

Mudgett, Riley WC 864-132

[1 of 2]

Ex. *B. J. W.*MAILS & SUPPLIES DIVISION  
Div.

# Department of the Interior,

## BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., *Dec. 7*, 191*7*

The attached letter is respectfully returned with the information that the data furnished is not sufficient to enable this Bureau to make intelligent answer to the queries therein contained.

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No. of claim, *115-499*Name of soldier, *Riley Midgett*P. O. address of claimant, *Elizabeth City**North Carolina*Company *F*Regiment *36*State where enlisted, *Perth Amboy**Virginia*

If unable to furnish company and regiment give names of commanding officers.

*Riley Midgett**314 Edge St*

Return attached letter with reply.

*W. M. G. G. G.*

Commissioner.



3-1661

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,  
OFFICE OF THE DISBURSING CLERK,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
GOVERNMENT  
3RD CLASS



CA# 66498224

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*8-12-18  
J. J. [unclear]*



Baker

# REIMBURSEMENT.

Certificate No. 864.132

Pensioner Clarissa Midgett

Class WIDOW

Date of Death Nov 18 " 1920

Claimant Hamie Bellamy

Post Office Wagoner, Okla. R.F.D. 3  
Charrison's Store, Okla.

Received Apr. 13, 1921, 1921

~~April 22, 1921, Charrison's Store, Okla. JEB~~

No. 130,978

Claim of Riley Midget

Reg't, 36. U.S.I.

Post Office: Case of H. S. & J. Co  
Norfolk

County: Norfolk

State: Va

Referred by J P L

TO MEDICAL DIVISION

On this 16 day of Jan, 1872

Returned to \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 187 .

ACTION:

3/4.

A. Hood  
Chief of Division.

39  
706

Ex. *m K*Div. *mail*

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *5/31*, 1921

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✓ No. of claim, \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Name of soldier, \_\_\_\_\_

*Clarissa Midgett*

*widow*  
*Piley Midgett*

✓ P. O. address of claimant, \_\_\_\_\_

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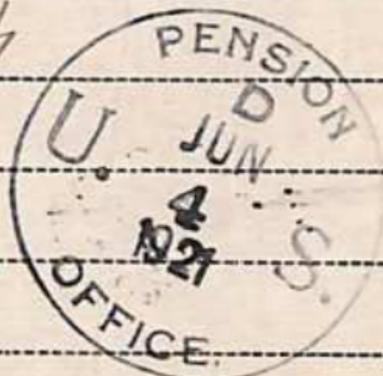
✓ Company \_\_\_\_\_

*Co. 71*

✓ Regiment \_\_\_\_\_

*36*

✓ State where enlisted \_\_\_\_\_



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Return attached letter with reply.

*Washington Gardner*

Commissioner.

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*Dep # 8203911*

DISBURSING OFFICE

★ FEB 16 1921

BUREAU OF PENSIONS



U.S. G.P.O. 9-10-1902

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

CERT. NO. 864,132

PENSIONER: Clara

Widow OF

VETERAN: Reuben Mudgett

NO. 65011

Feb 5 1918.

Elmit notified date  
& cause of rejection.  
Chm for increased time  
Genl law, filed Oct. 5/15

Feb. 11 1918 - Black &  
penman - with full  
suggestions - see Carbon. RR. No.  
April 11, 1918 - Elmit  
Notified of Rejection  
Claim filed Mar.  
16, 1918 - RR.

**DRUPPE**  
PAIGE & CO.  
FINANCE

INVALID

Cert. No. 115-499

Name, Riley Midgett  
Rank, Priv; Service, Co F 36 U.S.A.

Age, 34  
Transf'd, 1, to Genl  
" " " " 1, to

Issued April 24 1890  
Mailed May 1 1890  
Rate and period, \$17, from Mar 5 1888

Disability: L. & R. of left arm  
side

Issued Mar. 27 - 1913  
Mailed MAR 28 1913  
Rate and Period, \$18, from June 16 - 1912  
" " Aug. 24 - 1913  
" " Aug. 24 - 1920

Disability:   
ACT UI - MAY 11, 1912

Issued  
Mailed

Rate and period, \$

Fee, \$

Accrued Pension,  
ACT OF MARCH 2, 1895.

Accrued Pension Order  
Issued Feb. 13, 1919

Payable to *Widow*

Sent to Finance Division.

Issued  
Mailed

Rate and Period, \$

Fee, \$

Deductions:  
Disability:

*See this [unclear] 864.132*  
INDORSEMENTS.

1913 Sept 9 Elmit advised  
that he has no claim pending  
for increase under general  
law hence no med examination  
can be given him E.D.  
Dec. 22 1917 Pension - that claim for  
renewal & issue, requires med. evidence called  
for by letter to his attys. Dec. 29 1915 - see  
Carbon copy letter. A.M.C.

