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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATE

No. 742998

VETERAN Samuel Middleton

RANK Pt.

SERVICE Co. H. 33rd Regt. U. S. C. Vol.
Inf.

GAN No. 15527

BUNDLE NO. 50

INVALID. (Series

Cert. No. **742998**

Nov 9,

Charnel Hill Station
Ft. ; Service, Co. H, 33rd U. S. I.

Original Roll: Knoxville

Transf'd. 18 to

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Issued Mar. 17, 1891

Mailed 18

Rate and Period, \$ 12 from Aug. 10, 1891

Fee, \$ 10

Deductions:

Injury of left hand

Disability: Inability to perform

4-10-1891 of eyes

Issued July 6, 1891

Mailed 18

Rate and Period, \$ 6 from May 4, 1891

Fee, \$ 10

Deductions:

Disability: Partial inability to earn

support by manual labor

Returned to the
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Sept. 10, 1902 P.A. To hold
chk pending determination
of question of identity & that
chk will be cancelled if person
prove to be imposter, also
asked to again call attention
to case if he does not receive
instructions within reasonable
time. W.C.C.M.

July 24/03 D.C. Powers, U. 72
Adv. Bureau not responsible for
payment of fee of \$1.25 as it was
an arrangement between him &
the post. W.C.C.M.

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

No 742998



Engraved and Printed at the

Bureau, Engraving & Printing

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

It is hereby certified That in conformity with the laws of the United States, Samuel Middleton who was of Private Co. H. 33^d Regiment, United States Colored Volunteer Infantry

is entitled to a pension under the provisions of the

Act of June 27, 1890,

at the rate of Six dollars per month to commence on the fourth day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

This pension being for partial inability to earn a support by manual labor.

Issued in lieu of certificate dated March 17, 1892 to correct rate.

Given at the Department of the Interior this

Sixth day of July

one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five,

and of the Independence of the United States

of America the one hundred and twentieth

Hoke Smith

Secretary of the Interior.

Countersigned.

D. J. Murphy

Acting Commissioner of Pensions.

Former payments covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

That section forty-seven hundred and forty-five, title fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4745.—Any pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment, or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension which has been, or may hereafter be, granted, shall be void and of no effect, and any person who shall pledge, or receive as a pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension, or pension certificate, which has been, or may hereafter be, granted or issued, or who shall hold the same as collateral security for any debt, or promise, or upon any pretext of such security, or promise, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and the costs of the prosecution; and any person who shall retain the certificate of a pensioner and refuse to surrender the same upon the demand of the Commissioner of Pensions, or a United States pension agent, or any other person, authorized by the Commissioner of Pensions, or the pensioner, to receive the same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and the costs of the prosecution.

Approved February 28, 1883.

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.
No. 742,998

PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

Samuel Middleton

Payable Quarterly

by the

U. S. Pension Agent
at
Chapinville Tenn.

Beaufort, S. C. Nov. 23, 1902.

This certificate was voluntarily
surrendered to me by the
pensioner, who admits that he is
an impostor.

D. M. Alexander
Special Examiner.

Anderson
Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
WASHINGTON.

June 30, 1903.

A. G. M.

The Commissioner
of Pensions.

Sir:

The recommendation contained in your letter of the 24th instant, that the name of Samuel Middleton, a pensioner under the Act of June 27, 1890, by certificate #742,998, be dropped from the roll of invalid pensioners, is hereby approved, upon the basis of your statement that evidence has been filed in the case which is accepted by you as legally and conclusively showing that he is not the soldier of record, Samuel Middleton, but that he falsely impersonated him and thus obtained pension by fraud.

Very respectfully,

A. M. Heller
Assistant Secretary.

Pats. & Miscls. Division,
C. P. 767 - '03.

A. M.

June 30, 1903.

The Commissioner

of Pensions.

Sir:

The recommendation contained in your letter of the 24th

instant, that the name of Samuel Middleton, a pensioner under the Act

of June 27, 1890, by certificate #743,998, be dropped from the roll

of invalid pensioners, is hereby approved, upon the basis of your

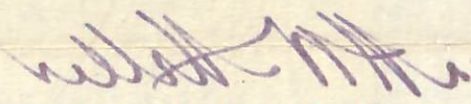
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Very respectfully,


Assistant Secretary.

U.S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS
FINANCE DIVISION
JUN 30 1903

Pat. & Misc. Division,
C. P. 767 - '03.

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Board of Revision

June 8 1895.

Cert. No. 742.998

Name Samuel Middleton

The Chief of the Southern
Division is respectfully
requested to transmit with
the return of this slip all
evidence pertaining to the
above case which is now
awaiting final action in
this Division.

Actg. Ch. Bd. of Revision.

FREELAND.

June 10. 1895.

None found

S. R. Hickey

Chief S. Division.

dy
Law Division,
October 7, 1902.

Ctf. No. 742,998,
Samuel Sherman otherwise known as
McTurious alias Samuel Middleton,
Co. H, 33d U. S. C. V. I.,
and
Orig. No. 601,302,
Rachel McGriff,
former widow of
Samuel Freep alias Samuel Middleton,
Co. H, 33d U. S. C. V. I.

Respectfully referred to the
Chief of the Board of Review for his
consideration as to the propriety of
issuing a thirty-day notice under the
invalid case, citing the pensioner
to show cause why his name should
not be dropped from the pension rolls
on the ground that he is not the
Samuel Middleton who served in Co. H,
33d U. S. C. V. I., and that his pen-
sion was obtained upon false and
fraudulent testimony.

The invalid pensioner admits in
set terms that he never served
either in the 1st S. C. Colored Inf.
before the designation of that organ-
ization was changed to the 33d U. S.
C. V. I., or in said regiment after
it was organized, and that he has

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heretofore testified falsely with
reference to his pension claim.

On August 7, 1902, this man was
arrested and in default of bond was
committed to jail at Beaufort, South
Carolina for the action of the Fed-
eral grand jury.

In view of the fact that said
grand jury will convene during the
month of November, there will proba-
bly not be sufficient time to com-
plete the action of dropping before
the papers will be required by the
District Attorney. For that reason
I would suggest that after the
thirty-day notice has been issued
the papers be returned to me to the
end that they may be transmitted
through the Department of Justice to
the U. S. District Attorney at
Charleston.

M. Cuddy
Chief, Law Division.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of So. Car. County of Beaufort SS:

IN THE MATTER OF Pension of Samuel Middleton

Private Co. No 33 Regt. U.S.A. 7 Vol

ON THIS 18th day of Aug A. D. 1902, personally appeared before me,

I Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths,

S. C. Rivers aged 56 years, a resident of St Helena Isld

in the County of Beaufort and State of So. Car.

whose Post Office address is Frogmore So. Car. and

aged — years, a resident of —

in the County of — and State of —

whose Post Office address is — well known to me to

be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declared in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I Make this application for Payment in
the Samuel Middleton claim as his
Pension Check was order by the Special
Examiner that the Check Return back to the
Agent at Knoxville Tenn and the said
Samuel Middleton is in the County Jail
and the Expenses for Executed the
Voucher Entered Aug 4th 1902 the Expense
has Not been Paid the Expense was Due

[Note.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.]

I am Paid when Check Return there fore
the Check was Return back to the
Agent and the Expense of 28 cts is due
Unpaid I Respectfully ask that you
will Respectfully See to this matter Due
for fee for Executed Voucher Aug the 4th 1902

I further declare that I have no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of said claim.



[Affiants signify mark two persons who can write sign here.]

S. C. Rivers
Notary Public
[Signature of Affiants.]

State of S. C. County of Beaufort ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words erased and the words added, and acquainted with its contents before executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant personally known to me and that credible person

S. E. Rivers
Official Signature.

Notary Public
Official Character.

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this day of 190

[SEAL.]

Clerk of the Court.

NOTICE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY who has no certificate on file in the Pension Office, CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

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Additional Evidence.

CLAIM OF

S. E. Rivers

AFFIDAVIT OF

S. E. Rivers

Notary Public

Beaufort No 742928
Samuel Mitchell

FILED BY

A. B. WEBB,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Address reply to "The Attorney General."

S.B.S.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

W.S.G.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

*In correspondence on this subject quote
the above initials and file number.*

June 2, 1903.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 5, 1902 (P. & M. Div., C. P. 1197-1902, W.B.A.), I have the honor to return herewith the papers in the pension claim of Rachel McGriff, No. 601,302, and of Samuel Middleton, No. 742,998, which were used in the criminal proceedings instituted in the U. S. court for South Carolina against Samuel Sherman, alias Samuel McTurions, alias Samuel Middleton.

The Department is advised by the U. S. Attorney for South Carolina, under date of the 25th ultimo, that Sherman plead guilty to the charges made in the indictment and was sentenced to imprisonment for one year at hard labor in the Atlanta, Ga., penitentiary.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Day.

Acting Attorney General.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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June 2, 1903.

Acting Attorney General

Returns papers in the pension claim of Rachel McGriff, No. 601,302, and Samuel Middleton, No. 742,998, and reports the conviction and sentence of Samuel Sherman, alias McFurion, alias Middleton.

June 2, 1903.

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Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Pensions.

John W. McFurion
Chief Clerk

Department of the Interior,
 Bureau of Pensions,
 Washington.

July 24, 1903.



le.
 Mr. S. C. Rivers, N. P.,
 Frogmore, South Carolina.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of your statement requesting the payment of a fee of twenty-eight cents due you for services in officiating as a notary public in the execution of a voucher for pension in the case of Samuel Middleton, invalid certificate # 742,998, upon which no payment was made because of the pensioner's indictment and conviction as an imposter.

It appears that your arrangement with the pensioner was for the payment of this fee upon his receipt of the check in payment upon said voucher. The matter of payment of such fee is one for which this Bureau is not and cannot be held in any way responsible, it being a debt due from said Samuel Middleton, and not payable out of any fund within the control of this Bureau.

Very respectfully,

B. F. Ware

Commissioner.

CERTIFICATE RECORD.

NOTES.	CERTIFICATE.	NAME OF PENSIONER.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.		CLASS AND AGENCY.	DATES OF ISSUE AND MAILING.			RATES AND PERIOD.									DEDUCTIONS.	DISABILITY.	TERMINATION.	HIGHEST RATES.
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Department of the Interior,
Pension Bureau,
Washington, D. C., October 10, 1902.
I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct
transcript of the records of the Pension Bureau.

(A. L. P.)
(Cof Div)

Commissioner of Pensions

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *October 10*, 190*2*

It is hereby certified, That the accompanying page—, numbered—
is truly copied from the original— now on file in the
Bureau of Pensions.

E. F. Warr

Commissioner of Pensions.

Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C., *October 10*, 190*2*

Be it remembered, That *E. F. Warr*

who has signed the foregoing certificate, was, at the date of signing thereof,
Commissioner of Pensions, and that to his attestations as such full faith and
credit are and ought to be given.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the
seal of the Department of the Interior to be affixed,
this *10* day of *October*, 190*2*.

Shor Ryan
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

JUL 27 1903, 190

Cef

No.

742,998

Samuel Middleton

Mr.

Jno. Speed Smith

Chief of Review Section.

See Slip Chief

Bd. of Rev.

June 20, 1903,

returning case. Please indicate where claim
shall go next.

J. B. Ward

Chief of ~~Miscellaneous~~ Section.

Return

~~Send~~

case to Board of Review for

consideration. The attached slip is

not considered sufficient authority

for further special examination;

if further investigation is desired

there should be furnished a slip of ref-

erence indicating the scope of the inves-

tigation. A. L. Bragg

Actg Chief

July 31, 1903

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Division.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., _____, 190__

No. Claim, _____

Cert. No. _____

Claimant, _____

Soldier, _____

Co. _____, Reg't _____

Respectfully *brief* action must be
taken, if the case shall
be returned here submitted
for rejection, it will be
so disposed of.

H. B. Mudgett

Reh

A. K. Dalton
Chief Board Review

Chief of _____ Division.

Division.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., Aug 7, 1903

No. Claim, *Widow 681302 Original*

Cert. No. *742998*

Claimant, *Samuel Middleton*

Soldier,

Co. *No*, *33* Reg't *48C. Vol. Infy*

Respectfully *Referred to Chief*
South Division,

Mr. Watson;

This case
was referred to Chief S. E.
Div., for such action as
was deemed necessary
in the accompanying claim
of Rachel McBrinn, Widow,
alleged, of Samuel Fries,
who, she claims, served in
this organization under
the name of Samuel Middleton,
but reception declined
for reasons stated in
 slip hereto attached.

The widow's claim followed
the late per ^{Chief of} _{Division} into
the field for Special

To determine whether the
Samuel Middleton who
resides at Frogmore S.C.
who is pensioned under
Ct #742998 is the Sam
middleton who served
in Co "H." 1st S. C. Vols.

San Div. letter June 28" 1902

JUL 27 1903 Returned for
consideration of this
Division. *Set*

no notice July 5th 1902

Law Division, June 12, 1903.

dy
Ctf. 742998, Samuel Middleton,
H, 33rd U.S.C.I.; Orig. 601, 302,
Rachael McGriff, alleged former
widow of Samuel Freep,
alias Middleton, H, 33rd USCI

Respectfully referred to Chief of Board of Review for completion of action in the invalid case under the thirty-day notice, issued Oct. 20, 1902, and for such action in the alleged widow's case as may be necessary.

The man who drew the invalid pension pleaded guilty in the U.S. district court at Charleston, S.C., on December 3, 1902, under an indictment charging him with having violated the provisions of

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Charleston.

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LAW DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

June 20, 1902
Certifying
Imm. Cert. 742.998
Wids. Cert. No. 601.302
Claimant, Samuel Middleton
Rachel McElroy
Soldier, Samuel Middleton
Same. Frank
Wid. Middleton
Service, H. 33 W.C.I.

CHIEF

DIVISION.

As this claim is to be referred to the Special Examination Division, it is requested that the papers be prepared in the manner directed by Order 76, and returned to this division without delay.

S. A. CUDDY,

Chief of Law Division.

JCS.

Examiner.

This card must be neatly and correctly made up and addressed at the post office where the article is registered.

The postmaster who delivers the registered article must see that this card is properly signed, postmarked, and mailed to the sender.

Postmark of Delivery Office

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Penalty of \$300 for private use.

RETURN TO:

Name of Sender

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box. }

WASHINGTON,

Law Dr. Oct. 29, 1902 D. C.



REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT.

Form No. 1548

Received from the Postmaster at

Beaufort S.C.
(Delivering office.)

Registered {Letter} {Parcel} No. _____

From Post Office at **WASHINGTON, D. C.,**

Addressed to

Samuel Sherman
(Name of addressee.)

Date

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(Date of delivery.)

When delivery is made to an agent of the addressee, both addressee's name and agent's signature must appear in this receipt.

Samuel Sherman

(Signature or name of addressee.)

RR Sums Corner 10th St

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

A registered article must not be delivered to anyone but the addressee, except upon addressee's written order. When the above receipt has been properly signed, it must be postmarked with name of delivering office and actual date of delivery and mailed to its address, without envelope or postage.

When the registered letter or parcel accompanying this card is delivered, the Postmaster will require signature to the receipt on the other side, also on his record of registered deliveries, and mail this card without cover to address below.

A penalty of \$300 is fixed by law for using this card for other than official business.

Post Office Department.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Post Office at

RETURN TO:

Stamp here name of Post Office

and date of delivery

Name of Sender

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box. }

Post Office at WASHINGTON,

County of Washington, District of Columbia.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS



April 2/95 742998
REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT sent

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Reg. No. 5519

From Post Office at WASHINGTON, D. C.

Reg. Letter }
Reg. Parcel }

Addressed to

Samuel Middleton

Post Office at

Frogmore

S.C.

After obtaining receipt below, the Postmaster will mail this Card, without cover and without postage, to address on the other side.

RECEIVED THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REGISTERED

{ * LETTER.
PARCEL.

(SENDER'S NAME ON OTHER SIDE.)

Sign on dotted lines
to the right.

When delivery is made to other
than addressee, the name of both
addressee and recipient must ap-
pear.

Mr. Samuel Middleton
per W.C.R.

* Erase letter or parcel according to which is sent.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Oct. 27, 1902.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:-

I have the honor to forward herewith the original papers pertaining to the claim of Samuel Middleton, late Private H 33rd U. S.C.I., Ctf. 742, 998, together with the papers in the claim of Rachel Mc Griff, widow of Samuel Freep alias Middleton, late of H 33rd U.S.C.I., Orig. 601,302, together with a certified copy of the record of the allowance of the claim of Samuel Middleton, certain original checks and vouchers upon which payments of pension were made, and various special examiners' reports relative to these cases, for consideration and reference to the Department of Justice, for transmission to the U. S. district attorney for the district of South Carolina at Charleston, with a view to the institution of criminal proceedings against Samuel Sherman, otherwise known as Mc Turious alias Samuel Middleton, late of Frogmore,

S.C., and now an inmate of the jail at Beaufort, for violation of the provisions of Section 4746 R.S.U.S., as amended by the act of July 7, 1898, or of Section 5438, as that officer may elect.

History of the Case.

One Samuel Freep, otherwise known as Samuel Middleton, was born a slave on St. Helena Island, S. C., over thirty years' prior to the commencement of the War of the Rebellion. During the year 1852 this man was taken to Florida by his master and continued to reside in that state until October, 1862, when he enlisted in H 1st S. C. V. I. While the records of the War Department show that this man was at enlistment 38 years of age, it is believed that he was at that time a much older man. He was five feet nine inches in height, with black complexion, dark eyes and dark hair, and was by occupation a mason. By reason of the advanced age of the soldier, and the fact that he was suffering with amaurosis, he was not available for military service, and on June 4, 1863, was discharged the service of the U. S. on a certificate of disability on account of amaurosis. The record is silent as to the future history of this man. If he is still living he is

very old, probably one hundred years of age.

Samuel Sherman, the accused, is the son of Harry and Hannah Sherman and was a slave of James Mc Turious. He was born in Virginia, and was sold with his mother when he was a small child and taken to St. Helena Island in Beaufort county, S. C., where he was residing when hostilities commenced.

In May, 1862, Major-General Hunter, U.S.A., then commanding the department which included Beaufort and vicinity, conceived the idea of organizing colored troops from the refugees who had flocked to Beaufort and Hilton Head and vicinity, after Beaufort was occupied by the federal army. It appears that General Hunter had great difficulty in providing for the large number of refugees on his hands, and that for many reasons he deemed it extremely desirable that the men should be employed upon some useful work, and should be armed to protect their wives and families, rather than be allowed to lie around doing nothing, getting into mischief and consuming Government rations; for this reason he caused numbers of these men to be organized into companies and set them to work learning the manual of arms. The War Department however refused to permit these men to be regularly enlisted or be mustered into the service of the United States, and peremptorily ordered General Hunter to disband his tentative organization in August, 1862.

The only record now in existence with reference to this so-called command, which never constituted a portion of the military establishment of the United States, consists of three books, purporting to be descriptive books of Co. E, and descriptive and clothing book of Co. K; and, so far as known, there is no record of the men who belonged to Co. H, if indeed there ever was such a company.

After the War Department had ordered General Hunter to disband this irregular organization, General Saxton, then military governor of South Carolina, was authorized to arm and equip a sufficient number of colored men to act as guards for the refugee camp, and one of the regiments so organized was subsequently mustered into the service of the United States under the official designation of the 1st S. C. C. Inf. A number of the men who had been connected with the experimental organization of General Hunter, enlisted and were regularly mustered into the service of the U. S., in the 1st S. C. C. Inf., and thereafter the War Department changed the designation of this organization to the 33rd U.S.C.I. by which designation it was officially known until finally mustered out of the service of the U.S., on Jan. 31, 1866. The accused was one of the refugees who congregated within the federal lines, and one of the men to whom General Hunter's officers attempted to

impart a knowledge of the manual of arms and military duties. It, however, appears that he was not anxious to serve as a soldier, since he and a number of others attempted to escape from the lines on a raft, and subsequently, as he claims accidentally, inflicted a gunshot wound, carrying away the index finger of his left hand. This man remained at home during the period that Samuel Middleton was serving in the 1st S. C. C. Inf., and it is probable that he was acquainted with said soldier, but it is admitted that the evidence does not bring the acquaintance home to him.

On August 10, 1891, the impostor filed an application for pension under the provisions of the act of June 27, 1890, through assuming the name of the soldier, Samuel Middleton. On Oct. 1, 1891, he filed an affidavit in which he set forth that on or about Feb. 10, 1862, while on the Drayton place at Hilton Head, S.C., and while target shooting with his company, his gun bursted and carried away the whole of the fore finger of his left hand.

By reason of the fact that the 33rd U.S.C.I., the organization in which this man claims service was the final and official designation of the organization which was originally called the 1st S.C.C.Inf., the Pension Bureau, as is its practice in such cases, accepted the service shown in the 1st S.C.C.I. by Samuel Middleton

as equivalent to service performed in the 33rd U.S.C.I., and in general classified all cases of the organization on service performed prior and subsequent to the change of designation as of the last designation given. By reason of this false claim and upon the faith of the testimony presented under certificate issued Mar. 17, 1892, the impostor was pensioned at \$12 per month from Aug. 10, 1891, on account of injury of left hand, malarial poisoning, disease of eyes, which said rating was subsequently reduced to \$6 per month from May 4, 1895--the impostor continuing to draw pension at that rate until he was arrested and lodged in the Beaufort jail.

The Evidence.

A certified copy of the original record taken from the Grand Roll of Pensioners of the United States in the custody of the Commissioner of Pensions at Washington shows that, under certificate 742,998, issued March 17, 1892, Samuel Middleton, late Private H, 33rd U.S.C.I., was pensioned at the rate of \$12 per month from Aug. 10, 1891, on account of injury of left hand, malarial poisoning and disease of eyes, and that his certificate was reissued on July 6, 1895, reducing the rating to \$6 per month from May 4, 1895---the pension being allowed under the provisions of the act of June 27,

1890.

The original papers herewith transmitted show that in declaration filed Aug. 10, 1891, under the name of Samuel Middleton, the impostor claimed pension on account of service alleged to have been performed in H 33rd U.S.C.I.; that in affidavit filed Oct. 1, 1891, he alleged that his wound of left hand was incurred while target-shooting with his company at Hilton Head, S.C., on Feb. 10, 1862. The original certificate of disability upon which the soldier was discharged the service, which certificate was filed in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions on June 25, 1863, shows that Samuel Middleton, late Private H 1st S.C.V.I., enlisted on Dec. 1, 1862, was born on Hilton Head island, S.C., was 38 years of age, white, five feet nine inches in height, black complexion; dark eyes; dark hair; and by occupation when enlisted a mason, and that this man was discharged the service at Beaufort, S.C. on June 4, 1863, by reason of amaurosis, with gradually failing and painful eyes. The age of the soldier stated in the certificate of disability is 38, indicating that he was born during 1825.

An employee of the Record & Pension Division of the War Department, on subpoena duces tecum directing the Secretary of War or some employee of said office in his stead to produce the

original rolls of Co. H 1st S.C.V.I., otherwise known as H 33rd U. S.C.I., will produce said record showing his service as Samuel Middleton in the organization in question, showing that there was but one Samuel Middleton in said company, showing that there was no Samuel Freeman or McTurious who served therein, and will testify that from his knowledge of the records of the Department he knows that the 1st S.C.C.I., and the 33rd U.S.C.I., were one and the same organization, the designation of which was changed, and that what is commonly called the Hunter Regiment was never mustered into the service of the U. S. at any time.

The statute of limitations bars prosecution on the original papers connected with this claim, and the proposed action will necessarily for that reason have to be based upon the vouchers upon which payments were made during the past three years. Said vouchers, herewith transmitted, all purport execution before Peter Watson, a notary public of Frogmore, S.C.; the first on Aug. 5, 1901; the second on Nov. 4, 1901; the third on Feb. 4, 1902, and the fourth on May 5, 1902. There are additional vouchers issued and paid under this claim, but it is presumed that those herewith forwarded will be sufficient for the purposes of the district attorney.

Peter Watson of Frogmore, S.C., testifies that he identi-

fies as genuine his official signature and seal on thejurats of each of the vouchers above mentioned; that the vouchers in question were presented to him and signed by the accused in his presence; that the contents of each and every voucher were made known to the accused at the time of signing; that he was sworn with uplifted hand to the truth of the contents of each voucher, and that he made oath before the witness that he was the identical Samuel Middleton who served as a Private in H 33rd U.S.C.I.

David F. Karcher of Frogmore, S. C. testifies that he has been acquainted with the accused about five years; that he identifies the four checks herewith transmitted as having been presented by the accused and cashed by him for the accused.

Andrew C. Reynolds of 149 Abecon street, Savannah, Ga., testifies that he has been acquainted with the accused for twenty years last past; that he identifies his official signature and seal on the declaration filed in the Bureau Aug.10,1891; that the accused, accompanied by James Colonel,brought that declaration to witness'house on St. Helena island,S.C.;that the paper was filled in,sofar as the designation of organization in which service was claimed when the paper was brought to witness,and witness wrote in the dsiabilities at the dictation of the accused;that there was

no discussion as to the service of the accused in witness' presence, and that witness never heard that there was any question but that the accused had served as alleged until a few months' ago.

