17 are not complete prior to that time.

18 Dep. <sup>c</sup>

*L. V. Stafford*  
Special Examiner.



Case of <sup>S.</sup> Lucy Gillespie

No. 1075185

On this 23 day of Nov. , 1923, at Leavenworth county of Leavenworth , State of Kansas before me, L. V. Stafford , a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Lucy S. Gillespie , who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

6-5121

I am 86 years old. Address, County Hospital, Leavenworth, Kans. My full name is Lucy Squires Kidder Gillespie but I do not use the initial K. If my pension is allowed I desire that my name appear on the pension certificate as Lucy S. Gillespie. From what the soldier told me Gillespie is the correct spelling of his surname.

I had no relative in the World War that I know of. I never have made a claim for compensation through the Bureau of War Risk Insurance or the Veterans Bureau on account of the service of any person in that war,

I claim pension as the widow of George Gillespie. I think that he had the middle initial "T" in his name but I do not know for what name that stood. He served in the army in the Civil War. He served in Co. K Ind. Inf. but I do not know the number of the regiment. He enlisted only one time in the army and he never served in the navy that I ever heard of. No sir, I do not think that he enlisted more than one time in the army. He never went by any name other than Gillespie that I ever heard of. People spelled the surname in different ways but as above stated I understood from what he told me that Gillespie is the correct way to spell his surname. He did not have any nickname that I ever heard of.

It was at Palmyra, Maine, or n ear there that I was born. I was born on June 11, 1837. My father was Thomas Wilson. He served in the 7 Minn. Inf. in the Civil War but do not know in what company. I do not know in what year he died but think it was about 1868. My mother's maiden name was Lucy Squires. Her



28 maiden name was Squire and not Squires. In my name the initial  
 29 "S." stands for Squire,-- no, I am wrong, the name is Squires  
 30 as I first told you. I do not know in what year my mother died.  
 31 She died several years before my father died but do not know how  
 32 many years. I understood that my father married after my mother  
 33 died but I do not know the name of the woman that he married. I  
 34 never saw my father after my mother died. I do not know where  
 35 my father died. Well, I do not know where my mother died either.  
 36 I only know from what I have heard that they died. I had only  
 37 one brother. His name was Elijah Wilson. He is dead or that is  
 38 what I have been told. Well, I had a letter informing me of his  
 39 death. I cannot remember now from whom I received that letter.  
 40 I do not know where he died. Do not know where his home was at  
 41 the time of his death. His wife was Demilah. She is dead.  
 42 Their daughter once came to my home and told me that her mother  
 43 was dead. I cannot remember the name of that daughter. I do not  
 44 know where she lives. I do not know where her home was when I  
 45 saw her. She said that she was travelling with her husband. Do  
 46 not know the name of her husband. I have only one sister living.  
 47 Her name is Nancy Morey. She lives out west some place but I  
 48 cannot now recall the name of the place. She is a widow. Her  
 49 husband Morey was a soldier in the Civil War. I do not know his  
 50 given name. I do not know whether or not my said sister is a  
 51 pensioner.

52 I lived in the vicinity of Palmyra, Maine, until I was about  
 53 10 years old, I think. I cannot think where we went when we  
 54 left the vicinity of Palmyra. I can remember that we lived  
 55 at one time at Greenville, Maine, on Moosehead Lake. I lived  
 56 there with my parents and went to school. I cannot think how  
 57 long I lived there but "quite a good many" years. I went from  
 58 there to Hollowell, Maine. I lived there with my parents. I  
 59 remained there until we went to Hastings, Minn. I cannot recall  
 60 how long I lived at Hastings. For a while after we went there

*Sally J. Heslop*

Deponent.



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## BUREAU OF PENSIONS

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Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 31, 1924.

The Commissioner of Pensions:

I have the honor to submit this report in claim 1075185, Lucy S. Gillespie, as widow of George T. Gillespie, Co. K 20 Ind. Inf., Civil War. All papers in the case are returned herewith.

The claimant's reputation for morality has not been good but I failed to find that her conduct since the soldier's death has been such as to forfeit title to pension.

✓ The claimant would not furnish data upon which to make inquiry as to whether she has married since the death of the soldier. In her initial statement she declared that she could not recall the name of any person who has known her since she has lived in Leavenworth, Kans., though it appears that she has lived there for over 30 years. After I had closed her statement she did mention that she had known Mrs. Wilbur F. Coffman for a number of years. Mrs. Coffman is the person shown on the records of the county hospital as Mrs. W. F. Kuffman. (See certificate of search J). The said Mrs. Coffman is dead. Her husband resides in Detroit, Mich. By inquiry in the neighborhoods in which it appeared from directories of Leavenworth that the claimant has resided I located three persons who have known the claimant (Deps. B, C & D). The county physician, Dr. L. J. Swan, has known the claimant about ten years so I obtained his testimony (Dep. E). There are no original affiants, <sup>(witnesses)</sup> in the pending claim. It does not appear that the claimant furnished any testimony to show whether she has married since the death of the soldier. The period is not so very well covered but I believe that the evidence will be sufficient to show that the claimant has not married since



the soldier died. The claimant was over 63 years old when the soldier died.

The claimant's places of residence during the period between the date of her divorce from Swan and her marriage to the soldier are not clearly shown and there is very little data for inquiry to determine whether she had been married other than to Swan prior to her marriage to the soldier.

The claimant is a slender, stoop-shouldered old woman who walks with a tottering, shuffling step. She complains all the time of not feeling well. Dr. Swan, the county physician, stated that the claimant was in a critical condition for two or three days after I took her initial statement. Under such circumstances anything like rigid cross-examination of the claimant was out of the question.

The soldier's prior marital history is not in question, therefore, I did not touch upon that point in the claimant's statements. The claimant stated that she never had heard of the soldier's having more than one wife prior to his marriage to the claimant and that she did not recall the name of his former wife.

It appears that the claimant was known as the wife of one David Waggoner or Wagner at one time before she married the soldier Gillespie. While not clearly established it appears that the man referred to, <sup>as David Wagner</sup> in the claim for one-half of the pension of the soldier Gillespie was identical with David Waggoner who was a pensioner under Ctf. No. 650996 and who died Feb. 28, 1917. (See W.B.J. 9 and Ex. B & C). The indications are that the claimant did not enter into a ceremonial marriage with said Waggoner. It has not been shown that he was free to contract a valid marriage with the claimant. It is evident that the claimant did not live with



to the date of his death,  
Waggoner, ~~until he died~~ so that a marriage as at the common law did not arise between them. It does not appear that the papers in claims for pension based upon the service of Waggoner have been examined for any information that might be obtained as to whether he married this claimant. In 1899 in Leavenworth Co., Kans., the soldier Gillespie filed a suit for the purpose of having his marriage to the claimant declared null and void on the ground that at the date of the marriage she had a living husband from whom she had not been divorced. Apparently he failed to prove his allegations. (See certificate of search H).

Sophia Talton (Dep. B) is a colored woman. It appears that her general reputation for truth is such that she may be rated as good. Martha Butzine <sup>(Dep. C)</sup> is a poor woman financially but I found no objection to rating her as good as to truth.

I believe that it is advisable to obtain the testimony of Wilbur F. Coffman, husband of the Mrs. Coffman heretofore mentioned. Mr. Coffman's address is 1024 Baltimore Ave., West, Detroit, Mich. This may seem like going a long way round to obtain testimony as to the claimant while at Leavenworth, Kans., but I think that such is justified under the conditions above set forth. Mr. Coffman might be able to furnish information as to the claimant's history at Leavenworth, Kans., (and elsewhere for that matter) that I have failed to obtain.

According to the claimant the correct spelling of the soldier's surname is Gillespie.

The claimant had a sister Harriet who was the wife of John Walden. They had children John, Lydia and Louisa. These children may be living at or in the vicinity of Northfield, Minn. They might be able to throw some light on the claimant's prior marital history. Louisa Walden married a man named Barlow.



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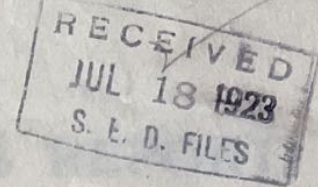
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Lucy Gillespie  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON

July 16, 1923.



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 <sup>other</sup> 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.

*A. W. Cuddy*  
Chief, Board of Review.

Examination approved:

*Hayes Haymaker*  
Acting Commissioner.

RDR/ifs

E. A.



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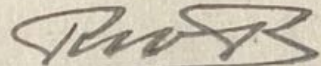
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Statement. Papers have been examined in case Ctf. 650996, David Waggoner, Co. I, 6 Iowa Inf. It appears from the statement of that soldier before a special examiner that he was married three times, no reference being made to this claimant in any connection. 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.



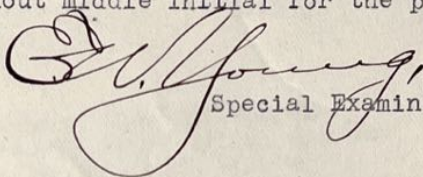
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BASIS OF SEARCH:  
MARRIAGE RECORDS, RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
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Claimant's full marital history being in issue, her former husband Swan divorced from he in 1868, and she having been within easy of reach prior to that and staing that she lived in St. Paul after that event, Therefore,

I hereby certify that I have this day made a careful search of the Index to brides of Ramsey County, Minnesota, in the office of the clerk of the district court at St. Paul, Minnesota, under the given name Lucy, and the surnames Swan and Wilson, and the name is not found, either with or without middle initial for the period covered--1849 to 1900, inclusive.

  
Special Examiner

St. Paul, Minnesota,  
May 20, 1924.

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Case of Lucy S. Gillespie,

Wid. Org.

No. 1075185.

On this 17 day of May, 1924 at Northfield county of Rice, State of Minnesota before me, E. W. Young, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared John M. Walden, 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:

My age is past 75 years, my residence and address are Northfield, Minn., a gardner.

