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SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATE

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VETERAN

Abraham Tripp

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Private

SERVICE

Co. G 54<sup>th</sup> Map. vol.

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ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

WAR OF 1861.

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Abram Tripp

Great Barrington

Berkshire Co. Mass

Private Co G. 54. Mass. Vol

Discharged June 3, 1865.

Ad. July 13/65 at \$4.00 per mo  
in June 3/65

R. B. C. Clerk

Joseph H. Barrett

Commissioner.

Received, June 16, 1865.

Charles Reed

Boston

Mass

Attorney.

disease of heart



No. 45773

Massachusetts

Abraham Tripp

Rank Private

Company G

Regiment 54<sup>th</sup> Mass. vols

Boston

Agency

Rate per month, \$4

Commencing June 3, 1865

Certificate dated July 17, 1865

and sent to Chas. Reed

Boston

Mass.

Act of 14 July, 1862.

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W. L. Lumsden

Clerk

General debility, following  
Bronchitis and pneumonia



# ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.

## CERTIFICATE

### OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.



*Abram Tripp* a *Private*, of Captain *J. L. Appleton* Company, (*G*) of the *Tenth* Regiment of the United States *Mass. Vols* was enlisted by *E. W. Welf* of the *Regiment of* at *Boston Mass* on the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *November*, 1863, to serve *Three* years; he was born in *Newbern* in the State of *North Carolina*, is *24* years of age, *5* feet *3* inches high, *dark* complexion, *black* eyes, *black* hair, and by occupation when enlisted a *Farmer*. During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for duty *60* days.\* *He has not done any duty since March 1865. has always performed his duty well but was broke down by excessive fatigue work on Morris Island S.C.*

STATION: *St. Andrews Parish S.C*  
 DATE: *May 17<sup>th</sup> 1865*  
*Thos. L. Appleton*  
*Capt 54<sup>th</sup> Reg. Mass. Vols*  
 Commanding Company

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said *Abram Tripp*, *Private* of Captain *J. L. Appleton's* Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of *Debility*. *This man suffered from Bronchitis all last Winter, and Chronic Dysentery all the previous Summer was sound at enlistment but was broken down by excessive fatigue duty on Morris Island. A fit case for pension Disability Unfit for Vet. Reserve Corps.*

*Charles E. Briggs* Surgeon.  
*54<sup>th</sup> Mass. Vols.*

DISCHARGED, this *Third* day of *June*, 1865, at *St. Andrews Parish S.C.*

*George Pope*  
*Maj. 54<sup>th</sup> Mass. Vols*  
 Commanding the Reg't.

The Soldier desires to be addressed at  
 Town *St. Barungler* County \_\_\_\_\_ State *Massachusetts*



# NOTE 1.

The company commander will here add a statement of all the facts known to him concerning the disease or wound, or cause of disability of the soldier; the time, place, manner, and all the circumstances under which the injury occurred, or disease originated or appeared; the duty, or service, or situation of the soldier at the time the injury was received or disease contracted, stating particularly whether the injury was received or the disease contracted in the line of his duty; and whatever other facts may aid a judgment as to the cause, immediate or remote, of the disability, and the circumstances attending it.

When the facts are not known to the company commander, the certificate of any officer, or affidavit of other person having such knowledge, will be appended—as the surgeon in charge of a hospital, the officer commanding a detachment of recruits, &c., &c.

# NOTE 2.

When a probable case for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability—as  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , &c., &c.; to describe particularly the disability, wound, or disease the extent of which it deprives him of the use of any limb or faculty, or affects his health, strength, activity, constitution, or capacity to labor or earn his subsistence. The surgeon will add, from his knowledge of the facts and circumstances, and from the evidence in the case, his professional opinion of the cause or origin of the disability. In the case of discharges by Medical Inspectors, the last paragraph will state that the "discharge was given by consent of the soldier, after a personal examination, and for disability, the nature, degree, and origin of which are correctly described in the within certificate."

Par. 1260 Regulations, Edit. 1861.

Medical officers, in giving certificates of disability, are to take particular care in all cases that have not been under their charge; and especially in epilepsy, convulsions, chronic rheumatism, derangement of the urinary organs, ophthalmia, ulcers, or any obscure disease liable to be feigned or purposely produced; and in no case shall such certificate be given until after sufficient time and examination to detect any attempt at deception.