Special Examiner Dow McClain, care of the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D.C., will testify that on May 22, 1902, he saw the accused at Frogmore, S.C., and had a conversation with him with reference to his pension claim; that the accused told him he was a son of Harry and Hannah Sherman, and a slave of James McTurious, with whom he lived until freedom; that at enlistment he took the name of Sam Middleton of his own motion, and has never been known under any other name; that he was about 34 years of age at enlistment; that he enlisted at Hilton Head, S.C. in 1864 during the summer time, and was in the army when the news came that President Lincoln was killed; that he served as a Private in H 33rd U.S.C.I.; that he was in the service about one and a half years, and was mustered out in the fall of 1866; that his colonel's name was Strober; that he had forgotten the name of the major, but believed that Durant was the surgeon; that he made various other statements with reference to the names of his officers and comrades, and went on to state that he was never in any battle, but was shot while on picket near Beaufort; that he was shot in the

finger, and the surgeon put him under the influence of chloroform and cut his finger off; that there was only injury or sickness he got in the service, and that on account of same he was in hospital about four months, being discharged from hospital on account of the wound of left hand; that he sent his discharge to Washington to be used in his pension claim and never received it again.

This affidavit is wholly false, but it is presumed that it will not be necessary, to secure the ends of justice, to institute any proceedings thereon inasmuch as the offenses committed in connection with the vouchers are so much more readily susceptible of proof than the offenses committed in this deposition.

Charles McCrea of Fernandina, Fla., testifies that he served as a Private in H 33rd U.S.C.I.; that about ten years before the war he became acquainted with one Samuel Freep at Jacksonville, who was a brick-mason, builder of houses etc.; that this Samuel Freep, Ned Smalls, Henry Clay, Amos Atkinson and witness refugeed from Jacksonville, Fla., in the spring of 1862, going to Fernandina; that in Nov. 1862, they commenced recruiting at Fernandina, and all of this party enlisted and went to Camp Saxton on Port Royal island, S.C., where they joined the regiment; that Samuel Freep served a short time with witness' company under the name of Samuel Middle-

ton, because Middleton was his true and correct name, and he answered roll call as Samuel Middleton; that there were three Middletons, Lymus, Scipio and Sam; Lymus and Scipio were brothers, and are both dead; that Samuel Freep or Middleton was brought to Jacksonville ten or twelve years before the war from South Carolina where he had resided at St. Helena island; that this the witness knows because the soldier frequently talked about having left a slave wife at St. Helena while they were at Camp Saxton, and that the soldier got a furlough and went over to the island to see his wife and seemed very happy when he returned to the camp, though he said she had taken up with another man; that while the regiment was stationed at Beaufort the old man Freep or Middleton disappeared from the regiment; that he had some disease of eyes, which, coupled with his age made him unfit for duty, and he disappeared, but whether he went to the hospital or died witness cannot say, but he knows that he was either discharged or died; that old man Freep had a son by his St. Helena wife, who was in the regiment, but not in witness' company; that witness cannot now recall what the son's name was or his company, but remembers seeing the son talking to the old man and giving him five dollars while at Camp Saxton; that the old man must have been about 50 at enlistment, because he was

old enough to have been witness' father, and the son, who witness saw at Beaufort was apparently older than witness who was then 25 years of age; that the old man was considerably taller than witness (some two or three inches taller) and witness is five feet six inches, and had some gray hair on his head and in his beard; that he was really too old to be a soldier, being over 38 (witness should think at least 50 when he enlisted;) that the soldier was a much heavier man than was witness; that witness now recalls that the soldier's St. Helena wife was named Arnetter; that he had another wife named Rachel, who was carried off by her master a year or so before they refugeed at Fernandina, and that witness returned to Fernandina after his discharge from the service.

Emanuel Washington of Frogmore, S.C., testifies that he was late a Corporal in H 1st S.C.C.I., otherwise known as the 33rd U.S.C.I., from Dec. 1862, to Jan. 31, 1866; that a large number of the members of his company were from Florida, among whom were Amos Atkinson, Thomas Hubbard, Charles McCrea, Ned Smalls, Fortune Baker and Lymus, Scipio and Samuel Middleton; that Scipio Middleton was a sergeant and Lymus Middleton was a corporal; that the other Middleton (Samuel) was an old man, somewhat afflicted and served but a short time during the period that Capt. Dolly commanded the

company; that Samuel had some eye trouble, and Capt. Dolly had him examined and discharged, and witness never saw him again; that as witness remembers Samuel Middleton did no duty other than rake around and clean up the company's street, and he wore some sort of a protection over his eyes--a much older man than witness, and was called old man Middleton in the company; that he was about three inches taller than was witness, in fact he was quite a tall man and wore a little beard; his complexion was black. Witness does not know where this man was born, but he came from Florida with the comrades he has named; that there was some talk about his having been born in South Carolina, but witness does not recall anything being said about him having a wife in South Carolina or a son who belonged to the regiment; that witness is acquainted with a fellow on St. Helena island who calls himself Sam Middleton and who resides on the McTurious plantation; that he has known this man about 8 or 9 years, and knows he is not the Samuel Middleton who served in witness' company, and witness is further certain that this man was not in witness' regiment; that witness has heard rumors that the accused stated he served in his company, but though he is acquainted with the man he has never had the nerve to tell him so himself; that this man was a member of the Veteran So-

ciety, but his name was erased, and he was rejected for membership in the Hunter Post G.A.R., and that witness has talked with the accused a great many times, but he never claimed to witness that he had served in H 1st S. C. C. I., or the 33rd U.S.C.I.

Jack Parker, late of Frogmore, S. C., testifies that he served as a Private in H 1st S.C.C.I., and 33rd U.S.C.I. from Dec. 1862, to Jan. 1866; that he has resided on St. Helena island all his life; that he remembers one Samuel Middleton who served a short time while Capt. George Dolly was Captain of the Company(H); that this Sam Middleton was past middle age and enlisted from Florida with Lymus and Scipio Middleton, Charles McCrea and others; that his comrades referred to him as old man Middleton, because he was much older than the rest of them; that this man was considerably taller than witness, witness being five feet six inches in height; that he was a fun-maker, being a tambourine player, having one made with a hyde or a skin, making music by beating it, but witness does not know this man's occupation, or if he ever lived on St. Helena island; that he served only a short time and was discharged, and witness knows that he did not leave Beaufort when the company left there; that witness does not remember what was the matter with old man Middleton; that for seven or eight years witness has

known a fellow who lives on St. Helena Island calling himself Samuel Middleton, but he is not the man who served in witness' company; ^{he} this swears positively; that this man did not serve in witness' company under the name of Samuel Middleton or any other name; that witness never knew that he had that name until about three years ago; that this man has never claimed to witness that he served in the army at all, and that witness has talked with him a great many times, and he has never mentioned the company; and further that this man was rejected when he applied for admission to the G. A. R.

Thomas Fields of Port Royal, S. C., testifies that he was a Sergeant in H 1st S. C. C. I., and 33rd U.S.C.I., from Nov. 1862, to Jan. 1866; that he remembers old man Samuel Middleton, who came from Florida and enlisted in H 1st S. C. C. I., but was unfit for service by reason of advanced age and disease of eyes, being discharged at Beaufort; that witness can not recall how long this man served, but not less than a year; of that witness is positive; that old man Middleton did not render any service as a fact- did not drill or do duty other than clean up the company street; that witness was not acquainted with this soldier prior to his enlistment, and has never seen him since his discharge; that he was

a very tall man, with black complexion; that witness does not know whether he had a wife or other relative who lived in the neighborhood of Beaufort; that on Sep. 3, 1902, witness interviewed Samuel Sherman or McTurious at the jail at Beaufort, and swears positively that that man is not the Samuel Middleton with whom witness served, and did not serve in witness' company under any name whatever.

Jack Danner of Beaufort, S.C., testifies that he was a Private in H 1st S.C.C.I., and 33rd U.S.C.I.; that on Aug. 19, 1902, he had a conversation with Samuel Middleton, the accused, who stated to witness that he had been with Hunter's men in 1862, but was not enlisted; that he did not enlist in the 1st S.C.C.I., or the 33rd U.S.C.I.; that he has no knowledge of the history of the company and regiment in which the witness served, and witness swears positively that that man was not a member of the company or regiment.

Thomas Smith, Frogmore, S. C., testifies that he served as a Private in A, 1st S.C.C.I., and 33rd U.S.C.I., from Dec. 1862, to Jan. 1866; that he has been acquainted with the accused since long before the war, residing about two and a half miles from him,

and that the accused belonged to James McTurious, and witness simply knew him as Sam until they began drilling on Hilton Head under General Hunter; that this Sam and witness were with Hunter's Experimental Regiment, and therein Sam was known as Samuel Middleton; that they remained together until Hunter's men were disbanded-- witness going to Beaufort in Dec. 1862 and enlisting in Co. A 1st S.C.C.I.; that witness afterwards went with his regiment to Jacksonville, Fla., but does not know what the accused did, but does know that he did not enlist in the 1st S.C.C.I., as witness never saw him during the remainder of the war; that when witness was discharged in 1866 and returned home he again met the accused and observed that he had lost the index finger of his left hand; that witness has no personal knowledge as to how this finger was lost, though he has heard rumors with reference to the matter; that the accused was denied admission to the G. A. R.; that the accused kept the fact that he had applied for pension a secret; that shortly after the accused first received his pension witness asked how he got it, because he was no soldier, and accused answered that the Government sent it to him, stating that he had not applied for it or written a letter; that witness then warned the accused that ^{not} he was entitled to pension and would get into trouble if he persisted in drawing a fraudulent pension; that on Aug. 6, 1902, the ac-

cused repeated to witness that he had never applied for a pension, and the Government had just sent it to him; that the witness remembers that the accused with half a dozen others ran away from the Hunter organization by seizing a flat and working their way back to St. Helena island, but were caught on the Broad river, near Paris bank and carried back to Hilton Head, where they were kept under guard until the Hunter organization disbanded, and that witness was one of the men who caught them and brought them back.

Oliver Middleton of Frogmore, S.C., testifies that he was a Private in H 21st U.S.C.I., but before he enlisted in that regiment drilled with the Hunter men, some of whom were rejected, but a majority of whom were sworn in as members of the 1st S.C., afterward called the 33rd U.S.C.I.; that witness has known Sam McTurious all his life, having always resided on the adjoining plantation; that the name of the step-father of the accused was Harry McTurious or Sherman, his mother's name was Hannah Sherman, and the son was called Sam McTurious until about 1873, when he joined the 1st African Baptist Church under the name of Middleton (offering no explanation for changing his name); that this Sam is a pensioner of the United States, but did not render any military service

that he shot off the index finger of his left hand when they were forcing men into the service; that witness did not see him fire the shot, but saw him when he was going around with his hand tied up; that the soldiers came after Sam to take him in the army before this occurred; that shortly after the accused applied for pension he told witness that his attorney, James Colonel, told him that he must stick to the name of Samuel Middleton, and that he knew he was not the Samuel Middleton who served, but James Colonel told him that if he would stick to that name he would get a pension; that after the accused got a pension he tried to join Hunter Post No. 9 at Frogmore but was rejected, and that witness knows positively that the accused was not in the army.

Jerry Polite of Frogmore testifies that he served as a Private in H 21st U.S.C.I., from Aug. 1864 to April 1866; that he has known the accused all his life; that the accused is the son of Hannah Sherman who brought him to St. Helena island when a child, and left his father behind in Virginia; that Harry Sherman was the stepfather of the accused, and his owner's name was James McTurious, and Sam was known as McTurious until some time after the war, when he took the name of Middleton, but witness does not know why he took that name; that witness knows the accused drilled

with the Hunter Experimental Organization from about April to August, 1862, then came home, remained there and did not enlist in the army up to the time witness enlisted in Aug. 1864; that witness knows that from August, 1862 to August 1864, the accused was at his home on St. Helena island; that the accused never claimed to have been a soldier, and that the accused has never talked to witness about his pension matters.

Cuffy Chisholm of Frogmore, S.C., testifies that he was late a Corporal in H 21st U.S.C.I. from Aug. 1864 to April 1866, and before enlisting in that organization drilled under General David Hunter from April to Aug. 1862; that the Hunter organization was disbanded in August 1862, and witness then went home where he remained until he enlisted in August 1864; that witness has known the accused, Samuel McTurious, since he was a small boy, having resided within a quarter of a mile of him 45 years; that the accused was never in the military or naval service of the U.S.; that witness left the accused at home when he went to drill with the Hunter men, and knows the accused was at home when the Hunter men disbanded and remained at home up to the time witness enlisted with the exception of a brief period just after he lost his left index

finger and was under treatment at the hospital in St. Helena village; that witness cannot say just when he shot himself, but remembers it occurred on the McTurious plantation soon after witness returned home in Aug. 1862, though witness cannot now say whether it was in the latter part of 1862 or the spring of 1863 that it occurred, but knows that it was some time prior to Aug. 1864; that witness was not an eye witness to the shooting and did not see the accused until he had been under treatment in the village hospital for a while; that the accused has never been disposed to talk about the loss of his finger, so witness has not asked him any questions; that the accused tried to join the Grand Army Post at Beaufort, but was rejected, and that the accused was brought to the Island from Virginia when a child.

Joseph Jenkins of Frogmore, S. C. testifies that he served as a Private in H 21st U.S.C.I. from Aug. 1864, to Feb. 1866, and has been acquainted with the accused since he was a small boy; that they resided within a mile of each other up to the time witness enlisted in August, 1864; that during the years 1862 and 1863, and up to August during the year 1864 witness saw the accused two or three times each week and knows he did not render any military

service prior to August, 1864, but was at home with his owner, McTurious, on St. Helena island, S. C.

Peter Watson of Frogmore, S. C., (see testimony of this witness above with reference to execution of vouchers) testifies that he has known Sam McTurious since he, witness, was a small child, as they resided on adjoining plantations since his earliest recollection down to the present day; that in 1872 they organized the 1st African Baptist Church at Frogmore; that witness was the secretary and knows that Mr. McTurious gave in his name as Middleton; that witness had never heard him called Middleton before and had never heard it mentioned that his name was Middleton, and does not know how he came to take that name; that witness had seen the accused about every day from his infancy, with the exception of the period that witness was in the army, and never heard him call himself or heard any person call him Middleton; that witness enlisted in Aug. 1864, in Co. H 21st U.S.C.I., and returned home on Sep. 20, 1865, and if the accused was ever an enlisted man at all it must have been during this period, because witness knows he was not an enlisted man before witness went away or after witness came back, though witness does recall that the accused was with the Hunter regiment on Hilton Head, which was disbanded in

1862, then he came back home and remained there to witness' certain knowledge until witness enlisted in August 1864; that witness knows that the accused drilled with the Hunter men, because his father ran a boat and took chickens and water melons and food to the men once a week, and witness there saw McTurious and talked with him; that witness recalls that shortly before he enlisted there was a good deal of shooting going on and it was dangerous to attempt to evade service, and that about this time the accused shot off a part of his left hand; that witness did not see this occur, (that is did not witness the shooting); that witness never knew the accused was an applicant for pension until after his claim had been allowed, and after the pension was granted told the accused that it was wrong for him to take it as he had not been a soldier, and the Government must have made a mistake in granting him pension, and the accused said "if the Government had made a mistake, it is none of my business", and that immediately after this conversation witness wrote a letter to the Commissioner of Pensions advising him that Middleton was not a soldier, and an error had been made, to which he received a reply, which he places in the special examiner's hands, (see same on Page 64, Mr. Alexander's report).

It is believed that the testimony briefed above shows,

beyond a reasonable doubt that this man who has continuously drawn the pension, as shown above, is not the Samuel Middleton who performed the service and is an impostor. In addition to the direct testimony to show that he is not the soldier who he alleged himself to be he made a confession, which can be established as follows:

Special Examiner D.H.Alexander, care of the Commissioner of Pensions, will testify that he is a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions and was so employed on Aug.6,1902, when he saw Samuel Middleton, who stated to him that he was the son of Harry and Hannah Sherman and was a slave of James McTurious; that he was born in Virginia, and his mother was sold away when he was a small child and brought him down to St. Helena island,S.C.,where he has continued to reside ever since; that before the war he was just called Sam,no surname, though his mother sometimes called him Nat as a nickname, but he never had any real name than Sam, though he was sometimes called Sam McTurious; that he enlisted in the army under the name of Samuel Middleton, and the name occurred to him the day he enlisted, and so he made up his mind to take it, though he had never thought of the name before, cannot see why he fancied it, but he just took a notion to it, and so he gave his

name as Samuel Middleton; that a paper came from William M. Wright pension attorney at Washington, addressed to Samuel Middleton; James Colonel, a sort of pension attorney received the letter and as he was the only Samuel Middleton on the island, James Colonel sent for him and he went to his house; that James Colonel told him the paper had in it the 33rd regiment U.S.C.I., and so he and the accused just agreed to fill it out and send it to Washington; so he, the accused went to Mr. Reynolds, a notary public ~~ent~~ with James Colonel, James Jenkins and July Middleton and signed the application; that the accused knew this was wrong because, to tell the truth he never was an enlisted man, but he did drill with Hunter's men for a while in the summer of 1862, and expected to go into the military service, but never did enlist because orders came from Washington to disband, and Hunter's organization did disband; that he admitted that he had not enlisted in the 1st S.C. C.I., or the 33rd U.S.C.I., or any other regiment, and that he knew he was not the soldier because he never enlisted; that he was loafing around Beaufort, as were a majority of the men who had been with the Hunter organization, when about dark some person unknown fired a pistol or rifle, which took off the index finger of his left hand, and he went to Dr. Mondy, in charge of a hospi-

tal in Beaufort, who treated him for his injury about three months; that there were both soldiers and civilians under treatment in this hospital; that after he left this hospital the accused went back home to the McTurious plantation and remained there and has lived there ever since, and was never in the military service of the United States; that his statements to Examiner McClain about having served in the army were all false; that he never did have any disease of eyes; that he had never been in trouble before; that he has been worrying about this pension business since before he first got his pension; that he filed a declaration for pension, well knowing it to be false; that the Hunter regiment was never recognized by the Government, and that he had never served in any regiment which was recognized; that he did not incur the wound of hand at Beaufort; that in truth he got that wound on St. Helena island; that his rifle caught on a piece of shrubbery and was accidentally discharged, taking off the finger; that he did not inflict this wound purposely, but it was an accident.

The special examiner will further testify that he asked the man why when he knew he was doing wrong, as he stated, he did not abandon the scheme, and the accused stated to him that he needed the money and was afraid to let go, and then went on to state that he tried to get into the Post at Frogmore, but was rejected on

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the ground that he was not the soldier, and that having heard read the deposition which he had executed before other special examiners with reference to his pension claim, he simply had to say that he had not told them the truth, and that he had told McClain that he had served in H 33rd U.S.C.I., and was in the service when President Lincoln was killed and went on picket duty, all of which was false; that he did execute his pension vouchers before Peter Watson, and has received a pension for the past three years, and that Watson has always sworn him to the vouchers.

Mr. Alexander will further testify that on Sep. 29, 1902, the accused admitted to him that his full and correct name was Samuel Sherman; that he was not a soldier, and he knew he was not entitled to pension; that immediately after he received the first payment, Peter Watson told him that he would get into trouble about the matter with the Government if he continued to draw the pension, and that Esop Singleton and Richard Washington, now dead, composed the committee of the Grand Army which rejected him for membership to the G. A. R. Hattie C. Edgell of 43 West street, Beaufort, and Elliott Washington of Frogmore were witnesses to the first confession of the accused, and Special Examiner Dow McClain to the last confession of the accused. Each of the vouchers executed

by this man upon which he drew the sum of \$18 were false and fraudulent in this, that therein he swore that he served in H 33rd U.S. C.I., when in truth and in fact he never did serve in that or any other military organization which was mustered into the service of the United States, as he well knew.

Each of these vouchers was of itself a false claim for pension against the Government of the U. S., for the quarter named therein, hence each of said vouchers constitutes a separate and distinct violation of the provisions of Section 4746 R.S.U.S., as amended by the act of July 7, 1898, and also of Section 5438 R.S.U.S.

Very respectfully,

J. H. Warrington,
Acting Commissioner.

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Very respectfully,

Commissioner.



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Pensioner Samuel Waddleton

Soldier

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The Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the
above-named pensioner who was last paid
at \$ 6, to 4 Aug. 1902
has been dropped because of your
order of 1st inst



RECORD DIVISION,
Section E.-A.



Finance Division

JUL 13 1903

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Act of June 27, 1890.

3-369.
(Old No. 3-149.)

Cert. No. 742998

BRIEF FOR DROPPING OR CONTINUANCE.

Claimant, *Samuel Middleton*
P. O., *"The Jail," Beaufort*
County, _____
State, *South Carolina*
Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____

Rank, *Private*
Company, *16*
Regiment, *33rd W. S. C. Vol. Inf.*

Pensioned for _____

July 1, 1903
U. S. Pension Agent directed to
DROP
name from the roll on
account of *Not in service*
of record - False information
Auditor advised _____

Submitted *June 10*, 19*03*; *L. R. Murren*, Examiner.
16

APPROVALS.

Approved for—

Approved for—

dropping on the ground that this pension is
an imposition. Not only is not the policy of record
but was never an enlisted man in the U. S. Service,
Notice given. No testimony filed in rebuttal.

JUN 19 1903

A. H. Play
Legal Reviewer.

Medical Examiner.

Medical Reviewer.

June 20, 19*03*, *A. B. Briggate*
Medical Reviewer.

Pensioned from *May 4*, 18*95*, for *partial inability to*
earn a support by manual labor under Act June 27, 1890.

Last paid at \$ *6*

L.R.M.

3-218.
(Old No. 3-603.)

BOARD OF REVIEW.

Ex'r.

Certificate No: 742,998,

Samuel Middleton,

Department of the Interior,

Co."H", 33"U.S.C.Vol.Inf.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

The above title should be indorsed on every paper relating to this claim.

Washington, D. C., November 17, 1902.

Sir:

You are informed that it is shown by evidence on file, adduced on special examination, that you are not the soldier of record Samuel Middleton, but that you falsely impersonated him and thus obtained pension by fraud.

It further appears from your own admission that you never served either in the 1st U. S. C. Inf., before the designation was changed to the 33" U. S. C. V. I., or in the said regiment after its organization.

Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved December 21, 1893, you will be given thirty days from the receipt hereof in which to file any evidence that you may be able to obtain bearing upon the matter stated above. At the expiration of that time, unless the facts are shown not to be as herein set forth, your name will be dropped from the list of pensioners.

This letter should be returned with the evidence in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Pensions and marked in the lower left-hand corner, "Board of Review."

Very respectfully,

Mr. Samuel Sherman, otherwise known as

McTurious, alias Samuel Middleton,

"The Jail," Beaufort, South Carolina.

1014b3m9-01

B. F. Ware
Commissioner.

(over)

Beaufort, S.C. Nov. 22, 1902.

I certify that a copy of the within notice was this day read
and explained to me and placed in my hands by the Special Examiner;
that I have no testimony to introduce.

Attest

Willie Sherman Scott
D. H. Alexander

his
Samuel Sherman, alias
mark

Samuel Middleton



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 17, 1902.

Mr. D.H.Alexander,
Special Examiner,
Beaufort, S.C.

Sir:

Relative to case Ctf.No.742,998, Samuel Middleton, late of
Co. "H", 33rd U.S.C.Vol.Inf., herewith find slip from the Chief of
the Board of Review, of even date, together with duplicate notices
of dropping pensioner's name from the roll.

You will comply with the requirements of the above mentioned
slip.

Very respectfully,

E. S. Ware
Commissioner.

Clt. No 742,998

Samuel Middleton (Impostor)

Co. H. 33rd. U. S. C. Inf.

Respectfully returned for

reference to the Chief of Board
of Review - the within instruc-
tions having been complied with.

D. H. Alexander

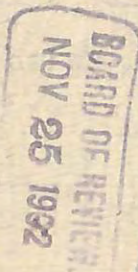
Special Examiner.

NOV 24 1902

Respectfully referred to
Chief of *Board of Review*
for consideration

W. L. Craig
Chief, S. E. Division

*For
30 day despatch*



BOARD OF REVIEW.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Nov 17, 1903

No. Claim,

Cert. No.

Claimant,

Soldier,

Co.

742998.
 Samuel Middleton.
 N 33 Reg't U.S.C. Vol 4

Respectfully referred
 to Chy Sp. L. Dir.
 with the request that
 the attached which
 dropping be sent to
 Mr Alexander, Sp. Br.
 with instructions to
 ascertain pensioner's
 whereabouts & return on
 him one copy making
 return to this Board
 on the remaining copy on
 his (pensioner's) signature
 Thence sent by
 registered mail on Dec.
 20 has been received at.

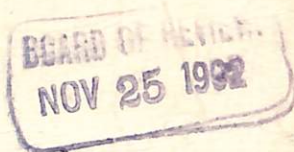
The file accepted for
 by the ^{Acty} Sheriff P. P. Sims.
 forwarded to Prognostic
 B.C. from whence

it has been
returned unclaimed
with the endorsement
"Not at. Freeman"
The case is at the
Dept. of Justice.

A. M. Dalton
Chy Ed. Allen
C

S. M.

Nov 17. 1902.



BOARD OF REVIEW.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Feb 3, 1903

No. Claim, _____

Cert. No. _____

Claimant, _____

Soldier, Samuel Whittleton

Co. H, 33 Reg't. U.S. C.V.I.,

Respectfully referred
to Chief Finance
Division with the request
that he instruct the
Person Agent at
Kennebec to suspend
payments.

On Nov 22 1902 the
person was notified
that his name would
be dropped from the
rolls as he is an
imprisoned.

The case is now
in the hands of the
Dep. Atty.

Please return
to Esq. J. B. Dalton
21 days due Chief Dep. Atty.

Feb'y 3rd 1903 To P^y
to suspend payment
until further notice
Ed

Wid 691302

3-195.
(Old No. 3-625 a.)

BOARD OF REVIEW.