My father was John G. Walden and my mother was Harriet, born Wilson. She had a sister Lucy, who formerly resided here, and I knew her. Her name was Swan while she lived here. The only name I knew for her here. She wrote us something like a year ago, the first I knew of where she was for 40 years or more. She was then at Leavenworth, Kan. She wrote to the mayor here and he handed me the letter. I told her that I did not know of any one here who knew her. She wanted this information for use in her pension claim.

The last I knew of her husband Swan he and their two boys went to Wisconsin. Do not know where. Their daughter, Carrie, is now widow of A. R. Terry, resides in Seattle, 1722 N. 45 St. Myron I believe was the name of Swan.

Mother has only one other sister living: Nancy, widow of Israel Morey, resides at Fall Brook, Cal.

I do not remember what name was signed to the letter Aunt Lucy wrote the Mayor. Do not know whether it was Gillespie; sounds something like that.

I do not know whether she lived in St. Paul. They got separated, and she left here, and I do not know a thing as to where she was until about a year ago. I have always known where Carrie and Aunt Nancy were. I never knew or heard for her any other married name than Swan and the name she give in the letter she wrote here about a year ago. We supposed she was dead, did not know what had become of her until that letter came.



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I have no financial interest in this pension claim.  
I have heard the foregoing deposition read and it is correct.

*J. M. Walden*  
Deponent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
17 day of May, 1924, and I certify that the  
contents were fully made known to deponent  
before signing.

*E. J. [Signature]*

Special Examiner



WO 1075185

Lucy S. Gillespie

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

of

## BUREAU OF PENSIONS

George T. Gillespie

D &amp; K, 20 Ind. Inf.

C, 18 U. S. Inf.

Address: Leavenworth, Kan.

WASHINGTON, D. C.\*

St. Paul, Minnesota,

May 28, 1924.

## COMMISSIONER PENSIONS:

I am returning herewith all the papers and submitting my report in the above-cited pension claim.

ISSUE.-Claimant's full marital history.

WITNESS.-Only witness herais John M. Walden, son of the claimant's sister Harriet. Harriet and her husband John Walden are dead, as are all their children except this witness.

He is a gardener, told his story in few words, without apparent evasion or equivocation, bears a good reputation.

THE EVIDENCE.-I had the marriage records of Dakota Co., county-seat Hastings, Minn., searched, and searched those at St. Paul; result negative. This, however, is not conclusive, but we do not appear to have more to work on here intelligently. The claimant's statement leads me to believe, when considered with that in the divorce record, that claimant was running or was an inmate of a bawdy-house in this city, and not unlikely married some one here. I would have made a search of the City Directory for some clue to her, but the data are too slight to undertake that almost endless and hopeless task. It looks as if she is trying to put up a smoke-screen, when she tells us she knows no one in Leavenworth where she has resided 30 years, She will be able to give us still less, if she tries really hard, concerning herself in St. Paul, Minn. But possibly she could tell us truthfully what name or names she used when in this city, and how long it was after she and Swan separated.

But she is not as ignorant of material witnesses as she would have us believe. Witness Walden told me he thinks she is crooked thru and thru. He also states that her daughter by Swan is now Carrie, widow of A. R. Terry, and resides at 1722 N. 45 St., Seattle, Wash. Also, that claimant has surviving a sister, Nancy, widow of Israel Morey, Fall Brook, Cal.

Claimant has written to this witness--about a year ago, rather to the Mayor, who handed him the letter.

THE OUTLOOK.-We have some hopes of getting something more definite by interviewing Carrie Terry, and especially if we can find Carrie's father. Carrie herself may not know anything of her mother's whereabouts, but it is not unlikely that Carrie's father would have some inkling as to what she was doing, and whether she had a husband after he divorced her. I may state that a common-law marriage arises as soon as a prior obstacle is removed in the court by divorce, or by death. If claimant was cohabiting with another and continued such cohabitation after divorce granted, in Minnesota the parties became husband and wife, whether such cohabitation at its inception was



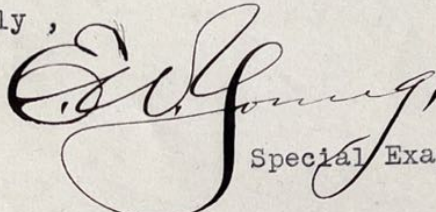
illicit or otherwise.

RECOMMENDATION.-I recommend further examination as follows as to the point in issue:

Mrs. Flora Ellis, 713 Parkman Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Nancy Morey, Fall Brook, San Diego Co., Cal.  
 Carrie Terry, 1722 N. 45 Street, Seattle, Wash.

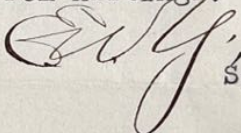
After I closed witness' statement, he said it came to him that the one person who, of their relationship, will know most of the claimant's life, is ~~her niece~~ <sup>his niece</sup> above referred to, Flora Ellis, daughter of the claimant's brother Elijah. And the reason he gives is that Flora visited claimant some ten years ago.

Very respectfully,

  
 Special Examiner

P. S.-

I should add that the Spring Lake to which claimant refers is in Dakota Co., some 5 or 6 miles from Hastings.

  
 Spl. Exr.



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Case of Lucy S. Gillespie

No. 1075185

On this 31 day of July, 1924, at deponent's home county of San Diego, State of California before me, G. M. Milburn, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Nancy D. Morey, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My age is 82. RFD 1, Fallbrook, Calif. I am the widow of Israel C. Morey. My maiden name was Nancy D. Wilson. I have but one surviving sister, Lucy Gillespie. I have no surviving brother. Both, Lucy and I, were born at Palmyra, Me. She is 8 years older than me. Later, our parents moved to Greenville, then to Hallowell, Me. and when I was 13 years old, we all moved to a ranch, 15 miles from Hastings, Minn. and lived there about 8 years.

Q. Who was your sister Lucy's first husband? A. Myron Swan. They were married while we lived on the ranch near Hastings, and later they moved to Iowa, returning to Minnesota and then lived at Northfield, and there is where they separated. Mr. Swan obtained a divorce from Lucy and he was awarded the 3 children, Carrie, George and Charlie. I had then married and lived on a ranch, out from Northfield, Minn. Soon after the divorce, Mr. Swan left his daughter Carrie in my keeping. I kept her 3 years then sent her back to him.

I dont know what finally became of Mr. Swan, whether he is living or dead. I have not even seen my sister Lucy since they were divorced nor have I ever heard from her since. She lived around Northfield for awhile thereafter but I did not see her during that period, then I later heard she had gone to Kansas, but I dont remember what place.

There was a man named Bowman Wilson who lived in the country some distance from where I then lived, but with whom I was not acquainted, nor did I ever meet him, but I heard that he and his wife separated and it was rumored around that he and my sister Lucy were keeping company. I also heard a rumor that he and Lucy were married and that they had a child that died. I dont remember just who told me, it was rumored around the neighborhood and that is all I know about it.



28 I dont remember where he and Lucy may have lived together, but I  
29 dont think it was at Northfield, think they went off somewhere.

30 Whether they were actually married, or merely were sexually intimate,  
31 I do not know. I knew nothing whatever of the whereabouts of Lucy  
32 until some several years or more ago, my niece, Flora Ellis, located  
33 Lucy up there in Kansas and then Flora told me that she saw Lucy and  
34 that she was a widow Gillespie, otherwise I would never have known  
35 that Lucy had married such a man.

36 No, I have not heard from, nor of, Lucy since my niece made that  
37 visit. I had no idea that she was yet alive until the examiner so  
38 advised me, as she must be past 90.

39 No, I never heard that Lucy had a husband named David Wagner, or  
40 similar name. So far as I know or ever heard, she has had no husband  
41 nor has she lived with any man in the relation of a wife, other than  
42 Myron Swan, Bowman Wilson and this Mr. Gillespie, whose first name I  
43 have no recollection having ever heard.

44 I have no idea where Lucy may have lived after she left Minnesota  
45 and prior to her marriage to Mr. Gillespie, other than I heard  
46 indirectly that she was up in Kansas. Now it does seem, since you  
47 mention, that I heard that she was in Sedalia, Mo. That name sounds  
48 familiar, as a place she has lived. I do not remember hearing that  
49 she was in St. Paul, Minn. My sister, Harriet, lived at Spring Lake,  
50 Minn. and no doubt Lucy has visited her there. I know of no other  
51 place or places she may have lived.

52 I have no interest whatever in this claim.

53 I have heard the foregoing read and it is correct.

54 Harvey D. Morey  
Deponent.

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56 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of July 1924 and I  
57 certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before  
58 signing.

59 G. M. Millburn  
Special Examiner.



Case of Lucy S. Gillespie

No. 1075185

On this 7 day of July, 1924, at Los Angeles county of Los Angeles, State of California before me, G. M. Milburn, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Flora Ellis, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My age is 59. Address 713 Parkman Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. I am a widow. I am the daughter of Elijah D. and Demila Wilson, both dead. My father has no living brother. He has but two living sisters, my aunt, Nancy D. Morey, and my aunt Lucy Gillespie. It is my understanding that my aunt Lucy, is in a hospital in Leavenworth, my sister, Jessie, wrote me to that effect.

I have only seen my aunt Lucy once in my life and that was in 1907. I was staying in Kansas City for a few months and I learned that she was living in Leavenworth, Kans. and I called to see her. I had never met her before that time nor have I seen her since. She was a widow and was then known as Mrs. Lucy Gillespie, but I dont remember what her address was, but remember she lived over an old rattle trap of a store, and she was making little embroidered pieces and selling them.

Q. How many husbands has your aunt Lucy had?

A. Two, so far as I ever knew or heard of.

I understood that she was first married to a man named Swan and later they were divorced, and that she next married a man named Gillespie, but I dont know what the first names of either was.