# INCREASE OF PENSION. (FOR A BOARD.)

Claim No. 115,499

Name of claimant, Riley Midget  
 Rank, Private  
 Company, F  
 Regiment, 36 U.S.C.I.  
 Post office address, Elizabeth City Pasquotank Co. N.C.  
 ADDRESS OF THE BOARD  
 Post office, Nat Soldiers Home  
 County, Elizabeth City  
 State, Virginia  
 Date of examination, Dec 9, 1885.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that in compliance with the requirements of the law \* we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is now pensioned at a Total disability on account of Wound in left arm & side and that he claims an increased rating for the reason that disability has increased and that he is now disabled to \_\_\_\_\_ degree for earning his subsistence by manual labor.

His pulse-rate per minute is 72; his respiration 18; his temperature \_\_\_\_\_; his height is 5 feet and 9 inches; he weighs 155 pounds, and he states that he is about 43 years of age.

Touching his disability and his reasons for asking an increase of pension, he makes the following statement: That the hands feel cold most of the time and the hands feel numb & weak - and often very painful, especially when cold. That it often breaks out & discharges at the large scar on outside of left arm. That the left hand has grown very much weaker than formerly - cannot now hold a tool in it with which to work. That the left shoulder is also very painful - & that he has much pain and tenderness along on chest under the nipple.

Upon examining this applicant we find the following objective conditions which, in our judgment, do entitle him to an increased rating: Ball entered on outer aspect of left arm about 3 inches below the top of shoulder, passed through inwards & re-emerged about 2 inches below axilla, entered chest about 3 inches external to nipple, where it was removed - the scar being 2 1/4 by 3/4 inch not adherent. Also a scar horizontally directly beneath left nipple, 2 1/2 inches long, adherent to rib, and apparently very sensitive to the touch. Scar of exit in arm also tender, but not firmly adherent. Some induration on external surface of left arm the cicatrix of entrance is 6 inches long, & from one inch to 2 1/2 inches wide, firmly adherent to bone two thirds of the length of scar & sensitive to touch. The humerus is at least one inch shortened, and all along the scar the bone is felt enlarged and uneven. Middle of left arm 1 1/2 inches smaller than right - Left forearm 1/2 inch smaller than right - Left hand around palm 3/4 inch smaller than right - cannot carry left arm quite up to horizontal - Left deltoid very small & flabby. Left shoulder joint crackles on motion - & moves very slowly & feebly. Grasp of left hand is very weak.

Rate for each cause of disability, and state the aggregate. 16/18 3<sup>d</sup> grade for that caused by Wound in left arm & side for that caused by \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ caused by \_\_\_\_\_, the sum of which aggregates 16/18 3<sup>d</sup> grade

By bending his head as far forwards as he can he can get his left hand up to the lower part of back of head. Grasp of left hand extremely weak - not more than 1/6 that of right.

W. J. Elden, Pres.,  
S. R. Towle, Sec'y,  
J. H. Boutelle, Treas.,  
 BOARD.

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**SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE**  
(FOR A BOARD)

IN CASE OF

*Riley Midget*

Co. F, 36 Reg't U.S. 6, I.

**Application for Increase.**

No. 115, 499

Date of examination: *Dec 9, 1885*

*Phad Yelden*

*S. K. Jowle*

Examining Surgeon.