Cert. No. 742992

Pensioner,

Soldier, Daniel Madison

Co. H 30 Reg't 4507.9

Chief, [Signature] Div.

Please let the bearer have any evidence pertaining to the above-cited pension claim which you may have in your files.

If you have none, please so state hereon.

Very respectfully,

T. W. DALTON,
Chief Board of Review.

Jun 31. 1903

NO EVIDENCE.

[Signature]

[Signature]

Chief of Division.
Chief of Southern Div.

Ind 601302

3-195.

(Old No. 3-625 a.)

BOARD OF REVIEW.

Cert. No. 742.998

Pensioner Amos W. Middlebrooks

Soldier, Co. H 33 Reg't 25th U.S.

Chief Co Div.

Please let the bearer have any evidence pertaining to the above-cited pension claim which you may have in your files.

If you have none, please so state hereon.

Very respectfully,

T. W. DALTON,

Chief Board of Review.

July 3, 1903

NO EVIDENCE.

J. W. Watson
Chief of Southern Division.

SSS

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3-195.
(Old No. 3-625 a.)

BOARD OF REVIEW.

Cert. No. 742998
Pensioner, _____
Soldier, Paul Whittle
Co. H 33 Reg't 45 C V S
Chief Co. Div. _____

Please let the bearer have any evidence
pertaining to the above-cited pension claim
which you may have in your files.

If you have none, please so state hereon.

Very respectfully,

T. W. DALTON,
Chief Board of Review.

June 18 1903

NO EVIDENCE.

Severance
Chief of Southern Div.

Chief of Division.

LAW:

Act of June 27, 1890.

Correct Rate.

Reissue to

Claimant,

Samuel Middleton

P. O.,

Frogmore,

County,

Beaufort,

State,

South Carolina.

Rate, \$

per month, commencing

Rank,

Pvt.

Company,

H.

Regiment,

33^d U.S.C. Vol. Inf.

AS PER ACTION OF MED. REFEREE

AND B'D OF REVISION.

In lieu of Act dated Mar. 17, 1892.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

Revision under Departmental Decision of May 27, 1893, and Office Orders (No. 225) of June 9, 1893, and (No. 240) of August 26, 1893.

Respectfully referred to the Medical Referee for his opinion whether, under the above decisions, the pensioner is entitled to his present rate of \$ 12 ?

Approved for reduction to

\$ 6 per month

(Call attention to any pending claim for increase, former pension and rate

under another law, or other essential fact.)

Aug. 1, 1894 J. Longman, Reviewer.

Shirley H. Hough, Medical Referee.
Feb. 23, 1895

NOTE.—If the present rate is continued on the above action, cut off the remainder of this blank at this point.

Reference for Notice of Reissue under another Law, Reduction, or Dropping.

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the Notification Section for legal notice to the pensioner that his pension under the above act will be reduced to \$6.

in accordance with the above opinion of the Medical Division

(If action is solely upon conclusive legal grounds, erase this clause and state legal grounds.)

Mar. 16th, 1895.

H. H. Hough, Reviewer.

Final Medical Action after Legal Notice and Hearing.

Upon all the evidence now filed in the case the medical action taken _____, 189____, should

_____, 189____,

_____, Medical Referee.

Final Legal Action after Notice and Hearing.

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the Bd. of Revision, Legal notice and hearing having been given the pensioner, the decision to reduce the pension to \$6. per mo. in accordance with the Medical action of Feb. 23 - _____, 1895, is adhered to, as above July 13 - _____, 1895. M. S. Ingram, Reviewer.

NOTE.—If after notification the action is to continue Board of Revision will send case to proper files; if to drop Finance Division will do so; if to reissue under another law or reduce, Board of Revision will forward to Board of Review.

Two New Evidence
filed July 13-95

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

INVALID PENSION.

742.996
Amoy

Claimant, Samuel Middleton
 P. O., Frogmore Rank, Private
 County, Beaufort Company, H.
 State, S. C. Regiment 33rd U. S. C. Vol. Inf.
 Rate, \$ 2, per month, commencing Aug. 10th 1891

Disabled by Injury of left hand, malarial poisoning & disease of eyes

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, Wm. M. Wright Fee, \$ 10 Agent to pay.
 P. O., Washington D. C. Articles filed, none, 189

APPROVALS.

Submitted for admission, March 4, 1892 Samuel Frazier, Examiner.

Approved for admission
skin disease removed
unless a result of - or related to
dis. alleged

R. F. Elliott
March 8, 1892. Legal Reviewer.

Approved for Injury of left hand,
malarial poisoning &
disease of eyes
(disease of skin not included)
Russell Wiley
March 16th 1892 Medical Referee.

not now pensioned under other laws. Last paid to _____, 18____, at \$_____
 Pensioned from _____, 18____, at \$_____, for _____

SERVICE SHOWN BY RECORD.

Enlisted Dec. 1st, 1862, was honorably discharged June 4th, 1863
 Re-enlisted _____, 18____, honorably discharged _____, 18____

Declaration filed Aug. 10, 1891, alleges permanent disability, not due to vicious habits,
 from Heart disease, pains over the back and swimming in
the head. In affidavit filed Oct. 1st 1891, loss of finger of left hand.
Surg. Cert of Disability shows disease of eyes in service
to have signs by mark. in M. C.

Index Sheet, Claim No. 742998. Inw ctf.
 Samuel Middleton

Service, H. 33, USC Sub

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NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1	Samuel Middleton	Aug 10/91	Declaration
2	" "	Oct 1/91	Loss of fore finger, in target practice
3	" "	May 29/94	Family data
		July 27/94	Atty report.
5			Ctf of des for discharge
6	E. C. McTurney	Sept 2/91	Soldier's disabilities
and	Dick Perry		Non-vicious habits.
	Beaufort SC.		
7	Med Ex.	Nov 11/91	Beaufort SC.
8	" "	Dec 12/94	Beaufort SC.

LAW DIVISION

L. B. L.

Department of the Interior,

Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.,

October 7, 1902.

Chief of Record and Pension Office,

War Department.

Sir:

Relative to the contesting claims of Samuel Sherman otherwise known as McTurious alias Samuel Middleton, late of Co. H, 33d U. S. C. V. I., Ctf. No. 742,998, and of Rachel McGriff, former widow of Samuel Freep alias Samuel Middleton, late of Co. H, 33d U. S. C. V. I., Orig. No. 601,302, I have to state that it appears from the testimony taken during a recent special examination of said claims that the invalid pensioner, who resides at Frogmore, Beaufort County, South Carolina, is an impostor, and that the Samuel Middleton who served in Co. H, 33d U. S. C. V. I., came from Florida and was known as Samuel Freep prior to his enlistment.

The impostor admits that he is not the Samuel Middleton who served in said company, but claims that he enlisted under the name of Samuel Middleton in Gen'l Hunter's experimental regiment, which



2 - Chief, R. & P. Office.

was never mustered into the Federal service, at Hilton Head, South Carolina, during the year 1862, stating that he simply drilled with this Hunter regiment in the summer of 1862 and expected to go into the military service but after he had drilled for three or four months orders came from Washington to disband and the Hunter regiment did disband and he never enlisted.

The testimony filed in connection with the application of this man for a certificate in lieu of a lost discharge is admitted to be false, James Colonel, one of the witnesses, testifying specifically before the special examiner that he knows that the man in whose behalf he testified was never in the 33d U. S. C. V. I. or in the 1st S. C. Colored Inf.

If there exists a record of the members of the so-called Hunter regiment, I would appreciate your courtesy if you would cause the same to be examined for the purpose of determining whether there is any record of the alleged service of the impostor with said organization, and if such a record is found that you will furnish me with a copy of the same. It is understood that the Hunter regiment was not mustered into the service and that your Department does not consider the same as having at any time constituted a portion of the military establishment of the United States, but it is the purpose of this Bureau to recommend the prosecution of the



the Hunter Regiment in the summer of 1863 and expected to go into
Georgia, during the year 1863, stating that he simply drilled with
was never mustered into the Regular Service, at Hilton Head, South

impostor and in that connection it is desirable that all available
evidence be produced to corroborate the testimony now on hand.

Very respectfully,

B. F. Ware
Commissioner.



RECORD & PENSION OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, October 14, 1902.

Respectfully returned to

The Commissioner of Pensions.

The organization designated within as "General Hunter's Experimental Regiment" was doubtless the 1st South Carolina Volunteers which was organized by Major General Hunter in May, 1862, and which was disbanded about August, 1862, the War Department having failed to authorize its muster in. It was not in the military service of the United States, and there are no rolls of it on file in this Department. There are, however, on file three books of the organization purporting to be the descriptive book of Company E, and the descriptive and clothing books of Company K, but neither of the names mentioned within has been found thereon.



By AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

W. D. Quinnell
Per Chief, Record and Pension Office.

(3000)

Government Pension
Washington, D.C.
Oct. 4, 1902
Samuel Sharp, alias
Samuel Middleton
Gen. Hunter, & promoted Regt
Co. H. 33rd U.S.C. A.
W. J. Hare, Gen.
requests record of Gen.
Hunter's Regt
Commissioner.

File 319991.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.,

Sep. 13, 1902.

Chief of Record & Pension Office,
War Department,

Sir:-

It appears that the 1st S. C. Inf. of African Descent afterwards became the 33rd U.S.C.I.; that the 2nd Regiment became the 34th U.S.C.I.; the 3rd and 4th Regiments became the 21st U.S.C.I., and Co. A of the 5th Regiment became a part of Co. F of the 34th U.S.C.I. (Page 181 Synonyms of Volunteer Organizations of the U.S. A.G.O., 1885.

Part 4 of the Volunteer Army Register does not contain any information with reference to these organizations, nor is there any further reference to them in Part 8 of the Vol. Army Register, except that the organizations were consolidated or their designations changed as above indicated.

This Bureau has recently been investigating a number of ca-

ses in the vicinity of Hilton Head, S.C., in connection with which it appears that the pensioners were discharged the service before the designations of the organizations were changed, and in several cases were discharged prior to Jan. 31, 1863, the date of the organization of the 1st S. C. Inf. of African descent.

It appears that one or more of these organizations were originally known as the Hunter regiment or regiments, and are so referred to by survivors of the 33rd U.S.C.I. If your office has published a supplement to the Volunteer Army Register, which appears to have been issued on July 16, 1867, with reference to these South Carolina organizations, I would appreciate your courtesy if you would forward a copy of the same to me; or if you have in your possession a printed roster or brief statement of the history of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th S. C. C. I., which you can forward to or loan this Bureau, the same would be of material service.

Very respectfully,

J. L. Doughty
Acting Commissioner.

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, Sept. 17, 1902.

Respectfully returned to

The Commissioner of Pensions.

No supplemental edition of the Volunteer Army Register referred to within has been issued by this Department.

The 1st South Carolina Volunteers, which became the 33d United States Colored Infantry; the 2d South Carolina Volunteers, which became the 34th United States Colored Infantry, and Company A of the 5th South Carolina Volunteers, which was consolidated with Company F, 2d South Carolina Volunteers; and Company A, 4th South Carolina Volunteers, and Companies B, C, D and A, 3d South Carolina Volunteers, which became, respectively, Companies A, B, C, D and E, 21st United States Colored Infantry, were organized under the authority of the War Department, and were mustered into the military service of the United States.

The organization designated within as the "Hunter Regiment" was doubtless the 1st South Carolina Volunteers, which was organized by Major General Hunter in May, 1862, and which was disbanded about August, 1862, the War Department having failed to authorize its muster in. It was not in the military service of the United States.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

Chief, Record and Pension Office.



RECORD & PENSION OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT
SEP 16 1902

Clairmont, D.C.

Sept. 13, 02

Commissioner of Pensions

also whether this office

has published a complete

ment with the War Department

negatives, if not required

a copy of the same, or a

printed notice on brief

re-issuance of the history

of the regiment —

1. 2. 3. 4 & 5. A. C. Chief of
African descent.

Acting Commissioner.

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LAW DIVISION.

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Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Aug 20 1902

Aug. 19, 1902.

Chief of Record & Pension Office,
War Department,

Sir:-

Mace

For use in connection with a pending special examination of the claim of Samuel Middleton, pensioned upon service alleged to have been performed in H 33rd U.S.C.V.I., Ctf. 742,998, you are requested to return this letter with a copy of the testimony upon which the pensioner was granted a certificate in lieu of a lost discharge.

Very respectfully,

J. L. Searcy
Acting Commissioner.

Mark He

Aug 19, 1902

Samuel Middleton
No 33 was dry

Course of Pensioning

Requests early evidence
upon which claim in him
lost thereby granted.

File 329952

Record and Pension Office,
WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, August 22, 1902.

Respectfully returned to

The Commissioner of Pensions.

In his application for a certificate in lieu of lost discharge Samuel Middleton named some of the officers and enlisted men of his company and regiment, gave the place of his birth and personal description, and was identified by James Colonel and S. M. Reynolds, Frogmore, Beaufort County, South Carolina, who declared, on or about May, 1902, that they had been acquainted with the soldier for a life-time and for fourteen years, respectively, and knew that he was the soldier himself. The statements of the applicant as to the membership of the company and regiment and the place of birth, complexion, eyes and hair, are verified by the records, but the statement as to age, height and occupation differs from the record of the late soldier.

The application was signed by mark, and the signature was witnessed by James Colonel and S. M. Reynolds (identifying witnesses), who signed their names in the presence of A. C. Reynolds, a notary public of Beaufort County, South Carolina.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

PENSION OFFICE
1902 AUG 23
Chief, Record and Pension Office.
T. D. C. Smith
AUG 25 1902

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE

AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

September 8, 1902.

Respectfully returned to the
Hon. Commissioner of Pensions.

any other company or regiment
than Co. A, 33rd U.S.C. Inf.,
nor under any other name than
Samuel Middleton.

W. E. Rutledge

Auditor.

C. I. #127914.
P. Ctf. 742998.

W. E. Rutledge

F.A.C. 77.

M.N.M.

In the case of Samuel Middleton, late Pvt., Co. H, 33rd U.S.C. Inf., a claim was filed May 19, 1982, by soldier, post office address, Frogmore, S.C., and \$25 bounty was allowed to claimant by Treas. Ctf. #234818, issued Sept. 18, 1896. Soldier states in his application executed before A. C. Reynolds, Notary Public for Beaufort County, S.C., that he was enrolled Jan. 15, 1862, in Co. A, 33rd U.S.C. Inf., and discharged for disability Oct. - 1863. He is identified by James Colonel, and S. M. Reynolds.

In an affidavit executed Mch. 26, 1896, claimant states that he was discharged for disability resulting from the loss of finger next to thumb of left hand, lost in battle in the line of duty, at Hilton Head, S.C., in June, 1863.

In an affidavit executed June 11, 1896, he states that he is pensioned by Pension Certificate #742998; that he never served in

LAW DIVISION

WDC.

Department of the Interior,

Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.,

Aug. 19, 1902.

Auditor for War Department,

Treasury Department,

Sir:-

For use in connection with a pending special examination of the claim of Samuel Middleton, pensioned upon service alleged to have been performed in H 33rd U.S.C.I., Ctf. 742,998, you are requested to return this letter with an abstract of the testimony filed in the claim for bounty allowed this pensioner during the year 1896.

Very respectfully,

Office of Auditor
For War Department.

AUG 21 1902

Records Division.

J. L. Sargent
Acting Commissioner.

Act of June 27, 1890.

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DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

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Under a recent act of Congress this Declaration may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths. If such officer has no seal, a certificate of a Clerk of Court is necessary.

State of South Carolina County of Beaufort ss:

ON THIS 5th day of August A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety one
 personally appeared before me, a Notary Public
 within and for the county and State aforesaid, Samuel Middleton
 aged 55 years, a resident of the village of Frogmore
 county of Beaufort, State of sc. who, being
 duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Samuel Middleton
 who was enrolled on the 1st day of Jan'y 1862, in
Co. "A" 33rd Regt. U.S.C. as private
 in Military service, or vessel, if in the Navy.

in the war of the rebellion, and served at least
 ninety days, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Beaufort, S.C. on the 15
 day of Nov 1862. That he has not been employed in the military or naval service of
 the United States otherwise than as stated above.

[Here state what the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above, and
 the dates at which it began and ended.]

That he is now unable to earn a support by reason of "Heart Disease"
and Bruises over the body and
Swimming in the Head.
 Here name the disease or injuries from which disabled.

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent.

That he has never applied for pension under application No. _____

~~That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. _____~~
 If a pensioner, the Certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the
 former application if one was made.

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

He hereby appoints WM. M. WRIGHT, of Washington, D. C., his true and lawful attorney, and
 he agrees to allow him the \$10 fee as prescribed by law for prosecuting his claim. That his Post-Office address is

Frogmore county of Beaufort
 State of sc.

ATTEST: James Colwell
John Jenkins
 Two witnesses who can write sign here.

Samuel Middleton
 Signature of Claimant.

Allegedly appeared James Coloud, residing at Frogmore
and July Middleton, residing at Frogmore persons whom
certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw
Samuel Middleton 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 for lifetime years and lifetime years respectively, that he is the
identical person he represents himself to be; and they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

John J. Kent
W. M. Wright

James Coloud
July Middleton
Signature of witnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of August A. D., 1891

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declarations, 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.

A. C. Reynolds
Notary Public
Official Character.

[L. S.]

IF EXECUTED BEFORE A Notary or Justice, without a Seal, THEN CLERK OF COURT MUST ADD HIS CERTIFICATE.

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this.....day of.....189

[SEAL.]

Clerk of the.....COURT

The Act of June 27, 1890, REQUIRES, in case of a soldier:

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

SOLDIER'S APPLICATION.

AA

[3-010a]

AA



Name Samuel Middleton

Service Co. 24 33rd Regt

Wm. Wright

Address Frogmore

Beaufort Co. D.C.

FILED BY

W. M. WRIGHT,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date of Execution Aug 25 - 91

Claimant's Affidavit.

State of *South Carolina*, County of *Beaufort*, ss:

In the matter of *Samuel Micaletou* Claim No. 1046779.
Mr. Pensioner

ON THIS *26th* day of *August* A. D., 1891, personally appeared before me, a
Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
Samuel Micaletou aged *55* years, whose Post Office address is
Frogmore, Beaufort Co., South Carolina.

who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to said case as follows:

NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge

That in the month of *February*, about the *10th*
of the facts which they testify.

day of said month, *1862* at the *Drayton* place,
Hilton Head, Beaufort Co., State of South
Carolina, in a practice of target shooting
at said place, in my company, my gun
burst and carried the whole of my fore
finger to left hand with the load.
From which I am a sufferer ever since.

James Reynolds
Colonel

(If affiant sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Samuel Micaletou
his
(Signature of Affiant)

STATE OF *South Carolina* COUNTY OF *Beaufort* 88

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit of said affiant, including the wordserased, and the wordsadded and acquainted *him* with its contents before *he* executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that *he is a* credible person.

A. C. Reynolds
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public
(Official Character.)

[SEAL.]

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, thisday of18

[SEAL.]

Clerk of the.....Court

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE OR NOTARY who has no certificate on file in the Pension Office, CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Samuel M. Phillips
No. 21 332 Regt
1861

AFFIDAVIT OF

Claimant as to other
where and circumstances
under which lost 74
fruits of left hand

No. 1,046,779
Original Pension

UNDER ACT OF JUNE 27 '90

FILED BY

WM. M. WRIGHT,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PENSION
MAY 29 1899
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Ex'r.

So
Div.
No. 742,998
Samuel Middleton
Co. H 33 Reg't USC Inf

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., May 22, 1899

Sir:

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

Very respectfully,

Samuel Middleton
Grosmont
D.C.

Chas. Evans

Commissioner.

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

Answer: yes wife name Thira Middleton Thira Grant

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: By Rev. H. Green

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: marriage paper etc

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

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth. Answer: yes 4 living

Julia Middleton
Julia Middleton
Anna Middleton
Robert Middleton

Date of reply, May 26, 1899

Samuel H. Middleton
(Signature)

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Middleton
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RECORD & PENSION OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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Southern DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., July 25th, 1894

Respectfully returned to the

Record and Pension Office

War Department, with

The request for an addi-

tional report, showing

whether Samuel Middleton,

whose discharge from Co.

H. 1st South Carolina

Regt., as of date of June 4th

1863, is identical with

Samuel Middleton of

Co. H, 83. Regt. as recorded

Ex # 742998.

Samuel Middleton

Commissioner.

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No other reports on file

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

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington JUL 26 1894, 189

Respectfully returned to
Commissioner of Pensions
with the information that
The
designation of Company
H. 1st S. C. Infantry was
changed (Subsequent to June
1863) to Co. H, 83rd U. S.
Colored Infantry

The name Samuel
Middleton has not been
found on rolls of above
Company.



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Samuel Middleton

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

Per M.

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MILITARY SERVICE.

NAME OF SOLDIER:

*Samuel Middleton**Do.* Div.

Bureau of Pensions,

*St. Am. Ex't.*No. *1046779* *Sept 12, 1891**Amr.*

SIR:

It is alleged that the above-named man enlisted

Jan 1, 1862 and served as a *Drum.*in Co. *33* Reg't *M. & B. Inf.*also as a *Drum.* in Co. *33* Reg't

and was discharged at

*Station Road at Co.*on *Nov 15, 1862*

No. of prior claim

The War Department will please furnish an official statement in this case, showing date of enrollment and date and mode of termination of service.

Very respectfully,

Samuel P. Davis

Commissioner.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,
WAR DEPARTMENT.

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War Department,

Record and Pension Division,

SEP 14 1891

Respectfully returned to the

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

The rolls show that

*Samuel Middleton Co M 33**was & put*

mentioned in the preceding endorsement, was enrolled

Dec 1, 1862 and *disch. at**on 1.6. of 80. June 4, 1863*Name *Samuel**Middleton* has not

been found on

rolls of Co *Q 33**US C 2*

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

William A. Rorer

Major and Surgeon, U. S. Army.

gqw

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RECORD & PENSION OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT

Southern Division.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. June 19, 1894.

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the
Record and Pension Office, War Department,
requesting a full military and medical history

(Descriptive list.)

of the soldier.

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

No other report on file

Claim No. 742,998

Name, Samuel Middleton

Co. H, 23 Reg't, U. S. Cavalry

D. J. Murphy

Acting Commissioner.

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

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

Sam Middleton

Co. H, 33 Reg't U. S. C. Inf
was enrolled December 1, 1862,
and discharged June 4, 1863,
on S. C. D.

Name Samuel Middleton
not found on rolls of above Co.

From Jul, 1862, to discharge, 1863
he held the rank of Sergeant

and during that period the rolls show him present
except as follows

The medical records show him treated as follows

No record found.



By Authority of the Secretary of War:

J. A. Ainsworth

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

Per M.

JUN 15 1894

Washington, D. C.

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.)

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Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, JUN 25 1902

Respectfully returned to the Commission

of Pensions

with the information that George D.

Walker, Captain, William

Bronson (also known as Bronson)

1st Lieut, and Emanuel Getters,

Private, served in Co. A

33rd U. S. C. Inf.; Bronson

was discharged on an S. O. I.

at Savannah, Ga. April 25, 1865.

Henry K. Durrant was

mustered in as Surgeon

of the 1st S. C. Inf. (a

South Carolina organization)

May 23, 1865 at Hilton

Head, S. C. and two privates

by name of Cuffey, Simmons

served in the 1st S. C. Inf.

in companies B and G

respectively.

The names Sam Middleton,

(other than as formerly reported)

Sam M. Turett or Sam

Sherman has not been

found on rolls of the

you can identify the organization in which he actually enlisted,
Please report whether, from the statements made by pensioner,
enlisted under the names of McIntyre, Sherman or Middleton.
was changed to the 33rd U. S. C. I. It is supposed that he may have
alleged that he deserted from that regiment before its designation
it is understood was commonly called Hunter's regiment, and it is
suggested that this man was a member of the 1st S. C. Vols., which
1864, and in the certificate of disability of June 4, 1865. It is
served in H. 33rd U. S. C. I., as indicated in your report of June 12,
with the military and medical history of the Sam Middleton who
with the history of the organization in which he claims service or
served. It is clear that this claimant's statement does not agree
wound of left hand, making it necessary to amputate one of his fin-
finger duty, sent to the hospital and discharged on account of the
about three months went to Beaufort, S. C., where he was wounded on
the regiment was organized at Hilton Head, and after remaining there
Cuffey, Simmons, Prince Jenkins, and Emanuel Getters. He claims that
from the following named comrades: - Roland White, Jack Pinkney,

above organizations, not
were the any officers by
name of Strickert or Jack
in said organizations.
There were several men in
both regiments whose sur-
names were White, Pinkney
and Jenkins, but none of
the Christian names
alleged.

* Has also on him and
information of his work
in the 1st S. C. Inf.



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

William

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

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

June 20, 1902.