I never met either of her husbands. All I ever learned of my aunt Lucy was from what my father told me. I have no recollection of having heard that she was ever married to any man, other than Mr. Swan and Mr. Gillespie. When I met aunt Lucy in 1907 she then went over her life's history and told me of her two marriages but never mentioned having had more than the two husbands. No she did not mention nor did I ever hear that she had a husband named Wagner. I moved here from St. Paul, Minn. 20 years ago. I was



28 born in Hastings, Minn. and lived there until I married in 1886  
 29 and then lived in St. Paul, Minn. until I moved here. I never  
 30 lived at Spring Lake, Minn. Other than in Leavenworth, Kansas,  
 31 at the only place that I have heard that aunt Lucy lived after her  
 32 divorce from Mr. Swan, and until her marriage to Mr. Gillespie, was  
 33 in Sedalia, Mo., and all I know of that is from the letters my  
 34 father used to receive from her.

35 No, there was no divorce between my aunt Lucy and Mr. Gillespie,  
 36 not that I ever heard of. I am satisfied there was not from my  
 37 conversations with aunt Lucy the time I visited her.

38 I have no financial interest in this claim.  
 39 I have heard the foregoing read and it is correct.

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 41 Flora Ellis.  
 42 Deponent.

43 I subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of July 1924 and I  
 44 certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before  
 45 signing.

46 J. M. Millburn  
 47 Special Examiner.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7, 1924.

The Governor,  
National Military Home,  
Kansas.

My dear Governor:

For use in pension claim No. 1075185 please furnish a report showing the name and address of the wife (or of each wife, if more than one) of David Waggoner, Co. I 6 Iowa Inf., Civil War, I. C. 650996; the date of each admission to and discharge from the Home; and the date of his death. It appears that he was first admitted to the Home in 1886.

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

Very truly yours,

*L. V. Stafford*  
Special Examiner.

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Nat. Military Home, Kas., Jan. 8, 1924 - To Mr. L. V. Stafford, Special Examiner, Bureau of Pensions, 223 Post Office Building, Kansas City, Mo.

Returned. David Waggoner, late Co. I, 6th Iowa Inf. was admitted to this Home July 27, 1886 and discharged February 3, 1894 at his own request. Next of Kin at date on admission: Mrs. Susan Waggoner, (Wife) Springfield, Mo.

*S. C. Cook*

Governor.

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Case of Lucy S. Gillespie, No. 1075185

Deposition of claimant, continued, sheet 2.  
C-8120

1 I lived with my parents and then I went to work out. I worked  
2 there for a woman named Allen. She had a dressmaking shop there.  
3 I do not know her given name. She and her husband were separated.  
4 Do not know his given name. I was married while I lived at Hastings.  
5 I was married there to Myron Swan. I do not know the date of my  
6 marriage to him but I know that I went to Hastings, Minn., in 1858  
7 and I married him the next year after I went to that place. I lived  
8 at Hastings a year or two after I married Mr. Swan. I lived with  
9 Swan some five or six years. Swan and I lived at Wellington, Iowa,  
10 after we left Hastings, Minn. I think that Swan and I separated at  
11 Northfield, Minn. He left me. I did not remain long at North-  
12 field after Swan left me. I cannot remember where I went when left  
13 Northfield. I rather think that I went to Sedalia, Mo., but cannot  
14 be sure. I lived at Sedalia for two or three years. I did dress-  
15 making there. I can recall that I rented a room from people named  
16 Dean at Sedalia. I do not recall the given name of any of the  
17 Dean family. Mr. Dean was a contractor. He had a wife and children.  
18 I did dressmaking for Mrs. Fisher wife of a wholesale liquor dealer  
19 in Sedalia. I cannot recall in what year I went to Sedalia, Mo.  
20 I cannot recall whether or not it was before or after the close of  
21 the Civil War. Leavenworth, Kans., is the next place that I can  
22 remember of living. I cannot recall in what year I came to Leaven-  
23 worth but it was some time in the eighties. I think that I came  
24 here about five or six years before I married the soldier, George  
25 T. Gillespie.

26 Q. Mrs. Gillespie, there is a long period that you have not  
27 accounted for. From your statements it appears that you separated  
28 from your husband Swan about 1864 or 1865 and that you came to  
29 Leavenworth, Kans., about 1888 or 1889. Sedalia, Mo., is the only  
30 place that you have mentioned as a place that you lived during said  
31 period and you lived there only two or three years.

32 A. Well, I was at Spring Lake, Minn., a while and I was in  
33 St. Paul, Minn., for a while but I do not know in what year or  
34 years I was at either place.



35 I had a sister, Harriet Walden, who lived at Spring Lake, Minn.,  
 36 and I used to go out there and visit her. I think that said sister  
 37 is dead. The niece who visited me here as above mentioned wrote  
 38 me one time that my sister Harriet had died. She died at North-  
 39 field, Minn. Her husband was John Walden. Do not know whether or  
 40 not he is living. They had children:- John, Lydia and Louisa.  
 41 Lydia and Louisa and their husbands are dead. Louisa's husband  
 42 was named Barlow but do not recall his given name. Do not know the  
 43 name of the husband of Lydia. I do not know whether or not the  
 44 son John is living. The last I knew of him he lived at Northfield,  
 45 Minn. Do not know whether he lived in the town or in the country.

46 Q. You still have not covered the period between the date of  
 47 your separation from Swan and the date that you came to Leavenworth,  
 48 Kans.

49 A. Well, if I could remember I would tell you but I cannot  
 50 remember.

51 I do not know how long I lived in St. Paul, Minn. I kept boarders  
 52 there. No, I do not think that I lived in that city as long as  
 53 ten years. Yes, think I lived there as long as five years. Do  
 54 not remember how long I lived there. I cannot remember the name  
 55 of the street on which I lived in St. Paul. I lived all of the  
 56 time at one address. No, cannot recall the name of the street on  
 57 which I lived. I went by the name of Swan in St. Paul. I cannot  
 58 remember the name of any man who boarded at my place in St. Paul.  
 59 Some of them stayed at my place only a short time. I cannot  
 60 recall the name of the girl who worked for me there. I cannot  
 61 remember the name of any person that I knew in St. Paul. I do not  
 62 know in what years I lived in St. Paul. I cannot recall in what  
 63 year I went there or in what year I left there. I think that I  
 64 went to Sedalia, Mo., when I left St. Paul, Minn. I cannot recall  
 65 any other place where I lived after I left Northfield, Minn., until  
 66 I came here to Leavenworth. I have done the best that I can to  
 67 give the names of places where I have resided.

68 At Northfield, Minn., I knew Rev. Williams and wife but they  
 69 both are dead. Rev. Williams was a Methodist minister. I cannot

*of my sister Gillette*

Deponent.



Case of Lucy S. Gillespie, No. 1075185

Deposition of claimant, continued, sheet 3.  
6-5120

1 recall the name of any other person that I knew at Northfield.

2 I cannot recall the name of any person who has known me since  
3 I have lived in Leavenworth.

4 Q. Mrs. Gillespie, it seems remarkable that you cannot recall  
5 the name of any person who has known you here where you have lived  
6 for over 30 years it appears.

7 A. Well, I cannot.

8 Q. How many times have you been married?

9 A. Two.

10 No sir, I have not more than two husbands. My first husband  
11 was Myron Swan and my second and last husband was the soldier,  
12 George T. Gillespie.

13 My husband Myron Swan never served in the army or navy at any  
14 time that I ever heard of.

15 I never had been married before I married said Swan. He had not  
16 been married before he married me that I ever heard of.

17 I have heard you read the testimony of the soldier and of Frank  
18 W. Marshall and Peter La Joie given in connection with my claim for  
19 one-half of the soldier's pension in which testimony it is set forth  
20 that I lived with and was known as the wife of one David Wagner. I  
21 never was married to said Wagner. I never lived with him as his  
22 wife. He used to stay at my home some of the time but I was not  
23 married to him and did not live with him as his wife. He stayed  
24 at the Soldiers Home some of the time and I did lace and embroidery  
25 work for the matron of said Home. Wagner used to bring some of that  
26 work from the matron to me. Yes, I did go by the name of Wagner  
27 some of the time but I was not married to said David Wagner and did  
28 not live with him. Well, I used his name because I heard that my  
29 former husband Swan was looking for me and I did not want him to  
30 find me. I asked Mr. Wagner if he would care if I used his name  
31 so that Mr. Swan could not find me and Mr. Wagner said that he did  
32 not care. Now, that is the way that I came to be known for a while  
33 by the surname of Wagner. No, I never knew Wagner before I came  
34 to Leavenworth, Kans.



35 Q. It was about 25 years after Swan and you separated that you  
36 came to Leavenworth. Why would Swan be looking for you after all  
37 of those years?

38 A. Well, I heard that he was.

39 Q. Isn't it a fact, Mrs. Gillespie, that you were married to  
40 David Wagner or at least that you lived with him and was known as  
41 his wife?

42 A. No sir, I was never married to Wagner and I never lived with  
43 him.

44 I never tried to obtain a divorce from my husband Swan. He  
45 obtained a divorce from me at Eau Claire, Wisc., but I do not know  
46 in what year. I have furnished a copy of the decree of divorce  
47 for use in this claim. I was living at Northfield, Minn., at the  
48 time that he obtained the divorce from me. I do not remember that  
49 I received a copy of the summons in connection with that suit. I  
50 do not recall how I heard that he had obtained the divorce from me.

51 No sir, I did not marry any man at any time after Myron Swan  
52 obtained the divorce from me until I married the soldier, George  
53 T. Gillespie. I do not recall the date of my marriage to the said  
54 soldier. We were married to each other here in Leavenworth, Kans.  
55 If the copy of the record of marriage gives my name as Lucy C. it  
56 is a mistake as to the middle initial. I have stated my full,  
57 correct name.