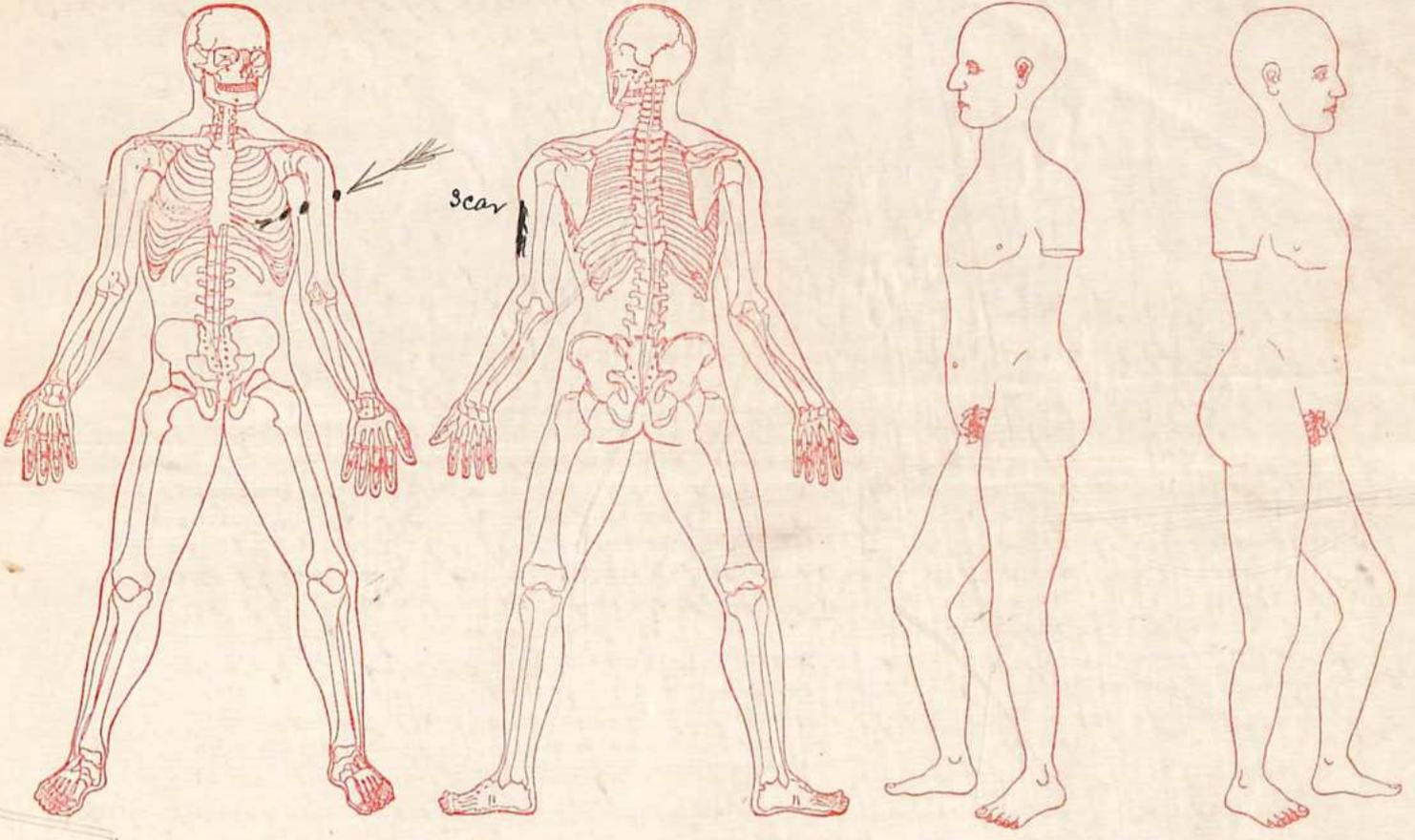
*J. P. Buntelle*

Post office: *Nat Soldiers Home*

County: *Elizabeth City*

State: *Virginia*

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



(466-100 M.)

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

# EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

No. 2

Name of claimant, Riley Midget  
 Rank, Private  
 Company, F  
 Regiment, 36<sup>th</sup>  
 State, W. S. C. I.

EXAMINING SURGEON'S ADDRESS:

Post office, Washington  
 County, Beaufort  
 State, N. C.  
 Date of examination, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 1882

Present rating.

The applicant states that he is now paid at the agency for a disability, on account of \_\_\_\_\_, and that he applies for increase on the ground that the rating is too low & there has been an increase in disability

That the present rating is unjustly low, or that there has been an actual increase of the disability.

Particular description.

He states that he is 40 years of age, that he weighs 160 pounds, and that he is 5 feet 7 inches in height.  
 His pulse-rate per minute is 72, his respiration 16, and his temperature normal

The surgeon should not recommend increase excepting for one of two reasons—that the present rating is unjustly low, or that the disability has really increased. In either case the reasons for changing the present rating should be clearly set forth, and should include a full statement of the physical and rational signs.

The examination reveals the following conditions:

A Gun Shot Wound in the upper  $\frac{1}{3}$  of left arm, also a wound just under the left breast, <sup>the breast</sup> ~~the breast~~ wound is shallow. Cicatrix hard, & gives no trouble. The cicatrix is tender & there is a tendency to Suppuration. ~~the arm in the wound~~ of the arm & the arm cannot be of much use to him <sup>at present</sup> he is just out of an attack of Typho-malarial Fever. during said fever the arm had to be lanced 12 doz times. So he states. It shows some evidence of it.  
 I think it will probably improve as he regains his health.  
 There is no ulceration or discharge at the present, but swollen & oedematous in the region of the wound.

Judging from the condition and history of the claimant, it is my opinion the disability was incurred in the service as claimed, and that it is not aggravated or protracted by vicious habits.

I find the disability as above described to entitle him to a 1<sup>st</sup> grade rating.

S. S. Nicholson M.D.  
 Examining Surgeon.

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

*CF 115-499*  
IN CASE OF

*Vern Midgett*  
Co. H., 31st Reg't U.S.C.V.

Application for Increase.