Chief of Record & Pension Office,

War Department,

Sir:

For use in connection with the claim of Samuel Middleton, pensioned as late Private H, 33rd U.S.C.I., Ctf. 742,998, I have to state that the pensioner testifies that he was a slave of James McTurette of Beaufort county, S. C.; that his father's name was Harry Sherman; that he was known under his master's name prior to the War, but that he assumed the name of Samuel Middleton when he enlisted; that he enlisted at Hilton Head, S. C., in the summer time in 1864, and was in the hospital at Beaufort, S. C., when news was received of Lincoln's assassination; that he served about one and a half years; that his colonel was Strabert, who was originally his captain but was promoted; that Durant was the surgeon of the regiment, and that he also served under Captain Walker and Lieut. Jack--Will Brunson being the orderly sergeant, and he men-

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tions the following named comrades:-Roland White, Jack Pinckney,

Cuffie Simmons, Prince Jenkins, and Emanuel Gethers. He claims that
128 Mar 9 H. 21 Mar 9 A. 33 Mar 9
the regiment was organized at Hilton Head, and after remaining there
about three months went to Beaufort, S.C., where he was wounded on
picket duty, sent to the hospital and discharged on account of the
wound of left hand, making it necessary to amputate one of his fin-
gers. It is clear that this claimant's statement does not agree
with the history of the organization in which he claims service or
with the military and medical history of the Sam Middleton who
served in H, 33rd U.S.C.I., as indicated in your report of June 15,
1894, and in the certificate of disability of June 4, 1863. It is
suggested that this man was a member of the 1st S. C. Vols., which
it is understood was commonly called Hunter's regiment, and it is
alleged that he deserted from that regiment before its designation
was changed to the 33rd U.S.C.I. It is supposed that he may have
enlisted under the names of McTurette, Sherman or Middleton.

Please report whether, from the statements made by pensioner,
you can identify the organization in which he actually enlisted,
and if you can, furnish a report showing his full military and
medical history, and a copy of his personal description. If the
name of his former owner is of record, please give the same.

Very respectfully,

B. F. Ware
Commissioner.

EXTENSION WRAPPER.

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., June 24, 1902

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions.
In the Case of Samuel
Middletown late Private Co H
33 U. S. C. Infy #2500
bounty, act July 22, 1861,
was allowed to Soldier,
by Treasury Certificate No
234818 issued Sept 18, 1896

The Soldier in Claim
filed May 16, 1892, states
that he served in Co A
33 U. S. C. Infy that his
P.O. address is no more,
S.C.; that he was discharged
in Oct- 1863 for disability,
and that he has lost his
discharge. He is identified
by James Colonel and
S. M. Reynolds of Beaumont Co.
S.C. and claims was executed
by A. C. Reynolds,
Notary Public for S.C.

In an affidavit filed Apr 9
1896 the Soldier states that
the disability for which he
was discharged was the loss
of finger next to thumb on
left hand, lost in line of duty
in June, 1863.

In an affidavit filed
July 7, 1897, he states that
he never served in any
other Co, or Regiment than
Co A, 33 U. S. Infy, neither
was he known by any
other name that Samuel
Middletown, and that he was
pensioned for loss of finger
next to thumb at \$2.00 per
month by act 742988,
and that his pension has
since been reduced to
\$1.00 per month.

The Records of this Office
afford no information as
to Hunter's Regiment-

F. E. RITTMAN,

Auditor
J. B. B.

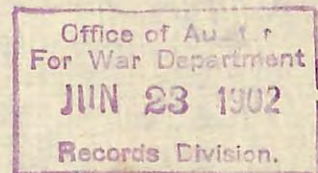


Department of the Interior,



Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.,



June 20, 1902.

Auditor for War Department,
Treasury Department,
Washington.

Sir:-

For use in connection with the claim of Samuel Middleton, late Private Co. H, 33rd U.S.C.V.I., Ctf. 742,998, you are requested to return this letter with an abstract of any testimony which may have been filed in your office in a claim for back pay, bounty or clothing money based upon the soldier's service. An early reply will be appreciated, as it is the purpose of this Bureau to have the claim investigated, there appearing to be serious question as to identity of the pensioner, who now resides at Frogmore, S.C., with the soldier who performed the service.

If you have any of the original rolls of what was known as Hunter's regiment, organized in eastern South Carolina prior to





December, 1862, please report whether there was a Samuel Middleton, McTurette, or Sherman who served in said organization, it appearing that the pensioner in this case was a slave of James McTurette of Beaufort county, S.C., and son of one Harry Sherman, and claims to have assumed the name of Samuel Middleton.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. F. Ware".

Commissioner.



Sam Middleton
Exempt

Sam Middleton
Again? Surgeon

May 22nd 1863

UNITED STATES.

ABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(of discharge on account of disability.)

a Private of Captain George Dolly's
at S. C. Regiment of United States
George Dolly of
at R. O. D.

on the 22nd day of December 1862, to serve Three years; he was born
in S. C. Helena in the State of South Carolina is. Thirty-eight
years of age, Five feet Nine inches high, Black complexion, Dark eyes,
Dark hair, and by occupation when enlisted a Mason During the last two
months said soldier has been unfit for duty fifty days. (Here consult directions on Form 12, p. 269, Medical Dept. Gen. Reg.)

Sam Middleton has had a trouble in his eyes that has
troubled him for the last two months rendering him unfit
to perform the duties of a soldier

STATION: Seabrook Station Post-Road S. C.

DATE:

Geo Dolly Commanding Company.

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said Sam. Middleton of
Captain Geo. Dolly's Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier
because of (Here consult par. 1134, p. 245, and directions on Form 12, p. 269, Med. Dept. Gen. Reg.)

UNITED STATES.

CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of disability.)

Sam Middleton a *Private* of Captain *George Dolly*
Company, (*No*) of the *First S. C.* Regiment of United States
Volunteers was enlisted by *Capt George Dolly* of
the *First* Regiment of *S. C.* at *R. I.*
on the *First* day of *December* 1862, to serve *Three* years; he was born
in *S. C.* in the State of *South Carolina* is. *Thirty-eight*
years of age, *Five feet Nine* inches high, *Black* complexion, *Dark* eyes,
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CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE

In the case of.

Sam. Middleton

a *Private* in Co. *H*

First ³³ Reg't of *S. C. Vols.*
App'd. Bishop *U.S.C.V.*
last trip
and inst. up

HEADQUARTERS, DEPT. OF THE SOUTH,
HILTON HEAD, S. C., May 29, 1863.

"To be Discharged,"

By Command of MAJ. GEN. D. HUNTER.

Israel Seely
1st. Lieut. 47th N. Y. Vols.

Act. Asst. Adj. Gen'l.

Adjutant General's Office,

June 20 1863.

Duplicate for the Pension Office

Sam'l Seely

Asst. Adj. Gen'l.

Received (A. G. Office) _____, 186 .

General Affidavit.

State of So. Car, County of Jefferson, ss:

In the matter of Samuel Middleton late Private
Co. B. A. - 33rd Reg't U. S. C.

ON THIS 13th day of August A. D., 1891, personally appeared before me, a

Notary Public.....in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
E. C. McTear aged 43 years, whose Post Office address is

Jefferson Jefferson Co. South Carolina

who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to said case as follows:

NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge

Have known Samuel Middleton since we
of the facts which they testify.

were boys, have always lived near him, except
while he was in the army. He has not
been well for a long time, in fact since
he was discharged. He is laid up a great
deal of the time not able to do anything.
Sometimes he can work a little but is not
able to do hard manual labor. He com-
plains of dizziness in his head, pain in
his back and trouble in his heart.
He is a man of good habits and his bad
health is, not due to his own vicious
habits, of that we are positive. He also be-
lieve his disease to be permanent. In addi-
tion to the above, disease he has lost the first
finger of his left hand, which further incapacitates
him for manual labor.

and the affiant further declares that they have no interest in said case, and are not

concerned in its prosecution.

E. C. McTear age 46

Pick Perry age 43
(Signature of Affiant.)

STATE OF Cal COUNTY OF Sanford ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit of said affiant, including the words erased, and the words added and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that they are credible persons.

Samuel Nichols
(Official Signature.)
Pension Notary
(Official Character.)

[SEAL.]

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this day of 18

[SEAL.]

Clerk of the Court

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE OR NOTARY who has no certificate on file in the Pension Office, CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Samuel Nichols
Co. H 33d Regt
2d S. C. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF

E. L. McIlwain
and
Beaufort Co.

No. 1,046,779

Original Pension

UNDER ACT OF JUNE 27, 1900.

FILED BY

WM. M. WRIGHT,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

RECORD & PENSION OFFICE
JUL 12 1894
WAR DEPARTMENT

J 2 W (3-061.)
Exr.

CALL No. 10.

Southern Division.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

July 11th, 1894.

Respectfully requested of the Officer in charge of the Record and Pension Office, War Department, a report from the records of his Office as to the presence or absence, on or about Dec 1st, 1863, 1862, of Benjamin Maxwell of Co A 33, U.S.C.V. Inf And Thomas Smith.

of Co. A, 33, U.S.C.V. Inf and the station, at that date, of the

Claim No. 74898.

Samuel Middleton

Co A 33, U.S.C.V. Inf.

G. A. Lochman

Commissioner.

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

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,
JUL 12 1894
Washington, 189

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

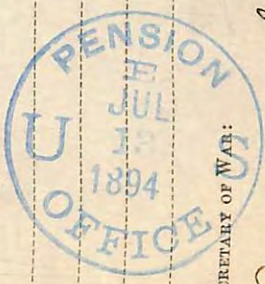
The rolls show that

Benjamin Maxwell
and
Thomas Smith

mentioned in the preceding endorsement were present during the period named in that endorsement except as follows:

Maxwell deserted Nov 14/62.

During the period named the station of the company and regiment was as follows:



By Authority of the Secretary of War:

G. C. Ainsworth

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

Per K

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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, &c.

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

Insert character and number of claim.

Original

Pension Claim No.

1046779

Name and rank of claimant.

Samuel Middleton

Rank,

Private

Company

A, 33

Reg't

106th Inf

Sanford

State,

Claimant's post-office address.

Frogmore Rd to S.C.

[Post-office address of the Board.]

Nov. 11

[Date of examination.]

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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. *Heart disease pains over the body and swimming in the head*

Cause of disability.

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line.

and that he receives a pension of

dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for

Original

[Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

that he suffers pain all over the body

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, *76*; respiration, *18*; temperature, *98 1/2*; height, *5* feet *7* inches; weight, *150* pounds; age, *55* years. *The Heart sounds are regular & Normal Lungs are normal There is a loss of the index finger of the left hand amputation being below the head of the carpal bone the Scar is adherent not tender nor dragging. He is suffering from an affection of the skin There is an irregular patch just above the crease of the left thumb irregular in shape the cuticle being rough & scaly it is about 12 inches in length & in diameter & he complains of incessant itching There is also a patch over the right shoulder he says they disappear & reappear in different portions of the body & that he has had it for fifteen years it is at present dry but he says that at times there is a watery discharge He also suffers from malaria his tongue being coated with & spleen slightly enlarged & constipated He suffers from occasional attacks of fever in consequence of this malaria he suffers from general pains over the body There is a slight Scar on penis but we find no evidence of Syphilis His eyes present no unusual He is, in our opinion, entitled to a*

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

Rate for EACH cause of disability.

rating for the disability caused by *loss of index finger* *6/18* for that caused by *skin disease*, and *8/18* for that caused by *malaria* results, *4/18* for eyes

W. H. Ellis, Pres. *W. Greenway*, Sec'y. *A. P. Moleau*, Treas.

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

dirty & discolored appearance arcus senilis is well marked there is slight opacity of the cornea result of test right eye R x x left eye L x x at 15 feet Excerpt as above no disability is found to exist



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Samuel Middleton

Co. A. 33 Reg't 4th C. Inf.

Applicant for Original

No. 1046479

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

Nov. 11, 1891

W. H. Ellis, Pres.,
W. H. H. H. H., Sec'y.,
A. H. H. H. H., Treas.,
BOARD.

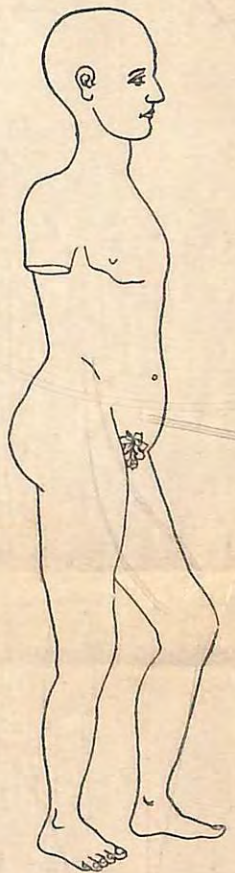
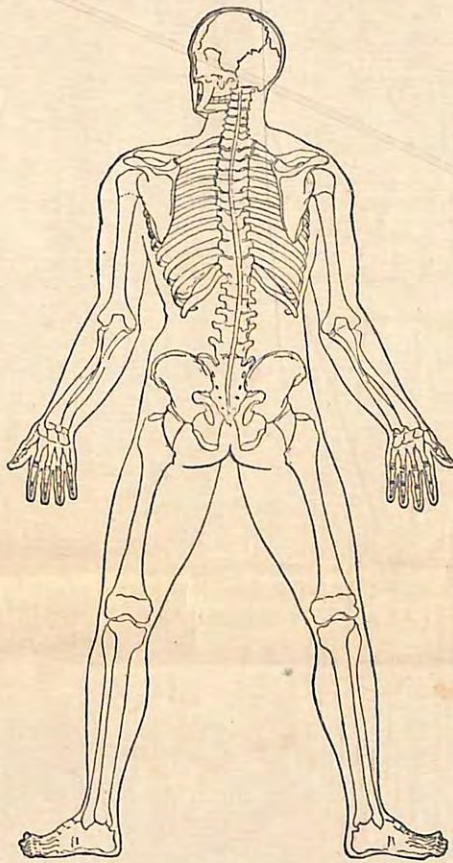
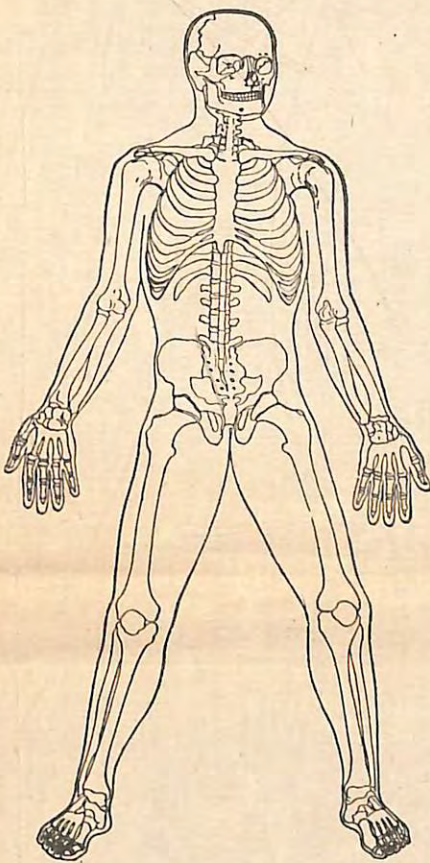
Post office, Chambers

County, "

State, South Carolina

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

Good



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.

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Continue record of examination here.

a distance of twenty feet with other eyes.
There is no evidence of vicious habits
except as above as above there are
no other disabilities found to exist



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

James H. Haskins
Co. A, 33 Regt. Ill. Inf.

Applicant for Pension

No. 742998

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

Dec. 12, 1894

BOARD.

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W. H. McHenry, Sec'y,
W. B. Fisher, Treas.,

Post office,

Beaufort

County,

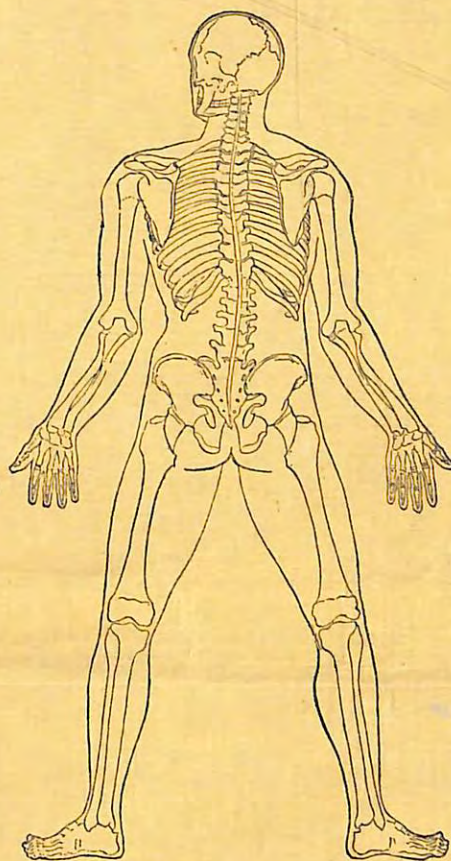
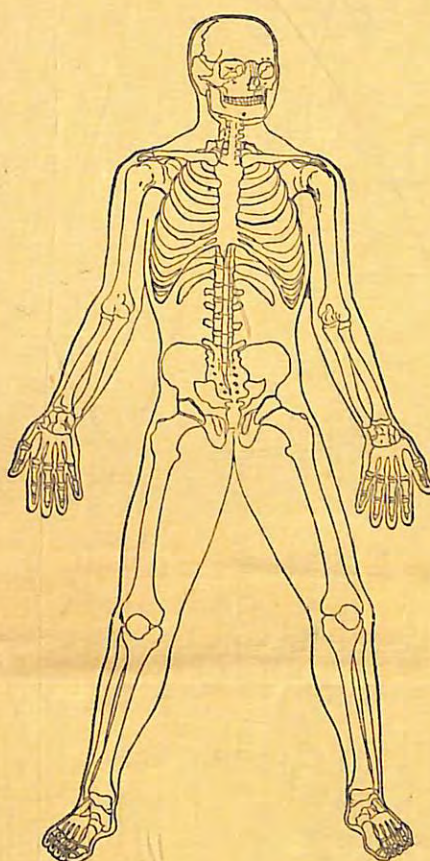
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State,

Ill.

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

McHenry



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[3-216 a.]

Ex'r.

No.

Act of June 27, 1890.

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A. G. Sept-12-91.
Ex. Bd. Beaufort S. C.
Sept-15-91

Samuel Middleton

P. O. Frogmore

Beaufort S. C.

Service: Pvt. A-33 2nd

Inf

Enlisted: Jan 1, 1862

Discharged: Nov 15, 1862

Application filed: Aug 10, 1891

Alleges:

12/2

Any other Claim filed:

MC 8/21/91

Numerical No. 698187

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S. C.

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ALA.

MISS.

LA.

TEX.

KY.

TENN.

Mo.

ARK.

D. C.

U.S.C.T.

July 11. 94

To A. G. for

presence or absence

of Maxwell and

Smiths

J. C. W.

Attorney:

P. O.

Recognized.

Contract.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for

(4476-50,000.)

X. R. R.

8-26-91

March

No.

Act of June 27 1890.

3-402.

Certificate No. 742998 Department of the Interior,
Name, Samuel Middleton
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

McKay Brand

Commissioner.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. yes Teriah Grant Olson married

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married? Jan 1853

Answer. by slave custom at St. Helena Island S.C.

Third. What record of marriage exists? now Teriah Middleton

Answer. now

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. no

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. Julius Middleton Born July 1854

Julius Middleton June 1856

Robert Middleton November 1859

Anie Middleton July 1861

Samuel Middleton

Date of reply, aug 4, 1898

(Signature.)

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant, *Free McCreiff Rachel Middleton, now*
P. O. *Greenland, Glynn County*
Georgia
(Mail to Sterling)
Soldier, *Samuel Free, alias Middleton*
Rank, *Private*
Company, *79*
Regiment, *33 USC, Col Dub*

Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____, and _____
and \$2 a month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	Born, _____	Commencing _____
	Sixteen, _____	
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	Sixteen, _____	
	Born, _____	" _____
	Sixteen, _____	
	Born, _____	" _____
	Sixteen, _____	
	Born, _____	" _____
	Sixteen, _____	
	Born, _____	" _____
	Sixteen, _____	
	Born, _____	" _____
	Sixteen, _____	
	Born, _____	" _____
	Sixteen, _____	

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

All pension to terminate _____, 1 _____, date of _____

REJECTED.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY. *Aug 21/03*

Name *A. W. McLeornick & Sons* Fee, \$ _____ Agent _____ to pay.
P. O. *Cincinnati, Ohio.* Articles filed *Nov. 2, 1894*

APPROVALS.

over. Submitted for *ref. Aug. 11, 1903* *B. H. Scott*, Examiner.

Approved for *rejection on the ground that the testimony filed, and that obtained on special examination (in Invalid Claim Cert. No. 742998) was insufficient to show that claimant's husband Samuel Free, was the person who served as Samuel Middleton, or that Samuel Free, even though he was identical with soldier, returned to claimant after he was discharged from the army to ratify his false marriage as required under Sec. 4706 R. S. and claimant's inability to prove date of husband's death as that same was due to his military service.*

Aug 13, 1903 *J. A. Smith* Legal Reviewer. *Medical Examiner.* *Medical Reviewer.*
Aug 13, 1903 *J. A. Smith* Re-Reviewer. *Medical Referee.*

IMPORTANT DATES.

Enlisted <i>December 1, 1862</i>	Former marriage of soldier _____, 1 _____
Mustered _____, 1 _____	Death of former wife _____, 1 _____
Discharged <i>June 4, 1863</i>	Former marriage of claimant _____, 1 _____
Died <i>Aug 10, 1863</i>	Death of former husband _____, 1 _____
Declaration filed <i>September 7, 1894</i>	Claimant's marriage to soldier <i>Mich 1856</i>
Invalid appl'n filed <i>Aug. 10, 1891</i>	Claimant remarried <i>July 4, 1890</i>
Invalid last paid to _____, 1 _____	

Claimant does *not* write.

SOUTHERN.

Rejection, on the ground that the testimony of
Jed Small, Thos Hubbard and Charles McBrea,
does not sufficiently identify claimants husband,
Samuel Free, with the soldier Samuel Middleton,
and fails to show that Samuel Free, even though
he was identical with soldier, returned to claimant
after he was discharged, to ratify his slave
marriage.

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WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant, *Rachel Middleton now, McGuff* Soldier, *Samuel Free, alias Middleton*
P. O., *Cumberland* Rank, *Private*
County, *Candler* Company, *Co.*
State, *Georgia* Regiment, *33, USC - vol Inf*

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	Born, _____	
	Sixteen, _____	
By last marriage,	Born, _____	
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	Sixteen, _____	
	Born, _____	
	Sixteen, _____	

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All pension to terminate _____, 1 _____, date of _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name *Ans McCormick and Sons* Fee, \$ *25.00* Agent _____ to pay.
P. O. *Cincinnati, Ohio.* Articles filed *Nov 2, 1894*

APPROVALS

Submitted for *Apr. ex June 24, 1902* *DeKort*, Examiner.

Approved for _____ origin and _____	Approved for _____; death resulted from _____
_____ accepted	due to _____
_____, 190____,	_____ which has been legally accepted.
_____, 190____, Legal Reviewer.	_____, 190____, Medical Examiner.
_____, 190____, Re-Reviewer.	_____, 190____, Medical Referee.

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home.

SOUTHERN.

Samuel Free, this Samuel Middleton

Service, N. 33 USC. Sub

NO.

DATE OF FILING.

SUBJECT.

NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	DESCRIPTION.
1	Rachel McGriff	Sept 4/94	Declaration Civil Law
2	Cumberland Ga.	Nov 2/96	Letters from claimant
		for 7/98	as to soldier's name
3		May 10 199.	My report

Fernandina Fla

Oct 9, 1902

Mr D.H. Alexander S. A.

Dear Sir;

Rachel Mc Griff⁺ the lady you wanted
to see and locate in that Pension
case is or was here this week and left
for her home she lives in or at
Greenland Station Ga not far from
Everett Ga you can write her at
that place as Post Office address in
care of Mrs. J. Gould I hope this
is information enough for you to
locate her I had a long talk with
her and she will tell you just what
she said to me

I am resp

J. H. Stays
Notary Public at-
Large

orig No 601, 302

X

742, 998 Wards

Beaufort, S.C. Oct. 11, 1902.

Respectfully referred to the
Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,
with the suggestion that this
letter be attached to the face
of the B.J. in case of Rachel
McGriff, widow of Samuel Middle-
ton, orig. No 601,302 which was
consolidated with Ctf. No 742,
998, Samuel Middleton, H-33rd.
U.S.C. Inf.

(papers in Law Division)

D. H. Alexander
Special Examiner.

BOARD OF REVIEW.
OCT 23 1902

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OCT 14 1902
S. E. D.

Pr. Review Oct 7-1902
M. Smith

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
OCT 13 1902
S. M. DIVISION.

Law Oct. 4-02
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Bureau of Pensions.

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Only 60 in arrears
Greenland, Glynn Co.
Mail to Sterling, Ga.

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Whereas Rachel M^cGriff widow of Samuel Griff
late a _____ in Company 26., of the 33
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Now this agreement witnesseth: That for and in consideration of services done and to be done
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the provisions of Sections 4768 and 4769 of the Revised Statutes, U. S.

A. C. Brown
J. M. Hunter
(Signatures of two witnesses.)

Rachel M^cGriff
(Signature of Claimant)
Cumberland Island
(Post-Office Address.)
Ga.

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Be it known, that on this, the 17th day of October, A. D., 1894, personally
appeared Rachel M^cGriff, the above named, who, after having
had read over to her in the hearing and presence of the two attesting witnesses the contents of the
foregoing articles of agreement, voluntarily signed and acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed.

[L. S.]

Magistrate notified
Nov. 16. 1894

(Official Signature.)

AND NOW, to wit, this 22 day of October, A. D., 1894, we accept the provisions
contained in the foregoing articles of agreement, and will, to the best of our ability, endeavor faithfully to represent
the interest of the claimant in the premises, we hereby certify that we have received from the claimant above named
the sum of no dollars, and no more; nothing dollars being for fee, and the sum of no
dollars being for postage and other expenses. And that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without
additional cost to the claimant, as required by law, in excess of the fee above named, the said agents making no
charge therefor.

Witness our hand the year and day above written.

