

ACT JUNE 27th 1890,

No. 573,638

M. M. S.

Susan Gowans
Widow of
Toney Gowans
Rank *Sgt.*
Company *B*
Regiment *81st U. S. C. Col. Inf.*

Rate per Month \$ *8*
Commencing *June 16, 1902*
Ending **DEAD**
Snayville Agency.
Issued *May 31, 1904*
Mailed *9 2*, 190*4*
Fee, \$ *10*

(383-25,000)

See Inv. P. 1023,594
JUL 16 1904 *Error signed by Mark*
W. ret'd to Pen. Dept. to accept. as
marginal note on card to Insc,
saying writer, error P. 1023,594

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Dec'd 1914

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INVALID. (Series ACT JUNE 27, 1890.)

Cert. No. 1023594

Name, Josiah Gougeon, Dec'd.
Rank, Sgt.; Service, Co. B, 81st
U. S. C. Vol. Inf.

Agency. { Original Roll: Knoville
Transf'd 1, to
" 1, to

2 *Repl'n & Inc.*
2 *Issue.*
2 *Class.*
2 *Fee, \$*
Entered
Issued May 31, 1904
Mailed June 2, 1904
Rate and Period, \$ 12, from Feb. 26, 1902
and ending June 5, 1902,
Date of Death:
Payable to Widow Gougeon, W. C.
Deductions:
Disability:

Class.
Fee, \$
Deductions:
Disability:

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Deductions:
Disability:

INDORSEMENTS.
See Wid. Cr. 573678

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VALID. (Series _____)

Cert. No. 1028594

Name, Tony Gowans.

Rank, Sgt. Service, Co. B. 81 "U.S.
Co. 1st Inf.

Original Roll: Knoxville

Agency, Transfd. _____, 18____, to _____

Class, **DEAD**, 18____, to _____

Issued _____, 1901

Mailed _____, 18____

Rate and Period, \$ 6. from Mar. 7, 1898

+ \$ 8. " Nov. 2, 1899

Deductions: _____

Disability Partial disability to remain
report by medical officer

Issued _____, 1902

Mailed _____, 1898

Rate and Period, \$ _____, from _____, 18____

Deductions: _____

Disability: 10.

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Disability: _____

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Mailed _____, 18

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

Deductions: _____

Disability: _____

INDORSEMENTS.

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to Jones. Pags advised
suppl for Sup/El B.
July 11 1902. P.A. & And
lead of death
1902 to the Secretary.

Aug 31 03
death Jm 46
2568

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REJECTED

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APR 27 1898 A.M. session
W. L. Jenkins

Ex'r.

No. 1210480

Act of June 27, 1890.

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u.s.e.

9/57 17/197. 8/207.

W. L. Jenkins
#2186 St. Louis
P. O. 44847 St. Louis Mo.

New Orleans - Orleans Co. La.

Service: Co. 39 - 16. S. Inf. Co. 40

16. S. Inf. A. 25 - 16. S. Inf. and

13. 87 16. S. Co. Inf. - 1863.

Enlisted: - 1863.

Discharged: - 1864

Application filed: Mar. 7, 1898.

Alleges: -

Any other Claim filed: No

Numerical No.

Attorney: Nathan Bickford

P. O. City

Recognized. Contract.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for. 189

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Atty. Jenkins

Oct. 5/98. Court. mar.
Cir. N. B. C. S.
Oct. 8-48. Med. ex. Bd.
New Orleans, La. atty
N. B. med. ex. Bd. N. B. C. S.
Jan. 20/99. atty. N. B.
Court. from filing to
ex. N. B. C. S.

March 1/99. S. E. N. C. S.
of "Kleininger" & Adams
N. B. C. S.
May 10-99 - Court. ex
reported to Court. of
Att. Nathan Bickford
D. C. S.
T. 26 - 1890. Med. Ex. New Orleans, La.
City N. B. C. S. EX. R. D. S. C. S.
Apr 4/99 for a Baton Rouge La
Atty. outpa.

APR 5 1898 SECRETARY.

MAY 12 1898

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No. 1766486
1023594
Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

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P. O. 2106 - St. Louis St.

New Orleans - Orleans Co. La.

Service: A. 25 - U.S. Inf. Co. 39 - U.S.

Inf. Co. 40 - U.S. Inf. + B. 81 - U.S. Co. Inf.

Enlisted: Sept., 1863.

Discharged: Sept., 1866.

" Oct. 5 - 1874

Application filed: Mar. 14, 1899.

Alleges: Inv. Org. 1206.480

Re-enlisted:

Cert. of Dis. Searched for _____, 18 _____

Attorney: Nathan Rickford

P. O. City

Recognized. _____ Contract. _____

Cert. of Dis. Searched for _____, 18 _____

1877 Sept 14 City of New Orleans
for clmt's statement as to time
place, and circumstances of
origin of disease of heart.
1899. New Orleans, La.
Atty. N. B. EX'R. D. A. L. J. W.

Sept. 1 - 1900. Atty. G. Bickford
evidence of
for existence of disease of
head (colony) rheumatism +
disease of heart in Co. C. 39
U.S. Inf. and A. 25, U.S. Inf.
R + P. O. for presence of Perry
Lee Israel Carroll Costy
Oliva, and John Dennis
S.E.D. for cred. of L. Lee
S. Carroll Penbritton +
or J. Baker vice to J. Dennis
+ C. Oliva for collaboration
A.T.F.

Sept. 14 - 1900. Atty. G. Bickford
for names + P. O. address of
comrades of Co. A. 25 - U.S.
Inf. and Co. 39, U.S. Inf.
A.T.F.

Sept. 25 - 1900, Atty. G. Bickford
for present P. O. address of
Costy Oliva and John Dennis
P. O. address and names
of comrades of Co. C. 39 U.S. Inf.
and A. 25 - U.S. Inf. forwarded
to Atty. N. Bickford.
A.T.F.

DECISION TO APPEAL
MUSEY, G. W. (widow)
and Atty. advising of re-
jection
MAR 22 1899 J.S.J.

[3-218 a.]
 Ex'r.
 No. 25105
 Act of June 27, 1890.
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June 24 - 1902
 NAME TO A. & N. S.
 Oct 4/02 To Atty Tallmadge for
 death Mar. Finno man for desc.
 & clerts aff. as to dep. & to adv Gen
 for report as to clerts serv. as Lamb
 res. J.S.P.

Sarsan Gowans
 1013. Royal St. N. Orleans
 La.
 Wid.
 Josue Gowans
 A. 25. U.S. Inf. Co-39 U.S. Inf.
 Co. 40. U.S. Inf. B. 81. U.S.C. 247
 Died at
 June 5. 1902
 No other claim than 049
 Inv. of - 1023.594
 June 1902
 Numerical No.

1903 Mar 11 To S.E.D. for
 Credibility Richard Woods &
 Gatus Wilson, n.w.B.
 DECISION TO APPELLANT,
 APR 15 1903

Apr 20 To Aud. for date of
 last payment. n.w.B.
 May 6 To Atty Tallmadge for
 Remarriage. Record of marriage
 Prior marriages n.w.B.

Oct. 24/03 To Tallmadge
 for explanation of clerts
 statement as to remar-
 riage & for church
 record of marriage. J.S.P.

Application filed: June 16 1902
 Attorney: J. W. Tallmadge
 P. O. Wash. D. C.

Dec. 7. 03 To Atty Tallmadge
 for copy of church record
 of mar. or affidavit of
 custodian that it does not
 exist. JUN 28 1904 J.S.P.

A.B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
WASHINGTON. APR 10 1901

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J. M. P.
E. M. J.
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Claim No. 1206480.) Docket No. 55760.
)
Toney Gowans,) Appeal.
)
Co. B 81st U.S.C.Inf.) Returned for further action and
)
) additional report.

CLAIM UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

The claimant was shown to be disabled for the performance of manual labor in a degree pensionable under said act, by testimony filed subsequent to the action of rejection, but relating back to a date prior to filing the claim, and a subsequent medical examination.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:

The claimant in this case, Toney Gowans, claim No. 1206480, served as private in Company A 25th Regiment ,Company C 39th, Company C 40th , and as Sergeant Company B 81st Regiment U.S.Colored Volunteer Infantry, having enlisted August 24, 1863, and being honorably discharged from each service, and finally, October 5, 1874.

He filed a declaration for pension under the Act of June 27, 1890, March 7, 1898, alleging disability from rheumatism, disease of eyes, pains in back, fits from disease of head and general debility due to disease and age.

The claim was rejected by Bureau action of April 20, 1899, on the ground of no ratable disability under said act.

He appealed from said action by his attorney, June 27, 1899, contending that the testimony, lay and medical, filed in the case shown that claimant was disabled in a pensionable degree at and since date of filing his claim, and the same should have been allowed and its rejection was erroneous.

An examination of the record in the case shows lack of care and intelligence in the preparation of the testimony.

It is shown in a brief and meagre way that claimant for some fifteen years at least, has been suffering from disease of head attended with fits or spasms, disease of heart and rheumatism, and that he may have had piles and some trouble with his eyes.

The report of the medical examination under the claim made by a board of surgeons at New Orleans, La., October 20, 1898, is as follows:

"We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 88, 96, 100; respiration, 20,20,20; temperature, 98.5; height 5 feet 10 1/4 inches; actual weight,147 pounds; age 64 years.

Rheumatism- No enlargement, swelling, stiffening nor tenderness of joints; no atrophy, or contraction of muscles or tendons. No impairment of functions of joints or muscles. Recovers and stoops with ease. 0/18.

Pains in back-covered under head of Rheumatism- 0/18.

Heart - Area of apex beat about 3 inches over costal cartilages of 6th and 7th ribs. Not evident on inspection, but evident to palpation. Impulse - strong intermittent, regular- 8/18. Area of cardiac dullness. From 1 inch to right of median line to mammary line, 3rd space to 5th space. Hypertrophy and dilatation of right and left ventricles.

Eyes - R.E. & L.E.V- 20/xi - Hyperopia (low grade) 0/18; corrected by lenses.

Fits and disease of head - Examination shows no evidence of spasmodic disease or disease of head.

Lungs normal. Urine normal. Vicious habits do not exist.

No other disability found to exist.

We make no recommendations.

Amendment Nov.5,1898.

Heart - No murmurs or oedema or cyanosis.
Slight dyspnoea."

March 14, 1899, claimant filed a declaration for pension under the general law, and on October 5, 1900, a new claim under the Act of June 27, 1890.

A second medical examination was made November 2, 1899.

On November 9, 1899, there was testimony lay and medical, filed relevant to the issue in the present case as it relates back to 1876, and bears directly upon claimant's ability to perform manual labor.

Dr. J. H. Coker, testified that he began to treat claimant September 15, 1876, and at that time and at times subsequent thereto, treated him for neuralgia of the head which terminated in fits or convulsions; that he had chronic rheumatism and valvular disease of the heart and lumbago, and was totally unable to perform manual labor.

Jennie Dabney, testified that she had known claimant since 1884; that in that year he was down sick for five months with fits, and had these fits or convulsions once or twice each month from 1884 to 1898, and that since March 1898, has had them two or three times each month at times lasting for hours, and that he was wholly unable to earn a support by manual labor.

Benjamin Lillie testified substantially the same as the preceding witness, and had known him for 21 years. This witness stated that claimant was attempting to do some work in 1884 when he was taken with the fit or convulsion; that he was wholly unable to perform manual labor and had been for many years.

It is shown that aside from what his wife contributes thereto by the little work she can do, she being old and feeble, the claimant is supported by charity, as he has not been able to earn anything for years, and as a matter of fact does no labor and is not able to do any.

In the report of the last medical examination only a year later than the first one, rheumatism is rated at 11/18; and as to general debility: "Senile atrophy of muscular system emaciated and anaemic; nutrition poor; locomotion extremely feeble". Nothing was said as to his general physical condition in the first report.

I have gone outside of what is strictly speaking, the record in this case for the reasons stated as to the preparation of the testimony, and further because it appears that the first medical examination was hurried and lacked thoroughness.

From the testimony as thus summarized it appears that claimant has not been able to perform manual labor, or at least but very little since 1884, and that since his present claim was filed he has not been able to perform any whatever. It is not probable that so great a change as is indicated in the report of the second examination, could have come about in the space of one year, and the testimony shows the disabled condition even prior to the first examination.

In my opinion the claim should be re-opened and re-adjudicated in the light of all the testimony and the certificate of the last medical examination, and for this purpose the papers in the case are herewith returned, and for an additional report to the Department.

The case has been made special, and said action will be taken by the Bureau without unnecessary delay.

Very Respectfully,

J. L. Campbell
Assistant Secretary.

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*Read your letter in full
for further reference*

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Very Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

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(No. 3-644.)

Bureau of Pensions
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

✓ Oct. 23, 1903.

No. Claim, 76479

Cert. No.

Claimant, Widow of

Soldier, T. Gorman

Co. B, 1st Regt. U.S. Inf.

A 25

" 6 3 3 ACTION AND ORDER

" 6 40 U.S. Inf.

M. J. [unclear]

CO. 23-1903
COMMISSIONER

E. J. [unclear]
Commissioner
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COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL.

KEEP THIS SLIP ON OUTSIDE UNTIL CASE IS DISPOSED OF.

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Bureau of Pensions,

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

14 / 39 April 13, 1901.

No. Cert. } 1506680
No. Claim, }

Name, _____

Henry Lomax
Co. B 1st Regt. U.S. Col.

ACTION AND ORDER:

Make Special

APR 13 1901
COMM. 1210
APR 17 1901

H. C. E.

Commissioner.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



State of Louisiana

Parish of Orleans.