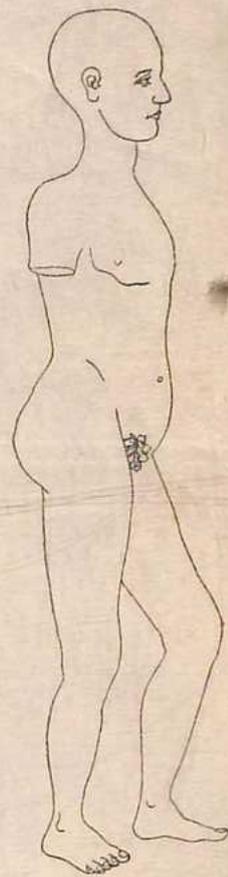
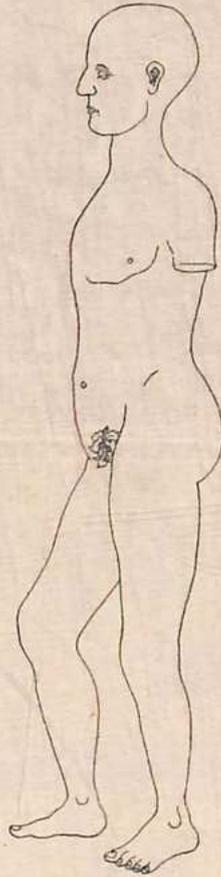
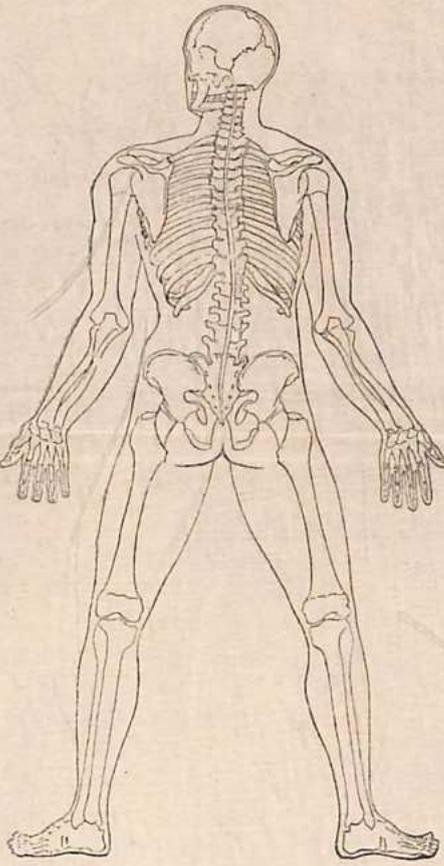
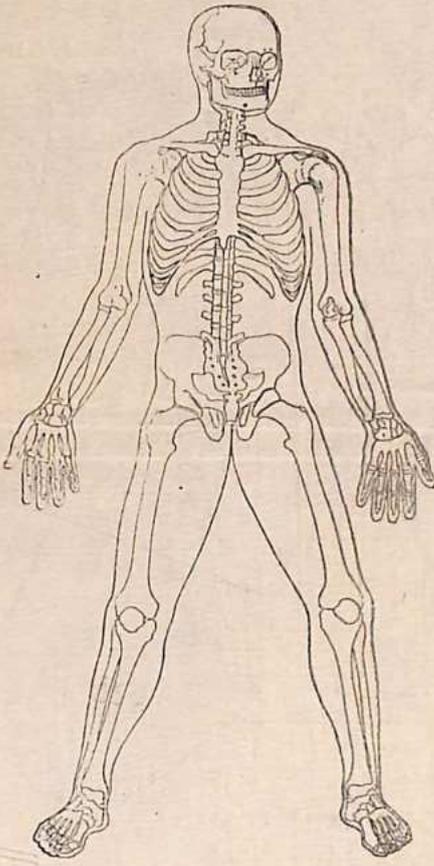
No. *2*  
Date of Examination: *19th Decr 1882*

*A. Nicholson*  
Examining Surgeon.

Post Office: *Washington*  
County: *Manafort*  
State: *A. C.*



P. S. Write your Post Office address plain and in full.



3 EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 3

IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

No. of Certificate, 115,499

State: Virginia County: Elizabeth City Post Office: Hampton Wch 16, 1881.

It is hereby certified That Riley Widdgett formerly a Private of Captain Wild's 7th Company, in the 36th Regiment of U. S. C. T., in the war of 1861 who is now paid at Knoxville Tenn. Agency at the rate of 6 dollars per month, on account, as he states, of G. S. W. left side And arm

while in the line of duty in the military service of the United States, on or about the 29 day of Sept., 1864, at a place called Deep Bottom in the State or Territory of Virginia

Here specify the particular disease or injury.

is still suffering in consequence of said Gun shot wound of left side And arm

The disability originates entirely from the injury or disease on account of which he was originally pensioned, as follows:

Height, 5ft. 6 in.; weight, 165; complexion, Negro age, 40; respiration, 22; pulse, 70

Here state fully and accurately the character of the pensioner's disability, and how he is at present affected thereby; also, state whether the disability is permanent in its present degree, and whether it has been in any degree caused or protracted by vicious habits.

Gun shot wound below left nipple fracturing 6th rib. The ball has not been extracted according to his statement. A large cicatrix adherent to ribs. During the past year he states that there has been a discharge from this wound; at present it is well healed but somewhat tender. He states that he has pain below cicatrix & occasional attacks of hæmoptysis. There is slight dulness just above cicatrix, & bronchovesicular respiration.

Gun shot wound of left upper arm, fracturing upper 3rd of humerus badly. Ball passed through from outer side inward and lodged in muscles of left chest from which it has been extracted. Cicatrix of arm healed, adherent to bone. Considerable dead bone has been removed at times. The upper 3rd of humerus has lost about 1/3 of its diameter.

We find his disability, as described above, to be equal to, and entitling him to 10.00 per month

We rate wound of arm at 1/3 3rd grade = 6.00 " " " " side " 1/2 total = 4.00 10.00

Signature of J. T. Boutelle, Examining Surgeon.

IN CASE OF

*Fley Midgett*  
Co. *7<sup>th</sup>* *96* Reg't, U. S. C. T.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE.

No. *115,499*

Date of Examination: *March 16 1881*

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*P. T. Burtell*

Examining Surgeon.