State of Ohio, Hamilton County, ss:

Personally came Mr McCormick, of the firm of A. W. McCORMICK &
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[L. S.]

Rafe Blond
(Official Signature.)

N. P.

APPROVED FOR

DOLLARS and payable to

the recognized attorney.

APPROVED JULY 4, 1884.

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WIDOW'S DECLARATION FOR PENSION OR INCREASE OF PENSION.

This Must be Executed Before the Clerk of a Court of Record or Some Officer thereof Having Custody of the Seal.

State of Georgia ~~Florida~~ County of Candler Nassau, ss.

On this 28 day of August A. D., one thousand, eight hundred and eighty ninety four
personally appeared before me Justice of the Peace a Court
of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid Richard McGriff

aged 56 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to

obtain the Pension provided by Acts of Congress granting pension to widows: That she is the widow of Samuel

Free, who was enrolled under the name of Samuel Free

at Bedford So. Co., on the 2 day of Dec A. D., 18 62

in Co. H. 33 U. S. Colored Infantry
[Company and Regiment of service, if in the Army; or Vessel and Rank if in the Navy.]

in the war of 1865-5 and who died from the effects of
[State nature of wounds and all circumstances attending them, or the disease and

the wound received in battle at
manner in which it was incurred, in either case showing soldier's death to have been the sequence.]

death was the date of his on the in spring day of A. D., 18 63

who bore at the time of his death 1863, the rank of Private in said Company
[In the service aforesaid, or otherwise.]

that she was married under the name of Rachael Jenkins to said Samuel

Free on the 1st day of march, A. D., 18 56

by Parson Baker there being no legal

barrier to such marriage; that neither she nor her husband had been previously married, [If either had been previously married

That she remarried to Austin McGriff on the 4th day of July 187
so state, and give date of death or divorce of former spouse.]

that she has to present date remained his widow; that the following are the names and dates of birth of all his legitimate

children yet surviving who were under sixteen years of age at the father's death, viz.: had no children for Free

of soldier by _____, born _____ 18

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Also personally appeared Thomas Hubbard residing at Fernandina
Florida, and Ned Small
residing at Fernandina Fla, persons whom I certify to be
respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw
Rachael McGriff, the claimant sign her name (make her mark) to the forego-
ing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her
that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim:
J. H. Stays, Jr. Thomas Hubbard
J. H. Stays, Sr. Ned Small
(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.) (Signature of Affiants.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of August A. D. 1894
and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to
the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words Georgia & Camden
Florida & Nassau
erased, and the words
added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect,
in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

J. H. Stays
(Official Signature.)
Justice of Peace
(Official Character.)

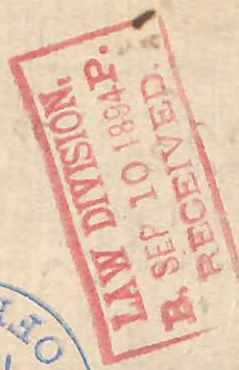
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WIDOW'S
CLAIM FOR PENSION

Rachael McGriff Applicant.
Widow of Samuel McGriff
Co. 46-33 W.B. Co. Reg't. 2d



FILED BY
A.W. MCCORMICK & SONS,
Pension Attorneys,
CINCINNATI, OHIO.

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Ga.
Dec 1st 95.

Messrs. A. W. McCormick & Sons.
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sirs-

I have been informed
that the first Company
my Husband enlisted in
was the "First South",
Then finding the Con-
federates had a company
of that name it was
changed to Com-H. 33rd.

His number was 2. Mem-
ber 62.

I will enclose the names
of the Col. & Captain of
his Reg. but am unable
to make them out.

was given me by one of
his Company by the

name of Charles McRae
or Mc Bray.

Hoping you will be
able to make some thing
out of it remain
Very Respectfully yours
Rachel Mc Gruff.

Respectfully referred to Son
Commissioner of Pensions.

We wrote Dec. 1895 to the
Bureau that Samuel Thompson
served in Co. B. 1st Cal. Vol.
(Colored) under Colonel F. W.
McGinnis and Capt. George
Dohy - Was his name been
found? As he was killed in
battle as she alleges, let
me know what more is
wanted

Yours. W. McCormick House



Cumbers and J^r.
Nov. 1st 1898.

Mass. A. W. McCormick for.
Cincinnati Ohio

Gents

your recd. by
note In this there is
some mistake in the
name. His own name
was Samuel. Trip and
after that he went in
as John name. Samuel
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known. which you found
either one of the
names or not I am
unable to tell you who
you of these names.
he was in the service

Iniminate Nov 16-98

Respectfully referred to
Stm Commissioner in
claim of Rachel McGuff
mother of Samuel Free
Co H 33 MS 6 Inf or 1st
S. Carolina Colored. No
60/312 asking if soldier
did not serve as Samuel
Middleton as that was
his father's name.

Yours
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James W. Anderson
General Agent
Under - Bureau

SOUTH DIV.
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Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Nov. 14*, 189*4*

So. *W. F. W.* *Div.*

Ex'r.

No. *601302. Widow*

Samuel Freep

U. S. C. Inf

RECORD PENSION OFFICE

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It is alleged that

and served as a

also as a

enlisted *December 2*, 18*62*

in Co. *A*, *33* Reg't *U. S. C. Infantry*

in Co. _____, _____ Reg't _____

and was discharged at _____, 18____

It is also alleged that while on duty at _____

on or about _____, 18____, he was disabled by _____

"Died from the effects of a wound received in battle in the Spring of 1863"

and was treated in hospitals of which the names, locations, and dates of treatment are as follows: _____

None stated

In case of the above-named soldier the War Department is requested to furnish an official statement of the enrollment, discharge, and record of service so far as the same may be applicable to the foregoing allegation, together with full medical history. Please give the rank he held at the time he is claimed to have incurred the disability alleged, and if records show that he was not in line of duty during that period, let the fact be stated.

Very respectfully,

G. W. Lochman

Commissioner.

The Officer in Charge of the

Record and Pension Division,

War Department.

No. _____

WAR DEPARTMENT, RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner
of Pensions.

Co. _____, Reg't _____

was enrolled _____, 186

and _____, 186

From _____, 186, to _____, 186,
he held the rank of _____

and during that period the rolls show him
present except as follows: _____

The medical records show him treated as
follows _____

By authority of the Secretary of War:

William H. Taft
Major and Surgeon, U. S. Army.

Per *W.*Date **NOV 15 1894**

(COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.)



*He is now in service
as a private in the
33rd U. S. Infantry*

Write nothing to the left of this line.

RECORD & PENSION OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

(3-464.)

Smith, DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., July 7th, 1897

Respectfully returned to the
Chief of the Record and
Pension Office.

War Department,

requesting a further search
for soldiers shown as
he is now alleged that
he enlisted with 1st S. C.
Col'd Inf. commanded
by Col. Higginson. Capt
Geo. Dolly, 1st S. C. Merriam
and Lt. E. R. White,
Widow Col. 302.
Samuel Freeh
1st S. C. Col'd Inf. no other
report.

Commissioner.

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

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, JUL 9 1897

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,

with the information that the name
Samuel Freeh, has not
been found on rolls of
S. C. Inf. Col'd. Troop of
Orgn. changed to 33rd
Col'd Inf.

Thomas W. Higginson was Col.
of 5th Regt.

George Dolly, was Capt
Co. H. 1st S. C. Merriam was

Lt & Capt & E. R. White
was sent all of Co. H
5th Regt.



By AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

J. H. Hinworth

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

Per Mr.

Do. Div. *W. H. E.*, Ex'r.

RECORD & PENSION OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *May 8*, 1899

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the
Record and Pension Office, War Department,
requesting a full military and medical his-
tory of the soldier

*It is now alleged that
soldier served under
the name of Samuel
Middleton. Please give
personal description and
name of company and
reg't.*

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No other report on file.

Wid. No. 601302.

Name *Saml Trub*, was *Saml Middleton*

No. *1133* Reg't *2nd* Inf.
W. H. E. Sand

Acting
Commissioner.

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Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, *MAY 9* 1899

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,

with the information that a report
was furnished in
this case July 26, 94
claimant *742.998*



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

H. S. Smith
Chief of Office.

Per
(323)

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May 2, 1929.

Mr. Samuel Middleton
90 Line Street
Charleston, S. C.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of March 27, 1929, forwarded to this bureau, I have to advise you that it cannot be determined what information you desire. You should have some person write a more legible letter for you, stating whether your inquiry pertains to pension, and if so, the name of the soldier to whose service you refer and his service, if known to you, or if not the period during which he served, whether he is dead, and if so, the date or approximate dates of his death, and the name of his widow, if she survived him.

Respectfully,

E. W. Morgan
Acting Commissioner.

RW:ESB

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS*Liv.*

Division

*Apr. 25, 1929**J. C. No. 742 998*

Claimant,

Soldier,

*Middleton**To Widow Div.:**Combs*

March th 27 1929

Special letter to the
United States government
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Sir in pite to you to
Please to look and you
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Members of H. 33" Msc. I.

- Aug 15
Jack Danner, ^{near Sealbrook} Box 156 Beaufort, Ec. reg 536.887
- Robert Drigle, dead, Mids. reg 162.939
- Aug 15
Thomas Fields, ^{1 1/2 miles from P.O.} Port Royal, Ec. reg. 598.583
- Stuart Fraser, Cheldon, " " 575.134
- Cuffy Fuller, dead, Mids. reg. 575.941
- Kellie Jones, " " " 440.220
- + Jacob Parker, Frogmore, Ec. reg 546.024
alias Jack
- Binah Eli Pinkney, Beaufort, " " 398.965
- + Emanuel Washington, Frogmore, " " 684.779
- See also, large number of survivors of
other Cos. on list of Pensioners

If this man had said that he was
simply a member of the 1" Sc. Vols.
and was discharged before the disig-
nation of that orig. was changed to
the 33" Msc. I. the whole matter would
be clear, but his alleged history
of his service would include the
probability of his having been in the
1" Ec. at all.

OF FEBRUARY 2 1901

DEPOSITION RELATIVE TO SOUTH CAROLINA CASES

Case of Samuel Middleton, Inv. Lett. No. 742998

On this 22 day of May, 1902, at Frogmore, county of Beaufort State of S. C., before me, How McElain, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Samuel Middleton, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 72 years of age. (He does not look it.) My P.O. is Frogmore, Beaufort Co., S. C. I live on the Jarvis McTurrette plantation, 6 miles N. E. of my P.O. I am a farmer. I have lived where I live now all my life. I was born there.

I can't tell the year of my birth. When the war came up, I think I was 34. I had grown children. I have had no children since 1861. I am certain I am away over 70.

I was born the slave of James McTurrette. I lived with him on his plantation and remained with his slave until freedom. My master is dead. Mary - now in Charleston, was my young Mrs. She is married. I don't know the name of her husband. Some of my old fellow slaves are here on the Island yet. My wife and James Colonel are two of the oldest.

My father was named Harry Sherman. My Mother was named Hannah Sherman. They both belonged to my owner. Both dead. I have one sister living here. Her name is Mima Major, the wife of John Major. My mother had 24 children. I can't

5 tell where my father got his name. I went
 under my mother's name until I en-
 listed. I took the name Middleton of
 my own motion. I never changed
 my first name. I had that from a
 baby. I enlisted under the name
 of Middleton and have never
 been known by any other name
 since. ^{Now} ~~Now~~ knows me by any
 other name now.

6 I think I was 34 at enlistment.
 I enlisted at Hilton Head, S. C. in 1864,
 in the summer time. I was in the
 army when Lincoln was killed. The news
 came to me when I was in the
 hospital at Beaufort, S. C. X

7 I served as a private in Co. H-33,
 W. S. C. I., which was my only service.

8 When I enlisted, I was examined
 by three doctors. They stripped me off
 and measured me and made me
 stoop over and searched me all over.

9 I served, to the best of my judg-
 ment, about 1 1/2 years. I think I was
 mustered out in 1866, in the fall. I can't
 tell now who enlisted the same day I
 enlisted. Strobert is the only capt. I can
 remember. He had another, for Strobert
 was promoted from Capt. I can't re-
 call the Lt. Col. I have forgotten the
 Maj. I think Durant was Surgeon. X
 Strobert was my first capt. He left to be
 attest:

J. H. Jackson

Samuel ^{his} Middleton
 mark Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of May,
 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

Dow McCalister
 Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION RELATIVE TO SOUTH CAROLINA CASE

Case of Samuel Middleton, Jr., No. 742998

On this _____ day of _____, 1901, at
continued _____, county of _____
State of _____, before me, _____, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
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12 hospital for that. I was wounded on
 12 picket and went to the hospital on
 account of the wound and never re-
 turned to my Regt. again. I was
 on picket near Beaufort, S. C. when I was
 shot in the left hand. It occurred just
 before sundown. Q. Who was Sgt. of
 the guard? A. I do not know. Q. Who
 was officer of the day? A. I cant tell.
 Q. Who first came to you after you
 were shot? A. I cant tell. Q. What
 did you do with your gun after you
 were shot? A. I dropped it. Q. Did
 you go back to camp that same night?
 12 A. They took me right to the hospital.
 Q. Who took you to the hospital? A. I
 cant recollect. Q. What did they do with
 you when you got to the hospital? A.
 Put me under cloform and cut
 my finger off clear back in my
 hand. That was the only wound,
 hurt or sickness, I got in the service.
 I was in the hospital about four months.
 Mr. Monday was the main doctor who
 dressed my hand. Two others helped him
 I cant call their names. Monday was
 the head doctor of the hospital. He had
 charge all the time I was there. (This
 man's first or fore finger has been taken
 12 off back into the hand. The second finger
 is stiff at second joint and he is unable
 to entirely close it.)

Attest:
 J. H. Jackson

Samuel ^{his} Middleton
 mark Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of May,
 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

Dow McElarn
 Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION RELATIVE TO SOUTH CAROLINA CASES

Case of Samuel Middleton, Jr., No. 742998

On this _____ day of _____, 190____, at
 continued _____, county of _____
 State of _____, before me, _____, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
 Samuel Middleton _____, 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:

13 I was with my co. all the time
 until I went to the hospital. I was
 never on detached duty.

14 I was discharged from the
 hospital at Beaufort, S.C. on account
 of wound of left hand. I sent my
 discharge paper to Washington to be
 used in my pension claim and
 it was never returned. (This man is
 5-7 by actual measurement. No marks or
 scars except the one described in 12.)

15 Here are my pension papers. (Aug.
 1902, voucher and Pen. ltr. exhibited.
 Voucher O.K. ltr. shows: Act June 27,
 1890. No. 742998- Reissue. Samuel
 Middleton, H-33, W.S.C. I. \$6⁰⁰ a month.
 Issued July 6, 1895. Issued in lieu of
 of certificate dated March 17, 1892. To
 correct rate. Partial inability, &c.)

16 I have never lived any place except
 where I live now. I was born on
 this plantation. Buffey Whisolm and
 Gabe Augusta are my near neighbors
 and have known me from boyhood.

17 I cant tell what you mean by
 "old law" and "new law." I used
 to get \$12 a month but they cut me
 to \$6⁰⁰. I do not know why it was
 done. I do not know what law I am under
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I had Jimmy Jenkins and Sammy Johnson were two of my original witnesses. I can't tell what they witnessed but they signed my papers. They have both known me since before the war. Neither was a soldier. I paid them nothing to witness for me.

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I have not been examined since I was reduced to \$6. I have not applied for increase since. I do not know whether I ever applied under the old law or not.

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If I have any claim pending now before the department I do not know it. (No signs or evidence of vicious habits.)

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W^m M. Wright, of Washington has been my attorney all the way through. James Colonel has been my local agent and Notary Public. I paid Wright nothing. I paid Colonel 25¢ a paper and no more.

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None.

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I execute my quarterly vouchers before Peter Walton. I go on the 4th of signing month and never before. If the 4th falls on Sun. I go on Mon. I carry both papers, touch the pen, he smears me and charges 25¢.

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I keep my pension papers myself. I have never pledged them or either of them for money or for thing of value.

Attest:

J H Jackson

Samuel ^{his} Middleton
mark Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of May, 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Row McBlair

Special Examiner.

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Samuel Middleton, who, being by me first duly sworn to
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examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

*I married Liza Grant in slavery and
married her again under the law
after the war. She is still living. We
have never been separated or divorced.
I have no children under 16. My
youngest child is 30. My oldest is over 50.*

*I have heard my answers herein
and they are correct.*
Attest: *Samuel Middleton*
J. H. Jackson *mark*

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of May,
1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

How McLaughlin
Special Examiner.



Claim of Samuel Middleton

Ctf. *No.* 742,998

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LAW DIVISION

Department of the Interior,

Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.,

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June 28, 1902.

Chief of S. E. Division,

Sir:

I forward herewith the original papers pertaining to the claim of Samuel Middleton late of Co. H 1st S.C.Inf., apparently erroneously designated as H 33rd U.S.C.I., Ctf. 742, 998, together with a report of Special Examiner Gibbes, and a deposition of the pensioner taken by Examiner Dow McClain under general letter of instructions of Feb. 2, 1901, relative to South Carolina cases.

What was afterwards known as the 33rd U.S.C.I., was originally organized as the 1st S. C. Vols., (the designation of the organization being changed on Feb. 8, 1864). According to the certificate of disability on file in this case one Sam Middleton, age 38; height, five feet nine inches, a native of St. Helena Island, S.C. enlisted in H 1st S. C. Vols., on Dec. 1, 1862, and was discharged on account of disease of eyes at Beaufort, S.C., on June 4, 1863, seven months before the change was made in the designation of

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the organization). It is understood that the 1st S. C. regiment was originally known as Hunter's regiment, and that there was a general understanding that said regiment was not mustered into the service of the United States, but that certain of the original members thereof had enlisted in the 33rd U.S.C.I. In 1894, Examiner Gibbes took testimony purporting to show that the pensioner in this case had enlisted in the so-called Hunter regiment, had left said organization and had never enlisted in the 33rd. The pensioner himself testified before Mr. Gibbes that he left the Hunter regiment and subsequently stayed with the 33rd U.S.C.I. for a week or so, was then taken sick and permitted to go home. This statement is entirely at variance with the records showing that he was discharged from the 1st S. C. Vols. seven months prior to the date when the 33rd came into existence. In rendering his report, Mr. Gibbes stated that the pensioner claimed to him that he had lost his index finger in the service by the bursting of a gun, which he, the examiner was able to prove was not so, as said finger was lost after the war. Mr. Gibbes does not, however, state by whose testimony this fact could be established. It is apparent that after the testimony obtained by Mr. Gibbes had been considered the Bureau did not consider any further action necessary, it being accepted as proven that the pensioner had served in the 1st S. C.

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Vols., and that the designation of the organization had been incorrectly stated on the allowance of his claim. In his deposition of the 22nd ult. before Mr. McClain, the pensioner however himself raises a very serious question as to whether he is the Tom Middleton who served in the 1st S.C.Vols. He claims that he took the name under which his service was performed of his own motion; that he enlisted in 1864, and was in the service when President Lincoln was assassinated and served for one and a half years; he then attempts, but utterly fails, to give the names of the officers of the organization in which he claims to have served, and when he attempted to give the names of some comrades who served therein, mentioned the names of persons who served in other organizations.

To further complicate the matter, Rachael Middleton, now McGriff of Cumberland, Camden county, Ga., in her application filed Sep. 7, 1894, claims that she was formerly the widow of one Samuel Freep who served in H 33rd U.S.C.I., and as such claimed a pension. The original papers in her claim, No. 601,302, are herewith transmitted for use in connection with this matter.

The records of the War Department fail^{ed} to show that a Samuel Freep served in the company and regiment in question, and it was thereafter stated in the applicant's behalf that her husband had served under the name of Samuel Middleton, thus bringing her case

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into contact with that of the invalid pensioner(Samuel Middleton of Frogmore.)

The circumstances under which the name of Samuel Middleton came into the widow's case are not such as to inspire confidence in her allegation that her deceased husband served under that name, especially in view of the fact that she alleges that her husband died while in the service. As a matter of fact the records of the War Department fail to show that any Samuel Middleton served in H 33rd U.S.C.I., and it is certain that the Sam Middleton who served in H 1st S. C. Vols.,did not die in the service, but was discharged on a certificate of disability.

You are requested to forward the papers to Special Examiner W. L. Harris at Charleston, S.C.,with instructions to take such testimony as may be necessary to determine whether the Samuel Middleton residing at Frogmore, S.C.,who is pensioned under certificate 742,998, is the Sam Middleton who served in H 1st S. C. Vols.

This letter should appear as an exhibit in the examiner's report.

Very respectfully,



Chief of Law Division.

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report.

Very respectfully,

Chief of Law Division.

W. L. Harris
Charleston
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 3, 1902.

Mr. W. L. Harris,

Special Examiner,

Charleston, S. C.

Sir:

Herewith are forwarded to you the papers in the claim of Samuel Middleton, late of Co. H, 1st S.C.Inf., apparently erroneously designated as Co. H, 33rd U.S.C.I., Ctf. No. 742,998, together with a letter from the Law Division of this Bureau, dated the 28th ultimo, with the requirements of which you are directed to comply.

Make this and the Law Division letter exhibits of your report.

Very respectfully,

L. M. Kelley
Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

~~WASHINGTON, D. C.,~~

Beaufort, S.C. Sept. 30, 1902.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit testimony which tends to show that Samuel Sherman of Frogmore, Beaufort Co. S.C. pensioner of the United States by Ctf No 742,998, under the name Samuel Middleton, is not identical with the soldier who performed the service and that the said Sherman knowingly and wilfully presented to the Bureau of Pensions a false and fraudulent claim under the provisions of the act of June 27, 1890, and that through perjury and false personation he has drawn pension down to the present time.

In April 1862, General David Hunter, in command of the Department of the South, of his own motion and without authority of law, or from the War Department, employed several thousand negroes and assembled them at Drayton Place, Hilton Head Island, Beaufort Co. S.C. where they were maintained as laborers, until Aug. 1862, and they were furnished rations and clothing as compensation for their labor. It appears that at the time he employed the negroes he had in view the organization of a colored Regt., and that during the period April to August, much time was spent in drill in the laborers. General Hunter's purpose to arm the negroes became known and created considerable criticism and about Aug. 1, the experimental Regt. was disbanded by order of the Secretary of War. After the organization was disbanded the negroes returned to their homes and it does not appear that any further effort was made to organize and enlist the black men until Oct. 1862 when the work of organizing a Regt. to be known as the 1st. S.C.V. Inf. (afterward designated the 33rd. U.S.C. Inf.) was begun by General Saxton, and many of the laborers who composed the Hunter Experimental organization enlisted in the 1st. S.C.V. Inf. in Nov. and Dec.

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1862. It appears, also, that the military experience gained under Gen. Hunter (for many of them were pressed into his organization) was distasteful to a large percentage of the members of the Experimental organization and that there were many desertions from the Hunter Camp; that Sherman did not avail himself of the privilege of enlisting in Nov. or Dec. but instead, deserted the experimental Regt. and went to his home on St Helena Island and shot off the left index finger for the purpose of evading military service.

Sherman admits that he was never in the Military or Naval service of the United States and swears that he incurred the wound of hand while hunting game, on the McTurious plantation, wher he resided during the entire period of the war, with the exception of the three months, April to August 1862, and it is clearly shown that the Samuel Middleton who performed the service, resided in South Carolina, and probably on St. Helena Island, down to about 1852, when he was taken to Florida, by his owner, and that he resided in Florida until Oct. 1862, when he enlisted, but where he went after discharge and when he died is not known.

Impostor Sherman is a local preacher, and, being satisfied that he would flee the jurisdiction of the Court, on Aug. 7, 1 caused his arrest and in default of bond he was committed to the Beaufort, S.C. jail to await the action of the Federal Grand Jury.

Attention is invited to the fact that James Colonel committed perjury in connection with the application for a certificate in lieu of lost discharge, and in his deposition before me on Aug. 8, and he so admits in his deposition made on Sept. 18, 1902.

As to the witnesses in this case, Charles McCrea, Emanuel Washington, Thomas Fields and Peter Watson are men of unusual intelligence for their class. In fact, each and every person whose deposition is herewith is above the above the average, with the exception of Tyra and July Middleton.

I deem it proper to state that Sherman has not employed an attorney

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and has expressed his intention to enter a plea of guilty and ask the mercy of the Court.

Submitted for the consideration of the Chief of the Law Division.

Very respectfully,

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

Emmett J. Smith

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 742.998

On this 6th day of Aug., 1902, at
Trogmore, county of Beaufort
State of S.C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am about 72 years of age and
my P.O. address is Trogmore,
Beaufort Co. S.C. Occupation, Farmer
Samuel Middleton is my full
and exact name. My father
name was Harry Sherman and
my mother name was Hannah
Sherman. I never had any brother.
I have one sister - Miami Major, who
resides near me.

My own name was James McInturion
I was born in Va. and my mother
was sold away when I was a small
child and brought me here to
St Helena Island, Beaufort Co. S.C. where
I have resided down to the present
time. James McInturion is the only
name I ever had within my
recollection. Down to the time I
enlisted in the army, I was called
"Sam", just "Sam" and nothing else.
My mother sometimes called me
Nat. Her father's name was Nat and
the nicknamed me Nat. No one
else ever called me Nat. As for,
I never had any name other than
"Sam" and Samuel Middleton. Yes, I
was called Sam McInturion sometimes
before I enlisted. I enlisted in the

army under the name of Samuel Middleton. I did not serve under the name "Sam" Middleton. I served under the name Samuel Middleton. It occurred to me the day I enlisted that I would take the name Middleton. I never thought of that name until the day I enlisted and I took the name of my own motion. I do not know why I took the name. I just took the motion to give in my name as Samuel Middleton.