Office of the Board of Health, Recorder of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Be it Remembered, That on this day to-wit: the Seventh of June
in the year of our Lord One Thousand nine Hundred and Two, and the
126 of the Independence of the United States of America, before me

Quitman Kohuke, M.D., Chairman Board of Health ex officio Recorder of Births,
Marriages and Deaths, in and for the City of New Orleans, and Parish of Orleans, personally appeared:

J. H. Taylor,
an Undertaker, native of this city, residing at
No. 1309 St. Philip's Street, who hereby declares,
that

Foney Lowen (Col.)
a native of North Carolina, aged 72 years,
departed this life, on the Fifth inst, (5 June 1902)
at the Charity Hospital, in this city.
Cause of Death, Chronic Endo Carditis
Certificate of J. R. Leake, Clerk
Deceased was married and 56 years in city,
a laborer and resided at No. 525 Burgundy St.

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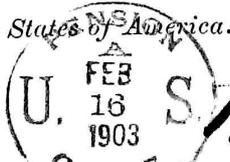
THUS DONE at New Orleans in the presence of the aforesaid J. H. Taylor
as also in that of Messrs. P. H. Lanza & J. T. O'Dard, of this City, witnesses
by me requested so to be, who have hereunto set their hands, together with me, after the reading hereof, the
day, month and year first above written.

SIGNED Jas. H. Taylor, P. H. Lanza, Jas. T. O'Dard

Quitman Kohuke, M.D., Chairman Board of Health ex officio Recorder

I do Certify, the foregoing to be a true and faithful copy from the original recorded in Book marked
No. 127 Folio 687

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the City of New
Orleans, this Twenty Ninth day of January
in the year one thousand nine hundred and three
and the one hundredth and 27th of the Independence of the United
States of America.



P. Henry Lanza
Deputy Recorder of Births, Marriages and Deaths, Parish of Orleans.



No 764.791

Widows Pension

Susan -

widow of

Tomey Kowau

cab 81 West

--- FROM ---

T. W. TALLMADGE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
COLLECTION OF CLAIMS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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A.C.W., Ex'r.

Army No. 206,480,
Jouey Gowans,
Co. P, 51 Reg't Div. Inf.
257 Reg't Div. Inf.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 5, 1898.

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,

Mr. Jouey Gowans,
2106 St. Louis St.,
New Orleans, La.

[Handwritten Signature]
Commissioner.

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

Answer: Wife's maiden name Susan Garrit, marriage name Susan Gowans.

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: Married in 1862, by

Father Johnson, of St. Ann Francis Church at N. O. La.

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: This marriage was just a

little before the late war. the record of marriage is in said church.

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: Was never married till I married this Susan Garrit who is now Susan Gowans.

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

birth. Answer: Virginiana Gowans by marriage.

Virginiana Labney she is now 30 years of age, born April 19th 1868, in the City of New Orleans, La.

Date of reply, Oct. 10th, 1898. *Jouey Gowans*
(Signature)

J. M. J. A.



St. Alphonsus' Church,

2030 CONSTANCE STREET.

New Orleans, Jan. 25/1904

This is to certify that the undersigned has looked through the marriage records of St. Alphonsus' Church, from Jan. 1858 to Jan. 1865, and is unable to find the marriage of Tony Gordans with Susan Coyle, recorded there-in.

Bro Benedict CSSR
Custodian of the
Marriage records of
St. Alphonsus' Church.

State of Louisiana Parish of Orleans.
Seen and subscribed this 25
day of Jan. 1904 and I certify that
the above named is responsible.

W. J. Perry
Clerk

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Widow. 764791

Susan Gowans

Widow
Emily Gowans.

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--- FROM ---

T. W. TALLMADGE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS
WASHINGTON, D. C.



R ARMY Div.

Special.

3-1852.

J. H. J. AN EXT.

A. Wid. No 764791

Susan Gowans

Money " " B. 84 U.S.C. Vol. Inf.

Acts of June 27 1890 & May 9 1900

THE ABOVE TITLE SHOULD BE INDORSED ON EVERY PAPER RELATING TO THIS CLAIM.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7, 1903

ARMY
FEB 1 1904
DIVISION

Sir:

In the matter of the above cited pension claims, the claimant having stated that she was married to the soldier in St. Alphonsus Church, New Orleans, La., in the year 1862, a certified copy of the church record of her marriage should be furnished, or, in lieu thereof, the affidavit of the custodian of the records of the church setting forth that such record does not exist.

Very respectfully
D. W. W. W.
Commissioner.

Mr. G. H. Tallmadge,
City.

D. W. W. W.
FEB 1 1904
DIVISION

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JAN 30 1907

State of Louisiana
Parish of Orleans

In the matter of
Susan Gowans widow of
Toney Gowans, personally,
appeared Adelaide Campbell
aged 50 yrs residing, 2223
Constance St. O. La

Who being duly sworn
testified as follows: I
know Mrs Gowans, the
claimant thirty eight years
and since the time I first
knew her have always
known her well, I knew
her late husband Toney
Gowans the same length
time that I have known
claimant and can say that
when I first knew them
they were living together
as man and wife and
were recognized as such
by their neighbors, I know
that they continued to live
together as man and wife,
she left the city with him
when he went back to



the army and when he
came back here to live
she came also and that
they were living together
when he died and was
buried from the house where
she and her daughter lived.
Said daughter is about 35
years old and is the daughter
of claimant by said Joney
Gowans.

Claimant was never
divorced from said Joney
Gowans and since his
death has not remar-
ried and is a person of
good character,

Claimant is very poor
and in great need of her
pension. She has no
property or income from
any source, owns no
stocks, bonds, mortgages
or investments of any
kind and is wholly
dependent upon her
labor for support nor
is anyone bound for

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Louisiana County of Orleans

Case of Susan Gowans No.

On this 13 day of February 1903 Personally appeared, before me an officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes within and for the County and State aforesaid

Richard Woods aged 56 years, occupation Laborer

residing 4069 Magazine St. N.O. La. acquainted with claimant over 45

4 years; and Gates Wilson aged 55 years, occupation Laborer

residing 512 S. Franklin St. N.O. La. acquainted with claimant

40 or over years, who being sworn declare in relation to prior marriage etc. as follows:

We knew Tony Gowans and know his wife Susan Gowans. Always recognized them as man and wife because we know they they lived together as man and wife since the year 1862. She was with her husband, Tony Gowans during the war. Said Susan Gowans lived with her husband up to the time of his death and she has not remarried since the death of her husband Tony Gowans.

Neither Tony Gowans nor his wife Susan Gowans had been previously married.

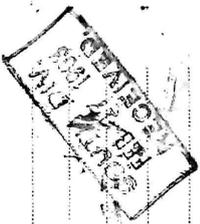
Claimant has no property whatever of any description and she has no income whatever except her own daily labor. There is no one legally bound to support claimant.

The Tony Gowen mentioned in the death certificate and Tony Gowans, claimant's husband, are one and the same person.

know these facts from personal acquaintance with claimant and her husband for 40 years.

(114)





1 This affidavit was written by _____ at _____
this _____ day of _____ 189_____

We have _____ interest in this claim.

Wm. M. ...

Sign here

Richard ...

Witness my hand and seal this _____

18th

day of *February*

1891

2 I certify that the contents of this affidavit were made known to the affiants before execution, that they are
reputable and entitled to credit. I have no interest in this claim
3

To be sworn to before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having authority in such a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal and in case he has no seal, then his signature and official character shall be certified by a clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County clerk, who shall affix his seal.

no
Claimant *Isaac Jowans*
Soldier *Toney J. Jowans*
No. *764 791*
Service *B Co 81 MCT*

Affidavit of

Richard Woods

Testimony in Relation to

Filed by

--- FROM ---
T. W. TALLMADGE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS

The FIGURES Correspond to the number of Paragraph on the attached circular of instructions which read carefully.

State of Louisiana
Parish of Orleans

Personally appeared Mrs Billie Young, 64 years old, residing, 610 Eleonora St New Orleans La who being sworn declares in relation to the pension claim of Susan Gowans, wid Joney Gowans as follows.



Right after the war I came from Houma La and came to New Orleans La and went to the house of Mrs Joney Gowans, she was then married to the late soldier Joney Gowans and remained there three or four years. When I came there, Joney was still in the Civil War service, he was discharged, came home, staid home a short time, less than thirty days, then reenlisted in the Regulars, all while I was there.

(17) He considered the claimant then to be his wife and treated her as such. He had no other wife that I ever knew of. When he reenlisted

he went to some place, I believe to Texas and I know that claimant went right out of the house while I was there and went with him and was gone with him five or six years, traveling wherever he was stationed and when she came back after his final discharge, I then had a house of my own and Joney Gowans and the claimant now before me came there, I remember that it was 12 o'clock at night when they got there and that I was sick, but my husband made coffee for them. I have known them ever since and I know that she lived with Joney Gowans as his wife and was not divorced and that they were living together when he died.

The claimant had much trouble with Joney in his last years because he was a very sick man and he

a dreadful disease so that he could not do anything whatever for several years before his death and needed a great deal of care and nursing.

She has no property of any kind and Joney Gowans didn't leave anything but debts, his funeral is yet to be paid for and there is nothing requiring an administration. She lives in a rented house and has to work out for a living. She is old and I think I make it clear when I say that she is wholly dependent upon this pension for her future support and has no expectation of getting any property or income from any source.

As far as Joney Gowans is concerned, I know that they were young people when I first knew them and that no one else ever claimed to be his wife that I knew

of and if he was ever married before I never knew it & I am sure that claimant was his first wife. She is a person of good character and has not married since Tony Gowans died or bought or sold any property of any kind. I have no interest in this case, I am servant in the family of F. Ernst of above address.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans.

Before me, a Notary Public, commissioned and qualified, in and for the State and Parish aforesaid, therein residing, and in presence of two competent witnesses hereinafter undersigned, personally came the affiant herein, appearing to be of good memory, judgment and credibility, who declared understanding, well and perfectly, the contents and purport of the foregoing testimony and had signed and executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth. In proof whereof, the said affiant and witnesses have hereunto signed with me, Notary.

Richard S. [Signature]
W. [Signature]

Millie Young
Wife

Sworn to and subscribed this 8 day of the month of July 1902

I have no interest in this matter.

W. P. [Signature]

Notary Public

... FROM ...
T. W. TALLMADGE,
 ATTORNEY AT LAW,
 AND SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS,
 WASHINGTON, D. C.



John [Signature]
W. [Signature]
W. [Signature]

State of Louisiana
Parish of Orleans

Personally appeared
Gates Wilson aged 54, residing
572 S. Franklin N. O. La
(Who being duly sworn de-
clares in relation to the
pension claim of Susan
Gowans widow of Joney
Gowans as follows:

I have known the
claimant about 36 years
and knew the late Joney
Gowans about as long.
I often visited their house
after and I served with him
in Co C 39 and Co A 25 Reg
Sular Army and I know
that claimant was with
said deceased Joney Gowans
when he was in the army,
that she was the laundress
of our company and was
well known to all our
Company as the wife of
(13) Joney Gowans aforesaid
and had children born
while they were in the



army, so that in 1867 she was laundress for us from 1867 up and at that time was the wife of Joney Gowans, since discharge I often visited them and know that they continued to live together as man and wife and were never divorced and were living together when he died

I know about her financial condition, that she is very poor, has no property, got no life insurance, that Gowans had no estate to be administered on and that she did not at the time of his death own any property in her own name nor since bought any

That her sole prospects of future livelihood is dependent wholly upon her labor and this pension and that no one

is legally bound to sup-
port her.

I am satisfied that
Toney Gowans and claim-
ant were not previously
married, at least, I never
heard of it nor had it
intimated in any way
but I do know that 36
years ago when they were
quite young that they
were then married -
I have no interest in
this case

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans.

Before me, a Notary Public, commissioned and qualified, in and for the State and Parish aforesaid, therein residing, and in presence of two competent witnesses hereinafter undersigned, personally came the affiant herein, appearing to be of good memory, judgment and credibility, who declared understanding, well and perfectly, the contents and purport of the foregoing testimony and had signed and executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth. In proof whereof, the said affiant and witnesses have hereunto signed with me, Notary.

Riland Sheppard

Gates Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed this 16 day of the month of July 1902

I have no interest in this matter.

W. B. Carney

Notary Public

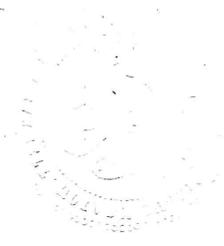


---FROM---
T. W. TALLMADGE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

O. W. & M. DIVISION
JUL 18 1902
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Over

*164491
J. J.
From Bureau
of 12.18.02*



their life since the last
38 years as stated and I
know no reason why
claimant is not the legal
widow of the soldier Joney
Gowans

I have no interest
in this claim and am
not related to claimant

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans.

Before me, a Notary Public, commissioned and qualified, in and for the State and Parish aforesaid, therein residing, and in presence of two competent witnesses hereinafter undersigned, personally came the affiant herein, appearing to be of good memory, judgment and credibility, who declared understanding, well and perfectly, the contents and purport of the foregoing testimony and had signed and executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth. In proof whereof, the said affiant and witnesses have hereunto signed with me, Notary.

[Signature]
H. E. [unclear]

[Signature]
Adelaide Campbell
[unclear]

Sworn to and subscribed this 11 day of the month of July 1902

I have no interest in this matter.

[Signature]

Notary Public



---FROM---
T. W. TALLMADGE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

[Handwritten notes]
Shaw 964991
J. W. Gowans
[unclear]

her support, so that, at her age, a pension is absolutely necessary for her future support. Mr. Gowans was sick a long time prior to his death and it took all he had and his family could get to keep him with the necessaries of life, so that claimant is greatly impoverished.

The said late Joney Gowans never had any other wife to my knowledge or by report but always knew and recognized claimant to be his lawful wife. I have been in their house many times and know that I always found them living together as man and wife and as such enjoying the respect of the community in which they lived.

My acquaintance with them was such that I am intimately acquainted with

~~NON~~ AFFIDAVIT. ~~NON~~

State of Louisiana,
Parish of Orleans.