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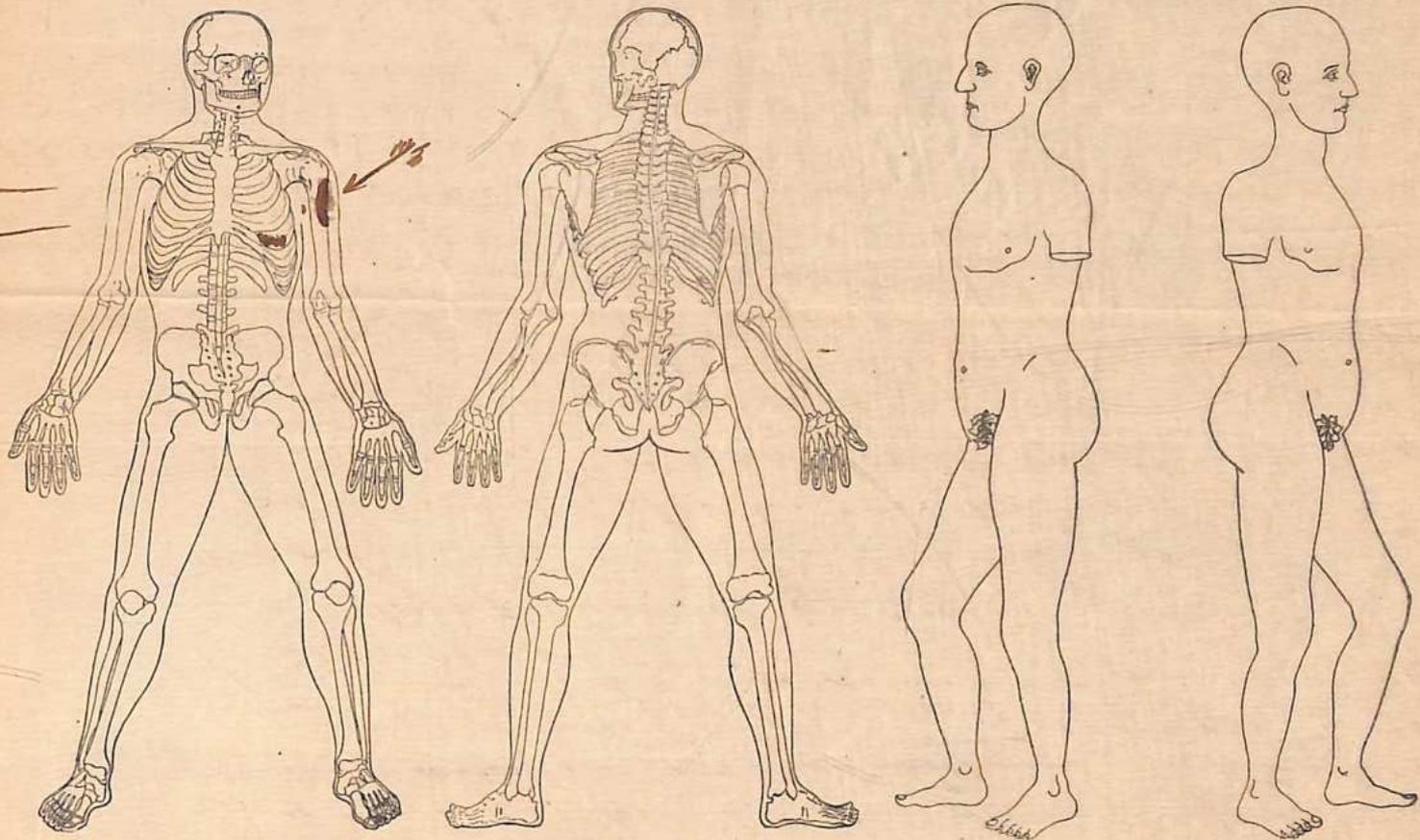
Post Office, *Hampton*

County, *Elizabeth City*

State, *Virginia*

P. S.—Write your Post Office address plain and in full.

*[Signature]*



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CERTIFICATE

OF

PERIODICAL EXAMINATION BY CITIZEN SURGEONS.

THIS CERTIFICATE is to enable a pensioner who is subject to biennial examination under the existing law to secure payment. It requires that the examination shall be made by two physicians, each of whom must give their post-office address. In filling the blank for the description of the disability, it should be the object to give not only the name of the disease or the kind of injury which causes it, but the physical and rational signs of the disease; the structural changes; the site of injury, and how the pensioner is affected. The degree of disability for obtaining a subsistence by manual labor should be expressed as one-fourth, one-half, three-fourths, or total, as the case may be. If the disability be equivalent to the loss of a hand or foot; if the pensioner be disabled for the performance of any manual labor, or if he require the regular aid and attendance of another person, the fact, in each case, should be set forth in so many words—the precise words used above. THE EXAMINATION MUST BE CONFINED TO THE INJURY OR DISEASE FOR WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED. None other should be considered or described. The fees for the examination must be paid by the pensioner.

STATE OF North Carolina, COUNTY OF Pasquotank, ss:

The subscribers, practicing physicians or surgeons in the town of Elizabeth city do hereby certify that we have carefully examined Riley Midget, who states that he is to be paid an invalid pension at the agency in Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee.