58 I never was divorced from the soldier, George T. Gillespie. I  
59 never filed a suit for divorce against him. He one time filed a  
60 suit for divorce against me but he was not granted a divorce. He  
61 filed a suit here at the court house at Leavenworth. He heard  
62 the talk that I lived with Wagner and used his name. That was what  
63 angered the soldier and caused him to sue me for a divorce. But  
64 when the case came to trial the soldier was unable to prove his  
65 charges. I never have lived outside of Leavenworth, Kans., since  
66 I married the soldier. The soldier did not live any place other  
67 than in Leavenworth and the Soldiers Home near here from the date  
68 of his marriage to me until he died. He died at the said Home.

69 *Lucy S. Gillespie*

70 Depoent.



Case of Lucy S. Gillespie, No. 1075185

Deposition of claimant, continued, sheet 4.  
6-5120

1 He died in 1900 but do not know the exact date. I did not attend  
2 his funeral. He had been dead a week before I heard of it.

3 I have lived in Leavenworth, Kans., continuously since the  
4 soldier, George T. Gillespie, died. I have not married any man  
5 or lived with any man as a wife or housekeeper or mistress at any  
6 time since the soldier died. I have gone by the surname of  
7 Gillespie ever since the soldier died. I have been supported by  
8 my work.

9 I have had children born to me:- Blanche; George Washington;  
10 Charles Frederick; David(still-born). Myron Swan, my former hus-  
11 band, was the father of all of those children. I did not have  
12 any child by the soldier, George T. Gillespie. Did not have any  
13 child by David Wagner. I never have given birth to any child  
14 by any man other than my former husband Swan except that I did  
15 have a child by a man named Bowman. I cannot recall his given  
16 name. The child did not live and was not named. It was born  
17 prematurely. I cannot recall the name of the place where that  
18 child was born. It was some town in Minn. No sir, cannot recall  
19 the name of the town. I had gone there to work and was pretty  
20 hard up for money and happened to meet the man Bowman and like  
21 other foolish women I permitted him to be intimate with me to the  
22 extent of having improper relations with me. No sir, I never was  
23 married to said Bowman. I do not know what became of him. He  
24 was a travelling man. I do not know where his home was. I met  
25 him only three or four times. As stated, the child was born pre-  
26 maturely. Nobody knew anything about it. No sir, I cannot recall  
27 the name of the town where I met said Bowman.

28 I do not know what became of my children Blanche, George W. and  
29 Charles F. I do not know whether or not either is living. Mr.  
30 Swan took the children.

31 I do not know what became of David Wagner. He was a soldier in  
32 Civil War but do not know the name of the organization in which he  
33 served. I do not know whether his surname was spelled Wagner or  
34 Waggoner.



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35 I do not know what became of my former husband Swan. I now  
 36 recall that I heard that my youngest child, that is, Charles F.  
 37 died. My daughter Blanche told me that. She came to see me once  
 38 and told me about the death of Charles F. I do not know where  
 39 Blanche was then living. She was attending boarding-school some  
 40 place. I cannot recall where I then was living. No sir, I do not  
 41 know where Blanche now lives; have no idea.

42 I have not paid any fee to any person for services in connection  
 43 with the prosecution of my claim for pension and I do not know of  
 44 any agreement that I have made to pay any fee to any person in the  
 45 event of the allowance of my claim.

46 I do not desire to be present in person or represented by an  
 47 attorney at the further examination of my claim for pension either  
 48 here or elsewhere and I waive notice of any further examination.

49 I have heard the foregoing deposition read and it is correct.

50 *Lucey & Gillespie*  
 51 Deponent.

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 56 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of Nov., 1923, and  
 57 I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent  
 58 before signing.

59 *L. V. Stafford*  
 60 Special Examiner.

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Case of Lucy S. Gillespie

No. 1075185

On this 25 day of Jan. , 1924, at Leavenworth county of Leavenworth , State of Kansas before me, L. V. Stafford , a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Sophia Talton , who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

6-5121

I am 58 years old. Address, 610 Pottawatomie St., Leavenworth, Kans. I am the widow of William E. Talton.

I have lived in Leavenworth all of my life. I recall an old lady named Gillespie. I do not recall her given name. I worked with her at the Burlington Hotel at the northwest corner of Seventh and Cherokee Sts., this city. I think that was about 1905 or 1906. We worked there together all one summer. The hotel was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Knight. Mr. Knight was an old soldier. I do not recall his given name. Nora was the given name of Mrs. Knight. Mr. Knight is dead. I do not know what became of Mrs. Knight. I was employed as cook at said hotel and Mrs. Gillespie was a kind of forelady in the kitchen. At that time Mrs. Gillespie lived up over Biringer's store or else in a little building in the rear of the store. I think that Mrs. Knight helped pay room-rent for Mrs. Gillespie. I got the idea that Mrs. Gillespie was living in a rented room. I saw the said Mrs. Gillespie frequently after she and I worked together at said hotel. She used to stop to see me when I lived across the street at 605 Pottawatomie. I understood that she one time lived at that address. That was before I lived there. I have not seen Mrs. Gillespie for about five years. I have heard that she is in the poor house.

The said Mrs. Gillespie has not married any man that I have heard of since I got acquainted with her. I never have heard of her having any husband since I have known her. She has not lived with any man that I have heard of since I got acquainted with her. She seemed to be all alone. I do not know whether or



28 not she was a widow. I never heard of her having any children.  
 29 She seemed to be in poor circumstances. I never have heard of  
 30 her having any surname other than Gillespie. We called her  
 31 "Mother Gillespie." I have no idea how many husbands she has  
 32 had. Do not know that she ever had any. I am certain that I  
 33 never have heard of her getting married to any man since I have  
 34 known her.

35 I have no financial interest in this case.

36 I have heard the foregoing deposition read and it is correct.

37 *Sophia Talton*

38 Deponent.

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 41 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of Jan., 1924, and  
 42 I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent  
 43 before signing.

44 *I. V. Stafford*  
 45 Special Examiner.



Case of Lucy S. Gillespie

No. 1075185

On this 15 day of Jan., 1924, at Leavenworth county of Leavenworth, State of Kansas before me, L. V. Stafford, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Martha Butzine, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

6-5121

I am about 64 years old. Address, 303 Osage St., Leavenworth, Kans. I am the widow of Ferdinand Butzin.

I do not know in what year I got acquainted with the claimant, Lucy Gillespie, but it seems to me that it was about ten years ago. At the time that I met her for the first time she moved into a building on Seneca St. in which I was living. I do not know the number but it was between 3rd and 4th Sts. We did not live there very long after she came there. We then moved to the place where I now live. The claimant moved here too. We lived here only a short time when we moved across the street. That was on 3rd St. The claimant moved over there too. We lived there in that building for three years. When the claimant left that place on 3rd St. she moved some place on Kiowa St. Do not know the number or the name of the people from whom she rented a room. I have seen the claimant only one time since she moved out of this neighborhood where I now live, that is, when she moved away from the place on 3rd St. above mentioned. It has been four or five years ago that I last saw the claimant. She then was out canvassing and stopped in to see me.

The claimant told me that she had had two husbands; that her last husband was named Gillespie; that he was a Methodist preacher. I do not know the name of the husband that she had before Gillespie.

The claimant lived alone when she lived in the same buildings in which I lived. She made her living by canvassing; "sold all kinds of little articles." No sir, she did not have any man living with her.

The claimant, said Lucy Gillespie, has not married any man since



28 I got acquainted with her that I have ever heard of. I have known  
29 her by the name of Gillespie. I became well acquainted with her.  
30 No sir, I never have heard of her having any husband since I got  
31 acquainted with her. As stated, she told me that she had had  
32 two husbands and that is all that I know about her marital history.

33 I have no financial interest in this case and I am not related  
34 to the claimant.

35 I have heard the foregoing deposition read and it is correct.

36 *Mrs Marpha Butzine*

37 Deponent.

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41 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of Jan., 1924, and  
42 I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent.  
43 before signing.

44 *L. V. Stafford*  
45 Special Examiner.

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Case of Lucy S. Gillespie

No. 1075185

On this 15 day of Jan., 1924, at Leavenworth  
 county of Leavenworth, State of Kansas before me,  
 L. V. Stafford, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions,  
 personally appeared Paulina Haeffner, who, being by me first  
 duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her  
 during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension,  
 deposes and says:

6-5121

I am about 52 years old. Address, 308 Ottawa St., Leavenworth,  
 Kans. I am the wife of Philip Haeffner, who is employed at the  
 Great Western Manufacturing Co.

I got acquainted with the claimant about ten years ago, I think.  
 She came to my home peddling soap and other articles. That is the  
 way that I got acquainted with her. I think that she then lived  
 on Osage St. but do not know the number. I think that she lived  
 alone. She has lived alone ever since I have known her insofar  
 as I have heard. I have not seen her for about six years. I have  
 heard that she is in the poor house.

The claimant, Mrs. Gillespie, has not married any man since I  
 got acquainted with her, - not that I have known of or heard of.  
 She has been known as a widow. I know nothing about how many  
 husbands she has had.

I am not related to the claimant and I have no financial  
 interest in this case.

I have heard the foregoing deposition read and it is correct.

*Paulina Haeffner*

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of Jan., 1924, and  
 I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent  
 before signing.

*L. V. Stafford*  
 Special Examiner.



Case of Lucy S. Gillespie

No. 1075185

On this 25 day of Jan., 1924 at Leavenworth county of Leavenworth, State of Kansas before me, L. V. Stafford, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Leo J. Swann, M. D., 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:

6-5121

I am 41 years old. Address, 622 Osage St., Leavenworth, Kans. I am a practicing physician. I am county physician in this county. I am president of the board of surgeons making medical examinations for the Bureau of Pensions at this place.