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, duly
commissioned and qualified, in and for the Parish and State aforesaid:

Susan Gowans aged 63 years
who being by me sworn, deposes and says in relation to the matter of:
Marriage.
as follows:

I was married in St Alphonsus
Church at New Orleans, La. in the
year 1862 but owing to the
length of time that has elapsed
I do not remember the name of
the priest or the month of the
year. It is impossible for me to
secure a record of this marriage
because no record was kept.

Although my husband and my-
self lived together as man and wife
since 1862 we were told by some
people that our marriage was
not legal because we did not
have a licence or other record
so in order that we could be
sure we were remarried two
days before my husband
died. This second marriage took
place June 3, 1902.

Witness:

William Smith
J. H. Morrison

Susan Gowans
Affiant.

In testimony whereof, I, Notary, read and explained the foregoing
statement to said affiant, who persisted therein as conforming to her
knowledge of the matter and

W. J. Day
Notary Public.
I have hereunto affixed my signature and seal, this
23rd day of November 1903

DEC 5 1903
DIVISION

widow. No. 764 791
Act June 27 1892
Susan Towans
widow
Fanny Towans
Co B. 81. 1152



... FROM ...
T. W. TALLMADGE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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AUG 4 1914
M.W.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
Office of the Disbursing Clerk.

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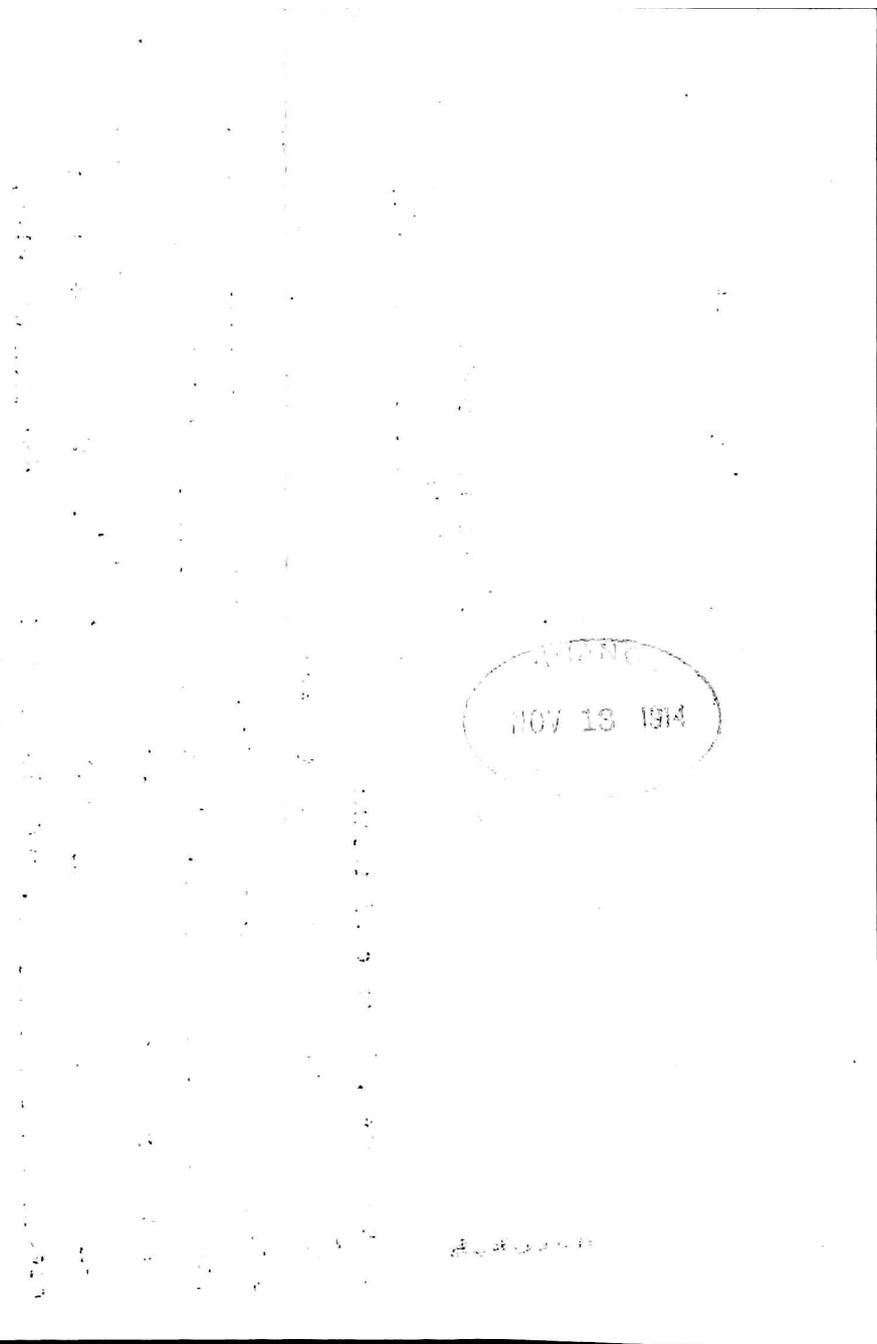
PLATE DESTROYED

To the Chief, Finance Division:

You are hereby notified that check No. 5971435, for \$36
dated 1914, in favor of Susan Gowans
Ctf. No. 573638, Class Dep. of Wid. Section Widow's
has been returned to this office by J. M. at New Orleans,
at La. with the information that the pensioner
died Sept 17, 1914, and said check has this day been canceled.

New Orleans Very respectfully,
La. GUY O. TAYLOR,
(D-1) Disbursing Clerk.
260 Cherokee St

NOV 12 1914



Paul S. Annett

Department of the Interior,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

This appeal *55760* is special.
Attach this slip to your opinion

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April 1901

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PENSIONER DROPPED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

NOV 18 1914, 191

Certificate No. 573.638

Class Act of April 19, 1908

Pensioner Susan Gowans

Soldier Joney

Service 1381 us c Inf

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the name of
the above-described pensioner who was last
paid at \$ 12., to Aug 4, 1914
has this day been dropped from the roll be-
cause of death Sep 17, 1914

Very respectfully,


Chief, Finance Division.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at
once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date
of death when known.

6-2249

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Louisiana, County of Orleans, ss:

In the matter of Pension claim of Susan Gowans
wife of Tony Gowans Co. B. & 1 Regt. U. S. I. T. Vt.

Personally came before me, a notary public in and for the aforesaid County
and State. Susan Gowans aged 68 years,
Name of witness.

and _____, aged _____ years,
Name of witness.

citizens of the town of 2106 St. Louis St. New Orleans
Post-office address. Five Street and No. if in city or town.

County of Orleans, State of Louisiana

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

*I respectfully request that my
claim for pension No. 76479
as widow of Tony Gowans be made special
reason that I am old and
feeble and I am not able to earn my
support and as there is no one
bound to support me, I am com-
pelled to depend on charity for a
support.*

NOTE—Affiants should state how they gain their knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

I further declare that *I* have ~~an~~ interest in said case and am ~~am~~ not
concerned in its prosecution.

1 J. Van Dusen
2 W. L. S. Smith

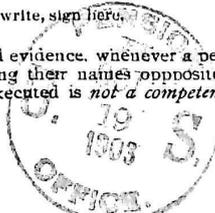
If Affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write, sign here.

Susan Gowans
mark

(Signature of Affiants.)

NOTE.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark (†), two persons who
can write must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.
The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark.

[OVER.]



Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant ^{is not} personally known to me; that she ^{appears to be a} credible person and so reputed in the community in which she resided.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9th day of October, 1903

[Sign here.] W. W. Tallmadge
Attorney

ADD SEAL HERE.

This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached. Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places near as you can remember, and if of your own personal knowledge and observation, and state how you know what you say to be true.

rec June 20, 1890.
W. W. Tallmadge
Attorney
No. 76479

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

CASE OF

Tusaut Howam
Wagon
Janey Howam
Col. S. H. Mason

AFFIDAVIT OF
Plaintiff

[Signature]
Date of Execution Sept 1903

FILED BY

T. W. TALLMADGE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.



~~Notary~~ AFFIDAVIT. ~~Notary~~

State of Louisiana,
Parish of Orleans.

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, duly
commissioned and qualified, in and for the Parish and State aforesaid:

Susan Gowans aged 65 years
who being by me sworn, deposes and says in relation to the matter of:
Husband's Insurance
as follows:

My husband, Tony Go-
wans, was not insured and
he was not a member of any
Society, Association, etc., and
he did not leave any pro-
perty of any description.



Witness:

(5)

J. M. Morrison
Notary Public

Susan Gowans
Affiant.

In testimony whereof, I, Notary, read and explained the foregoing
statement to said affiant, who persisted therein as conforming to her
knowledge of the matter and

and _____, have hereunto affixed my signature and seal, this
day of November 1903

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Oct June 27 1894

Widow. 764791

Susannah Gowans

widow

Tom Gowans

@073" 81" used

Army

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P. M. NOV 2 1894

...FROM...
T. W. TALLMADGE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JMC.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
WASHINGTON. APR 7 1903

J.M.C.
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Certificate No. 1023594.	(Docket No. 55760.
Toney Gowans, deceased,)	
Co. B, 81 U. S. C. Vol. Inf.)	Appeal.
Widow completing.)	Dismissed.

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INVALID CLAIM FOR PENSION UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

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The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

The soldier in the above entitled case, by his attorney, on June 29, 1899, appealed from the action of the Bureau of April 20, 1899, rejecting his claim for pension under the act of June 27, 1890, filed March 7, 1898, on the ground of no ratable disability, and the contention being that a ratable disability was shown.

The case having been under consideration on appeal, by the Department, under date of April 10, 1901, the papers were returned to the Bureau for further action and report.

The soldier died January 5, 1902, and his widow who is completing the present claim has filed a claim for pension under the act of June 27, 1890, numbered 764791, which has not yet been adjudicated.

Under date of April 2, 1903, in again transmitting the papers to the Department, the Bureau reported as follows:

Respectfully transmitted to the Honorable Secretary with the opinion that the appeal should be dismissed inasmuch as the claim has been allowed at \$6 from March 7, 1898, which satisfies the appeal.

Upon consideration of the record and it appearing that the pension allowed, \$6 per month, from March 7, 1898, and \$8 per month from November 2, 1899, fully satisfies the appeal, the request of the Bureau is hereby granted and the appeal dismissed.

The papers are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,


Assistant Secretary.

DISMISSED,

Approved, View
APR 14 1908

The soldier died January 8, 1892, and the widow who
is completing the present claim has filed a claim for pen-
sion under the act of June 27, 1890, numbered 244791, which
has not yet been adjudicated.

Under date of April 2, 1908, in again transmitting
the papers to the Department, the Bureau reported as follows:

Respectfully transmitted to the Honorable Secretary
with the opinion that the appeal should be dismissed inasmuch
as the claim has been allowed at \$8 from March 7, 1898,
which satisfies the appeal.

Upon consideration of the record and its appearing
that the pension allowed, \$8 per month, from March 7, 1898,
and \$8 per month from November 2, 1899, fully satisfies
the appeal, the request of the Bureau is hereby granted
and the appeal dismissed.

The papers are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

Medical Division,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

June 13, 1899.

Orig. #1,206,480,
Toney Gowans,
Co. "D", 81 U.S.C. Inf.

Respectfully returned to
Hon. J. L. Davenport, Deputy Com-
missioner.

After a careful review of
the papers in this case, I am of
opinion that the adverse medical
action of April 20, 1899 was cor-
rect. This man is now about 60
years of age as shown by the War
Department record and not 64
years as stated to the board of
surgeons.

He is not shown to be inca-
pacitated for earning a support
by manual labor.



Assistant Medical Referee.

Approved:


Medical Referee.

W.A.A.

55.760

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APPEAL CASE.
BOARD OF REVIEW.

Bureau of Pensions,

APR 5 1901, 189

No. Claim, 1.205.480

Cert. No.

Claimant,

Soldier, Joney Towans

Co. B 81st Reg't U. S. A.

and 2^d Div. 1st Inf.

Respectfully transmitted to the Honorable Secretary with the opinion that the action appealed from should be adhered to.

Attention is invited to the opinion of the Medical Referee, dated April 4th, 1901.

Attorney

[Handwritten Signature]
Commissioner.

U. S. COURT OF CLAIMS, CONGRESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL PRACTICE.

NATHAN BICKFORD,
SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS,
914 F STREET,

Dictated.

Washington, D. C.

June 26, 1899.

Sir:-

Appeal is hereby taken from action of the Commissioner of Pensions, rejecting the claim for pension under act of June 27, 1890, No. 1,206,480, by Toney Gowans, Co. "B," 81st U.S.C. Inf., on the ground that claimant "is not disabled for manual labor in a degree pensionable under said act."

The grounds of this appeal are: first, that the medical testimony filed in the case shows him to have been disabled in a pensionable degree at the time of and since the filing of the declaration in his behalf in March 1898; and second, that the decision of the Honorable Secretary, of October 17, 1898, in case of Chauncey Davis, is sufficient warrant for allowing the minimum rating, under act of June 27, 1890, in this case.

Very respectfully,



Hon. Webster Davis,

Asst. Sec'y of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Law Division.

2-28-08

March 5, 1908.

The Auditor
for the War Department.

Sir:-

In response to your call of the 26th ult., received the 28th ult. (GMH.326-264,851), relative to the case of Susan, widow of Toney Gowans, late Sergt. Co. B, 81st U.S.C. Infantry, Cert. #573,638, you are advised as follows:

Certified copy of record of death, under the seal of the Recorder of Births, Marriages and Deaths of the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, shows that Toney Gowan, colored, a native of North Carolina, age 72 years, died on June 5, 1902, at the charity hospital.

Brother Bendict testified, January 25, 1904, that he is the custodian of the records of St. Alphonsus Church, 2030 Constance Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; that he has looked through the marriage records of St. Alphonsus Church from 1862 of Toney Gowans to Susan Coyle recorded therein.