Age About 29 or 29 1/2; height, 5 ft 8 inches; weight, 155; pulse, 80 per min; respiration, 20 per min.

Particular description.

Gun shot wound of upper third of humerus - Atrophy of all the muscles in that region with fusion & adhesion of them so as to be almost useless, creating subject to frequent formation of abscess & discharge of sequestrae of bone. At present there is no discharge. Both of us have attended the applicant when suffering & removed the pieces of bone.

and that his present disability for obtaining subsistence by manual labor amounts to three fourths

Dated at Elizabeth city, 3rd day of Dec, 1877. R H McIntosh, M. D. W. J. Sumner, M. D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me; and I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the above-named Doctors R H McIntosh & Wm J Sumner and know their reputation for skill and integrity is good.

Wm W Kennedy, J. P.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_, ss:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_ Court of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that

is \_\_\_\_\_, duly commissioned and qualified; that his commission was dated on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_, and will expire on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_; and that his signature above written is genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of said County this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1877.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

Mr Van Meter

of My City

Med. Ref.  
Increase  
113,499.

Riley Meidock

alleges disability from  
public shot amount of \$44  
ann.

The surgeons making  
to give a full certificate  
and a rating in accordance  
with the degree in which it  
interferes with manual labor.

Their accounts to be  
rendered, with their fee  
one dollar each, all that can  
be allowed under the law,  
direct to this office.

# SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

OF

Biennial, Annual, or Semi-annual Examination, on which the Pensioner draws his Pension.

State: Virginia County: Stafford  
 Post Office: Portsmouth 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1873

Pensioner's service.

Be particular to give Certificate No.

Agency where to be paid.

State whether disability continues; and, if so, its present degree.

Particular description.

I hereby Certify, That I have carefully examined Riley Midget, who was a private Co F 36<sup>th</sup> U.S. I. in the war of 1861 and was granted an Invalid Pension under Certificate No. 115499 to be paid now at the Agency in Richmond Va by reason of alleged disability resulting from gun shot wound, which he states to have been received in the line of duty while he was in the military service of the United States. In my opinion the said Pensioner's disability, from the cause aforesaid, continues at \$ 6 per month

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

Height, 5 ft 10 in; weight, 158; complexion, ruddy  
 Age, 30; respiration, 20; pulse, 80

Gun shot wound left arm, ball passing through arm just at the point of the deltoid muscle, causing a compound fracture of the arm. Since last period examined, the wound has been open and several pieces of the bone removed - at present it is closed, but there are indications of further exfoliation of the bone - At present he is totally disabled

J. B. Kenney

Examining Surgeon.

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4 SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 4

OF

PERIODICAL EXAMINATION

IN CASE OF

*Reily McClellan*

*Co. F, 36<sup>th</sup> Reg't, art 6 T*

No. *115-497*

DATE OF EXAMINATION,

*9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1873*

*S. J. M. King*

*Examining Surgeon.*



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

OF

Biennial, Annual, or Semi-annual Examination, on which the Pensioner draws his Pension.

State: Virginia County: Norfolk

Post Office: Portsmouth Va, 1875.

Pensioner's service.

I hereby certify, That 0 have carefully examined Riley Midget, who was a private 36 Regt 117 in the war 1861 and was granted an Invalid Pension under Certificate No. 115-499, to be paid now at the Agency in Norfolk Va, by reason of alleged disability resulting from gun shot wounds which he states to have been received in the line of duty while he was in the military service of the United States.

Be particular to give Certificate No.

Agency where to be paid.

State whether disability continues; and, if so, its present degree.

In my opinion the said Pensioner's disability, from the cause aforesaid, continues at 60% of the amount of pay 6

Particular description.

A more particular description of the Pensioner's condition is subjoined:  
 Height, 5 feet; weight, 160; complexion, ruddy; age, 20;  
 respiration, 20; pulse, 72.

gun shot wound left arm and side - ball entering outside of arm near the point of the deltoid muscle passing through covering a compound fracture of the humerus and entering the side fracturing the 4th rib on the curve. The flexor muscles of the arm were nearly destroyed. The cicatrix extending from the deltoid muscle to near the elbow. The wound has recently been open and has not healed. The wound in the side causes no disability -

J. K. Kimmey

Examining Surgeon.

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

OF

PERIODICAL EXAMINATION.

IN CASE OF

*July Medger*

*Co. F, 26 Reg't, U.S.A.*

No. *1157499*

DATE OF EXAMINATION,

*14<sup>th</sup> Decr 1875*

*D. B. Kenney*

Examining Surgeon.



# Surgeon's Certificate

OF

Biennial, Annual, or Semi-annual Examination, on which the Pensioner draws his Pension.

State: *Virginia*

County: *Elizabeth City*

Post Office: *Hampton - Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1877.*

Pensioner's service.

*we hereby certify That we have carefully examined Riley Midget - 36<sup>th</sup> us 6 T who was a pri Co F in the war 1861 and was*

Be particular to give Certificate No.

Agency where to be paid.

*granted an Invalid Pension under Certificate No. 115-499, to be paid now at the Agency in Knoxville Tenn by reason of alleged disability resulting from gsw left arm which he states to have been received in the line of duty while he was in the military service of the United States.*

State whether disability continues and, if so, its present degree.