I have known the claimant, Lucy S. Gillespie, now present, for about ten years. She has been known as a widow ever since I have been acquainted with her. She has gone by the name of Gillespie ever since I have been acquainted with her. She has lived in Leavenworth ever since I have known her. The claimant, said Lucy S. Gillespie, has not married any man at any time since I have known her,- not that I have known of or heard of.

I am not related to the claimant and I have no financial interest in the case. (10, stricken out at this time).

I have heard the foregoing deposition read and also have read it myself and it is correct.

*L. J. Swann M.D.*

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of Jan., 1924, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*L. V. Stafford*  
Special Examiner.



Case of Lucy S. Gillespie

No. 1075185

On this 25 day of Jan. , 1924, at Leavenworth county of Leavenworth , State of Kansas before me, L. V. Stafford , a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Lucy S. Gillespie , who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

1 , I am the claimant in this case. My address is the same as  
2 given in my former statement before you.

3 Q. Did you one time live on Fifth Ave. near Penn. Ave. in  
4 Leavenworth?

5 A. I cannot remember.

6 Q. Did you one time live at 112 S. 7th St. in Leavenworth?

7 A. I cannot remember.

8 Q. The directory of Leavenworth for 1893-1894 shows Lucy S.  
9 Wagner, widow of David Wagner, residing on 5th Ave., 2nd south  
10 of Penn. and the directory for 1894-1895 shows that Lucy S.  
11 Waggoner residing at 112 S. 7th St. What have you to say about  
12 that?

13 A. I do not know whether that refers to me or not.

14 (Word "that", line 10, stricken out at this time).

15 Q. Isn't it a fact that you were married to David Waggoner?

16 A. I never was married to him.

17 Q. Isn't it a fact that you were married to said Waggoner?

18 A. No sir, it is not a fact. I never was married to him at  
19 any time or place.

20 Q. Isn't it a fact that you lived with him as his wife?

21 A. No. He used to come to my home and I cooked meals for  
22 him but I did not live with him as his wife.

23 I do not know where he had lived before he came to Leavenworth.  
24 He had a wife but I do not know her name. He said that he was  
25 a pensioner. I do not know the name of the regiment in which he  
26 served in the army. I do not know what became of Waggoner.

27 Q. Can you not give the names of persons who have known you



28 since you have resided in Leavenworth so as to aid the special  
29 examiner in obtaining testimony showing whether you have married  
30 since the death of the soldier, George T. Gillespie?

31 A. No sir, I cannot except that I did know Mrs. Coffman, wife  
32 of Wilbur Coffman. I knew her for a number of years. She is  
33 dead.

34 Q. Can you not give further information as to your places of  
35 residence during the period from the date of your separation from  
36 your husband Swan to the date of your marriage to the soldier  
37 Gillespie? The information contained in your former statement  
38 before me is very indefinite.

39 A. I cannot. I have done the best that I can. I cannot be  
40 worried any more about this.

41 Q. Are you satisfied with the special examination of your  
42 claim for pension?

43 A. I do not know that it could be done any better.  
44 I have heard the foregoing deposition read and it is correct.

45 *Lacey E. Fisk*

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47 Deponent.

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49 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of Jan., 1924, and  
50 I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent  
51 before signing.

52 *L. V. Stafford*  
53 Special Examiner.

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Case of Lucy S. Gillespie

No. 1075185

On this 30 day of Jan. , 1924, at Leavenworth county of Leavenworth , State of Kansas before me, L. V. Stafford , a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Lucy S. Gillespie , who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

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1 I am the claimant in this case.

2 Q. Were you living in Sedalia, Mo., in 1877?

3 A. I cannot remember.

4 No sir, I never have had the name of Lillie. I never have  
5 gone by the name of Lillie Swan. I never have been known by the  
6 given name of Lillie. I never have been married to a man named  
7 Orin or Orin F. Sayer. I never have been married to any man  
8 named Sayer. I have heard you read the copy of the record of  
9 marriage of Orin F. Sayer to Lillie Swan at Sedalia, Mo., on  
10 Jan. 30, 1877. That was not my marriage. I never knew that  
11 man Orin F. Sayer. I positively never have been married to  
12 a man of that name. I never have been married to any man other  
13 than the two husbands named in my first statement given before  
14 you. I never have been married to any man other than Myron Swan  
15 and the soldier, George T. Gillespie. I never have married any  
16 man at any time since the soldier Gillespie died and I have not  
17 lived with any man as a wife or housekeeper or mistress since  
18 said soldier died.

19 I never knew the Lillie Swan mentioned in that copy of record  
20 of marriage.

21 Q. Are you satisfied with the special examination of your  
22 claim for pension?

23 A. I am satisfied as far as I know.

24 I have heard the foregoing deposition read and it is correct.

25 attest:

26 *L. V. Stafford* M.D.  
27 *Lucy S. Gillespie*

Deponent.



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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 day of Jan., 1924, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*L.V. Stafford*  
Special Examiner.



CERTIFICATES OF SEARCH

DIRECTORIES--LEAVENWORTH, KANS.

I certify that I have, this 27 day of Dec., 1923, searched city directories of Leavenworth, Kansas, as hereinafter indicated, and obtained the following information relating to this case:-

- 1894--Wagner Lucy S. wid David r ws 5th av 2nd s of Penn.
1895--Waggoner Lucy S. Mrs. r 112 s 7th.
1896--Gillespie Geo. T. r 605 Pottawatomie.
1897--Gillispie Geo. T. guard r 605 Pottawatomie.
1898--Gillespie Geo. T. r 605 Pottawatomie.
1899--Gillespie Lucy S. Mrs. r 601 Shawnee.
1900--Gillespie Lucy S. Mrs. r 601 Shawnee.
1901--Gillespie Geo. T. r 601 Shawnee.
1904--Gillespie Lucy S wid Geo T r 601 Shawnee.
1906--Gillespie Lucy S wid Geo T r 933 Osage.
1908--Gillespie Lucy S wid Geo T dressmkr 631 Shawnee.
1909--No Lucy Gillespie, Gillispie or Gillaspy.
1911--Gillespie Lucy(wid Geo T) r 601 Cherokee.
1913--Gillespie Lucy S(wid Geo T) r 308 N 3d.
1915-- do do do
1917--Gillespie Lucy Mrs r 723 Del.
1919--No Lucy Gillespie, Gillispie or Gillaspy.

The directories searched were those found at the public library in Leavenworth covering the period indicated.

Dep. [Signature]

L. V. Stafford
Special Examiner.

DIVORCE RECORDS--LEAVENWORTH CO., KANS.

I certify that I have, this 15 day of Jan., 1924, searched the indexes to the appearance dockets in the office of the clerk of the district court of Leavenworth County, Kansas, covering the period from Aug. 2, 1894, to Sept. 23, 1900, and failed to find any record of a suit for divorce between George T. Gillespie or Gillaspy and Lucy Gillespie or Gillaspy(search including any variation of the surname), other than suit No. 13867, hereinafter mentioned.

The suit No. 13867 was an action brought by George T. Gillespie to annul his marriage with his wife Lucy S. Gillespie. The petition was filed on Feb. 28, 1899. It sets forth that on Aug. 4, 1894, he (plaintiff) attempted to enter into a marriage contract with said



35 defendant in said above county but plaintiff further avers that at  
 36 the time of his attempt to enter into said pretended marriage con-  
 37 tract with said defendant she represented herself as being a grass  
 38 widow and as having gotten a divorce from her former husband in  
 39 the District Court sitting in and for said county and State  
 40 aforesaid but that said representations were false and untrue  
 41 although unknown to be so by the said plaintiff and that said  
 42 defendant had never been divorced from her said first husband but  
 43 was at the time of the above mentioned pretended marriage his  
 44 lawful wife and incapable of entering into said pretended marriage  
 45 contract with said plaintiff because of that fact!"

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47 "Wherefore said plaintiff prays that said supposed ~~marriage~~ or  
 48 colorable marriage contract be for nought held and that it be  
 49 judicially declared null and void and without force or effect." \*\*\*\*

50 (The name of the former husband of the defendant is not shown  
 51 in the petition or other paper in the files of the suit).

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 53 The defendant, Lucy S. Gillespie, filed an answer and cross-  
 54 petition on Mch. 30, 1899, in which she alleged extreme cruelty  
 55 and gross neglect of duty and prayed for a divorce on said grounds.  
 56 The said cross petition sets forth:-"That on many occasions within  
 57 the last year said plaintiff has used cruel and insulting language  
 58 to this defendant and among other things he has accused her of  
 59 having another husband from whom she was not legally separated,  
 60 which accusation is not true."

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 62 On June 7, 1899, the plaintiff filed a reply to said answer and  
 63 cross-petition. It was a general denial of the allegations in the  
 64 cross-petition which contradicted any allegations in the plaintiff's  
 65 petition.

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 67 The suit was dismissed on June 15, 1899. The journal entry is as  
 68 follows:-

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Case of Lucy S. Gillespie

, No. 1075185

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THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1899.

G. T. Gillespie, Plaintiff  
 against  
 Lucy S. Gillespie, Defendant

No. 13869

Upon application it is ordered by the Court that this case be and the same is hereby settled, dismissed, costs paid.

Dep. *A*

*L. V. Stafford*  
 Special Examiner.

MARRIAGE RECORDS--LEAVENWORTH CO., KANS.

I certify that I have, this 15 day of Jan., 1924, searched the indexes to the marriage records in the office of the probate judge of Leavenworth County, Kansas, covering the period from Jan., 1876, to Aug. 1, 1894, and failed to find any record of a marriage of Lucy Swan or Wilson or any record of a marriage of David Wagner or Waggoner.

Also searched said indexes covering the period from Sept. 23, 1900, to July, 1922, and failed to find any record of a marriage of Lucy Gillespie, Gillaspy (or similar name), Swan, Wagner, Waggoner or Wilson.