The late soldier stated in a family circular dated October 10, 1898, that he was married to Susan Garrit in 1862 by Father Johnson, of St. Ann Francis Church at New Orleans, Louisiana; that said marriage took place just a little before the late war; that there is a record of the marriage in said church;

that he was never married until he married Susan Garrit.

Adelia Campbell, of New Orleans, Louisiana, testified that she has known Mrs. Cowans for 38 years; and during that period affiant has known her well; also knew her late husband, Toney Gowans, the same length of time; affiant knows that when she first knew them they were living together as man and wife, and were recognized as such by their neighbors; that they continued to live together as man and wife until they left the city together and went to the army, and that they came back together and were living together when he died; that the claimant was never divorced from said Toney Gowans, and since his death has not remarried.

The pensioner's post-office address is #2102 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

DISMISSED,

55760

Appeal received *June 27, 1899*

*Nathan Bickford
Clerty*

SUBJECT:

Appeal in *_____* pension claim
No. *1206480*
Cty. 1023594

Foney Gowans

B. 811 U.S. C. Inf.

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Docket No. 55760

Department of the Interior,

~~JUN 29 1899~~, 189...

Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Pensions for report.

Robert Davis
Assistant Secretary.

Report received *_____*, 189...
and filed herewith.

FINAL ACTION.

J.M.M.
April 14, 1901 4-6-01.
*Returned for further
action & report*

J.M.M.
4-3-03.
APR 7 1903 APPEAL DISMISSED

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Louisiana, County of Orleans, ss:

In the matter of Pension claim of Susan Gowans
widow of Tony Gowans, Co B 81 Regt U.S. Inf. Vols

Personally came before me, a notary public in and for the aforesaid County
Notary, Justice or Clerk of Court.
and State. Ella Adams, aged 54 years,

and Frances Darby, aged 50 years,
Name of witness.

citizens of the town of 2109 St Louis 1717 Conti Sts N. O.
Post-office address. Ave Street and No. if in city or town.

County of Orleans, State of Louisiana

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

We have known claimant
NOTE—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.
Susan Gowans, for about ten
years and have been neighbors
for that length of time and we
know that in the last year the
claimant has failed in health to
such a degree that she is now
totally unable to earn a support.
We think she is about seventy
years of age and know that owing
to age and ill health she cannot
do any work at all and she is wholly
dependent on charity for a sup-
port.

We know these facts because
we are neighbors and we help
to contribute to her support.



(f) We further declare that we have no interest in said case and we are not concerned in its prosecution.

J. W. Morrison
M. K. Smith

If Affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write, sign here.

Ella Adams
Frances Darby
(Signature of Affiants)

NOTE.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark (f), two persons who can write must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.
The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark.

[OVER.]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted ~~him~~ with its contents before ~~they~~ executed the same.

I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant ~~is~~ personally known to me; that ~~they~~ are credible persons and so reputed in the community in which ~~they~~ reside.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9th day of October, 1903
[Sign here] T. W. Tallmadge
ADD SEAL HERE.

This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached. ~~Write~~ Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places near as you can remember, and if of your own personal knowledge and observation, and state how you know what you say to be true.

Respectfully ask
that in view of
the fact that
claimant depends
upon charity that
the claim be
made.

SPECIAL

...FROM...
T. W. TALLMADGE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND SOLLICITOR OF CLAIMS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Oct June 27 1892
Widow
No. 764791

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

CASE OF

Susan Howans
Widow
Tony Howans
Cob, 81 street

AFFIDAVIT OF

Ellen Adams
Frances Darby

Date of Execution Oct 9 1903

FILED BY

T. W. TALLMADGE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

The testimony of a physician for use in claim for **Invalid Pension under Act of June 27, 1890** should be in his own handwriting and should describe (1) **all disabilities** or causes of permanent disability, not due to vicious habits, and (2) the **extent or degree** to which the applicant is and has been, during a stated period of time, thereby **incapacitated** for earning a support by manual labor.

I have been acquainted with Tony Gowans for about _____ years.
(Name of the soldier must be given)

(Here embody all facts known to affiant in accordance with the above or other instructions.)

I do hereby certify that I
T. W. Breau, M.D. have been
treating Tony Gowans for the
past 6 months. And know of
his condition of health as
follows. His general condition
is that of extreme debility and
feebleness. Apparently he
is about 65 yrs of age.
He is afflicted with a complication
of diseases rendering him totally
unable to earn a support by
manual labor. In my opinion
his disabled condition is permanent.

T. W. Breau, M.D.
1631 Clis St
New Orleans
La



I have been a practitioner of medicine for Three years.
I have no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.
My Post-office address is 1631 Clei St. New Orleans La
T. W. Breany M.D.
(Affiant should sign here and also at the end of his statement.) (Affiant's signature)

State of Louisiana, County of Orleans, ss;
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of April, A. D., 1901
and I hereby certify that affiant is a practicing physician of good standing.
I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Chas. S. Lytle
(Signature)
Notary Public.
(Official character)

NOTE.—This affidavit may be executed, within the limits of his jurisdiction, before any officer who is authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.
No erasures or interlineations will be permitted, unless the magistrate quotes or refers to them in his jurat and certifies that they were made before execution of the paper.



No. 5776450

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

PENSION CLAIM OF
Gomez & Yovanis
vs. B.G. McLaughlin

Cont. 1023394

FILED BY
NATHAN BICKFORD,
Director of Claims and Patents,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF MAY 9, 1900.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

573638
not
M.B.

Claimant Susan Gowans
2102 St. Louis St.
P. O. Royal Street
County New Orleans, State Louisiana

Soldier Henry Gowans
Rank Sergeant Co. B
Regiment 81st U.S. Inf.

Rate, \$8 per month, commencing June 16, 1902 and \$2 additional for each child, as follows:

- { Born, } Commencing
- { Sixteen, }
- { Born, } Commencing
- { Sixteen, }
- { Born, } Commencing
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- { Sixteen, }

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

All pension to terminate....., 190..., date of.....

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY

Name J. H. Tallmadge Fee, \$ 10 Agent to pay.
P. O. Washington, D.C. Articles filed....., 189.....

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Sp. Ex. Febman 9, 1904 J. G. Johnston Examiner.
" " Consul, April 4, 1904 E. G. Johnston
Approved for Admission under Act of June 27/90 as amended by Act of May 9, 1900
J. E. Report

May 23 1904
April 6, 1904 R. G. Ford Reviewer. May 24, 1904 D. Stephenson Reviewer.

The soldier was pensioned at \$ 8 per month for incapacity to earn a sup. by man. labor

Enlisted August 24, 1863 Soldier's app'n filed Nov 7, 1898

.....honorably disch'd Sept. 1, 1866 Clt's app'n under other laws....., 1.....

Reenlisted October 5, 1866 Former marriage of....., 18.....
discharged October 5, 1869
re-enlisted October 5, 1869
.....honorably disch'd October 5, 1874 Death of former....., 18.....

Died June 5, 1902 Clt's marriage to soldier about, 1862

Declaration filed June 16, 1902 Clt. not remarried....., 1.....

Claimant..... writes. No M. C.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF MAY 9, 1900.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant Susan Howans Soldier Toney Howans
 1013 Royal Street P. O. New Orleans Rank Sergeant Co. B.
 County Orleans, State Louisiana Regiment 81 W.S.C. Inf.
 Rate, \$8 per month, commencing June 16, 1902, and \$2 additional for each child, as follows:

{ Born, _____ }
 { Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____
 { Born, _____ }
 { Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____
 { Born, _____ }
 { Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____
 { Born, _____ }
 { Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____
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 { Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____
 { Born, _____ }
 { Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____
 { Born, _____ }
 { Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____

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

All pension to terminate _____, 190____, date of _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name T. W. Tallmadge Fee, \$ 10.00 Agent to pay.
 P. O. Washington, D. C. Articles filed _____, 189____

APPROVALS.

Re Submitted for Admission April 20, 1903 W. D. Bridson, Examiner.
 R Approved for Admission under Act of June 27/90 as amended by Act of May 9, 1900
February 2, 1904 J. Johnston
February 3, 1904 R. L. Ford
April 23, 1903
 _____, 190____, Legal Reviewer.

The soldier was _____ pensioned at \$ 8.00 per month for partial inability to earn a support by manual labor

Enlisted <u>August 24</u> , 18 <u>63</u>	Soldier's app'n filed <u>March 7</u> , 18 <u>98</u>
honorably disch'd <u>September 1</u> , 18 <u>66</u>	Clt's app'n under other laws _____, 18____
Reenlisted { <u>October 5</u> , 18 <u>66</u> { <u>October 5</u> , 18 <u>67</u>	Former marriage of _____, 18____
honorably disch'd { <u>October 5</u> , 18 <u>69</u> { <u>October 5</u> , 18 <u>74</u>	Death of former _____, 18____
Died <u>June 5</u> , 190 <u>2</u>	Clt's marriage to soldier <u>about</u> , 18 <u>62</u>
Declaration filed <u>June 16</u> , 190 <u>2</u>	Clt not remarried _____, 18____
Claimant <u>does not</u> write.	_____, M. C.

ARMY DIV.

Index Sheet, Claim No. 764,791, June 27, 1940 Law,
 Susan Lowans, wid. of Tony Lowans,
 Service, Inf. Co. B. 81st U.S.C. Inf.

In cases submitted for special examination a separate index should be prepared for each brief and placed immediately under the corresponding face sheet (or sheets). In no instance should any paper be placed between index and face sheets. Dates of examination, and not of filing, should be given in indexing surgeons' certificates, as provided by paragraph 5, order 12, Manual of Practice 1901. -113

NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1	Claimant, 1013 Royal St. N.O. La.	June 16, 02	Declaration
2,3,4,5	Do		Affidavits
6	Ella Adams 2109 St. Louis St. & Francis Dauty 1717 Conti St. N.O. La	Oct. 16, 03	Phys. Condition of Client.
7	F. H. Breary, M.D. 1631 Clis. St. N.O. La.	May 7, 01	Medical Evidence
8	Parish of Orleans La.	Feb. 16, 03	Death Cert.
9			Soldiers Statement
10	St. Alphonsus Church 2030 Constantine St. N.O. La.	July 30, 04	No Record of Marriages
11 & 12	Millie Young, 2223 Constantine St. " "	July 28, 02	Legal Widowhood
13	Gates Wilson 512 South Franklin, " "	" " "	Do
14	Richard Woods 4069 Magazine St. " " & Gates Wilson 512 South Franklin " ")	Feb. 16, 03	Dependence
15			Sp. Exrs report.
16	Parish of Orleans La.	Dec. 18, 02	Asst Cert.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

TO BE EXECUTED BEFORE A CLERK OF THE COURT, A NOTARY PUBLIC, OR OTHER OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES. IF BEFORE A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR OTHER OFFICER WHO DOES NOT USE AN OFFICIAL SEAL, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY, PART AS TO HIS OFFICIAL CHARACTER AND GENUINENESS OF HIS SIGNATURE. IF EXECUTED BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC WITH A SEAL, NO OTHER CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED.

State of Louisiana, County of Orleans, ss:

On this 11 day of June, A. D. one thousand ~~eight~~ hundred and twelve

personally appeared before me, a Notary Public
within and for the County and State aforesaid, Susan Gowans

aged 60 years, a resident of the City of New Orleans
State of Louisiana, who, being duly

sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Susany Gowans
who enlisted under the name of Tony Gowans at New

Orleans on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 1863, in
Co B 81 usct
[Here state rank, company, and regiment if in Military service, or vessel, if in Navy.]

and served at least ninety days in the late War of the Rebellion, in the service of the United States, and was
HONORABLY DISCHARGED _____ and died 5 June, 1902
[The cause of death need not be stated.]

That she was married under the name of Susan Garrett
to said Tony Gowans on the _____
day of _____, 1862 by Common consent during
slavery - remarried June 3, 1902 there being no legal barrier to said marriage.
No prior marriages
[If there was a former marriage of claimant or her husband, state it here and how dissolved.]

That she has not remarried since the death of the said Tony Gowans That
[Name of soldier or sailor.]
she is without other means of support than her daily labor. That names and dates of birth of all the children now
living, under sixteen years of age, of the soldier are as follows:

_____, born _____, 18 _____, born _____, 18 _____, born _____, 18 _____, born _____, 18 _____, born _____, 18



That she has ~~not~~ before applied for pension, and the number of her former application is Soldier was
pensioner 1023594 That she makes this declaration for the purpose
[Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly.]

of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

She hereby appoints T. W. TALLMADGE, OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,
her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim and receive a fee of \$10.

That her post-office address is 1013 Royal St County of Orleans

State of Louisiana

Susan Gowans
[Claimant's signature.]

Attest: (1) Montiquet
(2) W. A. G.

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Also personally appeared Louis Montegut, residing at N. O. La
and John Allen, residing at N. O. La

persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Susan Gowans, the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance with her of _____ years and 8 years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

L. Montegut
John Allen
[Signatures of witnesses.]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of June, A. D. 1892
and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____ erased, and the words _____ added; and that I have no interest direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Wm. Daniel
Switzer
[Signature.]
[Official character.]

State of _____ County of _____, ss:
IT IS CERTIFIED That _____, before whom the above application was executed, was at the time a _____ within and for said county, duly authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, and his signature thereto is genuine.
Witness my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____, 189 _____.

The act of June 27, 1890, requires in widow's case:

1. That the soldier served at least *ninety days* in the war of the rebellion and was *honorably discharged*.
2. Proof of soldier's death (death cause need not have been due to Army service.)
3. That widow is "without other means of support than her daily labor."
4. That widow was married to soldier prior to June 27, 1890, date of the act.
5. That all pensions under this act commence from date of receipt of application in Pension Bureau.

C. B. 1023, 594 078
ACT JUNE 27, 1890.

WIDOW'S APPLICATION.

Claimant Susan Gowans
Soldier Henry Gowans
Service Co. B. 51
U.S.C.G.
Address 1013 Royal
New Orleans, La.
U 267639740 U.S. Army

FILED BY
T. W. TALLMADGE,
ATTORNEY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date of execution, _____
ETM

AFFIDAVIT.