*In our opinion the said Pensioner's disability, from the cause aforesaid, continues at \$6<sup>00</sup> 3/4 rate*

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

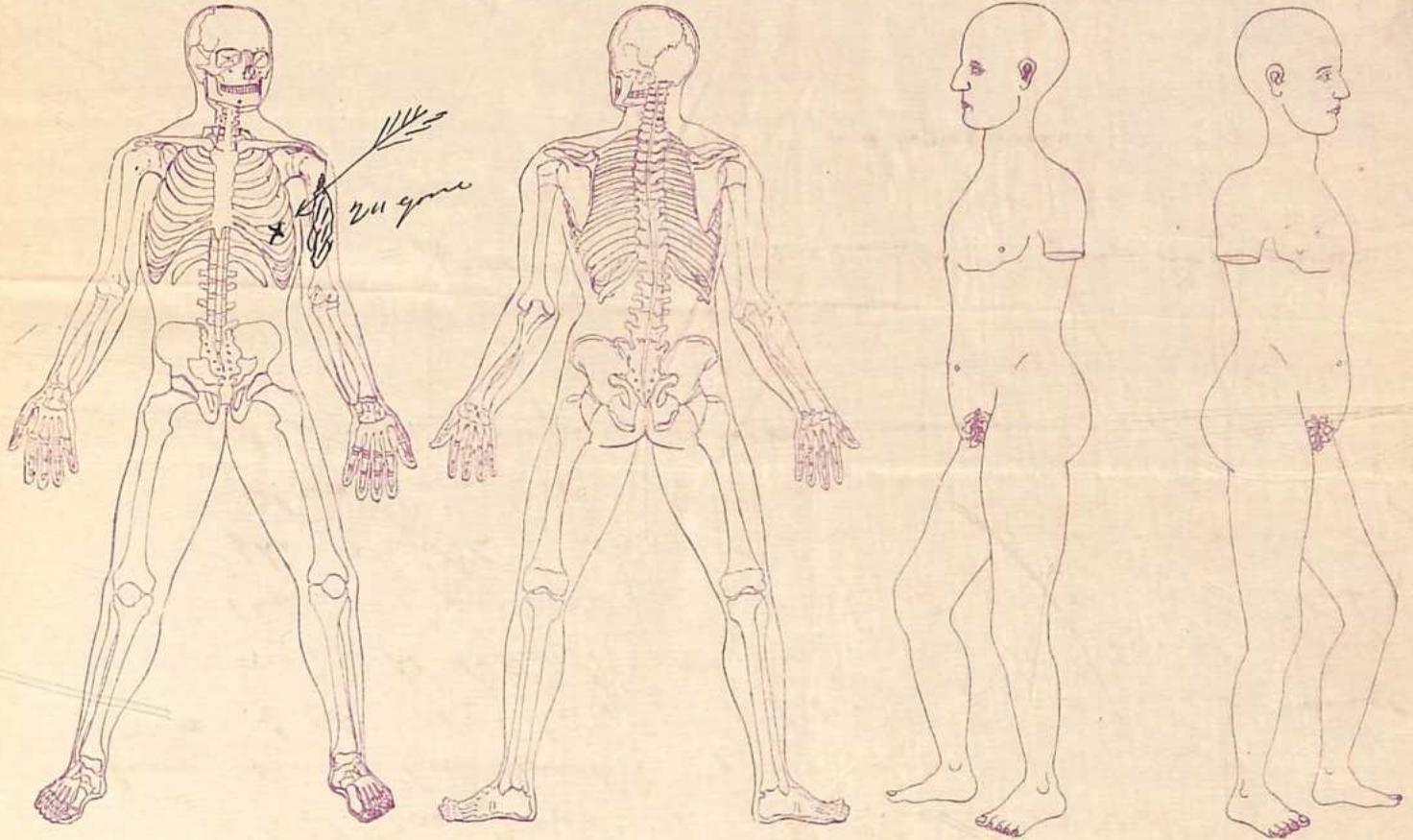
Particular description.

*Height, 5' 1"; weight, 158; complexion, negro; age, 34; respiration, 18; pulse, 74.*

*Gsw left arm ball passing through the left arm and beginning under the 5<sup>th</sup> rib in which position it can be plainly felt. The humerus was fractured and about two inches removed rendering the arm shorter by that much than the right. The humerus is evidently diseased. The cicatrix extends from head of humerus to elbow showing extensive destruction of the muscles.*

*The present rate is too low*

*Wm. W. [Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Examining Surgeon.*



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DUPLICATE.



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

**Periodical Examination**

IN CASE OF

*Riley Budget*

Co. F, 3rd Reg't, 88th T

No. 111-499

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

11<sup>th</sup> Sept 1897

*W. M. W. W. W.*

*W. M. W. W. W.*

*W. M. W. W. W.*  
Examining Surgeon.

Post Office, *Hampston*

County, *Elizabeth Co.*

State, *Virginia*

P. S.—Write Post Office address plain and in full.

# Examining Surgeon's Certificate

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 130.978

State: Virginia County: Norfolk  
 Post Office: Portsmouth 7<sup>th</sup> Octo, 1871.