Q Explain how Dr came to apply for pension?

A A paper came here from Wm. M. Wright at Washington D.C. addressed to Samuel Middleton and James Colwell who was a sort of pension agent received the letter and I being the only Samuel Middleton on the island, he sent for me and I went to his house. He told me that the paper had in it the 33rd Regt and he and I just agreed to fill it out and send it back to Washington and he and I went before A. C. Reynolds, Acting Public, who then resided on the Fifth place, and now in Savannah, Ga, and I made my mark to the paper and James Colwell and James Attest

Walter C. Edgell

Elliott Washington

Samuel X Middleton
mark Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of Aug., 1902 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

Division.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., _____, 18____

No. Claim, _____

Cert. No. _____

Claimant, _____

Soldier, _____

Co. _____, _____ Reg't _____

Respectfully from Co. it 33 USC

Vol. Inf. is the same as
that mentioned on the
S. C. D. If the record
has reference to the en-
listment in Hunters 1st
South Carolina only, the
claimant would appear
to have no title. The two
comrades, Maxwell & Smith
who testify before Special
Examiner Gibbs, were ^{mem-}
bers of Co. it 33 U.S.C. 7
& were therefore in a po-
sition to know whereof
they speak, & they say

McW.
Prof. Rev.

Division.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., July 20, 1894

No. Claim,-----

Cert. No. 742 998

Claimant,-----

Soldier, Sam. Middleton

Co. # 33 Reg't USC 20th.

Respectfully returned to the Chief
of the Southern Div. who will
please call for an addition-
al report from the A.G.
with a view to determining
whether Sam. Middleton
whose discharge paper
from the 1st South Car-
olina as of date June 4
1863 is on file, is iden-
tical with Sam. Middleton
of the 33rd USC 20th Inf.
& whether the organiza-
tions were identical.
It will be noticed that
the date of discharge

92W

(3-526.)

Southern

Division.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., July 14, 1894

No. Claim, _____

Cert. No. 742.998

Claimant, Samuel Middleton

Soldier, _____

Co. A., 33. Reg't 25 Cavalry

Respectfully returned to Mr
Aspinwall Chief Board of
Review for Consideration.
The requirements of his
Slip (herewith Attached)
of June 20, 1894) complied
with.

E. G. L. Smith

Chief of Southern Division.

Division.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., _____, 18____

No. Claim, _____

Cert. No. _____

Claimant, _____

Soldier, _____

Co. _____, _____ Reg't _____

Respectfully that Sam. Middleton was never a member of any company of the 53rd USC vols

The apparent discrepancy between the record & the A.C.D. shows therefore he cleared up.

Sudder
Per.

Chief of _____ Division.

MCT

B of Rev.

Division.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., June 30, 1894

No. Claim, _____

Cert. No. _____

742998

Claimant, _____

Soldier, _____

Samuel Middleton

Co. A _____

33

Reg't _____

U.S.C. vol 46

Respectfully _____

returned to the Chief

of the Southern Div. for
 presence or absence of
 Benjamin Maxwell & Thom-
 as Smith of the 33^d
 U.S.C. vols. These men
 are talking against the
 record & it becomes im-
 portant to know whether
 they themselves were in
 the service.

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Rev.

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- M. (Sudder)

Chief of _____

Division.

Sudder

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 742,998

On this Testimony day of January, 1900, at Samuel Middleton, county of ..., State of ..., before me, ..., a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Tira, 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:

Jenkins and my son July Middleton witnessed my signature. I do not remember either Reynolds admitted to call. I know it was an application for pension.

Q why did you sign that application for a pension alleging that you served in the 33rd U.S.C. Inf., when you know that you did not serve in said Regt.

A I don't know. I know it was wrong.

Q Did you render any service with the unit David Hunt and his band of civilians on Hilton Head Island in 1862?

A No sir, to tell the truth I did not. I was never an enlisted man.

I simply drilled with Hunt and his men in the summer of 1862 expecting to go into the military service but I never did enlist.

We drilled on Hilton Head Island for 3 or 4 months and then

orders came from Washington D.C. to disband and Hunt's

organization did disband and

I did not enlist in the

1st S.C. or the 33rd U.S.C. Inf.

or in any Regt. When we

disbanded at Hilton Head we

or many of us came over to Beaufort as citizens and civilians, not as soldiers for we were not soldiers, and I never did enlist.

I was loafing around Beaufort as were a majority of the men who had been with Humboldt and one evening about dark, in the main street in Beaufort, some person unknown brand a pistol or rifle, it was a single ball - and it took off the index finger of my left hand. The ball cut or shattered the finger, leaving it attached to the hand by only a piece of skin and I at once went to Dr Monday who dressed my hand. Dr Monday was in charge of a Hospital, in a board building there in Beaufort and I went to that Hospital and was there under treatment for my injured hand, for about three months. That Hospital was for the colored people of Beaufort and vicinity. There were both soldiers and civilians there under treatment. I don't know whether Dr Monday was in the Military service as a surgeon.

I think the Hospital was maintained by a Government. Dr Durrant was also connected with the Hospital.

Attest

Walter C Edgell

Elliott Washington

Samuel X Middleton
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of Aug., 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 42,998

On this 27th day of June, 1900, at
State of South Carolina, county of Beaufort, before me, James L. [illegible], a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Samuel Middleton, 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:

and both came to Beaufort with
the army. Both colored citizens and
soldier were in that hospital. I
incurred the wound in the summer
and left the hospital and went
home to the McTavish plantation
in the late fall and remained there
and, as above stated, I was never
in the military service of the
United States. I was not involved
in a quarrel, there was no attempt
and I was hit in the hand by
a stray ball in the main street
of Beaufort. There was one man
with me when I was shot but
I have forgotten his name. I
was loafing about the street as
a citizen and not as a soldier
when I was shot.

I repeat that I did not serve
in the 1st S.C. or 33rd U.S.C. Inf
and any former statement I have
made to the effect that I
was a member of said organization
is false. I was never stripped
and examined and never
enlisted, nor did I ever receive
any discharge from the military
service for I was not enlisted.

When my hand had healed I was simply dismissed from the hospital and told to go home and that my disability of hand would exempt me from military service. After I left the hospital and went home, the 1st S.C. Regt was organized and went to Jacksonville, Florida but I was never a member of said Regt.

Q Did you ever have any disease of eyes?
 A No - see Surgeon's cert of disability D.H.G.
 Special Examiner

A No Sir. I did have erysipelas in my head and my head became swollen, but that was long after the war was over.

Q Now, Sam, suppose you tell me the truth about how you incurred the wound of hand.

A Well, Sir, I never was in trouble before and I've been worrying about this pension ever since I got it. In fact I worried about it before I got it. When that declaration came, addressed to Sam McIndle, I knew that I was not in Co. A-33rd U.S.C. Inf and that the paper was not intended for me but I thought it an easy way to get money and I signed.

Attest

Heathie C Edgell
 Elliott Washington

Samuel McIndle
 Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of Aug., 1907, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D.H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Widdett & No. 142,998

On this 27th day of July, 1900, at
State of Massachusetts, county of Suffolk, before me,
a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Samuel Widdett, 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:

He signed and mailed it to
W. M. Wright to be filed as
a claim against the government
well knowing the claim to be false
for he know at the time that
the United Band disbanded; that
it was not recognized as
a military organization and
any body connected with it
know the same thing and not
having been identified with
any other organization he know
at the time. I signed said
declaration that I had no
title to pension. Having filed
the false and fraudulent claim
I was afraid to "let go" of it
and I have gone on worrying
and lying about the matter
ever since and I am now
going to tell the truth
As above stated I was
never in the military service
of the United States and I
made a false and fraudulent
claim for pension
I did not incur the
wound of hand in Beaufort
A. B. and was not in hospital

in Beaufort S.C. After the Hunter
organization disbanded I came home
to St Helena Island and was out in
the woods hunting game and the
hammer of my rifle caught on
a piece of shrubbery and was
accidentally discharged, taking off
the index finger of my left
hand. I swear that the
wound was not purposely
self-inflicted to avoid military
service and that it was
accidental.

Q of as you have stated, you know that
you were doing wrong when you
signed and came to be filed
the claim for pension, why didn't
you abandon the claim?

A Well Sir, I needed the money and
I was afraid to "let go"

Q Yes Sir, I did know that I
was presenting a false claim to
the Government every time I
have signed a pension voucher
since my claim was allowed
in 1892. I have drawn pension
each and every quarter since
March 1892

Q Yes Sir, I did endeavor to
join the G. A. R. Post at Fanning,
S.C. about two years ago but
my application was rejected on
his

Attest
Heathie C Edgell
Elliot Washington

Samuel X Middleton
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of Aug.,
1902 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 742998

On this 12th day of August, 1902, at San Francisco, county of San Francisco, State of California, before me, John G. Gibbs, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Samuel Middleton, 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:

on the ground that I was not a soldier.

Having read and signed my deposition before Special Examiner J. G. Gibbs on dated June 5, 1894. I state that it is all false; that I did not receive a discharge from the army; that I did not serve in the 1st S.I. and 33rd U.S.I. Inf.

Q When you appeared before Special Examiner Mr. McLean on May 12, 1902, what did he do?

A He had me hold up my hand and he administered the oath to me just as you have done.

Q Then what did you do.

A I didn't tell him the truth although he had sworn me to tell the truth. I thought the only way to keep out of trouble and continue to draw pension was to continue my falsehoods and I knowingly swore falsely before Mr. McLean.

I did testify before Mr. McLean that "I served as a private in Co. H - 33rd U.S.I. Inf." that "I enlisted at Helton Head, S.C.

S. C. in 1864"; that "I was in the
 Army when Lincoln was killed"; that
 the news came to me when I
 was in Hospital at Beaufort S. C.";
 that "I was wounded on picket duty
 and went to the Hospital on account
 of the wound" that "I was on
 picket near Beaufort, S. C." that "when
 I enlisted I was examined by three
 doctors. They stripped me off and
 measured me and made
 me stoop over and searched me
 all over" that "I received a discharge
 at the Hospital with permission to
 go back to my Regt. and I
 felt better", all for the purpose
 of continuing my name
 upon the pension roll and well-
 knowing my testimony to be
 false at the time I gave it.

Peter Watson has executed all
 of my pension vouchers upon
 which pension has been paid
 to me during the past
 three years and he has always
 required me to exhibit my
 pension certificate and had
 me hold up my hand
 and be sworn and I
 knowing swore falsely each and
 every time I signed a
 pension voucher.

Attest

Heathie L. Edgell
 Elliott Washington

Samuel M. Middleton
 Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of Aug.,
 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton No. 742998

On this 2 day of August, 1902, at
county of San Diego,
State of California, before me, _____, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared _____,
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:

No atts Sam Middleton has recollection
on St Helena Island with

I never knew a soldier or
any person who bore my name.

Note - [By actual measurement, this man is
5 ft 6 1/2 inches, black complexion, hair
black, eyes brown. No marks or scars
atts the on left hand. D.H. G. Speed
4 Aug 1902]

I certify that the above and
 foregoing is my voluntary statement
made with constraint or promise
of immunity from punishment
I have heard read the foregoing
fully understood the questions and
I have been correctly answered
Attest Heath C Edeyell Samuel Middleton
Special Examiner

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 6th day of August
1902 and I certify that the
contents were fully made
known to deponent before signing

D. H. Alexander
Special Examiner

We certify that the above and

foregoing deposition was carefully
and fully read & freely
acknowledged under oath and
signed by Samuel Middleton
in our presence

Walter C. Edgell
43 West St Beaufort, S.C.
Elliott Washington
Frogmore, S.C.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____,
190____, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION B

Case of Samuel Middleton of, No. _____

On this 29th day of Sept, 1902, at
Beaufort, county of Beaufort
State of S. C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 72 years of age and
my residence and P. O. address
is Fernmore, Beaufort, S. C.
My full and correct name
is Samuel Shannon. My father
name was Harry Shannon and
mother name was Hannah
Shannon and Samuel Shannon
is my full and correct name
I just took the name
Middleton when I went
over to Hilton Head Island
to drill with the Hunter
(Experimental Regt. and I have
held on to that name since the
Hunter organization disbanded.

I do not remember that any one
but Peter Watson warned me that
I could get into trouble with
the Government if I continued to
claim pension. Immediately after I
received the first payment of
pension, Peter Watson told me
that I was not a soldier
and not entitled to pension
and that I knew it and that
I could get into serious trouble
with the Government if I continued
to claim pension. Asaph Singleton

and Richard Washington, dead, composed
the Committee that rejected my
application for membership in the
G. A. R.

I have heard read the foregoing
and I have been correctly
recorded.

Attest
Dor McElain
Chas McLoe

his
Samuel X Sherman
mark

I certify that the above and foregoing
was carefully and fully read to,
fully acknowledged and attested and
signed by Samuel Sherman in my
presence.

Dor McElain

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of Sept
1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 742,998

On this 6th day of Aug., 1900, at
Frogmore, county of Beaufort
State of S.C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 60 years of age and my
p.o. address is Frogmore, Beaufort Co. S.C.,
occupation, Farmer.

I served as a priv. Co. H. 21st
U.S.C. Inf. and am a pensioner of the
United States.

I have known Samuel McTurk from
my earliest recollection and have seen
him almost every day with the exception of
the period Jan 1863 to Feb 1864 and from
July 1864 to April 1866.

In 1862 Syrus Middleton took boat
loads of food to Hilton Head Island and
sold it to the Hunter men who
were drilling there. I was employed by
Middleton and we made two trips
to Hilton Head each week and I remember
a good many of the men who
were there with Hunter drilling and
Samuel McTurk was one of them
for I saw him there and talked
with him. McTurk was never with
any other military organization to my
knowledge. He never claimed to me
to have been with any organization
other than the Hunter men and they
disbanded. I remember when they
disbanded. I can't say where
McTurk was or what he did

after the Hunter band of men disbanded
 I do not know how or when
 he lost the index finger of his left
 hand. He has never told me
 how he lost it. He never claimed
 to me to have been wounded in
 the army. He never claimed to have
 incurred the loss of finger in battle. I have
 always heard that the Hunter men were
 not enlisted. I first heard that about 3 years ago.
 Declaration B. D. 1 of Samuel Middleton. In 1891
 I carried the mail from the Frogmore
 postoffice to our part of the Island and
 a letter came from Wm. M. Wright of Washington
 D. C. addressed to Samuel Middleton and
 Sam McTurkin or Middleton being the
 only person on the Island who went by
 the name of Middleton I gave the
 paper to him and he and I took
 the paper, which was an application for
 pension. Andrew C. Reynolds and
 Reynolds read it over to us and
 Samuel signed it and I signed
 the declaration as an attesting and
 identifying witness. Sam was sworn.
 I was not sworn. I was not
 with the Hunter men and did not
 know until about 3 years ago that
 they were not enlisted and not
 entitled to pension.
 Yes, I remember that the declaration as
 Reynolds read it, stated the 33rd

James Colonel

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of Aug
 1902 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton & No. 742,998

On this 2nd day of January, 1900, at
State of Massachusetts, county of Suffolk, before me, James C. [illegible], a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
James C. [illegible], 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:

Regt.

- Q - And do you know that the Hunter band was
never called the 33rd Regt, did you not
A I did not know anything about that. I
suffered at the time I signed that paper
that Sam was an enlisted man.
I thought it all right. I am uncertain
as to when he began calling himself
Samuel Middleton. But he has been
known as Samuel Middleton for
many years. yes he was called
Samuel Middleton prior to 1892
I have never known anything about Sam
Middleton. I did not aid him in obtaining a pension.
I had nothing to do with the
filing of Sam Middleton's claim
beyond that to sign the declaration. I gave to
him the letter addressed to Samuel
Middleton because he was the only
person by that name on the island.
I have never written any letter relative to
or had anything to do with this
claim other than as above stated.
I have heard read the foregoing
and I have been correctly recorded.

James Colver
Deponent.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton of No. 742,998

On this 18th day of Sept, 1902, at
Troy, county of Beaufort
State of S.C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

James Calmel, 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:

(James Calmel's additional statement)

In my deposition before me on Aug 7, 1902
I stated that I did not know
until 3 years ago that the
Hunter Experimental Regt was sent
in the military service. I now
state that I first learned that
the Hunter Experimental Regt was
disbanded and was never in
the military service soon after
I enlisted in the army in 1865
and that my testimony before me
on Aug 7, was false and I
know it to be false at the time
I gave it. I have known ever
since 1865 that the Hunter
Experimental Regt was not in the
military service and that the body
of men was disbanded and
not reorganized as soldiers.

Q Then you know at the time you signed
Middleton's declaration as an attesting
and identifying witness that the said
Middleton was not in the military
service of the United States

A Yes Sir, I did.

Q How much money did the said
Middleton pay to you for your
services in the presentation of his claim.

A Not one cent.

As to the correspondence addressed to Mrs. M. Wright and found in said attorney's files, I identify pages 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22 and 27 as having been prepared by me. I filled up the question blanks pages 4 and 5 and I wrote the letter above referred to.

Q In your deposition before me on Aug 6, 1902, you testified "I did not aid Samuel Middleton in obtaining a patent. I had nothing to do with the filing of his claim, further than to sign his declaration. I have never written any letters relative to or had anything to do with this claim" what explanation have you to make as to the falsity of said deposition?

A I admit that the testimony given before me on Aug 6, 1902, was false and that I know it to be false at the time I gave it. I swore falsely because I did not want to be connected with a false claim if I could avoid it. I swore falsely to protect myself. I did not want to get mixed up in this case.

Q said you, in May 1902, sign Samuel Middleton's application for a certificate in lieu of his lost discharge?

James B. Colwell

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of Sept, 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 742,998

On this 18th day of Sept, 1902, at
San Francisco, county of San Francisco,
State of California, before me, John H. Alexander, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
John H. Alexander, 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:

A Yes Sir, I did. I sign said application
and identified the said Samuel
Middleton as the soldier who served
in Co. H - 33rd U.S. Inf., well knowing
that he was in the possession
of an original certificate of discharge;
that he was not the Samuel
Middleton who served in Co. H - 33rd
U.S. Inf., and that he was
not in the military service of
the United States. I signed the
application for the duplicate discharge
before Andrew L. Reynolds.
I have heard read the foregoing
fully understood the questions and
I have been correctly recorded. and
I further certify that the above
and foregoing is my voluntary
statement, made without constraint
or promise of immunity from
punishment.
James H. Colver
Deponent

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 18th day of Sept 1902 and I
certify that the contents were fully
made known to deponent before
signing.
J. H. Alexander
Special Examiner

We certify that the above and foregoing was carefully and fully read to, freely acknowledged under oath and signed by James Bohner in our presence.

John H. Jackson
Anderson H. Capers.

Frogmore, D. C.

Frogmore, D. C.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 190____, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton & No. 742.998

On this 10th day of Sept, 1902, at
Fernandina, county of Nassau
State of Florida, before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 60 years of age and
my P.O. address is Fernandina, Fla.
Occupation, Farmer

I served as a put co N. 334
U. S. L. Inf.

I first knew Samuel Tripp in
Jacksonville, Fla. about 10 years before
the war. His owner's name was
Tripp - I have forgotten the full name -
and his owner was a brick mason,
built houses &c and Samuel was a
brick mason by occupation and followed
that occupation until he enlisted
Red Smalls, Henry Delay, Amos Atkins
Samuel Tripp and myself fledged
from Jacksonville, Fla. in the Spring
of 1862 and came here to Fernandina
Fla and in Nov of that year they
began recruiting here and we all
enlisted and were taken to Beaufort, N.C.
and joined the Regt at Camp Saxton
Port Royal Island. Samuel Tripp enlisted
and served, for a short time, in my
co., under the name Samuel Middleton
for that was his true and correct
name. He answered roll call as
Sam Middleton. There were three
Middletons in my Co. - Express,
Lipio and Sam. Express and Lipio

were brothers and both are dead.

Sam Tripp or Middlelin was brought to Jacksonville 10 or 12 years before the war, from South Carolina. He had formerly resided on St Helena Island, S.C. and when his owner brought him to Jacksonville Sam left a slave wife on St Helena Island, about whom he frequently talked and while we were in Camp Saxton Sam got a furlough and went over to St Helena Island to see the wife he left there when he was brought to Florida and when he returned from his visit to St Helena Island, the old man seemed to be happy at having seen his former wife even though she had taken up with and was then living with another man. While my Regt was at Beaufort old man Tripp or Middlelin disappeared from the Regt. He had some disease of eyes and that trouble coupled with his age made him unfit for duty, and he disappeared from the Regt, but whether he went to hospital or died I am unable to say. I can't say what it was, death or disease; that took him from the Co but it was one or the other. He either died or went to hospital and perhaps both. I did mean Sam Middlelin had

Attest
J. H. Stays

his
Charles Mc Brea
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Sept., 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton of No. 742.998

On this 6 day of June, 1900, at
State of Florida, county of Jefferson, before me,
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Charles T. ..., 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:

a son, by the St Helena Island wife, in
our Regt but not in our Co. I can
not recall the son's name nor his
Co. I saw the son talking to the old man
and saw the son give the old man
\$.50 to take care of for him while we
were in Camp Astor.

Samuel Tripp or Middleton must have
been 50 years of age at enlistment. He
was old enough to have been my
father. The son whom I saw in the
Regt was apparently older than myself
and I was 25 years of age at
enlistment. I don't know where he was
born but I presume on St Helena
Island for there was where he lived
before he was brought to Florida.
He was considerably taller than
myself - 2 or 3 inches taller - and I
am 5 ft 6 inches, his complex was black,
black eyes and he had some grey
hairs and beard. He was too old
for the service. Oh, yes, he was over
30. He was at least 50 at enlistment
and was a mason by occupation.
He was a much heavier man than
myself. I have not seen him since
Jacksonville since the war and
don't know what became of

Sam Middleton's own wife was of middle age at the beginning of the war. The name of Sam's St Helena Island wife was "Arnetta". I remember that distinctly. For Sam told us all about her. During the first 4 months of my service Sam Middleton, Ted Small, Clarence Jenkins^{dead}, and Henry Harrison and I tented together. Henry Harrison remained at Port Royal after we were M. O. He bought land and married the wife we came to Fernandina in April 1862. Sam did not bring Rachel with him. My recollection is that he once had carried her off a year or two before, but I am not certain about that. I do know however that Sam and Rachel lived together 5 or 6 years in Jacksonville before the war. I next saw Rachel in 1864 and again 5 years ago on Cumberland Island but she has removed from there and I don't know where we were M. O. at Morris Island, near Charleston, S.C. and Ted Small and I farmed on Port Royal Island 10 miles from Beaufort, one year, and then came to Fernandina where we have since resided. We farmed at Rail Park Archie Seabrook's place. I have heard read the foregoing and I have been solemnly recorded.

Attest

J. H. Stays

his
Charles Mc Grea
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of Sept, 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton vs No. 742,995

On this 16th day of Sept, 1902, at
Troy, county of Beaufort
State of S. C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 65 years of age and my
P.O. address is Troy, S.C.
Occupation, Farmer

I served as a Corp. Co. H. 1st
S.C. and 33rd U.S.C. Inf. from
Dec 1862 to Jan 31, 1866.

A very large number of the
members of my Co were
from Florida. Among them
Thomas Hubbard, Charles McBrea
and Small, Symas, Lipis and
Samuel Middleton, Joe Wright
and Fortune Baker and others.
There were three Middletons in
my Co. Lipis was a Sgt
and Symas was a Corp.
The other one, Samuel, was an
old man and was afflicted
and served only a short time
during Capt Dally's time. He had
some eye trouble and the Capt
had him examined and discharged
and I never saw him afterward. I remember
that he did no duty other
than to rake round and clean
up the Co. street and that he
wore some sort of protection over
his eyes. He was a much older
man than myself and was called

old man Middleton in the Co. He was ~~two~~ or three inches taller than myself, a very tall man, in fact, and wore a little beard. My recollection is that he was slender but tall and his complexion was black. I don't know where he was born, but I know that he came from Florida with the comrades above named. I do not remember what his occupation has been. I was not well acquainted with him so much because he was much older than myself. It seems to me that something was said among his Florida associates about old man Sam having come from South Carolina; but I do not remember hearing anything said about old man Sam having a wife here in S.C. or that he had a son in the Regt. Yes, I know a fellow here on this island who calls himself Samuel Middleton. He resides on the McTavish plantation and I have known him 8 or 9 years, but he is not the Samuel Middleton who served in my Co. The man Samuel Middleton who I know here is not the Sam Middleton who served in Co, nor was the Samuel Middleton whose name

Emanuel Washington
Deponent.

Subscribed to and subscribed before me this 16 day of Sept., 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *J*

Case of *Samuel Middleton* of No. *742-998*

On this *21* day of *May*, 190*0*, at
county of *San Diego*,
State of *California*, before me, _____, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared _____

_____, 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:

is on this island, a member of my
Co at all. I am certain that he
was not in my Regt. I have ridden
in another part of the island and
do not remember seeing Mr Middleton
here, until 5 or 9 years ago. I heard
some three or four months ago
that the Middleton whose name is
in this island claimed to have
been a member of my Co but
he never had the nerve to
tell me that he was. I have heard
that he made application for
membership in the Hunter B.-A. P. Post
and that he was rejected on the
ground that he was not a soldier.
The Post Committee that investigated
him did not consult me.
Some of his neighbor soldiers
are members of the post and
it was through them that his
application was rejected for
they know that he was not
in the army. He was a member
of the Veterans Society here, but
his name was erased as soon
as it was ascertained that he was
not a soldier. I have talked with
the Middleton who resides on this island

a great many times but he never mentioned Co. H - 1st S. I. or the 33rd and I did not know until this investigation was begun that he claimed to have served in my Co.