Dep. *J*

*L. V. Stafford*  
 Special Examiner.

COUNTY HOSPITAL--LEAVENWORTH CO., KANS.

I certify that I have, this 25 day of Jan., 1924, examined records of the County Hospital, Leavenworth, Kans., and found the following record relating to this claimant:-

Name--Lucy Gillispie. Add--Mar 13-18.  
 Age--83.  
 Nat--English.  
 Relg-- \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Birthplace--Maine.  
 Occupation-- \_\_\_\_\_.

Civil State--Widow,  
 Malady-- \_\_\_\_\_.



35 How L. Sick-- 4 years.  
 36 Nearest Rel-- Friend, Mrs. W. F. Kuffman,  
 37 Address, 14th Street-Olive,  
 Leavenworth, Kans.  
 38 Phys-- Dr. Swan.

*I. V. Stafford*  
 Special Examiner.

39 Dep. *J.*

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October 18, 1917.

Hon. D. R. Anthony, Jr.,

House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Anthony:

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, relative to the claim for pension under the act of April 19, 1908, as amended by the act of September 8, 1916, No. 1075185, of Lucy Gallespie, whose address is 723 Delaware St., Leavenworth, Kansas, as the widow of George T. Gallespie who served in Co. K, 20th Indiana Inf., I have the honor to inform you that evidence in the claim shows that Mrs. Gallespie was married to one David Wagner prior to her marriage to the soldier, and she has been this day called upon to furnish proof showing the date of death or divorce of said husband, and for a statement under oath showing the places of her residence from the year 1857 until she married the soldier, and whether either of her former husbands ever rendered any United States military or naval service.

When evidence as above indicated shall have been furnished the claim will be taken up for prompt further consideration.

Very truly yours,

HCA/JML

G. M. SALTZGABER.

Commissioner.



A & N Division  
Wid.Orig. 1 075 186  
Lucy Galespie, wid of  
George T. Galespie  
alias, George T. Gillaspy  
K, 20 Ind. Inf.

October 18, 1917.

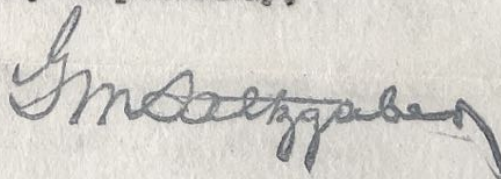
Mrs. Lucy Galespie,  
723 Delaware Street,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Madam:

In your above cited claim for pension under the act of April 19, 1908, as amended by the act of September 8, 1916, it is alleged that you were married to one David Wagner prior to your marriage to the soldier. You should furnish your sworn statement setting forth the date of such marriage and the date of death or divorce of said husband, and the date of his death or divorce should be proved; in case of death, by a certified copy of the public record; in case of divorce by a certified copy of the decree of the court.

You should also state in your affidavit your various places of residence from year to year, from 1857 to the date of your marriage to the soldier and whether either of your former husbands served in the army or navy of the United States and, if so, the names of organizations to which he belonged, if in the army, or, if in the navy, the names of all the vessels on which he served with the dates of enlistment and discharge.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.



December 22, 1917.

Hon. D. R. Anthony, jr.,

House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Anthony:

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, relative to the claim for pension, No. 1075185, of Lucy Galespie, whose address is 723 Delaware St., Leavenworth, Kansas, as the widow of George T. Galespie who served in Co. K, 20th Ind. Inf., I have the honor to inform you that the evidence which you transmitted has been placed with the papers in the claim and a call has been this day made upon the Governor, National Military Home, Kansas, for necessary information, and upon receipt of the same the claim will be taken up for prompt further consideration.

Very truly yours,

HCA/JML

G. M. SALTZGABER.

Commissioner.



A. & N. Division  
W.O. #1,075,185  
Lucy Galespie wid. of  
George T. Galespie alias  
George T. Gillaspy,  
Co.K, 20<sup>th</sup> Ind. Inf.

RW/HWT

December 22, 1917.

The Governor,

National Soldiers' Home,

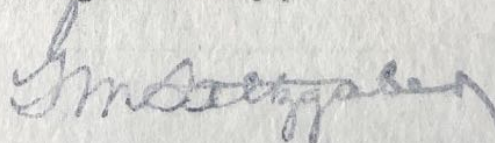
Leavenworth Co., Kansas.

Sir:

In the above cited claim for pension under the Act of April 19, 1908, as amended by the Act of September 8, 1916, it appears that one David Wagner was an inmate of the institution under your charge between 1880 and 1900.

For use in the claim, you are requested to furnish a statement from the records of said institution showing the date of Wagner's admission thereto, the service rendered by him in the army or navy of the United States, and the name and post-office address of his next of kin; also the number of his pension certificate, if he was a pensioner.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.



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Ind. O.1,075,185  
Lucy, wid.  
George T. Galespie,  
Co. K, 20<sup>th</sup> Ind. Inf.

January 19, 1918.

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

Sir:-

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,

*G. M. [Signature]*

Commissioner.



March 13, 1918.

Hon. D. R. Anthony, jr.,

House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Anthony:

In reply to your letter of the 19th ultimo, relative to the claim for pension, No. 1075185, of Lucy Galeespie, whose address is 723 Delaware St., Leavenworth, Kansas, as the widow of George T. Galeespie who served in Co. K, 20th Ind. Inf., I have the honor to inform you that a call has been this day made upon the Governor, National Military Home, Leavenworth, Kansas, for necessary information, upon receipt of which the claim will be taken up for prompt further consideration.

The information called for was requested from the governor of said home under date of January 19, 1918, but no reply has been received in response to said call.

The letter of your correspondent is returned herewith, as requested.

Very truly yours,

E. M. SALTZGABER.

HCA/JML

Commissioner.



A. & N. Division  
W.O. #1,075,185  
Lucy, widow of  
George T. Galespie,  
Co. K, 20<sup>th</sup> Ind. Inf.

PRS/HWT

*P.P.S*

March 14, 1918.

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

Sir:

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.

A similar request was made in a letter addressed to you under date of January 19, 1918, but if a response was made it has failed to reach the case.

Very respectfully,

*E. C. Tieman*  
ACTING Commissioner.



W.O. 1075,165,  
Lucy Galepie,  
widow of  
George T. Galepie,  
D & K, 20 Ind. Inf.

May 10, 1918.

Clerk of Court,  
Chippewa Falls,  
Wisconsin.

Sir:

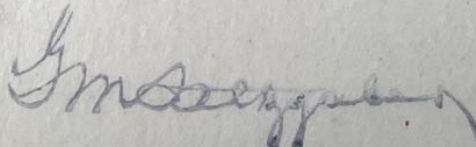
In the above cited claim for pension under the act of April 19, 1908, as amended by the act of September 8, 1916, the claimant, Lucy Galepie, alleges that she was granted a divorce from her former husband, Myron Swan, about 1860 or 1865.

Please furnish this bureau with a statement showing whether the records in your charge show that such a divorce was granted or applied for between January 1, 1860, and December 31, 1865.

Said information is requested as a courtesy, as there is no fund from which payment for same can be made.

This letter is in duplicate, one copy to be retained in your files and the other to be returned with your reply under cover of the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.



W.O.1,075,185  
Lucy, wid. of  
George T. Gillaspay,  
K,20<sup>th</sup> Ind. Inf.

June 17, 1918.

F. W. Hershfield, Atty.,  
Leavenworth,  
Kansas.

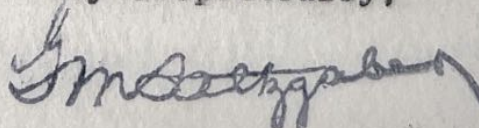
Sir:-

In the above cited claim for pension under the act of April 19, 1908 as amended by the act of Sept. 8, 1916, there should be furnished:-

A verified copy of the public record of the death of claimant's former husband, Myron Swan; or, if no such record exists, the affidavit of the attending physician, or, if that cannot be obtained, the sworn statements of credible witnesses who were present at the time of her death, showing the date thereof .

Claimant's statement under oath showing whether her former husband, Myron Swan, ever served in the army or navy of the United States, and, if so, the name and number of each company and regiment to which he belonged, if in the army, or the name of each vessel on which he served, if in the navy, with the dates of enlistment and discharge; also the correct spelling of her surname, as her surname appears in the papers in the case as Galespie, Gillespie, Gillispie and Gillaspay.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.



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A. & N. Division  
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Lucy, widow of  
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George T. Gillaspy,  
K, 20" Ind. Inf.

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February 7, 1920.

The Postmaster,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

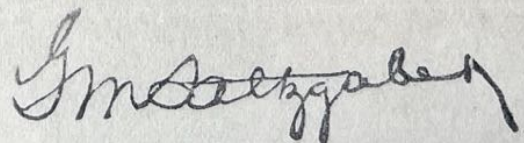
Sir:

In the above cited claim for pension it appears that the post-office address of the claimant, Lucy Galeapie, 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,



Commissioner.



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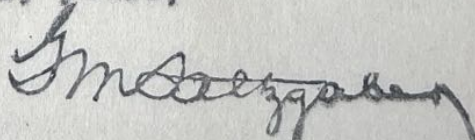
Hon. D. R. Anthony, Jr.  
House of Representatives

My dear Mr. Anthony:

In reference to the above cited claim under the act of April 19, 1908, as amended by the act of September 8, 1916, and the claim for the soldier's pension under Ctf. #81854, accruing from the date of his last quarterly payment to the date of his death, I have the honor to inform you that the said claims are rejected on the ground that the claimant has failed and is apparently unable to prove that she is the lawful widow of the soldier by establishing the death or divorce of her former husband.

Mrs. Galeaspie, whose address is County Hospital, Leavenworth, Kansas, has been fully advised of the ground of rejection.