State of Louisiana, City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans.

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified, in and for the Parish and State of aforesaid Susan Gowans aged about 70 years, residing 1013 Royal St New Orleans, La who declared in relation to the Pension claim of myself as follows

I am not able to furnish record evidence of my marriage to Tony Gowans or testimony of witnesses who were present at the marriage ceremony for the reason that I was not married to my husband at a regular ceremony but lived with my husband Tony Gowans as man and wife and were recognized as such by friends and neighbors since 1862. My husband, Tony Gowans and myself lived together as man and wife up to the time of his death. I have not remarried. I have no property of any description whatever and no income except my own daily labor since June 16, 1902

There is no one legally bound to support

(7)

And that, he has interest in the prosecution of said claim.

W. H. H. H. H.
W. H. H. H. H.

Susan Gowans

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of February 1902 and I certify that I read and explained the

foregoing statement to said affiant who persisted therein as conforming to her knowledge of the matter; that she is not personally known to me but is believed to be a credible witness and that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.



W. H. H. H. H.
Notary Public

RECEIVED
FEB 20 1903
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

FROM
T. W. TALLMADGE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SOUTH DAK
FEB 17 1903
SHERBORN

Mr. [unclear]
By [unclear]

Q. W. P. M.

Members of
James [unclear]
and [unclear]

No. 464 491 N

New Orleans, La., April 27, 1903.
The Commissioner of Customs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to return, herewith,
the certificate in claim No. 704,791,
Linnæus Bonarr.

Richard Throbs and G. T. S.
Thomson are of good reputation and
opposed to this by the others.
Very respectfully,
Benjamin D. Mackay,
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION A.

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 23^d day of March, 1903, at New Orleans, county of Orleans, State of Louisiana, before me, Bryan Macky, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Getis Wilson, 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 54 years of age; occupa-
tion labour; post-office address,
51 1/2 S. Franklin St., New Orleans, La.

I became acquainted with Tommy Gowans and Susan Gowans in 1866.

I was then a private in a detachment which formed a part of the 39th U. S. Inf. Tommy Gowans was in the 81st U. S. C. Inf. and enlisted into the 39th U. S. Inf. Co. C, in which I served. Susan Gowans was a laundress of my company.

When I first knew them in 1866 they were living together as husband and wife and had two children about 12 and 13 years of age. I saw Tommy Gowans from time to time up to the time of his death. He lived with Susan until he died. I was at his wake. He died last year - I don't know the date.

Susan has not remarried or lived with any other man.

She has no property and no means of support but her labor.

I don't know whether or not either Tommy or Susan had any prior marriage. I don't know

official work nor this class in Beth
 Leach. I did not know that of
 fiduciary assets. I did not intend
 to save that I know they know
 must. Susan Savaris prior to 1886.
 No. In a similar manner
 correctly as usual. *G. W. Wilson*
 Deponent,

~~[Large diagonal scribble across the lined area]~~

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of March,
 1903, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

Raymond J. ...
 Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *B.*

Case of *Susan Gowans*, No. *764,791*

On this *2^d* day of *April*, 1903, at
New Orleans, county of *Orleans*
State of *Louisiana*, before me, *Benjamin Macky*, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Richard Woods, 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 *56* years of age; occupation,
colour; post-office address *6940*
Magazine St, New Orleans La.

I served in Co. *C*, *25th U. S. Inf.*
I knew *Tony Gowans* from about
1866. I knew him in the *25th*
U. S. Inf. I did not know him
prior to *1866*. I saw him "right
smart", "pretty after" after the war.

I became acquainted with *Susan*
Gowans in *1866*. She was living with
Tony Gowans as his wife when I
enlisted in the *25th U. S. Inf.* in *1866*.
Neither had been married before,
to my knowledge, or that I have heard.

They lived together until
Tony Gowans died. I saw them
living together.

Susan has not remarried or
lived with any other man to my
knowledge. I don't know ex-
actly when *Tony Gowans* died.
I think he died four or five years
ago.

Susan has no property and
no means of support but her
labor.

I executed an affidavit
in this claim before *Th. B. Barr*

with in the book. I don't think
 that I told Mr. Rowell that
 I knew the address and I don't
 in 1862. That affidavit was read to
 me. I remember - summer
 Cornell records
 Richard H. [unclear]
 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

~~_____~~

Deponent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of [unclear],
 1903 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

Richard H. [unclear]
 Special Examiner

Army
O. W. and M. Div. Div.

3-395.
(Old No. 3-506.)

MWB, E. & R.

Widow No. 764791

Department of the Interior,

Susan Wil

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Tony Gowans

B & I U.S.I. & A 25 U.S.I.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 11, 1903

SIR:

In the above-entitled claim, Gates Wilson, whose

P. O. address was 572 South Franklin St. New Orleans, La.

[Give street and number]

testified before William B. Barnitt, a Notary Public

in and for Orleans county, La., on Feb. 13, 1903

that he knew Tony Gowans and his wife Susan; always recognized them as husband and wife because they lived together as man and wife since the year 1862; that Susan Gowans lived with her husband up to the time of his death, and that she has not remarried since soldier's death; that neither Tony Gowans, nor his wife Susan had been previously married; that claimant has no property whatever, and no income except from her own daily labor.

Affiant's deposition is desired

Please refer this letter to a special examiner with instructions to ascertain the witness' reputation for veracity, and his knowledge of the matters set forth above.

The claimant's name and address is Susan Gowans

1013 Royal St. New Orleans, La.

The attorney's, T. W. Tallmadge, Washington D.C.

Very respectfully,

Warner Kilbitt

The Chief of the
Special Examination Division.

Chief Army Division.

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Exh. A.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

Anna Coleman Lamy, April 6, 1903.

Sir:—I certify that I have personally interviewed and questioned

Santa Wilson

whom I certify to be a student. the witness referred to herein, and that his

I further certify that his reputation for veracity is *good.*

Basil Mackey
Special Examiner.

To be filled by the adjudicating division.
Army Div.
Meadows No. *764791*
Susan Wild
Tony Lowans
B&USCJf + A 25-USDf
Name of witness:
Gates Wilson

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, *MAR 13 1903*, 190...

Respectfully referred to Mr. _____

B. Mackey, Special Examiner at *New Orleans La*

will interview the witness and report on his credibility. No deposition should be taken unless it appears that the affidavit sets forth matters not within the witness' personal knowledge, but if taken, it should be made on the usual deposition-blank and attached hereto; and should show what the witness personally knows of the facts, his means of knowledge, and any improper practice in connection with the preparation of the affidavit.

By direction of the Commissioner:
A. J. Craig
Chief, S. E. Division.

_____, 190...

Respectfully returned to the Chief of the _____ Division.

Chief, S. E. Division.

N. O. La
B. Mackey

Army
~~S. W. Army~~ Div. Div.

3-395
(Old No. 3-506.)

7703, Ex'g

Widow No. *764791* Department of the Interior,
Susan, Wid
Tony Gowans
Bureau of Pensions,
B81USC4 x A 23USL4 Washington, D. C., *Mar. 11*, 190*3*

Sir:

In the above-entitled claim, *Richard Woods*, whose
P. O. address was ^{*4940*}~~*7069*~~ *Magazine Street, New Orleans, La.*
[Give street and number]
testified before *William B. Bassett*, a *Notary Public*
in *and for Orleans* county, *La.*, on *Feb. 13*, 190*3*
that *soldier and claimant had lived together as husband
and wife from the year 1862 to time of soldier's death; that
sister had been previously married; that claimant
has not remarried since soldier's death; that claimant
has no property whatever and no income except from
her own daily labor. These facts are known from personal
acquaintance with claimant and soldier for forty years.*

Affiant's deposition is desired

Please refer this letter to a special examiner with instructions to ascertain the witness' reputation for veracity, and his knowledge of the matters set forth above.

The claimant's name and address is *Susan Gowans*
1013 Royal St. New Orleans, La.
The attorney's, *T. W. Tallmadge, Washington, D. C.*

Very respectfully,

Warner Kilhite

The Chief of the
Special Examination Division.

Chief *Army* Division.

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Exh. B.

New Orleans La. April 27th 1903.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

Sub:—I certify that I have personally interviewed and questioned Richard Woods

~~and his~~ reputation is just attested.

I further certify that his reputation for veracity is good.

Benjamin Mackey
Special Examiner.

To be filled in the adjudicating division.
Army Div.
Widow No. 764791
Susan, Wid.
Tony Lowans
B&I used by A 25 USL
Name of witness:
Richard Woods

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, MAR 13 1903, 190

Respectfully referred to Mr. B. Mackey

B. Mackey, Special Examiner at New Orleans La

who will interview the witness and report on his credibility. No deposition should be taken unless it appears that the affidavit sets forth matters not within the witness' personal knowledge, but if taken, it should be made on the usual deposition-blank and attached hereto; and should show what the witness personally knows of the facts, his means of knowledge, and any improper practice in connection with the preparation of the affidavit.

By direction of the Commissioner:
[Signature]
Chief, S. E. Division.

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Respectfully returned to the Chief of the _____ Division.

Chief, S. E. Division.

Grubbs
3-296.
(Old No. 3-450.)
S. E. D.

No. *7,44,791*

Claimant: *Susan Gouvais*

Soldier: *Tom Gouvais*

P. O. address: *New Orleans*

County: *Louisiana* State: *La.*

Recommendation: *Consideration*

of Grant of Army Dis.
Beneficial Warrant
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

APR 8 1903, 190...

Respectfully referred to
Chief of *Army* Division
for consideration.

A. S. Craig
Chief, *Chief S. E. Division*.

RECOMMENDATION.

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APR 9 1903
ACTION
Referee.

190...

Commissioner.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.
APR 8 1903
S. E. DIVISION

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.
APR 8 1903
S. E. DIVISION

Susau. Tony Gowans 1902

CERTIFICATE OF

Property

I, the undersigned Custodian Tax & Assessment Records certify that

The name of Susau Gowans or that of Toney Gowans does not appear on the said Tax rolls of Orleans Parish as the holder of taxable property for the year 1902



I have no interest in the claim for which this certificate is given.

John Watson
Notary Public

State of Louisiana

Parish of Orleans

I, the undersigned Notary Public certify that John Watson above signed is decal mer ad interim delphin set out

Witness my hand this Sept day of 1897 I have no interest in this claim.

Francis Long
Notary Public

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FROM
J. W. TALLMADGE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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No. 764 791
James G. ...
W. H. ...
Henry ...
at 81st W. 8. St.

Wheeler New Paris
Aug. 764, 191,
J. W. W. Brown
Wm. C. W.
Henry Brown
B. S. W. C. B. S.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Custom House, New Orleans, La.

September, 21st. 1898.

Case No. 1, 206, 480,

Toney Gowans,

P. O. 2106, St. Louis St., N. O. La.

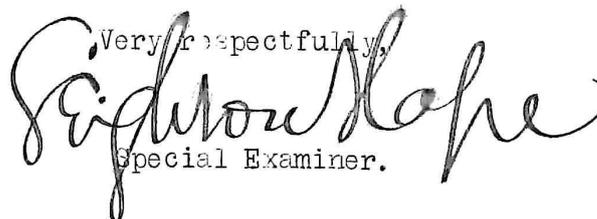
Sir:-

I have the honor to render this my report in the case above noted, and to return the papers relating thereto.

The case was referred to the field with Law Division letter of April 21st. 1898, to determine validity and regularity.

I have to submit the testimony of the claimant and of W. H. Bolding, his local agent, which shows that there is no reason to doubt the validity of this declaration, nor to suspect that the matter was not attended to in a regular manner.

I would suggest that the claimant be ordered for examination as soon as a Board of Surgeons has been appointed at this place.

Very respectfully,

Special Examiner.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington,

D. C.

(2)

DEPOSITION

Case of Toney Gowans, No. 1206480.

On this 21st. day of Sept., 1898, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of Louisiana, before me, Leighton Hope, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Toney Gowans, Clmt., 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 63 years of age; my post-office address is No. 2106, St.
Louis St. N.O., La. I am a laborer but I have been unable to do anything
 for a year. When I was able to work I done hard labor. I am the claimant
 for pension above number. I enlisted in N.O., La. in Co. B. 81st. Regt.
U. S. C. I. Vols., sometime in 1863. I do not know the exact date nor the
 month. I was in that company and Regt. for three years, and was dis-
 charged at N.O., La. I do not know the date. I was a private throughout
 my service. In about a month after my discharge from the 81st., I en-
 listed in C. 39th. U. S. I. Regulars., for three years. While I was in the
39th. U. S. I. that Regt., was consolidated with the 40th. Regt., Regulars,
~~making the 25th. U. S. I.~~ I was discharged from the 25th. U. S. I. at Eagle
Pass Texas Oct. 5th. 1874. You misunderstood me about the consolidation.
 I meant to say that I was discharged from the 39th. at Fort Pike La.
 and immediately re-enlisted in same company and Regt. I served with
 them till the consolidation of 39th. and 40th. into the 25th., in 1869,
 and subsequently in 25th. U. S. I. Co., A. till discharge.
 I was never in the service of the U.S. other than here stated. Never in
 the Navy. I held during my service the ranks of Private, and also as
 company carpenter.
 I filed a claim for pension a year ago last August, but I never heard
 anything but that the papers had got lost or something of that kind.
 I made a claim through Bolding here soon after last christmas. I do not
 know the date. I claim pension on account of disease of the head, weak
 back, rheumatism, and a fluttering of the heart.

I signed my application for pension in the alley on Common St. near the St. Charles Hotel. I do not know the Notary's name. John Dennis and Castor Olivia and my self were present and signed the application at same time and were all sworn at same time.

John Dennis and Castor Olivia were witnesses for me. They were witnesses to my service in the 81st U.S.I.C.Vols. They were in that Regt. With me though not in the same company.