I have heard read the foregoing and I have been correctly served & manull Washington

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of Sept., 1902 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middlelin No. 742, 991

On this 16th day of Sept, 1902, at
Troy, county of Beaufort
State of S.C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 62 years of age and
my P. O. address is Troy, S.C.
Occupation, Farmer

I served as a priv Co. H. 1st S.C.
and 3-3rd U.S.C. Inf from Dec
1862 to Jan 31, 1866

I have resided on St Helena Island
S.C. all my life

I remember Samuel Middlelin
who served for a short time,
during Capt George Dally's time,
as a member of Co. H. 1st S.C.
The soldier Samuel Middlelin, was
past middle age and he
enlisted from Florida, with Symas
and Cipio Middlelin and Charles
McBrea, Amos Atherton, Fortune Baker
and others. We referred to him as
old man Middlelin for he
was much older than any of us.
He was considerably taller than myself
I am 5 ft 6. He was a gun maker
He had a pot sieve with a
hide or skin drawn over it and
made music by beating on
an instrument. It was a crude
tembournie. I don't recall his
occupation nor that I ever
heard that he had lived on

this Island. I know he was Fernandina or Jacksonville Fla. He served only a short time, when he was discharged but for what cause I don't know. It seems to me that he went to hospital. He did not leave Beaufort Co with the Regt. I do not know that he had a son or any relative in the Regt. I do not remember that he had any eye trouble.

I have known for 7 or 8 years, a fellow on this Island of the name of Samuel Middleton, but he was not in my Co. I have seen him frequently during the past 8 years and I swear positively that he was not in my Co under the name Samuel Middleton or any other name. While I have known the man 7 or 8 years by sight, I did not know that he went by the name Samuel Middleton until about 3 years ago and I did not learn, until 3 or 4 weeks ago, that he claimed to have served in my Co. He now claimed to have been in the army at all. I have talked to him a great many times but he never mentioned Co H-33rd U.S.I. Inf. to me. The Committee of the G.A.R. Post who rejected his application for membership did not consult me. I suppose it was not necessary.

I have heard read the foregoing and I have been correctly recorded.

Rebecca Brown,

Jack ^{his} Parker

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of Sept 1903, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton et al. No. 742, 998

On this 29th day of Sept, 1902, at
Beaufort, county of Beaufort
State of S. C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 59 years of age and my
residence and P. O. address is Port Royal,
Beaufort Co. S. C. occupation Farm

I served as Sgt Co. H. 1st S. C.
and 33rd U. S. C. Inf. from Nov 1862
to Jan 31, 1866.

I remember old man Samuel
Middleton who came from Florida
and enlisted in Co. H. 1st S. C.
He was unfit for service by
reason of his advanced age and
disease of eyes and was discharged
here at Beaufort. I do not remember
how long he served, but less than
one year, I am positive. He
did not render any service as
a fact. He did not drill or
do any duty other than clean up
the Co street. I never knew
the said Middleton prior to
enlistment and have not seen
his service discharge and could
not have remembered him but
for his age and the fact that
he did no duty. Middleton
was a very tall man and of
black complexion. I do not remember
whether he had a wife or any
relatives in Beaufort Co. but I

remember that he was from Florida
On Sept 3, 1902 I interviewed Samuel
Stanton, or McTear, at the jail, and
I swear positively that he is not to
Samuel Middleton who served in
my co and that he was not
a member of my co under
the name Middleton or any other
name.

I have heard read the foregoing
and I have been correctly recorded

W. H. Alexander

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of Sept,
1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

W. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 742 998

On this 19 day of Aug., 1902 at
Beaufort, county of Beaufort
State of S.C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am about 14 years of age and
my residence and P.O. address
is Beaufort, S.C.

Occupation Farmer

I served as a priv. Co. H. 1st
S.C. and H. 33rd U.S. C. Inf.

I have this day had a
conversation with one Samuel
Middleton who stated to me
that he was with Hunter's men
in 1862, but that he was
not an enlisted man; that
he did not enlist in the 1st
S.C. or the 33rd U.S. C. Inf.

He has no knowledge of
the history of the Co and Regt
in which I served and
I swear positively that he
was not a member of
my Co and Regt.

I never saw the said
Samuel Middleton until today,
to my knowledge.

I have heard read the
 foregoing and I have been
correctly recorded.

Attest

J. J. Mahoney ^{his} Jack X Danner
mark

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of Aug.,
1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton No. 742,998

On this 6th day of Aug, 1902, at
Troy, county of Beaufort
State of S. C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 69 years of age and my
P. O. address is Troy, S. C.
Occupation, Farmer

I served as a Pvt Co. A - 1st
S. C. and 33rd U. S. C. Inf from
Dec 1862 to Jan 1866.

I first knew Samuel Middleton
long before the war. We resided
about two and one-half miles apart
He belonged to James McTurion
and I knew him simply as "Sam"
until we began drilling on
Hiltonhead Island, with Gen. Hunt
in 1862. He and I were with
Hunt and he was then known
as Sam Middleton. He and I
remained with Hunt drilling, until
the Hunter band of men disbanded
I then came to Beaufort and
in Dec 1862 enlisted in Co A. 1st
S. C. and went to Jacksonville Fla
and I do not know what
Samuel Middleton did. I do know
however that he did not enlist
in the 1st S. C. I never saw
him, during the war, after I
enlisted in the 1st S. C. when
I was discharged in 1866 I again
saw the said Middleton and at

that time I advised that he had lost the index finger of his left hand but when and how he lost it I do not know. I have heard many rumors about it but I suspect that he is the only person who could relate the circumstance in which he lost the finger. He and I have been neighbors since the war but he has never told me how he lost the finger. He has never claimed to me to have been in the army for he knows that I know that he was not an enlisted man.

He was denied admittance to membership in Hunt Post No 9 G. A. R. at Troy, N. Y. on the ground that he was not a soldier. He don't talk about army matters and every body was astonished when he got a pension and they have never recovered from their astonishment. The soldier we have expected his arrest for drawing a fraudulent pension. Several years ago an effort was made by the soldiers to stop his pension on that ground that he was a fraud. I have heard of the foregoing and I have been somewhat worried.

Therence Secrest

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of Aug, 1902 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton of No. 742, 998

On this 18th day of Sept, 1902, at
Tarboro, county of Beaufort
State of S. C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Thomas Smith, 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:

(Thomas Smith's additional statement)

Samuel Middleton kept the fact of
his application for pension a secret
and when it became known among
the soldiers that he had obtained a
pension, they were, of course, astonished
and endeavored to stop the pension (see
report of Special Examiner Gibbs etc.)

Shortly after he received the original
pension I said to him "how did
you get it" "I was no soldier" and
he answered that the Government just sent
it to him; and stated that he did
not apply for it; that he had not
even written a letter or made any
application whatever for a pension. I
then warned him that he was not
entitled to a pension and that he
would get into trouble with the
Government if he persisted in drawing
a fraudulent pension.

On Aug 6, 1902, the day we began
this investigation, the said Middleton repeated
to me that he had never applied
for pension and that the Government
just sent it to him.

I want to further state that
Samuel Middleton, with a half dozen
others ran away from the Hunt

organization. They seized a flat and were making their way back to St Helena Island and were caught in Broad River near Paris Bank and carried back to Hilton Head and placed under guard and were kept under guard until the Hunter organization disbanded. Russell Leisholm, Usher Simmons, Primes Deeth, Roland White and Sambo Smith ran away with McAdams and under direction of Col Troubridge who was on Gen Hunter's Staff, Paul Jones, Mary Garris, January Singleton^{dead}, Ned Pope^{dead} and Bob Souds and myself caught them and took them back to Deyton Place, Hilton Head.

I have heard read the foregoing and I have been correctly ~~repeated~~ ^{repeated} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~deponent's~~ ^{deponent's} ~~behaviour~~ ^{behaviour}

Deponent.

Subscribed to and subscribed before me this 18th day of Sept, 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

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SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATE

No. 742998

VETERAN Samuel Middleton

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SERVICE Co. H. 33rd Regt. U. S. C. Vol.
Inf.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton of No. 742, 998

On this 5th day of Aug., 1902, at
Trogonne, county of Beaufort
State of S.C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 72 years of age. P.O. address
Trogonne S.C. Occupation Farmer.

I served as a priv. Co. H. 21st S.C.
Inf. I drilled with Hunter men
some of whom were regular but
a majority were sworn in as
members of the 1st S.C. which was
afterward changed to the 33rd and
I was one of the number enlisted in the 21st

I have known Sam McTurious all
his life. We have always resided on
adjoining plantations. His step-father name
was Harry McTurious or Sherman and
his mother name was Hannah
Sherman, and the son, Sam, was
always known as Sam McTurious
until about 1873 when we formed
the First African Baptist Church and
he then gave in his name as
Samuel Middleton. He offered no
explanation for changing his name
nor did I ever hear any one else
offer any excuse for it. Sam McTurious
is a pensioner of the United States
but he did not render any military
service. He was not with Hunter,
he was at home when the Hunter
men were drilling and he remained
at home. They began drafting

and forcing men into the United States Service and to evade Service he purposely shot off the index finger of his left hand, at his home on the McTurk plantation. I was not an eye witness to the self wounding but heard of it and saw him within a week after he shot himself and he had his hand tied up and was going to St Helena village to have Dr Monday dress the wound. Dr Monday had been treating the wound. When I saw him about a week after he shot himself he told me that the soldiers came after him to take him in the army and that he shot himself while endeavoring to escape; that the shooting was accidental. I enlisted in Aug 1863 and McTurk shot himself shortly before I enlisted.

Shortly after he applied for pension McTurk told me that his attorney James Colonel, told him that he must stick to the name Samuel Middlelin. McTurk also told me that he had been in the army; that he knew he was not the Sam Middlelin who served in Co H - 33rd but that James Colonel had told him that if he would stick to that name he could get a pension. I had that conversation with McTurk at the

Attest
Elliott Washington

Oliver X Middlelin

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of Aug 1902 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to Deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 742,998

On this Oliver day of February, 1900, at San Antonio, county of Brewster, State of Texas, before me, John W. [illegible], a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared James [illegible], 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:

James [illegible] postoffice. After he got a pension he attempted to join the Hunter Post - G. A. R. No 9 at [illegible], Tex. but his application was rejected on the ground that he was not a soldier, was not a enlisted man and he has never been admitted to membership in the G. A. R. Post. I told some of the G. A. R. members what he told me and he has been [illegible] ever since. When he applied for membership in the G. A. R. he could not tell the name of a single officer in the 33rd nor did he know the names of non-commissioned officers. Perhaps he has learned some of the names since the for pension purposes. I am of the opinion that Sam Middleton or whose service McTurpin is pensioned is dead and that James Colonel who worked up the claim for McTurpin can tell us the who story if he will do so. I never know a Samuel Tripp or Treep.

I state positively that Sam McTurpin was not in the army prior to

Aug. 1863 nor at any time. In my opinion every man who saw military service is entitled to a pension but Mr. Turin was not an enlisted man. He and I were good friends until he defrauded the Government and attempted to join the G. A. R. and he has not been friendly to me since although we are on speaking terms.

No, he is not 72 years of age. He is 10 or 12 years younger than myself. He was a young man not more than 20 when he shot himself and I was 30 years of age when I enlisted.

I have heard read the foregoing and I have been correctly named.

Attest
Elliott Washington

his
Oliver X Middleton
mark

I further state that at the time I had the conversation with him at the postoffice I warned him that if he persisted in pushing a claim for pension he would get into trouble with the Government; that he was not a soldier and not entitled to pension and he knew it. He said that I was grudgeful. That I begrudged him the money and he was mad at me after that. I have heard read the foregoing and I have been correctly named.

Attest
Elliott Washington

his
Oliver X Middleton
mark

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of Aug., 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton & No. 742,998

On this 18th day of Sept, 1902, at
Troy, county of Beaufort
State of D.C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 61 years of age and my
P. O. address is Troy, D.C.
Occupation, Farmer

I served as a priv. Co H-21-N.A.,
Inf., from Aug 1864 to April 1866.

I have known Sam McTurinus or Middleton
all my life. His mother Hannah Sherman
brought him here when he was a child
and left his father behind in Va.
Harry Sherman was his step-father.
His given name was James McTurinus
and Sam was known as McTurinus
until sometime after the war. Three
or four years after the war he took
the name Middleton, but I don't
know why he took that name.

Before and during the war McTurinus
or Middleton and I lived within
one and one-half miles of each
other and I saw him every few
days. He drilled with the 2nd
Regimental organization from April to
Aug 1862 and then he came
home and remained at home
and did not enlist in the army.
I left him at home when I
enlisted in Aug 1864. He was
not absent from home from
Aug 1862 to Aug 1864. He never

claimed to have been a soldier. Every body
knew that the Hunter organization was ~~not~~
disbanded and was never in the
military service. Middleton never talked
to me about his former matters, for
he knew that I knew that he was
not in the army. He lost the left index
finger on the McTurk plantation and
under circumstances known only to himself.

I have heard read the foregoing
and I have been correctly rendered
Jerry Polite

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of Sept.,
1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 742 998

On this 17th day of Sept, 1902, at
Troy, county of Beaufort
State of S.C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 76 years of age and my
p.o. address is Troy, S.C.
Occupation, Farmer

I served as a Corp Co H-21st
as S.C. Inf. from Aug 1864 to April 1866

I drilled with General David Hunter
& permitted Regt from April to Aug 1862

The Hunter & permitted Regt was disbanded
in Aug 1862 and I went home where
I now reside and remained there until
I enlisted in Aug 1864

I have known Samuel McTurris or
Middleton from the time he was a
small boy and we have resided
within one-fourth mile of each other
for 45 years. He was never in the
Military or Naval service of the United
States. I left him at home when
I went to drill with the Hunter men
and he was at home when the
Hunter band of men disbanded
in Aug 1862 and he remained at
home and I saw him about
every day from Aug 1862 to Aug
1864, when I enlisted, with the
exception of a brief period when
he lost the left index finger and
was under treatment at the hospital
at St Helena Village. I can't tell just

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. _____

On this 26th day of Aug., 1902 at
Troy, county of Beaufort
State of S.C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 67 years of age and
my p.o. address is Troy,
Beaufort Co. S.C.

Occupation, Farmer

I served as a priv. Co. H - 2nd
U.S.C. Inf. from Aug 1864 to Feb
1866

I have known Sam Middleton from
the time he was a small boy
He and I resided within one mile
of each other down to the time I
enlisted in Aug 1864 and during
the years 1862, 1863 and to
Aug. 1864 I saw him two or
three times each week and I
do know that he did not
render any military service
prior to Aug 1864 and that
he was at home with his own
James McTurpin, on the McTurpin
place, St Helena Island, S.C. continually
until I enlisted in Aug 1864 and
while I did not see him from Aug 1864
to Feb 1866 I am satisfied that he was
not absent from the McTurpin place
and that he did not render military
service during that period
He shot off the left index finger
after Aug 1864 and prior to Feb 1866

He had not lost the finger in Aug 1864 but it was gone in Feb 1866 and I am of the opinion that only Sam Middleton knows how and under what circumstances he lost that finger. It is absolutely certain that Middleton was never in the army. He did not even drill with the Hunter (experiments) Regt. I never had any conversation with him relative to his pension matter.

Joshua J. Perkins

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of Aug., 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton & No. 742.998

On this 4th day of Aug, 1902, at
Frogmore, county of Beaufort
State of S. C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 61 years of age and my P.O.
address is Frogmore, S. C.
Occupation, Farmer.

I have known Sam McTavis —
from the time I was a very small
child. We have resided on adjoining
plantations from my earliest recollection
down to this day. In 1872 we
organized the 1st African Church at
Frogmore S. C. and I was Secretary
and Sam McTavis gave in his
name as Samuel Middleton. I
never heard him called Middleton
until that time and never
heard him refer to himself
as Middleton and do not
know why or how he
came to take that name.

I had seen him about every day
from my infancy, with the
exception of the period I was in
the army, down to 1872, and
never heard him refer to himself
or anyone refer to him, as
Middleton. He claims to have
been a soldier during the war
of the United States but it is
my belief that the only service
he saw was in Hunter's Regt and

that he was not an enlisted man.

I enlisted in Aug 1864 - enrolled Sept 2, 1864 in Co. H. 2nd U.S.C. Inf., and came back here about Sept 20, 1865 and if the said Middleton was an enlisted man at all, it was during the above named period. He was with the Hunter Regt on Hilton Head until that organization disbanded in 1862. Then he came back home and remained at home, to my entire knowledge, until I enlisted in Aug 1864. My father ran a boat and took chickens and watermelons and food of every kind to the Hunter Regt and I went with him, once each week, and I saw McTouris or Middleton there with the Regt and talked with him and know that he went back home as soon as the Hunter organization was disbanded. Shortly before and at the time I enlisted there was a good deal of shooting going on and it was dangerous to attempt to evade service and it was during that time that Middleton shot off part of his left hand. I was not a witness to the self wounding but every body said that he had shot himself to keep from going into the army. I have heard read the foregoing and I have been correctly recorded.

Peter Watson Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of Aug, 1902 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 742,998

On this 17 day of Sept, 1902, at
Troy, county of Beaufort
State of A. C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Peter Watson, 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:

(Peter Watson's Supplemental Statement)

I never knew that Samuel Mc Turin
or Middleton was an applicant for
pension until his claim had been
allowed, and as soon as I learned
that pension had been granted to him
I told him that it was wrong for
him to receive it; that he had
not been a soldier and was not
entitled to pension and that the
Government had made a mistake
and he said that "if the Government
had made a mistake it was
none of my business". Immediately
after this conversation I wrote a
letter to the Commissioner of pension
advising that Middleton was not
a soldier and that an error had
been made and in reply to my
letter I received the letter which
I now place in your hands dated
June 16, 1892. - (see exhibit - 549)

I wrote another letter and told the
Hon. Commissioner that the Bureau was
mistaken and not me and then
I made an affidavit (see attached to
the report of Special Examiner Gibbs 549)
but all my efforts did not avail
In Oct 1894 I was Commissioner a

Notary Public and from that date down to the present I have authenticated his pension vouchers. The Bureau of pension having notified me by letter that the said Middleton was entitled to pension I felt at liberty to issue his pension vouchers, he being my neighbor.

I identify as genuine my official signature and seal as Notary Public on the pension vouchers of Samuel Middleton for the quarters ending Aug 4, and Nov 4, 1901, Feb 4 and May 4, 1902 and I identify said vouchers as having been presented to me and signed by Samuel Middleton in my presence and I certify that the contents of each and every voucher were made known to the said Middleton at the time of signing; that he was sworn by uplifted hand to the truth of the contents of each voucher; that he made oath before me that he was the identical Samuel Middleton who served as a private in Co. H - 33rd U.S. I. Inf.

I have heard read the foregoing and I have been correctly re-narrated
Peter Watson

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of Sept, 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

Sabin
G. H. A.

Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D.C. June 16, 1892

Sir,

The records of the War Department show that Sam. Middleton served as a private in Co. "H" 33^d U.S. C Inf'y, from December 1st 1862. to June 4th 1863. when he was honorably discharged.

The party who informed you that he was not in the service during that period is mistaken.

Very respectfully

Geo B Raum
Commissioner

Peter Watson Esq

Frogmon

Beaufort Co.
S. C.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 742.998

On this 9th day of Sept, 1902, at
Savannah, county of Chatham
State of Ga, before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 42 years of age and
my residence and P.O. address is
149 Abernethy St. Savannah, Ga

I have known Samuel Middleton
for 20 years.

I identify as genuine my official
signature and seal on the declaration
of Samuel Middleton, filed in the
Bureau of Pensions Aug 10, 1891

Middleton and James Bullock
brought that declaration to my house
on St Helena Island, S.C. The declaration
is so worded as to relate
to the Co and Regt, enlistment
and discharge was filled in
when the paper was brought
to me, and I wrote in the
disability at claimant's death.
There was no discussion as to
claimant's service in my former
company seemed to be representing
Middleton in the presentation of
the claim. I have resided in Savannah
Ga for 2 years, but my family
still reside on St Helena Island and
I go home frequently. Middleton
did not reside in my neighborhood
and I never heard that
there was any question or doubt

about his army service until some
two weeks ago.

I have heard read the foregoing
and I have been correctly recorded
Andrew B. Reynolds.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____,
190____, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton et al No. 742, 998

On this 17th day of Sept, 1902, at
Frogmore, county of Beaufort
State of _____, before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 38 years of age and
my residence and P. O. address is
Frogmore, Beaufort Co. S. C.

Occupation, clerk, in the employe
of Macdonald, Wilkins & Co. General Storekeepers
at Frogmore, S. C.

I have known Samuel Middleton
for about five years.

I identify the following checks -

No 147699 dated Aug 10, 1901, for \$ 10.00

No 154955 dated Nov 8, 1901, for 10.00

No 168148 dated Feb 25, 1902 for 10.00

No 171150 dated May 10, 1902 for 10.00

all drawn on the Assistant Treasurer of the
United States at New York, New York, by
John T. Wilder, U. S. Pension Agent, at
Knoxville, Tenn., as having been
presented by the said Samuel Middleton
and cashed by me.

I have heard read the foregoing
and it is correct.

D. F. Karcher

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 17th day of Sept 1902 and I
certify that the contents were fully made
known to defendant before signing

D. H. Alexander
Special Examiner

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton, No. 742.998

On this 16th day of Sept, 1902, at
Troy, county of Beaufort
State of S. C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Tjora Middleton, 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:

I am about 60 years of age
and my P. O. address is
Troy, S. C.

I am the wife of Samuel
Middleton. We were slaves and
James McIntire was our owner.
Samuel and I lived together for
12 years before the war. I always
knew him as Samuel Middleton. His
mother, Hannah, told me that
she brought Samuel here to St Helena
Island, from Virginia, when he
was a baby and that Samuel's
father's name was John Middleton
and that he was left behind in
Va and that after she came
to this island she became the
slave wife of Harry Sherman. I
knew her as Hannah Sherman.
My said husband has now gone
by any name other than Samuel
Middleton. He was known as
McIntire before the war simply
because he belonged to James McIntire,
as I did. My said husband went
over to St Helena Island and
was with General Hunter Scales
over there for a short time. I
can't tell how long. Then he

came back home and shot off his hand. He was at home on this island when he shot off his hand but I don't know how it was done. I was very sick with a little baby at the time and when he incurred the injury he went to his Mother house and then to a hospital near our house on this island where his hand was treated and when I saw him his hand was tied up. He did not tell me how he shot him or where he shot him. He has told me he shot him.

I never heard any of our neighbors say that Samuel was not a soldier; that he was not entitled to a pension and that he could get into trouble with the Government. I never heard any conversation between James Leland and my husband about pensions. I don't know when or how Samuel applied for pension.

I have heard read the foregoing and I have been correctly rendered that

Rebecca Brown,

J. J. X. Middleton
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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of Sept, 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Samuel Middleton et al. No. 742.998

On this 16 day of Sept, 1902, at
Troy, county of Beaufort
State of S.C., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am about 46 years of age and
my P.O. address is Troy S.C.
occupation, Tanner

July Middleton is the only name
I have ever known. My mother's name
is Tory Middleton. My father's name
is Samuel Middleton. I have never
heard him called by another name
and his mother belongs to
a man by the name of McTavish.
I have always understood that my
grand father's name on my father's
side was John Middleton and that
Harry Sherman was my father's
step-father. I may be mistaken
but that is my understanding.

When a small boy I heard about
General Hunter. My father was away
from home for a short time
and I was told that he was
with General Hunter's soldiers over
on Hilton Head Island. I don't
know how long he was on Hilton
Head. I can't remember when he
came back. I remember seeing
him with his left hand in a
bandage when he shot off the
left index finger. I don't know
when he was when he shot off

that finger. I did not see him shoot
 the finger but I did see him shortly
 after it was done, with his hand
 in a bandage. All I heard him
 say was "he git his hand shot" but
 I dont know how he did it. He
 never told me "how he git his
 hand shot" He never told me
 that he "git his hand shot in the
 army with Ben Hunter." How he
 shoot the hand, I dont know. I saw
 him after he shot the hand and
 he had his hand tided up. I
 heard my father say that he was
 in Co A with General Hunter
 and that is all I ever heard him
 say about his army service. Jim
 Belmont brought a paper to our house,
 a pension paper and Belmont and
 my father and myself went
 over to H. C. Reynolds house where we
 signed it. I heard Belmont tell my
 father that the pension paper came
 from Washington, through the post office.
 I never heard any other conversation
 between my father and James Belmont
 relative to the pension matter. I dont
 know how much money my father
 paid James Belmont. I never heard
 any of our soldier neighbors say that
 my father was not a soldier
 and that he could get into trouble with the
 Government. I have heard read the foreword and
 I have been solemnly warned.

Attest

Rebecca Brown

July ¹⁵ Middleton
 Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of Sept,
 1907, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

In re Samuel Sherman - Impostor
3-296.
(Old No. 3-450)

S. E. D.

Off. No. 742,998

Claimant: Samuel Sherman

Soldier: Samuel Middleton

P. O. address: Fromore

County: Beaufort State: S.C.

Recommendation: consideration of
Chief of Law Division.

D.H. Alexander
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

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Respectfully referred to
Chief of Law Division for
consideration.

A. L. CRAIG,

Chief, S. E. Division.

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

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Reviewer.

ACTION.

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Commissioner.

TO SPECIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT.