Very truly yours,



Commissioner.

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A. & N. Div.  
W.O.1075185  
Lucy Galespie  
George T. Galespie  
K, 20 Ind. Inf.

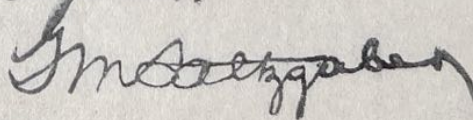
June 24, 1920.

Mrs. Lucy Galeespie  
County Hospital  
Leavenworth, Kan.

Madam:

Your above entitled claim under the act of April 19, 1908, as amended by the act of Sept. 8, 1916, filed Sept. 22, 1916, and you claim for the soldier's pension under Ctf. 81854, accruing from the date of his last quarterly payment to the date of his death, are rejected on the ground that you have failed and are apparently unable to prove that you are the lawful widow of the soldier by establishing the death or divorce of your former husband.

very respectfully,



Commissioner.

JNC/elw



August 5, 1920.

Hon. D. R. Anthony jr.,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Anthony:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 29th ultimo, regarding the claim 1075185 of Mrs. Lucy Galespie as widow of George T. Galespie who served in Companies D and K, 20th Indiana Infantry and Company C, 18th United States Infantry.

In reply I have to advise you that the rejection of said claim on the ground of the applicant's inability to show the death or divorce of her former husband, is held to be proper. It can not be presumed that a divorce was granted in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and no record made and preserved of that action.

Copy of my letter enclosed.

Very truly yours

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Acting Commissioner.



Congressional Section

March 21, 1922

Honorable D. R. Anthony, Jr.  
House of Representatives

My dear Mr. Anthony:

In re Lucy, widow of  
George T. Gillaapy,  
W.C. 1075185,  
County Hospital,  
Leavenworth, Kans.

You are advised that this claim was rejected  
in 1920, on the ground of claimant's failure and  
apparent inability to prove the death or divorce of  
her former husband, or that she is the legal widow  
of the soldier.

Very truly yours,

WASHINGTON GARDNER  
Commissioner.

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Widow Division  
W.O.1075,185  
Lucy Gillaspy  
George T. Gillaspy  
K 20th Ind. Inf.

March 31, 1922.

Mrs. Lucy Gillaspy,  
care of County Hospital,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Madam:

In response to your letter you are advised that unless you can prove the death or divorce of your former husband, Myron Swan, there is no law under which this Bureau can grant you a pension as widow of the above named soldier.

Very respectfully,

LLC

Commissioner.



Widow Division  
W.O. 1075,185  
Lucy Gillaspy  
George T. Gillaspy  
K 20th Ind.Inf.

September 22, 1922.

Mrs. Lucy Gillaspy,  
County Hospital,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Madam:

You are advised that your claim has been reopened and if you desire to further prosecute same you should furnish sworn statements of two credible witnesses who knew you intimately from 1868 to 1894 showing whether you were married or lived with any man as his wife during that period; also sworn statements of two witnesses having personal knowledge showing whether you have remarried since the soldier's death in 1900.

Your claim also requires a certificate from the County Clerk, Leavenworth, Kansas, showing whether you or the soldier applied for or obtained a divorce one from the other between 1895 and 1900.

You should state under oath whether your former husband, Myron Swan, ever served in the army or navy of the United States, and if so, the full designation of such service.

No affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to state the age and address of the witness and how he knows the facts stated.

Do not fail to inscribe upon the evidence filed the soldier's name, service and number of your claim.

Very respectfully,

LLC

Chief Clerk.



September 26, 1922.

Hon. D. R. Anthony, Jr.,  
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Anthony:

In re: Lucy, widow of  
George T. Gillaspy, W.O. 1075165,  
County Hospital, Leavenworth, Kans.

With the return of this widow's letter, as requested, you are advised that in her claim there should be furnished the sworn statements of two credible witnesses who knew her intimately between the years of 1868 and 1894, showing whether she was married or lived with any man as his wife during that period; also the sworn statements of two witnesses showing whether she has remarried since the date of the soldier's death.

There is further required a certificate from the county clerk, Leavenworth, Kans., showing whether the claimant or the soldier applied for or obtained a divorce one from the other between 1895 and 1900.

The claimant was advised of these requirements on the 22d instant.

Very truly yours,

Chief Clerk.

JMC/mef



July 9, 1923.

Hon. D. R. Anthony Jr.,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Anthony:

Relative to claim under the act of April 19, 1908 as amended by act September 8, 1916, filed September 22, 1916, original number 1075,185, of Mrs. Lucy Gillaspy, County Hospital, Leavenworth, Kansas, on account of the service of George T. Gillaspy in Company K 20th Indiana Infantry, I have to advise you that the evidence filed in support of this claim is now being considered by the Board of Review, and if found to establish the claim it will be approved for allowance and you and the claimant will be advised when the certificate of pension is issued. Should anything further be required, a letter of advise will be promptly sent to the claimant.

Very truly yours,

LLC

Acting Commissioner.

Carbon copy  
for files.



*Proof*

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S. E. D.

No. 1075185

Claimant: Lucy S. Gillespie

Soldier: George T. Gillespie

P. O. address: County Hospital

City: Leavenworth State: Kans.

Recommendation: Fur. Ex.

L. V. Stafford

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

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Legal widowhood  
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Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

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Reviewer.

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Commissioner.



CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

SAYER TO SWAN

State of Missouri )  
County of Pettis } This is to certify ,That on the 30th day of  
Jany, A D, 1877, Mr Orin F. Sayer and Miss Lillie Swan were by me united  
in Marrage , According to the laws of God, and of the State of Missouri,  
at Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri.

C.L. Mitchell,

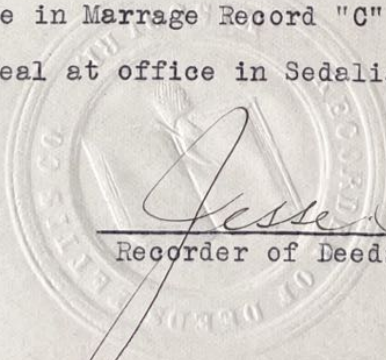
Minister of the Gospel.

Filed for Record Jany , 31st 1877,

J.D. Crawford, Recorder.

Certificate of Certified Copy

State Of Missouri )  
County of Pettis } ss.  
I, Jesse Paul, Recorder of Deeds within and for said  
County and state , do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a  
true , complet and correct copy of an instrument of writing as the same  
appears of record in my office in Marrage Record "C" Page 314.  
Witness my hand and official seal at office in Sedalia, this 28th, Day  
Of January, 1924.

  
Jesse Paul  
Recorder of Deeds Pettis County, Mo.





DIVORCE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 26, 1924.

Clerk of the Circuit Court,  
Sedalia, Mo.

Sir:

To aid the Government in adjudicating pension claim No. 1075185 please furnish the information indicated below and return this letter in the inclosed official envelope, which requires no postage. An early reply will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

*L. V. Stafford*  
Special Examiner.

If the records of your office show divorce proceedings between Orin F. Sayer and Lillie Sayer during the period from 1870 to 1894, inclusive, please furnish a certified copy of the decree and state the legal fee.

If you do not find the case, please state whether the records examined are complete, what courts are covered, and whether or not any other court had divorce jurisdiction during the period indicated.

I find no case as above styled, on file in this office.

I have run the records from 1865 to 1900, no other Court has jurisdiction in Pettis co Mo.

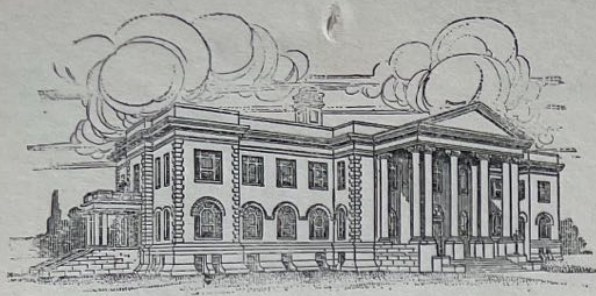
(Signature)

*Amos Baker*  
Clerk Circuit Court, Pettis Co  
Missouri.

Date Jan. 29th. 1924

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CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT  
GRACE FISHER, CLERK

TERMS OF COURT:

FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY  
SECOND MONDAY IN APRIL  
SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER

J. H. WENDORFF, JUDGE

Leavenworth, Kansas, January 8th, 1924.

STATE OF KANSAS )  
                          )SS.  
LEAVENWORTH COUNTY)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AND STATE.

I, Grace Fisher Potter, Clerk of the District Court of the above named County and State do hereby certify that I am the Custodian of the Divorce records of the above named County and State, that I have examined said Divorce records from Aug 2, 1894, to Sept. 23, 1900, inclusive and find that no Decree of Divorce was granted wherein George T. Gillespie (Gillaspy or Gillispie), and Lucy or Lucy S. Gillespie (Gillaspy or Gillispie) were plaintiff or defendant.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 8th. day of January, 1924.

Grace Fisher Potter,  
Clerk District Court,  
Leavenworth County, Kansas.

By Walter Biddle Deputy.



*This is the only court having jurisdiction in divorce cases in said county during said period.*  
I.V.S.

*E. E.*

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DIVORCE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7, 1924.

Clerk of the District Court,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

~~Dear Sir:~~

To aid the Government in adjudicating pension claim No. 1075185 please furnish the information indicated below and return this letter in the inclosed official envelope, which requires no postage. An early reply will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,



Special Examiner.

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If the records of your office show divorce proceedings between George T. Gillespie(Gillaspy or Gillispie) and Lucy or Lucy S. Gillespie(Gillaspy or Gillaspie) during the period from Aug. 2, 1894, to Sept. 23, 1900, inclusive, please furnish a certified copy of the decree and state the legal fee.