I signed my own name to the application. John Dennis and Olivia each signed his own name.

I am married. Been married but once. My wife is named Susan. Her maiden name I do not know. Her name when I married her was Susan Burkes. She had been married before her marriage to me. I do not know what was the name of her first husband. I never saw him. He died somewhere in Tenn; I think. I do not know when. I was married to my wife in 1862, at New Orleans La., in 1862, just before I went into the army. I do not know the date. I was married by the Priest in the Catholic church St. Alphon-sus on Constance St. bet St. Andrew and Josephine Sts. Father Johnson was the name of the priest. I have no children under the age of sixteen years. I have not been divorced from my wife. She now lives with me.

I have understood your questions and you have set down correctly my replies.

Taney Gowers
Deponent.

Additional. My attorney in Washington is Nathan Bickford. I have no agreement to pay him except ten dollars which the law allows. My attorney here is Elder W.H. Bolding. I have no agreement to pay him any sum at all.

Taney Gowers
Deponent.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st. day of Sept., 1898., and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Richard Kaye
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Toney Gowans,, No. 1206480

On this 19th. day of September, 1898, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of Louisiana, before me, Leighton Hope, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
William H. Bolding, 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; my post-office address is No. 2412, St.

Peter St. N-O., La. I am by occupation a minister. Of Union Baptiste
 Church New Orleans La. I have been engaged since about 1894 to some ex-
 tent in preparing papers for use in pension claims. I am a sub-agent of
 attorneys at Washington, The Attorneys that I am a sub-agent for are as
 follows; Nathan Bickford, Wm. Conard and Co., W. A. Redmond, Charles and
 Wm. B. King and Co., H. Planter, Leavenworth Kas. That is all that I remem-
 ber now.

Q. What agreements have you with these attorneys?

A. I have agreements with them all by which I get a part of their fees.
 My agreement with Wm. Conard and Co., is for one third and with all those
 mentioned except that firm I get one fourth.

Q. Is your contract written or verbal?

A. They just wrote to me that they would give me such a part of their
 fees in each case I would solicit and tend to here for them. There was
 no formal contract. I know the claimant for pension Toney Gowans. I am
 a sub-agent in his case. I prepared a declaration for pension for him.
 Nathan Bickford is the attorney in Washington. I am to receive from
 Bickford one fourth of whatever he gets as his fee in the case.

I have examined this declaration for pension signed by Toney Gowans and
 by George Weysham, and my self as attesting and by John Dennis and Cas-
 tor Olivia as identifying witnesses.

Yes Sir. I was present when the paper was signed before Judge Garnon.
 I saw the claimant and all the witnesses sign the declaration.

Claimant and John Dennis and Castor Olivia were sworn to the declaration but Geo. Weysham and myself were not sworn. We just attested the marks.

I have no agreement with Toney Gowans by which he is to pay me any fee whatsoever.

Gowans now lives at 2106, St. Louis St. He has been living there three or four months. I do not know where John Dennis or Castor Olivia reside.

I did not know them till they signed this declaration for the claimant.

I have heard you read this deposition and you have set down my replies correctly.

J. H. Bolding

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of September 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Richard H. Kape
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Sussex Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 12th day of March, 1905, at New Orleans, county of Orleans State of La, before me, E. C. Higgenbotham, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Lallie Williams, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My age I do not know but probably between 55 and 60 years; occupation washing and ironing; P.O. address 5119 Annunciation St., New Orleans La.

Toney Gowans the soldier in this case was my cousin. He and I were both born in North Carolina, I believe, but I was little when I left there and could not tell you much about that. I belonged to Augusta Smith, I believe, of somewhere near Columbus or Maryland. I only know about that from what my sister Caroline Mumford I want dead, would tell me. He, Toney Gowans, belonged to some of the kin people of the Smiths I believe.

Don't remember just when I was sold away from North Carolina, but during the war I found myself in Jackson, Miss., and then I went to Vicksburg and from Vicksburg I came here. I do not think the war was over yet when I got here as the soldiers were all here yet. I was not with any of my people then. I did not meet up with my sister (Caroline Mumford) here in this city for a good while after peace had been declared - perhaps 8 or 10 years. Through her I first met up with the soldier, Toney Gowans, in this city. I do not really remember having known Toney Gowans in North Carolina but my sister said he was our cousin and that he knew me before I was old enough

to know him. When I first became acquainted with him he was living with Susan Gowans as his wife. They said that they had been lawfully married. She said she had been with him while he was in the army. She said she was all over Texas with him. They both said so. I never heard that either of them had been married before they were married to each other. They lived together as husband and wife until ^{he died} they were never separated or divorced to my knowledge and she has not remarried since he died.

He was a tall "griff" colored man. He was slender.

I never heard that he had any child or children except by Elamant Susan Gowans.

I do not know of any other kin people of the soldier, Toney Gowans, except my self and the children of my sister, Caroline Mumford.

I have no interest in this case. I have heard this deposition read and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Attest Birdie Williams Sallie Williams
mark Deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of March, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Niggelhorn,
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *M*

Case of *Susan Gowans*, No. *764,791*

On this *16th* day of *Mar*, 190*8*, at
New Orleans, county of *Orleans*
State of *La*, before me, *E. C. Niquenborn*, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *Adelaide*
Campbell, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

*My age is 50 years; occupation cook;
P.O. address 2234 Constance St., New
Orleans, La.*

*I have known this claimant Susan
Gowans since I was 12 years old. I, when
I was 12, I went to work at Goldenbough's
and I then found Susan there. I worked
there with her, Susan Gowans, about
25 years. The claimant was married
already when I first became acquainted
with her. At least she was living with
Tony Gowans as his wife and I supposed
they were married. They were living
together as husband and wife when I
first became acquainted with her and
they lived together as husband and
wife all the time I knew them. She
moved out of my neighborhood about
ten years ago but I would visit her
and she would visit me. I never
heard of their separating. I think they
were living together as husband and wife
when he died but I did not see
his dead body or attend his funeral.*

*I do not know whether they or either
of them had been married before they
were married to each other. I do not
know whether they were married to
each other by any ceremony.*

I never knew her to live with any other man as his wife or claimant to have any husband except the soldier, Poney Gowans, and I never knew him to claim to have or to have had any wife except this claimant Susan Gowans.

I have been a witness for this claimant before but I have told you all I know about the case.

I have heard this deposition read and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Attest: Mrs C. A. Villars ^{Lady} Adelaide Campbell
 mark

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of March, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Wigganham,
 Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 18 day of March, 1904, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of La., before me, E. C. Niggenthorn, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Pauline
Montagut, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My age is 32 years; occupation, I live at
Home; P. O. address 1013 & 1017 Royal St., New
Orleans, La.

I have known the claimant, Susan Gowans,
since I was 11 or 12 years old. The claimant
was living with Toney Gowans as his wife
when I first became acquainted with
her and they lived together as husband
and wife from that time until he died.
They were never separated or divorced
while I knew them and she has not
remarried since he died. She has always
been a woman of good character. Yes,
I knew her husband Toney Gowans. But
I do not recall exactly how he appeared.
I don't think he was as tall as she is.
He did not come around us so often.
I don't recall his color distinctly - I
pay no attention to the color of colored
people. He was slim.

The claimant told me that she
was married to the soldier, Toney
Gowans, in St. Alphonsus church and I
went with her to said church to get
the record of the marriage. The priest
treated us very nicely and made a
thorough search of the records and in about
ten days gave me the certificate which
you have shown me. The priest said

to me that he was confident from what the claimant said that she was married as she says she was but he said that as she was a Catholic and he a Protestant and they being colored the marriage was probably not recorded.

The claimant worked for our family at washing and ironing as long as she was able to work and I have no interest in the case except that I believe the claimant is deserving of this pension and that payment of same has been delayed too long already.

I have heard this deposition read and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Pauline Montegut,
Deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of Mar., 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Higgenbotham
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 14 day of Mar., 1907, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of La., before me, E. C. Niggenhorn, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Frances
Harby, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My age is 49 years; occupation washing
and ironing; P.O. address 1717 Conti St.,
New Orleans, La.

I have known Susan Gowans, the
claimant in this case, for about eight (8)
or nine (9) years last past. I have lived
down town here in her neighborhood
for about eight years and I knew her
for a while before I moved down here.
I got acquainted with her through
visiting a fellow churchmember of
mine, Ella Adams, who lives just across
the street from this claimant. I do not
know whether this claimant's given name
is Susan or not. I always called
her simply Gowans. I knew her husband
~~but~~ after I got acquainted with her.
I got acquainted with her first. I do
not know what her late husband's
name was except Gowans. I think it
was Sylvester Gowans. Yes, I am sure
we called him Sylvester Gowans. He was
a tall dark man. They lived together
as husband and wife all the time
I knew them. He was the only husband
she ever had to my knowledge. He
belonged to the same church that I did
but she did not. I suppose that they
were lawfully married but I do not

know They said they were she has not remarried since he died. I have not seen her since I went to some office on Exchange Alley and swore for her. I told them there in Exchange Alley what I knew about her. She is always dragging sick when I see her.

2- Was the claimant's late husband's name not Toney Gowans?

a- I don't know exactly but my recollection is that it was Sylvester Gowans.

Claimant has owned no property since the soldier (her husband) died and has been dependent upon her own labor for support ever since he died.

2- Is claimant's name not Susan Gowans?

a- Yes that is what she is called.

I have heard this deposition read and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Attest: Alfred Darby

her
Frances Darby
witness

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of Mar., 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Higginson
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 14 day of March, 1904, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of La., before me, E. C. Nuyenthor, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Ella
Adams, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My age is 54 years; occupation washing and
ironing; P.O. address 2109 St. Louis St., New
Orleans, La.

I have known this claimant, Susan Gowans,
for about ten years last past. I have lived
just across the street from her for about
eight years and in her neighborhood for
two years longer. I knew the claimant's
late husband, Toney Gowans. I got acquainted
with him about the same time I did with
this claimant. He was a choir singer in
our church and he introduced this claimant
to me as Susan Gowans, his wife. They
lived together as husband and wife
all the time I know them but I do not
know whether they were ever lawfully
married. I belong to the Union Baptist Church,
Riv. N.H. Buildings Church. Both claimant
and the soldier, Toney Gowans, told me
that they were together in the army and
went through the war together. They
lived together as husband and wife all
the time I know them and were living
together as husband and wife when he
died year before last.

I never heard the soldier, Toney
Gowans, ever called by any name
except Toney Gowans. No, I never heard
him called by Evester Gowans. He was

tall slim brown-skinned man

I have been a witness in this case before. I was only a witness to the fact that she (claimant) is unable to work. Yes, I was sworn to my statement. I was sworn by the judge in Exchange Alley. Don't know his name. Claimant has been unable to work for the past two years.

I am not related or interested and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Attest: Thatto Gardner,
gentle Deebigmy

^{for}
Ella Adams
mark

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of Mar., 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Higginbotham,
Special Examiner.

CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION

Case of *Susan Gowans*, No. *764,791*

On this *5th* day of *March*, 18*94*
at *New Orleans*, county of *Orleans*
State of *La.*, before me, *E. C. Miquentou*, a
Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *Susan Gowans*
....., the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

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

A. *No, sir.*

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

A. *Yes, sir.*

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

A. *I don't know the name of my attorney in Washington but I understand it is not Mr. Bickford. Mr. Groves has been writing for me here but he turned the case over to a Mr. John*

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

A. *No contract.*

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

A. I paid the Volery every time he appeared for me - I paid him 25 cents each time

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

A. No witnesses elsewhere.

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

A. No, sir.

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

A. No, sir.

Attest *Jennie Debbigny Susan ^{Long} Gorham*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of March, 1894

and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Higginbotham
Special Examiner.

Special

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(Old No. 3-450)

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APR 2 1904

No. 764,791

Claimant: *Jessie Brown*

Soldier: *Taney Brown*

P. O. address: *2102 St. Louis St*

~~County:~~ *New Orleans State: La.*

Recommendation: *For Consideration*
Chief Board of Review.

E. C. Higginhorn,
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

PR 4-1904, 190...

...referred to CHIEF of
BOARD OF REVIEW OF COMMISSION.

AT L. O. R. A. I. C.

Chief, S. E. DIVISION.

[Signature]
Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

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Reviewer.

ACTION.

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Commissioner.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

BOARD OF REVIEW.

May, 190*4*

Inv't No. *1023574*

Soldier, *Erney G. Adams*

Co. *B*, *81* Reg't *U.S.C. Vol. Inf.*

When Certificate is issued, return
papers to *Southern*

Div. for action on *letter of*
notification in Inv't old law

R. L. Ford

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T. W. DALTON,

T. W. Dalton
Chief Board of Review.

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At New Orleans La

Mar. 5, 1904

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791
To Susan Gowans, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1904, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at New Orleans, County of Orleans and State of La., and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all available and material witnesses will be heard.

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

E. C. Wiggenhorn
Special Examiner.

I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 5th day of Mar., 1904
and desire the examination to begin on the at once

attest } Susan Gowans
2 Jennie Deabingy mark

Mar. 31, 1904

Hon. E. F. Ware,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith all the papers in claim #764,791 of Susan Gowans, widow of Tony Gowans, late of Co. B 81st U.S. C. Inf. & Co. A 25th U.S. Inf.

The claim was referred for special examination to determine whether claimant and soldier were united in marriage by a ceremony in the year 1862 as stated by the soldier in a deposition before Special Examiner Leighton Hope Sept 21, 1898.