Claim of Rachael McGriff W.O. No. 601,302

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

Beaufort, S. C. Sept. 30, 1902.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the testimony herewith, together with the deposition of Charles McCrea, -see criminal report in the case of Samuel Middleton, Otf. No 742,998, -tend to show that claimant's slave husband performed service in H. 1st. S. C. V. Inf.; that claimant's present address is Brunswick, Ga. -see Ex. A, -; that I did not succeed in locating claimant until after I had made a trip to Florida; that it does not appear that claimant ever saw her slave husband subsequent to the early part of 1862; that she could not be in the possession of any knowledge, relative to his service, other than that obtained from Ned Smalls and Thomas Hubbard, who identified her before the authenticating officer, J. H. Stays; that the criminal features involved in the Middleton case render necessary the return of the papers to the Bureau without delay, and that the claimant can be seen, if necessary, after the Middleton impostor case has been disposed of.

Submitted for the consideration of the Chief of the Law Division.

Very respectfully,

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Rachel McGriff, No. 601,302

On this 10th day of Sept, 1902, at
Fernandina, county of St. John
State of Fla., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 18 years of age and my
residence and P. O. address is
Fernandina, St. John Co. Fla. Sabon

I served as Corp Co. H. 3321
U. S. A. Inf.

I never knew any person by
the name of Sam McAdams. I
do not remember a number
of my Co. or Regt by that name.

I first knew of Samuel and
Rachel Frigg, in Jacksonville, Fla.,
about 10 or 15 years before the war.

I do not remember the name of
his father nor of his own.
Samuel Frigg enlisted in the 1st S. I.
or 332d at Beaufort, Fla. in Dec
1862, but not in my Co. and

I do not know in what Co. nor
do I know under what name he
served. I never knew him by

any name other than Samuel
Frigg. I saw him in the Regt
but I can't tell in what Co. nor
when he was discharged. I do not
know whether he died in the service
or whether he was M. O. with the
Regt. I have no recollection of
ever seeing him after M. O.

I have not seen Rachel Frigg since

I enlisted in the army.

I have heard read the foregoing
and I have been solemnly warned

Attest

Albert Smith

his

Amos X Atherton
mark

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Sept.,
1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

D. H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Rachel McGriff, No. 601, 302

On this 10th day of Sept, 1902, at
Fernandina, county of Nassau
State of Fla, before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 34 years of age and
my residence and P.O. address is
Fernandina, Nassau Co. Fla

Occupation Farmer

I served as a priv Co. H-33rd
N.S.C. Inf.

I first knew Samuel and Rachel
Tripp in Jacksonville, Fla, about 10
years before the war. I do not
remember his ~~name~~ name nor
did I ever know his father
Samuel Tripp and I, with a
number of others, from Jacksonville
went to Beaufort, S.C. and enlisted in
the 1st S.C. and the said
Tripp enlisted in my Regt but
I do not know in what Co. I
do know however that he did
not serve in Co. H. I do not
know when he was discharged nor
whether he died in service. I never
saw him after M.O.

I have seen Rachel Tripp only once
since the war and that was 15-
or 16 years ago, he in Fernandina.
He then told me that she resided
on Cumberland Island Ga. Her name
was then Tripp, as he stated, but
I have since learned that she

That this witness did identify claimant before J. H. Steps, there is no doubt, D.H.A. Special 4.

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has married and, to a man by the name of Mr. Griff. I tried to locate him a few days ago and was informed that he had moved to our near Brunswick, Ga. but was unable to ascertain his exact location.

I do not remember a Sam Middlelin in my Co. and Regt, nor in my Regt. I do not know under what name Samuel Tripp enlisted.

I repeat that I have seen Rachel Tripp only once since the war and that was 15 or 16 years ago. I have never seen him in the office of J. H. Steps, Justice of the Peace, nor have I ever identified him in the presence of said Steps, nor have I ever been a witness in his behalf and his claim.

J. H. Steps talked to me once about Samuel Tripp having been a member of my Regt but I did not sign any paper nor did Thomas Stubbard, dead, sign any paper in my presence, relating to Samuel or Rachel Tripp. I never heard of Rachel Tripp's claim until 6 or 8 weeks ago when J. H. Steps received a letter from Dr. (Special Examiner) reaching inquiry about him and I then told Steps that her husband served in my Regt but not in my Co. I never had any

Attest

Albert Smith

his
Fred X. Smalls
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Sept, 1907, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

D. H. Alexander
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Rachel McGiff, No. 601302

On this 17th day of April, 1902, at
State of California, county of San Diego, before me,
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Albert Smith, 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:

conversations with the said Stays
relative to Samuel or Rachel McGiff
made 6 or 8 weeks ago, and now
know that Rachel had made a claim
for pension until Stays informed
me at the time he received a
letter from the Special Examiner
I have heard read the foregoing
and I have been correctly recorded
Albert Smith Special Examiner

I saw to and subscribed before me
this 10th day of Sept 1902 and I
certify that the contents were fully
made known to defendant before
signing D. H. Alexander
Special Examiner

DEPOSITION 6

Case of Richard McGriff, No. 601.302

On this 10th day of Sept, 1902, at
Fernandina, county of St. John
State of Fla., before me, D. H. ALEXANDER, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

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

I am 46 years of age and my
residence and P. O. address is
Fernandina, Nassau co. Fla.

Occupation, Collecting Agent and Notary Public

I do not know Richard McGriff

I sent a great many pension
paper and may have sent
paper for him but I have no
recollection of any person of that name.
I identify as genuine, my official
signature and seal on the declaration
of Richard McGriff filed in the Bureau
of pensions Sept 7, 1894.

I crossed the words "Georgia" and
"Camden" on the face of said
declaration and wrote in the words
"Florida" and "Nassau" and I filled
in the oath of identity and jurat
but the body of the declaration was
filled in when the claimant brought
the declaration to me.

Thomas Hubbard, dead, and Red
Smalls brought the claimant to
my office and represented that
they knew him as the widow
of a soldier who served in
the Co and I authenticated
the paper on this representation
and identification. I was a

duly qualified justice of the peace at that
time. I never saw the document before
nor since said paper was executed,
to my knowledge. The document
and the identifying witnesses were sworn
I have heard read the foregoing
and I have been correctly
repeated.

JH Stoyas

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Sept
1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

JH Alexander

Special Examiner.

Fernandina Fla

Sept 15, 1902

Mr D. H. Alexander

Dear Sir:

Charles McCrea has returned from
his search of Rachel Thrift and truly
found that she is living and married
in Brunswick Ga in a suburb
called New Brunswick and there
you will find her there

I am respt

J H Stays

N. P.

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APR 3 1902

W.O. No. 601,302

Claimant: Rachael McGriff

Soldier: Samuel Middleton

P. O. address: Brunswick

County: Glynn State: Ga.

Recommendation: consideration of
Chief of Law Division.
D.H. Alexander

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

_____, 190____

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

_____, 190____

Reviewer.

ACTION.

_____, 190____

Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 16, 1902.

Sir:

Herewith is forwarded to you a report of Mr. Geo. C. Stuart relative to the claim of Samuel Middleton, Ctf. No. 742,998, for compliance with the endorsement of the Acting Chief of the Law Division, dated the 16th instant.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Washington, D. C.,

August 16, 1902.

The Honorable Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith the deposition of Mr. John L. Fletcher, representing the firm of William Fletcher & Co., Attorneys, of this City, concerning the claim of Samuel Middleton, alleged impostor, pensioned on service claimed to have been performed in Co. H, 33d U. S. C. I. *ex. 742.998.*

This deposition was taken for the purpose of determining, if possible, the circumstances of the filing of the original claim which was prosecuted by William M. Wright, Attorney, of this City.

On July 6, 1894, Mr. Wright sold his claims to Fletcher & Co., who have custody of the files and who loaned the jacket and its contents pertaining to the above-cited case, with the request that the same be returned when they have served the purpose for which borrowed.

Mr. William M. Wright no longer practices before the Bureau and his condition is reported to be such as to render it improbable that he will have any independent recollection of this matter or could be made available as a witness to warrant the taking of his deposition, even if he could be readily

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located.

Mr. Fletcher is a gentleman of first-class standing.

Submitted for consideration of Law Division and transmission to Special Examiner, D. H. Alexander, Beaufort, South Carolina, who has the case under investigation.

Geo. C. Stewart.

Acting Special Examiner.

3-290.
(Old No. 3-456.)

DEPOSITION *A.*

Case of *Samuel Middleton*, No. *742.998*.

On this *16* day of *August*, 1902, at *Washington*, County of *Washington*, State of *Columbia*, before me, *Geo. C. Stuart*, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *John L. Fletcher*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I am *44* years of age; my post-office address is *602 F. St. N. W.*

Washington, D.C. I am chief clerk for *Mr. Fletcher & Co. Pension Attorneys* of *Washington, D.C.* Said firm purchased the business of *William M. Wright, Pension Attorney*, of this City on *July 6, 1894* and now has custody of the files in his cases. I have in my hands the packet and enclosures in the case of *Samuel Middleton*, late of *Co. H. 33rd U. S. Col. Inf.*, which was allowed *March 17, 1892*, before *Mr. Wright* sold his claims to the firm. In the packet are two dated circulars which appear to have been filled in by *James Colonel* of *Argonne, D.C.* and various letters from *Colonel* indicating that he attended to the prosecution of the claim as the sub-agent or correspondent of *Mr. Wright*. The packet does not indicate whether *Mr. Wright* forwarded a blank declaration, the first clear endorsement being "*Aug. 7, 1891* ack. rec. of appn & c. J. S. C. C. F. evidence sur. law."

Page 5. I will turn over to you the packet and its entire contents pertaining to this claim. I have no personal knowledge concerning the prosecution of this claim.

James Colwell corresponded with the firm relative to a large number of cases, but they did not amount to anything. He sent in a number of cases where no service was reported and was written to and advised not to send any more cases unless every thing was perfectly straight. The firm did not allow him a commission. I have understood your questions and my answers have been correctly recorded.

John L. Fletcher

Known to and subscribed before me this 16th day of August 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing,
Geo. C. Stewart,
Special Examiner,

Criminal.

(3-450.)

S. E. D.

Reg. No. 742,998.

Claimant: Samuel Middleton,

Soldier: Do.

P. O. address: Hagerstown,

County: Brantford, State: Pa.

Recommendation: Pay to Soldier.

Geo. C. Howard,
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

AUG 16 1902, 189

Respectfully referred to
Chief of Law Division for
consideration.

A. L. CRAIG,
Chief, S. E. Division.

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

Aug. 16, 1902.
Respectfully submitted to
Chief by Geo. C. Howard,
with the request that
this report be forwarded
to Special Ex. D. A. Howard,
Brantford, Pa. for exam-
ination with the papers
now in his hands
and for use in the
pending examination
as to alleged criminal
acts of the fugitives.
The Auditor for the
War Department and

the Record and Pension
Office have been called
upon to furnish extracts
of evidence filed in the
applications for bounty
and certificate in law.
Geo. C. Howard,
Acting Chief of Law Div.

Thanks,



St. Helena Island Fragmore Beaupre Co S.C.

May 2d 1892

To the Honor Green B. Raum
Commissioner of Pension Washington D.C. Sir
As a Local Claim Agent for Mrs J.P. & J.D. Wright
Washington D.C. Please to give me all the
Necessary Working Ruling and information of
the Pension Department Washington D.C. old and
New Laws. because I don't want to be outside
the Law I want to be posted with the Law
My reason of being so particular because
I saw one man by name Samuel Middleton
in my neighborhood has a pension allowed
For some time in Feb'y - or March 18.92
Whose post office address is fragmore
And his leader and writer is
James Colonel his post office address is
Fragmore I told by several parties in my
neighborhood that this Samuel Middleton
get a pension Rated at \$12.00 per month
That he never been in any army. that in
May 18.62 general David Hunter made up
a Colored Regiment at Hilton Head S.C.
and after a little while he disbanded them
and this Samuel Middleton went back to
St. Helena. and after that general Saxton
made up a Colored Regiment Call 33 - and this
man because he didn't wanted to go in
the army he shot off himself his one left
hand & first finger from thumb on left hand
on St. Helena at McTiros Plantation you can
find a hundred in my neighborhood can testify
that Samuel Middleton - or Sam Middleton
never been in any army since May 18.62. - dear Sir
if that general Hunter claim is good please
to let me know. because I have plenty of
that kind of case call upon me to put in

for them. but I tell them that it was not any
Law for Colored Soldiers then, in order to
reach this case you have to Examine the Affidavits
And call for this discharge Certificate
And who the case file by I think the
case file by Mr William M. Wright attys
at Law Washington D.C.

Mr. A. C. Reynolds of Frogmore
Watany Jacobie
Mr James Colonel of Frogmore
The writer

Please to answer soon yours
Truly Peter Watson - Post Office
Address Frogmore
Blanford Co S.C.

H. C. JUDD,
BEAUFORT, S. C.

Beaufort, S. C, June 6th, 1892.

Hon. Green B. Raum,

Commissioner of Pensions;

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to forward to you, by request of Mr. Peter Watson of Frogmore, in this County, certain affidavits in relation to what Mr. Watson alleges to have been a fraud successfully imposed upon the Pension Department, by one Samuel Middleton, who has recently been placed upon the pension roll under the provisions of the Act of June 27th, 1890.

I also enclose the letter written by yourself, replying to one from Watson, in which he makes the charge upon which the affidavits are founded.

Very Respectfully,

H. C. Judd

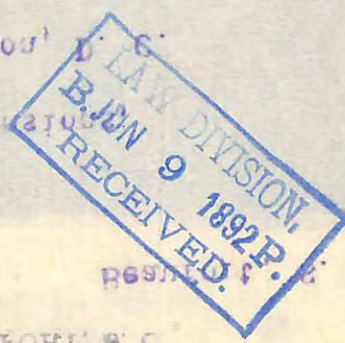
W. E. Cramm's work

for volunteers. When this man Samuel Middleton to avoid being drafted into service shot off the fore finger on his left hand & thus escaped being called into service again. And now while many of his neighbors who served through the whole war are unable to get a pension he has succeeded in getting one ^{as dependent兵兵兵兵} on the pretense that he was wounded



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

May 12th, 1892.

MR. PETER WATSON,

FROGMORE, S. C.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 2d inst., herewith returned, you are advised that proper action will be taken by this office in the claim of the soldier mentioned, upon the receipt of the evidence of at least two persons, including yourself, showing that his pension was illegally obtained.

If such affidavit is filed, the certificate number of the claim should be given, and also the designation of the company and regiment of the soldier.

No information can be furnished as to the status of soldiers to apply for pension who belonged to the regiment which was raised by General David Hunter in 1862 in South Carolina, in advance of the filing of the claims.

Very respectfully,

Geo B Raum

Commissioner.

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE



United States of America

District of South Carolina

Before me personally appeared Peter Watson, a resident on St Helena Island in Beaufort County in the District of South Carolina, who on oath deposed as follows:

That during the month of April 1892 one Samuel Middleton, who also resides on said St Helena Island, received the first instalment of a pension granted to him by the United States for services as a soldier in the late war, under the following circumstances: In May 1864, General Wadsworth recruited and mustered into service about two companies of colored men, as the beginning of what he called the first South Carolina regiment of colored troops, and said Samuel Middleton was a private in that organization, but, was only, in the service from 50 to 60 days, when he was discharged and came home.

A few months later in the same year Genl R. Saxton began to organize the 33rd Regiment of Colored Troops, and called for volunteers. When this same Samuel Middleton to avoid being drafted into service shot off the fore finger on his left hand & thus escaped being called into service again. And now while many of his neighbors who served through the whole war are unable to get a pension he has succeeded in getting one ^{as dependent兵兵兵兵兵} on the pretense that he was wounded

while in the line of duty, in the service of the
United States. And that Paul Jones Alex Rich
Carson & Edmund Mack are Material witnesses
to prove the truth of Deponent's statement

Sworn to before me

this 31st May 1892 Peter Watson

H. G. Judd

U.S. Commissioner

Also personally appeared before me Paul
Jones with whom I am well acquainted, who
resides on Ladies Island in Brauford County
who after being sworn says. I enlisted in
May 1862 in Genl Hunter's regiment called
the first South Carolina regiment in Co. G,
and Samuel Middleton of St Helena was
a member of the same Company. The
Company went to St Simons in Georgia
in July 1862 not more than two months
after we enlisted. But Samuel Middleton
had left the Company two weeks before
we left Brauford, had been discharged
and gone home. I remained with my
Company after we came back from Georgia
and when the 33rd regiment was formed was
mustered into the same Company "G" &
continued with it for more than three
years. But since Samuel Middleton
never returned to either the 1st S.C. or the
33rd U.S.C.I. after he left the same in
July 1862.

Sworn to before me

this 31st day of May 1892

H. G. Judd

U.S. Commissioner

Paul Jones
Ladies Island

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TO SPECIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT.

SOU. DIST.

Claim of *Sam'l Middleton*

No. Ct 742008

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<i>Recommendation, a thorough investigation.</i> <i>J. G. Gibbs, Jr.</i>				

Beaufort S.C. June 6. 1894
Hon Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington D.C.
Sir:

I have the honor to submit testimony, in my opinion, sufficient to re-open the claim of Samuel Middleton, alleged late private in Co A 33 U.S.C. Infantry - a pensioner under the Act of June 27, 1890, since March 1892 at the rate of \$12⁰⁰ a month, for injury to hand, malarial poisoning &c.

The number of his Certificate is # 742998 and his service appears to have been in Genl Hunter's Regiment - gotten up experimentally by that General, but which was never recognized by either President Lincoln or Congress.

It will be noted that the pensioner claims to have enlisted afterwards in Co A 33. U.S.C.I. Comrades of his who were with him in the "1st South" (Genl Hunter's Regt) allege that he was never mustered into the 33rd. The pensioner states that he was in the latter Regt for a period of "a week or so". Pensioner was called on and requested to produce his discharge paper. He alleges that it is on file in Washington in his bounty claim - He is ignorant, but in no case have I met with, heretofore, a

negro soldier who could not mention the names of some of the Commissioned officers of his Company. There is something wrong about the service of this Saml Middleton, now pensioned under Certificate 742998 and I unhesitatingly recommend a thorough investigation of his claim and pending such examination, his pension should be discontinued.

A list of comrades should accompany the papers. Pensioner is a heavy black man and stands not over 5'6" in height. He claimed to me that he lost his finger in the service by the bursting of a gun while I am able to prove that he lost said finger since the war.

Very respectfully
J. E. Gibbs
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *A*

Case of *Sam Middleton*, No. *Co. A. 33.* *Cl 742998*

On this *5* day of *June*, 1894, at *McIntosh, St Helena Island*, County of *Beaufort* State of *Fla.*, before me, *J. A. Gibbs, Jr.*, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Sam Middleton*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am about 56 years old. I

live here and my P.O. address is *Frogmore S.C.* I served for 4 or 5 months in *Hunter's Regt* during the war. After that Regt was disbanded the soldiers were mustered into the *33 Regt*. The best I can recollect I was put in *Co. H*. This I don't know for certain. It is so long I cannot remember, but it ought to be on my discharge paper - now in Washington in my bounty claim and also on this pension certificate -

Q Who was your Captain?

A I really could not tell you his name - nor that of the Lieutenant.

Q Mention some of the smaller officers:

A I think there was a Sergeant called *Brunson* in my Co. I could not give the names of any other Sergeants or Corporals. I am sure I remember was in my Co.

Q Do you remember any *Benj Maxwell*, *Alex Richardson*, *Thomas Smith*, *Paul Jones* or *Manley Gadders*?

A No Sir, I can't remember all of the boys. After I left the *Hunter Regt* I was in the *33 Regt*, a week or so - then I took sick & they let me go home. I got my discharge paper then after a service of a week or so but I lost the discharge paper. I got another one from *Mr W.M. Wright* in Washington and that one is now with my bounty claim. Yes Sir,

Mr Wright is trying to get my bounty claim through. I don't remember what I paid Mr Wright for my new discharge. I think it is set down in the paper.

I have been drawing pension of 12⁰⁰ a month since about last May year. Yes Sir, I enlisted in Hunter's Regt called the "First South" - and staid there 4 or 5 months - was then put in the 33 Regt when I staid a week or so - took sick got my discharge, came home and never went back any more -

The above has been read to me and is correct - I swear to it all.

Samuel Middleton

Witness

J. G. Gibbs Jr

Signed in the presence of Robt Middleton -
No one on plantation can write -

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of June 1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J. G. Gibbs Jr

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *B*Case of *Sam Middleton*, No. *Ct 742998*

On this *30* day of *May*, 18*94*, at
Beaufort, County of *Beaufort*
 State of *S.C.*, before me, *J. C. Gibbes, Jr.*, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Benj. Maxwell, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am 52 years old - I

am a farmer - live at Cherry Hill St Helena
 Island, Beaufort Co S.C. P.O. Frognore S.C.

I was a soldier in Hunter's Regt and then was
 in Co A 33 U.S.C.T. Capt Drewbridge - I
 enlisted here in Beaufort in Co A. I was
 given a furlough to go home and see my
 sick mother and while on the furlough,
 the Co went to Morris Island and was
 discharged. I sent W.M. Wright to get
 my discharge, but I have never gotten it.

Sam Middleton enlisted in the Hunter Regt -
 the same day I did - Before Hunter's Regt
 was disbanded he ran away and went
 home - When we re-enlisted in Co A 33 Regt -
 Gen Saxby's Regt - Sam Middleton ~~was~~
 never showed up in the U.S. Service -
 He now draws pension for service in Co
 C or Co D. of the 33 Regt - & I swear sir
 he was never in either of those Cos.

Paul Jones on Capers Place ^{Ladies Is.} St Helena Island
 can tell you about it - Manly Geddes
 on Ladies Is. Thomas Smith at St Helena at
 Coffin Point - See also Alex. Richardson on
 Fripp Grove Place - Sam Middleton has
 tried to join the G.A.R but they would not
 take him in on a/c of his service -

Sam Middleton lives on McIntirens Place

St Helena Island. He has a discharge which he sent to Washington and bought. We believe that Sam Middleton is now drawing pension under another Sam Middleton's name for I know he never served in any regiment except Hunters which was never recognized by Pres Lincoln.

This kind of business is what makes the soldiers dissatisfied.

I have no spite in this case - I fully know he is not entitled to any pension for he never served - He & I were tent-mates in Hunter's Regt and I know he ran away and never was mustered in the U.S. regular service.

Benjⁿⁱ Maxwell

Witnesses to Mark.

R. F. Graves

Geo Laddan

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 day of May, 1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J. G. Gibbs Jr

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Sam Middleton, No. 742998

On this 5 day of June, 1894, at
Coffin Point, County of Beaufort
 State of SC, before me, A. G. Gibbs, Jr., a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Thomas Smith, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I was a soldier in Co K

33rd U.S.C.T. Capt Miles G Parker. I enlisted Oct 19 1862 and was discharged Jan'y 31, 1866 at Charleston S.C. I enlisted first in the "first South" (Hunter's Regt) and remained in it about 5 months and was then put in the 33rd Regt. When I was put in the 33rd Sam Middleton was home. Tho' in the Hunter's Regt he did not go to the 33rd Regt with the rest of us. He never served in the 33rd Regt at all that I know of - He only served in the "1st South" and only claims that Regt. He now draws \$12⁰⁰ a month and he is the only man from the "1st South" that is drawing pension. Every one knows that Hunter's Regt was never recognized by Pres Lincoln. There is a good deal of talk amongst the soldiers about Sam Middleton drawing pension for service and we all know he was home here while we were soldiering in the 33rd - He got a discharge since he "been" getting pension. He bought it in Washington - He gave \$5⁰⁰ for his discharge. Sam Middleton only claims service in the "first South" and he was never in any regiment of the 33rd while I was there.

The soldiers here think it very strange that

he can draw money for 5 months service in the "1st South" when others who served nearly four years can get nothing. I believe Crofut or Greaves in Beaufort have Middleton's papers.

I am applying for pension but another Thomas Smith of Co E, ^{1st South} drew my pension. He is dead now and they have not straightened out my claim in Washington.

Thomas ^{his} Smith

Witness

Jeffrey Holmes
Daniel Liddens

of. 978.505

Frogmore, &c

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of June, 1896, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J. G. Greaves Jr

Special Examiner.



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S. E. D.

No. 1, 742998
~~William~~ Samuel Middleton

Soldier: "

P. O. address: Tropmore

County: Seauport State: S. C.

Recommendation: Investigation

J. G. Gibbs, Jr.

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

June 8th 189
Referred to
Chief of the Bureau

Wm. A. Smith

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION. - A -

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Reviewer.

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Commissioner.

Scott

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Ex'r.

No.

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

Rachael M^{rs} Griff
Cumberland Co. Ga.

Widow

Samuel Free
N-33- U. S. C. Inf.
Died at Spring 1863

No other claim.

Sept. 28, 1894.

J. B. F.
Clerk.

Application filed: Sept 7, 1894.

Attorney: A. B. McCormick & Sons

P. O. Cincinnati

Oh

Sept 28-94

Nov. 14/94 A.C.

MD.

VA.

W. VA.

July 7/97 McCormick
for proper serv. mcs
also for new report
C.H.D.

July 14/97. To McCormick & Son
letter for correct serv. -
S. C. B.H.D.

May 1/99.

GA. Lt. Joel Horne on #33.
Musc. as Samuel Middleton.

May, 20/99.

TEX. To furnish a full
K. der descrip of soldier.
Id. & death L.H.D.

Aug. 21/03.

ARE acty m McCormick and
claimant & notice of res. clm

D. C.

U.S.C.T.

May 20'99. *