# DIRECTIONS.

This certificate will be made out in duplicate by the soldier's company commander, or other officer commanding the separate detachment to which he belongs, and sent by him to the surgeon who has charge of the hospital where the soldier is sick. The surgeon will then fill out and sign the surgeon's certificate, and forward these papers to the regimental, detachment, or post commander, who will forward them, with his action endorsed thereon, through the proper channel, to his division commander; or, if the troops are not attached to a division, to his corps, department, or other commander or officer to whom the authority to discharge enlisted men may be specially delegated.

These certificates, after having received the action of the highest authority to which they are required to be sent, will be returned through the same channel to the regimental, post, or detachment commander, who will, if the discharge is authorized by the endorsement of the proper authority, sign the soldier's discharge, and the last certificate on this paper; see that the soldier is furnished with the proper final statements in duplicate, and forward BOTH of these to the Adjutant-General's Office, United States Army, at Washington, D. C. The original certificate and statements given to the hands of the soldier.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE

Duplicate for Pension Office.

# CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE

IN THE CASE OF

*Abram Tripp*  
a *Private* Co. *G*  
*Fifty Ninth Reg't of Mass. Vol.*



HEADQUARTERS, Dept. of the South,

HILTON HEAD, S. C., May 30, 1865.

"To be Discharged,"

By reason of Physical Disability

By COMMAND OF MAJ.-GEN. Q. A. GILLMORE,

*W. D. Hodges*

Capt. 35th U. S. C. I.,  
Act. Asst. Adj. General

Received (A. G. Office) 1865



OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR,

Department of the South.

HILTON HEAD, S. C., May 27, 1865.

APPROVED

*W. D. Hodges*  
LIEUT. COL. AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Department of the South





# Examining Surgeon's Certificate.

June 12, 1865.

Applicant's  
service.

I hereby Certify, That I have carefully examined  
Abram Tripp, late a Private in Co.  
G. 54 Regt Mass Vols

in the service of the United States, who was discharged  
at Andrews Parish, La. on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of June  
1865, and is an applicant for an invalid pension, by reason of  
alleged disability resulting from Disease of Heart

Degree of  
disability.

In my opinion the said Abram Tripp  
is One half incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by  
manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence  
before me, it is my belief that the said disability was caused  
in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable  
duration.

The disability is permanent.

A more particular description of the applicant's condition  
is subjoined:

Particular  
description.

He has hypertrophy of the heart.  
the pulsations being loud fast & strong.  
Cannot exercise much without pain in  
heart and is thereby incapacitated for  
hard work.

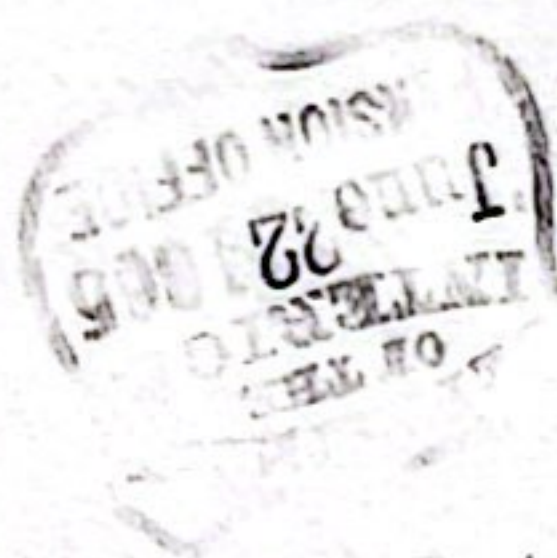
J. L. Sprague M D  
Examining Surgeon.

Boston, Mass.



Abraham Smith

Not ordered





# Claim for Invalid Pension.



State of Massachusetts }  
Suffolk County, } ss.

On this twelfth day of June A. D. 1865 personally appeared before me (1) Jos. A. Willard a clerk of the Superior Court, within and for the County and State aforesaid, (2) Abram Tripp aged twenty four years, a resident of (3) Great Barrington in the State of Massachusetts who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical (2) Abram Tripp who enlisted in the service of the United States, at Boston Mass. on the fourth day of November in the year 1863 as a (4) Private in company "G" commanded by Captain Thomas Appleton in the (6) fifty fourth Regiment of (7) Massachusetts Vols. in the war of 1861, and was honorably discharged on the third day of June

in the year 1865; That while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, he contracted the following (8) while on the march with his regiment from Morris Island S.C. to Charleston S.C. he contracted lung disease caused by being up to his knees in mud & water nearly all the time exposed to the rain which lasted nearly all the time he was on the march in marching and counter marching being three months. He is now unable to pursue his occupation of a farmer, he having tried it but without success. He is troubled a great deal by a cough in the night which is very trying one, and is unable to walk fast. And the said applicant declares that he has not been engaged in or aided or abetted the existing rebellion in the United States.