The claimant is old and feeble, and, when I took her first statement, she was confined to her bed on account of rheumatism. She is still confined to her house because of illness and weakness due to old age. Her mental powers seemed to be unimpaired, and I think she gave me a fairly frank statement, although her natural bias in the case may have caused her to somewhat color the facts. The claimant had a son named Jerry Thomas who served as a musician in Co. D 81st U.S. C. Inf. and she states that

both the end the husband, Tony Barron,
were witnesses for the witness, James
when the letter claim was specially ex-
amined. The paper in this case might
throw some light upon the question
it came in this claim. John Richards
stated that Jerry Thomas served in
Co. D while Jerry Lee was the owner
in Co. F, but Richards impressed me
as being more intelligent and reliable
I should be inclined now to believe
the former saying that I have given
as to the reputation, respectability, of
Jerry Lee and Jerry Lee's conduct (as far as
B.G. #13) cannot now impress me as
being much more reliable than Lee.
I do not think that Lee's testimony in
this case is worthy of even attention.
When I look Ben Cullen's deposition
no reference to the marks who could
write was available.
Miley Henry is very old. While it is
truest in elements fewer I think also
with the fact is the fact of his knowledge.
James Henry is very much more reliable.
I could not find any evidence who has
known the element longer than those
whose testimony will be found further.

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Pauline Montagu is a white woman
of good reputation.

I recommend that the claim be
referred for the consideration of the

Chair of the Board of Relief.

Recommendation is to me a genuine

receipt, under the act of the Board of

Health, showing the registration of other

the claims was for several months

to the extent. In view of the other testimony

in the case I did not think this material.

However, I concluded the fact that the

copy of the records made a copy of the

of this message, and I will forward a

copy of the record and forward some

for communication with the proper friends

at the earliest possible date.

Very respectfully,

E. G. Thompson

Special Commissioner

3-290.
(Old No. 3-456.)

DEPOSITION *A*

Case of *Susan Gowans*, No. *764,791*

On this *5th* day of *March*, 190*4*, at
New Orleans, County of *Orleans*
State of *La.*, before me, *E. C. Niggett* whom
a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Susan Gowans, 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 *60* some odd
years of age; my post-office address is *#2102 St. Louis St., New Orleans, La.*; occupation *nothing, formerly washing and ironing.*

I am claiming pension as the widow of *Toney Gowans* who was a soldier of the United States during the war for freedom and then afterwards in the regular army. I do not remember the company and regiment he was in but he was in the regular army six years. He was in the *39th Regt.* and then he enlisted over again. I show you here one of his papers (Exhibit pension certificate No. *1,023,594* of *Toney Gowans, late of Co. B 81st Regt. U.S. C. Vol. Inf. - E. C. N., 4th Co.*)

My original owner was named *Allen Bryant*. He sold me about three years before the Civil war to a man named *James Coil* who lived for many years on the corner of *Jackson and Baronne Sts.* but who is now dead. He owned me at the time I became free. I was born in *Maryland*. I was raised in *Caldwell Par., La.* My owners moved from there to *Texas* and I was brought from there here to *New Orleans* where I was sold in the *trading*

yard to Mr. Coit

I was never married before I married the soldier Toney Gowans but I lived with a man named Thomas Cole. He belonged to a neighbor named Mr. Cole. I lived with Thomas Cole about two years but we were never married. He had my owners permission to stay with me nights. I had one child named Jerry Thomas by Thomas Cole. I was separated from Thomas Cole when my boss moved to Texas. My child was only about one year old when I was separated from Thomas Cole (the child's father) and I never saw the said Thomas Cole again. No, I had no slave husband after I was parted from Thomas Cole. I always thought I might meet up with Thomas Cole again as my owner talked about coming back to Louisiana. I do not know. My boss, Allen Bryant, was a sort of a foreman for his father-in-law, a Mr. Woods, and he married Mr. Woods' daughter, Louisiana Woods. My boss only owned my mother, my brother myself and my son Jerry Thomas. My brother was called John Bryant. Don't know what became of him. He were sold away from each other. My mother is dead. Don't know the name of the nearest town when we lived in Caldwell Co., La. In Texas we lived in Melam. My owner kept a sort of a boarding house there. Don't know of anyone who knew me in either Caldwell Co., La., or in Melam, Texas. I had no other man as a sweetheart or husband before I took up with Toney Gowans. I married Toney Gowans about two years before the Civil War. I was a

Catholic and he was a Protestant and we were married at the Priest's house. Yes I was a slave yet when we were married. No, my owners were not present when I was married. I was not living with my owners when I was married to Toney Gowans first I lived with Toney Gowans about one year before I married him. When he was going to enlist I wanted to be lawfully married and we went to St. Alphonsus church and were married in the priest's house. I never knew my father but my mother said his name was Jerry Jarrett. At the time I married the soldier first I was working out - I was washing out for a woman named Mrs. Hennessey and her sister, Mrs. Anderson. They are probably both dead but Mrs. Anderson may be living. Maria Gardner and Mr. James Molen and a brother Alphonsus (by name) were present when I was married by the priest. Don't know whether any them are living. Father Duffy married us. Some people called him Father Johnson, but his right name was Father Duffy. I could not tell you the date of this marriage but it was before the soldier enlisted. At least if he had been in the army then I did not know it.

Attest of Jennie Deebigg Susan Gowans
mark Deponent.

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of March 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Page 8 Deposition 9 E. C. Higginbotham, Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *A*

Case of *Susan Gowans*, No. 764,791

On this _____ day of *December*, 190____, at
_____, county of _____, State of _____, before me,
_____, special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *Pauline Montague*, 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:

The priest gave me a marriage certificate but I lost it. I went to the priest to see if there was a record of the marriage and he said there was none. Pauline Montague went with me.

2- I have read you so much of your late husband's (the soldier's) statement as relates to your having been married before to a man named *Burkes*. Will you explain?

a- I suppose he referred to the father of my son *Jerry* but he was never called *Burkes*. No, I never lived with any man named *Burkes*. The only slave husband I ever had was named *Thomas* and he was the father of my son *Jerry*.

My husband, *Toney Gowans*, went off with the Yankees after I married him and was gone about seven months. He was in the army when he came back. When he was in the army and the army was in this city he would visit me and I sometimes visited him when the Regt. was out of the city. I visited him at *Fort Pike* and *Ship Island*. At *Fort Pike* he had me enrolled as laundress and I went with the Regt. to *Texas* and I stayed with him there until he was discharged and he brought me back to *New Orleans* where we lived together after his discharge until he died.

The soldier, *Toney Gowans*, was never married.

before he married me. He belonged in slavery to a Dr. Carraway of this city. I never saw any of his owners. An Annie Underwood of this city belonged to Dr. Carraway also I believe but I do not know where to find her.

My son, Jerry Thomas, was in the same Regt. with my husband in the volunteers. He was in the drum corp and my husband carried the colors. He waited on the officers at first and then after about one year they gave him a drum. He re-enlisted again with my husband. I think he was in the same Co. with my husband once. His wife, Jane Thomas, got a pension as his widow but she died in November or December of year before last. I never applied for a pension on account of my son. I was a witness for my daughter-in-law - my husband was also.

A few days before the soldier died he told me that he would marry me over again under my father's name if it would be any satisfaction to me. When he was working up his claim I told him that I thought we ought to get married over again as the decree was not recorded and because he married me the first time under the name of my boss - Mr. Coit. The man who was working up his claim said that it was not necessary to marry over again as a marriage by a priest was legal.

2- I have read you your statement made before W.B. Barnett about one year ago (Feb. 12, 1903)

Attest of Jennie Deering ^{her} Susan ^{Lawson} ^{mark} Depoent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of March, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Nequa ^{exhona}
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *a*

Case of *Susan Gowans*, No. 764,791

On this _____ day of _____, 190____, at _____, county of _____, State of _____, before me, _____, 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:

Claimant's Statement
Continued

in which you say that you had no regular ceremony performed but simply lived with the soldier as man and wife from the year 1862. Will you explain?

a The notary told me about that but I told him that he had mis understood me. I did not mean to say that we did not have a regular ceremony performed but simply that our license was not recorded. Mr. Gross worked my claim at first but the crippled man who took his place made the mistake.

The soldier died nearly two years ago but I cannot tell you the date of death. I can't fix date. I was married to the soldier, Toney Gowans, over again a few days before he died by Rev. Northend at his (Rev. Northend's house) in the presence of Rev. Northend's wife and another lady. This is the license (Exhibit a receipt by P. Henry Bourne Deputy Recorder Bd. of Health for one dollar for registering the marriage of Toney Gowans and Susan Garrett in book 23 Folio 1004. - E.C. N. of Ex.)

The soldier left no property of any description. I have no property or income now and am dependent upon my daughter for support as I am unable to work. I have been wholly dependent upon ~~upon~~ my daughter and my

DEPOSITION B

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 18 day of March, 1904, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of La., before me, E. C. Wiggenton, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Susan
Gowans; 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 cannot tell you of any one who knew me before I married the soldier or who knew the soldier before I was married to him.

I was looking for some one who knew me before I was married when I was taken sick. The trouble is I was here for such a short time before I was married that I scarcely got acquainted with any one and those I did get acquainted with I cannot find or they are dead. I was looking for a Maria Gardner who knew me before I was married but I was taken sick but I heard she was dead and then again I heard she was not. She lived in the neighborhood of St. Alphonsus Church - but that was many years ago; near Felicite Road is where she last lived as far as I know.

Of the family that owned me, the Coyles, the old heads are dead and the oldest children of my owners are dead - those that would be old enough to remember me. They owned me a very short time. I tried to find some of them but could not.

I have heard this deposition read and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Attest per Beauregard Susan Gowans

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mark Deponent

(Juror over)

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of March, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. L. Higginson
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 22nd day of March, 1904, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of La., before me, E. G. Higgenhorn, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Susan
Gowans, 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 have heard you take the testimony of
Leroy Lee and you read me his testimony that
you took elsewhere.

I remember when the soldier, Toney Gowans,
brought this man Leroy Lee to our home about
four years ago and introduced him to
me as Sgt. Lee of his company. I remembered
that the soldier, Toney Gowans, introduced
me during the service to his first Sgt.
Lee but I did not recognize this
man as the same man. His features
were all there but his hair was gone.
He was a fine looking man in the
service.

The regiment was in a press (cotton press)
on Thompson St. - I think it was - when
I visited my husband during his service
in Co. B 81st U.S. C. Inf. This man Leroy Lee
has got the matter all mixed up. I
don't think he remembers anything about
it. I don't believe he remembers having
seen me during the service although he
says he does.

2- Did you ever have a son named Alphonse?
A- No, sir, I never did.

I had four children who lived long enough
to be given names. Thomas - Jerry Thomas
was my oldest child. Arthur Gowans,
Jennie Gowans and Johnny Gowans are

the names of the other children. Tony Gowans was the father of all my children except Jerry Thomas. Only one of these children is living now.

I never knew the soldier to live with any other woman as his wife, except me. He never had any children except the children he had by me.

When the soldier, Tony Gowans, enlisted the second time Captain Lawson was his captain. I was on the rolls then as a laundress. I think he would remember me. My youngest child, Johnny, was born while I was a laundress for Soldier's Co. He was born in San Antonio, Texas.

I have heard this deposition read. I have understood the questions asked and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Attest } Jennie DeBryaz
Hattie Gardner

Susan^{hill} Gowans
Mark Dependent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of March, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Niggelhorn,

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION 10

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 20th day of Mar, 1900, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of La., before me, E. C. Higgenhorn, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Jennie
Derbigny, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My age is 35 years; occupation, nothing;
P.O. address 2102 St. Louis St., New Orleans, La.
Susan Gowans, the claimant in this
case, is my mother. I was born in this
city in the year 1868 - so I have always
been told. Toney Gowans, the soldier in
this case, was my father. I had two
brothers by both my father and my mother
and one brother by my mother only.
I never had but three brothers to my
knowledge and I never had any sisters
at all. The names of my brothers are
as follows: Jerry Thomas, Arthur Gowans
and Johnny Gowans. They are all dead.
I was too small to remember when
Jerry Thomas died but his wife drew
a pension. She died in November or December
of year before last. She may have died
in January. I do not know what
become of her pension papers.

My father and mother never separated
to my knowledge. They lived together
continuously as far back as I can
remember until he died.

I never heard that my father had
any other wife except my mother. I
never even heard that he had a
woman on the side.

My mother has not married again

since the soldier, Tony Evans, died
I have heard this deposition read
and my answers have been correctly
recorded.

Jesse Debbage
Opponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of March,
1907, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

E. C. Higginbotham,
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764791

On this 19th day of March, 1904, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of La., before me, E. C. McQuinn, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Gabie
Milson, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My age is 56 years; occupation laborer;
P.O. address 512 So. Franklin St., New
Orleans, La.

Toney Gowans, the soldier in this case,
served with me in Co. C 39th U.S. Inf. and
Co. A 25th U.S. Inf. He had served in the
81st U.S. C. Inf. and after he enlisted in
Co. C 39th the regular army he was dis-
charged from the 81st U.S. C. Inf. I got ac-
quainted with him when he enlisted in
the regular army because he was put
in a detachment with me. Capt. James Lawson
was Captain of this detachment. He joined
the regular army and was of course
assigned to a detachment but when the
Regt. was organized he was assigned to
Co. C 39th U.S. Infantry. The said soldier
was living with this ^{claimant} ~~soldier~~ as his
wife when he enlisted. Perhaps two weeks
after he enlisted this claimant, Susan Gowans,
came to the detachment and that is
when I first saw her. She was made
laundress of the detachment and subsequently
became laundress of Co. C 39th U.S. Inf. In
the year 1874 when he was discharged
finally from the army he came to this
city with his wife, this claimant, and to
the best of my knowledge and belief
the said soldier and this claimant lived

together as husband and wife from the time I first became acquainted with him until he died. I know they were living together as husband and wife when he died. I attended his wake and was a witness for him in his pension claim. He preached occasionally. My impression is that they had been living together as husband and wife for years before the war because when I first became acquainted with them they had a child - named Alphonse, I think - who was about 12 years old. Alphonse is dead.

Yes, I know Jerry Thomas slightly. He was a son of this claimant by some man long before the war, as I understand. I do not know Jerry Thomas' service.

The claimant and the soldier always lived together as husband and wife all the time I know them but whether they were ever married by any ceremony I do not know.