If you do not find the case, please state whether the records examined are complete, what courts are covered, and whether or not any other court had divorce jurisdiction during the period indicated.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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# DECLARATION FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

Under the Act of June 27, 1890.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Kansas  
County of Leavenworth ss:

On this 9th day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven  
personally appeared before me, a County Clerk

within and for the County and State aforesaid, George J. Gillaspay, aged 63 years,  
late a member of Co. C, 18 Regiment, U. S. Vol. Infantry  
a resident of the Nat. & Mil. Home, County of Leavenworth  
State of Kansas, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a

pensioner of the United States under the act of June 27, 1890, enrolled at the Topeka  
Pension Agency at the rate of Eight (8.00) dollars per month, by reason of partial inability to  
earn a support by manual labor, his pension certificate being numbered 813541

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of the disabilities heretofore  
alleged, namely, Rheumatism on Restum  
(Here insert the disabilities alleged in original and subsequent declarations.)

Also on account of Kidney and Heart disease  
(Here insert the disabilities not previously alleged.)

incurred gradually on account of exposure in Service  
(State when and where disabilities originated, and if wounds or injuries, give circumstances of incurrence.)  
and am now wholly disabled to make a living by manual  
Labor or otherwise

That none of said disabilities are due to vicious habits, and that they are to the best of his knowledge and  
belief of a permanent character,

that he appoints \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, his true

and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That his post-office address is National Mil. Home  
County of Leavenworth, State of Kansas

Claimant's signature: George J. Gillaspay

Attest: William Faerber

J. W. Mather

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Also personally appeared William Faerber, residing at Nat. Mil. Home  
 and John W. Mather, residing at Nat. Mil. Home, persons  
 whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were  
 present and saw George J. Gillaspay, 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.

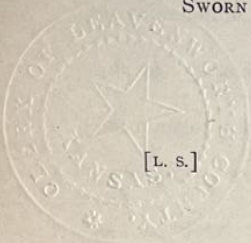
William Faerber  
J. W. Mather  
 (Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D. 1897,

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made  
 known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the  
 words \_\_\_\_\_, erased, and the  
 words \_\_\_\_\_, added; and that

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

J. M. Richards  
 (Signature.)  
County Clerk  
 (Official character.)



(3-011(a))

**CLAIM FOR INCREASE.**

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1896.

Geo. Gallaspay  
 Applicant.  
C 18 Co., U.S. Inf. Regt.,  
Dist. 20 Ind. Inf.

(Pension certificate not required.)  
 Certificate No. 813.541



THE POST-OFFICE ADDRESS (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Bureau of Pensions or the pension agents should be stated.

Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.

This declaration and any testimony in support of the allegations made therein may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes in the State, city, or county where said officer resides.



DECLARATION FOR INCREASE AND ADDITIONAL INVALID PENSION.



State of Kansas, County of Leavenworth, ss:

ON THIS 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nov A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two personally appeared before me, a **Notary Public**, within and for the County and State

of Kas. aforesaid George T Gillaspay aged 59 years, a resident of Nash Mil Home County of Leavenworth State of

who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the Washington Pension Agency at the rate of Eight dollars per month, under Certificate No. 8133741, by reason of disability from Rheumatism and disease of rectum [Here name the disability or disabilities for which now pensioned.]

incurred in the Military service of the United States, while serving as a Private [Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in the army; or rating and name of vessel, if in the navy.]

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of being totally disabled for performance of manual labor by reason of pensioned causes, and also by reason of affection of breast and back disabilities for which no allowance has been made. [Here state reasons for applying for increase. If on account of increase in the disability for which already pensioned, the facts should be stated, and the manner and extent of the progression of the disability described. If on account of diseases resulting from the disability for which pensioned, the names of the diseases should be stated. If on account of an additional disability or one for which not pensioned state nature of same and time, place, and circumstances of its origin.]

He therefore claims the \$12 rate of pension Under Act June 27, 1890.

Claimant respectfully asks to be sent before the Medical Board at Atchison Kansas for examination.

and he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, WM. W. DUDLEY, of Washington, D. C., his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim.

His post-office address is Nash Mil Home, Leavenworth Kas.

1 John C Hurd & George T Gillaspay [Signature of claimant.]

2 [Two witnesses who write sign here.]







Act of June 27, 1890

J. C. 813541  
George T. Gillaspie  
7020 Ind. Inf

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100 Pa. ...

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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, etc.

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. Increase Pension Claim No. 813541  
 [State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]  
 Name and rank of claimant. George S. Gellaspay, Rank, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company 618 Reg't W.S. Inf. Learmonth Kan. State, \_\_\_\_\_  
 [Postoffice address of the Board.]  
 Claimant's post-office address. 7400 Learmonth Kan. [Date of examination.] May 1, 1897.

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, dis. of vertebrae, Leath. back and kidneys and impaired sight

Cause of disability.

If 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 statements as briefly and as compactly as possible.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase.  
That he has kidney trouble and heart disease - piles and rheumatism.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of Instructions.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 100; respiration, 24; temperature, 98.2; height, 5 feet 9 inches; weight, 160 pounds; age, 63 years. He has marked crepitation, pain on motion and pressure in both shoulders. There is atrophy of muscles about each shoulder - There is stiffness and neither arm can be moved above line of shoulder without great pain.

The actual or probable origin of every existing disability must be fully set forth.

Whenever a disability is shown, or is believed to be due to or aggravated by vicious habits the opinion of the board must be stated. When not due to such habits this fact must be stated.

There is eighteenths for rheumatism. The apex is in 5th space and nipple line. Heart dilated. Pulse on slight exercise is 132. There is a mitral regurgitant murmur heard at apex. There is marked dyspnoea and slight oedema of the feet - No cyanosis. He can not perform any manual labor on account of heart. 2nd grade (\$30.00) for heart disease.

Each disability must be rated separately, the act of Congress of March 2, 1855, requiring "that the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which, in their judgment, the applicant is entitled to."

He has a slight eczema about the anus, no piles - no rating. He has severe chronic lumbago, great pain on pressure on lumbar region and on stooping. Eight eightieths for lumbago.

The kidneys are normal. Urinalysis. Sp gr. 1020 - No albumen, no sugar - No rating. He has slight opacities in each lens, and arcs senilis complete. Vision R D 60 at 20 ft B. 40 at 20 ft - Four eightieths for impaired vision. No evidence of vicious habits. He can not perform manual labor - Except the above all organs normal.

W. W. W. W., Pres. W. P. W. W., Sec'y. A. T. W. W., Treas.

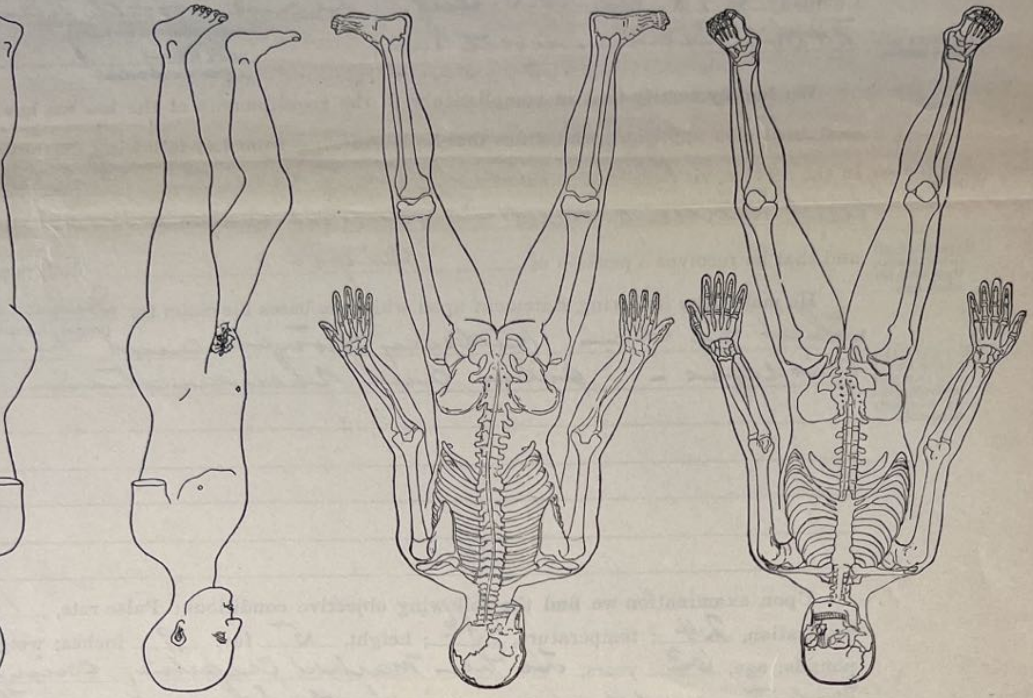
N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not. If sufficient space is not afforded for the necessary statements called for, additional paper should be neatly attached.

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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. [Ex- tract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.]



**SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE**

IN CASE OF



*George S. Ellsophy*  
 Co. 6, 18 Reg't U. S. Inf.

**Applicant for Increase**

No. *813071*

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

*May 1*, 1897

*W. N. Hallett*, Pres.,  
*William Dyer*, Sec'y,  
*A. F. York*, Treas.,  
 BOARD.

Post office, *Leominster*

County, *W*

State, *Mass.*

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

*White*

(This certificate to be filled in and signed by the secretary when full board is present.)  
 'I hereby certify that Dr. *W. N. Hallett*, Dr. *W. N. Hallett*, and  
 examination of *George S. Ellsophy*, the claimant in this case, on *1st* day  
 of *May*, 1897.  
 (Signature.)  
 (This certificate to be filled in by the member of the board acting as secretary, and signed by the  
 applicant, when a full board is not present.)  
 'I, \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant for (increase or original) pension referred  
 to in this medical certificate, hereby consent to be examined by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, the examining surgeons here present (waiving examination by  
 full board), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_.