He hereby constitutes and appoints Charles Reed of Boston Mass. his attorney, with power of substitution, to prosecute his claim and procure a certificate. Hereby authorizing and empowering his said attorney to do all necessary and lawful acts and things whatsoever in the premises, except drawing the money, which will be hereafter provided for.

(9) Abram Tripp his mark

Also personally appeared Mary Ross a resident of Boston Mass. and Pleasant Gibbs a resident of Cairo Ill. persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw him sign his name to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear, that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant, and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they further state that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

(10) Mary Ross.  
Pleasant Gibbs

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this twelfth day of June A. D. 1865; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

(11) Jos. A. Willard clerk  
Great Barrington Mass.

Post Office address of claimant





State of

County,

55.

I.

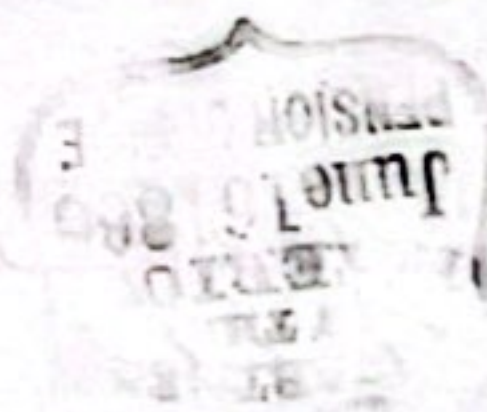
Court

in and for the County and State above named, do hereby certify that before whom the foregoing declaration and affidavits were made, and who has thereunto signed his name, was at the time of so doing Court as above named, duly commissioned and sworn, that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the official seal of said Court, this day of 186

No. ....  
Invalid Pension Claim,  
MILITARY SERVICE.  
ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Mr. Abram Triple  
Private Company "G"  
fifty-fourth Regiment,  
Massachusetts Volunteers.  
Discharged 30 June 1865



Charles Reed  
ATTORNEY,  
Boston  
Mass

#### INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Judge or Clerk's name and title of the Court.
2. Claimant's Name. First Name written in full.
3. Post Office Address.
4. Rank of the Soldier. Private or as the case may be.
5. Letter of his Company.
6. Number of his Regiment.
7. The State to which the Regiment belonged. If the service was in the Regular army, this blank should be filled with the word and letters, INFANTRY U. S. A., or CAVALRY, U. S. A., or as the service may have been.
8. Here give a particular and minute account of the wound or other injury, and state how, when, and where it occurred; where the applicant has resided since leaving the service, and what has been his occupation.
9. Signature of Claimant.
10. Signatures of Witnesses.
11. Magistrate's Signature.



WAR OF 1861.

ACT JULY 14, 1862.

*Amended 7/4/65*  
Brief in case of Abram Tripp a private  
of Company 'G', 54 Regiment Mass vols

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Great Barrington Berkshire County Mass  
Enlisted Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 1863, Discharged June 3<sup>d</sup>, 1865.

CLAIM FOR AN INVALID PENSION.

Declaration and Identification in due Form.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Capt Thomas L. Appleton 54 Mass vols says He has not done any  
duty since March 1865 Has always performed his duty well but  
was broke down by excessive fatigue work on Morris Island S.

Chol. E. Briggs Surgeon 54 Mass vols In the Certificate of disability  
for his discharge says Debility. This was suffered from Bronchitis  
all last winter, and Chronic Dysentery all the previous summer  
was sound at enlistment but was broken down by excessive fatigue  
duty on Morris Island.

Dr S. L. Sprague Examg Surgeon finds from 12/65  
He has hypertrophy of the heart the pulsation being loud fast  
& strong. Cannot exercise much without pain in heart & is thereby  
incapacitated for hard work

Degree of disability One half

*Summe Examination required*

Admitted July 13, 1865, to a Pension of \$ 24<sup>00</sup> per month, commencing

June 3, 1865.

One half Disability Permanent

*Severe debility following*  
Disabled by ~~Hypertrophy of heart following~~  
Bronchitis & Dysentery

Charles Reed

Boston  
Mass

R. B. Crippen

EXAMINING CLERK.

Name and Residence of Agent