I would not be sure that soldier was finally discharged in the year 1874 but I know he re-enlisted after he was discharged from Co. A 25th U.S. Inf. He re-enlisted back in Co. A 25th U.S. Inf.

Capt. Gaines Lawson was Capt. Co. C 39th U.S. Inf. His address is, Highland Springs, Calif. or Room 294 War Dept.

I have heard this deposition read and my answers have been correctly recorded. The words and figures "Co. C 39th" and "soldier" struck out before signing.

Gates Wilson
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of March, 1907, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Higgenbotham
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 24th day of March, 1904, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of La., before me, E. C. Wiggernhorn, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Israel
Carroll, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My age is 67 years; occupation, laborer; P. O. address: #1724 Calliope
St., New Orleans, La.

I enlisted in Co. B 81 U. S. C. Vol. Inf. in the spring of the
year 1863 and I was discharged the 5th of September of the year 1865
or 1866. I did not re-enlist. I did not become acquainted with Toney
Gowans, the soldier in this case, until I became acquainted with him
in the service. I saw him occasionally after his discharge. He re-enlisted
in the regular army and after he came out of the regular army he
returned to this city and I called upon him at his house.

Q.- Did the soldier ever have a wife to your knowledge?

A.- Yes, he had a wife while he was in the army with me. She lived with
him after the war, as far as I know, until he died. I last saw her
about seven years ago. She was a tall, large, rather dark "griffe"
colored woman. I know she was living with him as his wife while he was
a soldier in Co. B 81 U. S. C. Inf. because she was living out side the
camp with other women who had husbands who were soldiers and she was
known at that time as his wife. I do not know of my own knowledge that
they were married by any ceremony, but he told me after the service that
they had been married. I cannot think of this womans name. I never
knew him to live with any other woman in the relation of husband and
wife.

Q.- Was soldier's wife named Susan, Mary or Sarah?

A.- Although I know the woman perfectly well and have talked with her,
I do not know that I ever knew her name.

After they had returned to this city, after his service in the regular army, she showed me a girl that she said had been born to them since they saw me last and she spoke of a boy also who was absent and who, I believe, had gotten into some trouble. I never ^{saw} the boy and I do not remember the names of either of these children.

I testified for the soldier once or twice, but I never testified for the claimant.

I have heard this deposition read and my answers have been correctly recorded. The word "saw" ~~interlined~~ ^{interlined before signing}

E. C. Higginson
Deponent.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of March, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Higginson
Special Examiner.

3-290.
(Old No. 3-456.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 22nd day of March, 1904, at New Orleans, County of Orleans State of La., before me, E. C. Niggenhorn a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Ben Crittenden, 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 70 years of age; my post-office address is 1154 Magazine St., New Orleans, La.; occupation hatter and errand boy.

I served in Co. B 116 U.S. C. Inf and I re-enlisted in Co K 39th U.S. Inf Sentinels in Co K 39th U.S. C. Inf. in Oct, 1862, and I was discharged in the year 1868. I became acquainted with the soldier Toney Gowans in the 39th U.S. Inf. When I became acquainted with him he had a wife - or a woman whom he claimed was his wife but I forget her name. She lived in Greenville (a part of this city) right near where the 39th Regt was stationed and I would see her around camp. I am almost certain that she was laundress, for one of the companies of the regiment but I will not be certain about that. She had a son named Jerry Thomas who was also in the Regt. I forget what Co. in the Regt either Jerry Thomas or Toney Gowans belonged to. I worked with Toney Gowans on the levee here after the war but I never visited his home. He told me

that he was still living with this same woman after the war. I don't know just the last time he told me that. I never saw her after my discharge. I never heard him speak of having any other woman. I never heard him say whether he was lawfully married to this woman. I never heard him say whether he had ever had any other wife.

2- Was this woman's name Susan?

A- I do not know.

2- Was it Jane?

A- I would not like to say.

I do not know whether she ever had any child or children by the soldier.

I have heard this deposition read and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Attest of Perry & Jones
attorneys

his
Ben Crittenden

deponent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd day of March, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Nixson,
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *H*

Case of *S. ...*, No. *785,701*

On this *22nd* day of *April*, 190*3*, at
New Orleans, Louisiana, county of *Orleans*,
State of *La.*, before me, *E. C. ...*, 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:

I am 67 years; occupation, laborer; P. O. Address, *Box 100, Theresa & Tchoupitoulas Sts., New Orleans, La.*
I enlisted in *Co. B, 1st U. S. Cavalry* (It was stated the *1st*
Regt. was first made in *1863* - don't remember date
more exactly - and I was discharged in *1865*. I did not re-enlist.
I first became acquainted with *...* the soldier in this
case when I enlisted in *Co. B* above stated. I did not know him
before he enlisted. I do not know whether the said soldier was
married while in the service. He told me that he was married but I do not know whether that was married. The soldiers at that time
were running after so they would not find soldier living. I
knew no sign that he was married. The woman he took
with was a tall dark woman - not necessarily dark - something of a lighter
saw color. I do not know whether they parted two or three
years after his discharge.

Q. - How do you know that he was married?
A. - He told me so himself. He was sitting at our table together and
he told me that.

Q. - He told you that about two years after ^{your} discharge?
A. - Yes, sir.

Q. - Did he was in the regular army at that time. Will you explain?

A. - I want to say about two years after his discharge. It was this way:
We were working on the levee together and he was sitting there and
and one evening this woman came to him and was sitting there and
she wanted to get some things from him, and he would give her

nothing. I asked him what was the matter as I had the name of a soldier
by this woman. He told me that he does not know the
name of her children, but I remember a son about 12 years old. I have
not seen this woman since that time, that I remember of.

Q.- Did you ever know of the soldier's living with any other woman
in the relation of husband and wife?

A.- Shortly before he got his pension he had me come out to his house
and when I called on him I saw two or three women about the place
but he pointed out a small griffe-colored woman and said she was his
"old woman". She was a short, heavy-set woman. I do not know her name.
I never saw her before or after that time. Those are the only two
women I ever knew him to live with in the relation of a husband and wife
and I do not know whether he was ever married to either of them.

I am no kin to the claimant of soldier. I have heard this
deposition read and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Gerrard Lee

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of March
1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

E. C. Higgenbotham,
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 22 day of March, 1904, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of La., before me, E. C. Negeenborn, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Leroy
Lee, 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 recognize this claimant who is here present. I recognize this woman as the woman he was living with just before he got his pension. Yes, this is the woman whom I described as a short, stout woman.

Q- But she strikes me as being unusually tall and rather thin?

A- Well, that is the way she impressed me at the time - that is, ~~tall~~ short and heavy set.

Q- This is not the woman with whom he lived during the war and who came to get money from him while he was at work on the levee?

A- No, sir, I do not recognize this woman as the woman who came to get money from him as he was working with me on the levee.

Q- Did you ever see this claimant who is here present before the soldier introduced her to you as his "old woman" just before he got his pension?

A- Yes, sir, I remember now that she used to come to the camp to see her son Jerry Thomas and the soldier Toney Gowans. But I did not know at that time that she was his wife. I did not know that he was living with her. There were so many women about the camp.

Q- But you told me this morning in your first

statement that you never saw this woman before the soldier introduced her to you long years after the war and called her his old woman?

A- Since talking with her I remember that she did come to see Toney Gowans during the service.

Q- Then he must have had two wives and two sets of children - because you say, you "knew" he had grown children by the other woman.

A- From what this claimant says she must be the woman he had the children by.

Q- But you say you "knew" he had children by the other woman. Were you mistaken about that?

A- I am mistaken about that.

Q- But you are sure there are two women in the case - as you have described?

A- Yes, I am sure there are two women - but I do not know whether he was lawfully married to either of them.

Testimony by claimant.

Q- You say he had two women as wives?

A- Yes.

Q- Did you ever visit their houses?

A- No.

Q- Then how do you know it?

A- They all had more than one woman. I remember once that another soldier got after a woman in camp and Toney Gowans told him to let her alone that she was his (Toney Gowans') wife.

L. C. Lee

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of March, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Niggenborn,

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this _____ day of _____, 190____, at _____, county of _____, State of _____, before me, LeRoy Lee, a Continuing 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:

To the Examiner

Q- Was that this woman - this claimant?

A- No, sir.

Q- Who was she?

A- I do not know.

Q- Was she the woman who came to see him on the levee to get money from him?

A- I do not know. I did not notice her closely enough to be able to tell.

Q- How do you know then she was not this claimant?

A- There were five or six women in the gang and I do not know which one he was talking about.

- Questioned by claimant -

Q- Don't you know they would not allow five or six women in there for soldiers to quarrel over?

A- Every day at 12 o'clock every soldier could have his wife or woman call on him - if he recognized her as his wife or woman.

Q- You say he lived with this other woman as his wife: How do you know?

A- I only know what he (Toney Gowans) told me.

To the Examiner

I have heard this deposition read and my answers have been correctly recorded. The word "told" stricken out before signing. Jerry

Thomas was a drummer in Co. F 81. U.S. Col. Regt.
George Lee Depoent

Depoent,

Depon to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of March, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. L. Heywood,
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Susan Gowans, No. 764,791

On this 21 day of Mar. 1904, at
New Orleans, county of Orleans
State of La., before me, E. C. Mcquenhoe
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared John
Richards, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My age is 55 years; occupation minister
of the gospel; P.O. address 432 Erata St.,
New Orleans, La.

I enlisted in Co. A of 9th Corps d'Afrique
(afterwards called the 81st U.S. C. Inf.) but
when the name of the regiment was
changed I became a member of Co. B
81st U.S. C. Inf. from which I was discharged
on the 6th of October or September of 1866.
I enlisted in 1863, don't remember the
exact date. I re-enlisted in the regular
army and was discharged from Co. A
25th U.S. Infantry.

I remember Toney Gowans who served
with me in Co. B 81st U.S. C. Inf. and also
in the regular army. I did not know
him before I met him when we were both
in Co. B 81st U.S. C. Inf. Yes, I knew his wife.
Her name was Susan. I could not
say whether he was living with her
when I first became acquainted with
him but I remember that she was with
him and regarded as his wife when the
regiment (the 81st U.S. C. Inf.) came from
Port Hudson to this city in the year
1865. I don't remember of having seen
her before that time. I do not remember
that they were ever married by any
ceremony, although they may have been

Susan Gowans was a dark woman but not black and was rather tall. She was regarded as his wife. Yes, she was regarded as his wife when I first became acquainted with her and they lived in a house in this city when he was in Co. B 81st U.S. C. Inf. and whenever he could get a pass he would go to her. I slept in her house many a time. Yes, he called her his wife and she called him her husband. She had a step-son named Jerry Thomas who served in Co. D 81st U.S. C. Inf. He was a drummer in Co. D 81st U.S. C. Inf. I do not remember whether he was a ~~drummer~~^{soldier} in the regular army. I do not remember whether Clumant had any other children when I first became acquainted with her. I saw the soldier and the Clumant from time to time after his discharge, but I never called at their house. I would meet him on the streets and she would occasionally come to my church. My information and belief is that they lived as husband and wife from the time I first knew them until he died. They were never divorced. The last time I saw him was only a year or two ago. He was very sick then and he then told me that he and his wife Susan were still living together. I have not seen Clumant since the soldier died.

I have heard this deposition read and my answers have been correctly recorded. The word "drummer" stricken out and the word soldier interlined before signing John Richards. Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of March, 1904 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. C. Higginbotham,

Special Examiner.

N. B.—Examiners should be particular to have affiants sign on the line next below the closing words of their depositions so as to leave little or no space between their signatures and the end of their depositions.

3-290.
(Old No. 3-456.)

DEPOSITION *K*

Case of *Susan Gowans*, No. *764,791*

On this *16* day of *March*, 190*4*, at
New Orleans, County of *Orleans*
State of *La*, before me, *E. C. Mezzentore*
a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Milly Young, 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 or 70
years of age; my post-office address is #5266 Tchoupeloules St.,
New Orleans, La.; occupation, *nurse*.

I came to this city about the year 1866
I think. I can't read or write but I think
it was about that time when I came. The
first house I lived in in this city was
in the house of this claimant *Susan*
Gowans. She was then living as the
wife of *Toney Gowans*. *Toney Gowans* was
a soldier and was living with the claimant
as her husband when I first knew them.
I lived with them two or three years at
that time. I got separated from them by
their going to Texas. He enlisted again
and went to Texas and she went with
him. When they came back from Texas
they came right to my house and awoke
me up at 12 o'clock at night. When I
lived with them they lived right where
that St. is now and he was in the army
and could not be at home all the
time but he was with her when he
could be. They said they were married
but I did not see them married. I
never heard who married them. They
lived together as husband and wife from

the time I first became acquainted with them until he died. The claimant had a son named Thomas. I don't remember what his other name was except Thomas. He had a wife named Jane Thomas. They are both dead now. Yes, his name was Jerry Thomas. He was a drummer. He also had another son - a young boy - when I first knew her but he went away and then came back and died but I cannot remember his name. He was too young to have been a soldier but Jerry Thomas was a soldier.

The claimant, Susan Gowans, and the soldier, Toney Gowans, were never separated or divorced and the claimant has not remarried since the soldier died. He used to be a preacher. I never knew or heard of his having any other woman as his wife ~~except~~ other than this claimant. Since I have known her I have never known her to claim to have any husband except the soldier Toney Gowans. Do not know who Jerry Thomas' father was. The claimant never told me that she had ever been married before she married Toney Gowans.

I was a witness for this claimant once. I went with her to Exchange Alley. Yes, I was sworn. I was sworn that she was married. I know nothing of her marriage except what they told me. I have heard my former statement read. I don't think I said all that. Claimant has owned no property since soldier's death to my knowledge.

I am not retaliated or interested
and my answers have been correctly
recorded. I like clamant and we
visit back and forth - that is the only
interest I have in the case. The word
"Except" stricken out before signing
Attest of Johanna Ruelow Melly & Young
marie Deponens

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of March
1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

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E. C. Higgenhorn
Special Examiner.