Applicant's service.

I hereby Certify, That I have carefully examined Riley Midget, late a private Co. F, 36<sup>th</sup> Reg't, U.S. Troops in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an invalid pension, by reason of alleged disability resulting from left arm by left side

Degree of disability.

In my opinion the said Riley Midget is three fourths 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 did not originate in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable duration.

The disability is probably permanent.  
 A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Particular description.

Height, 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; weight, 160; complexion, ruddy.  
 Age, 25; pulse, normal; respiration, normal.  
Musket ball left side fracturing the fifth rib causing slight deformity, no disability  
Musket ball left arm, causing a compound fracture of the humerus  
The cicatrix is very large, showing extensive suppuration, loss of tissue and contracture, injuring the use of the arm and producing a disability equal to 3/4 rule At present the wound is open showing a denudation of the bone —

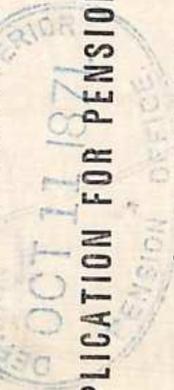
D. B. Mearns  
 Examining Surgeon

1 SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 1

IN CASE OF

*Henry Midget*

Co. *F*, *36<sup>th</sup> Regt, U.S.*



APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

No. *130,948*

DATE OF EXAMINATION,

*9<sup>th</sup> Dec 1871*  
*J. B. Army*

Examining Surgeon.

# Examining Surgeon's Certificate.

Portsmouth Va August 6<sup>th</sup> 1868.

I hereby certify, That I have carefully examined  
Riley Midgett, late a Private, Co: "F"  
36<sup>th</sup> Regt: U. S. Cold: Troops

Applicant's  
service.

in the service of the United States, who was discharged at  
San Diego, Texas, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
1866, and is an applicant for an invalid pension, by reason of  
alleged disability resulting from Gun Shot wound

Degree of  
disability.

In my opinion the said Riley Midgett  
is One Third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) 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 incurred  
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.

This person rec<sup>d</sup> a wound from a Minnie Ball,  
passing through and fracturing upper third  
of Left Humerus, producing ~~an~~ an "exostosis"  
of that bone and thereby impairing use of Left  
Arm so as to disable him one third.

No: 130. 978.

James Williamson M.D.

Examining Surgeon.

Mail

No 130.948

Wallops

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
AUG 8 1886  
PENSION OFFICE

# MEDICAL AFFIDAVIT.

This affidavit can be used by Regimental or Assistant Surgeon, or any physician who can testify in any way in behalf of claimant. The affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the Surgeon or physician testifying, and should embody all the facts in affiant's possession as to the origin and continuance of claimant's disability. The dates of treatment should be especially set forth, and also affiant's means of knowing the facts to which he testifies.

State of North Carolina, County of Pasquotank SS:

In the Pension Claim, No. Oct 115 4 99

of Riley Midgett

Late a private in Co. H of the 36 Reg't. of Vol & Cav  
(Company and Regiment of service, if in the Army; or Vessel and Rank, if in the Navy.)

Personally came before me, a Clerk Superior Court in and for the aforesaid  
County and State CW Sawyer M.D. a citizen of Elizabeth City, N.C.

whose Post-office address is Elizabeth City County Pasquotank State N.C.

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

That he is a practicing physician; and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about

6 years, and that he is afflicted with left

(Here state all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or inter-

lineations are allowed unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before the execution of the paper.

## NOTES.

The physician, in order to cover the required points should read carefully the following notes, and unless they are complied with the affidavit will be worthless and ineffective:

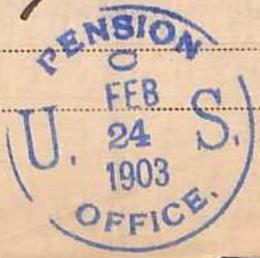
1st. Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment; the length of time he has known him; how intimately and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition; whether as his family physician or as a neighbor, and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state, adding, if true, that had he been unsound he would have known it.

2d. If he treated claimant while in the service, either as his regimental surgeon or while claimant was home on furlough; that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown, as well as the NATURE OF HIS DISABILITY and dates of treatment.

3d. If he has treated soldier since discharge, he should so state, giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates, as near as possible, of the prescriptions.

4th. Affiant should take especial care to state, to the best of his recollection and ability, to what fractional extent claimant has been disabled for performance of manual labor whether  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , or entirely during each year, from discharge to the present time, or such time as affiant's testimony covers.

Muchly impaired, by old age, Presbiopia,  
he has 2 scars under the left  
breast he says it was produced by a  
Bullet while in the war, also he has  
a very bad scar on the left arm  
between the shoulder + elbowe which  
he says several pieces of bone have  
come out off and the wound was  
caused by a bullet while in service  
in the war of 1861 to 65, now it  
seems to be very tender and he says  
it pains and aches, and that he can't  
scarcely use it, that he has to do  
the most of his work with his right  
hand - I have attended him in a case  
of pneumonia several years ago, he  
has recovered of that long ago, he  
has a rot in his forehead over the left  
eye, it is soft + is large as an egg,  
it he says gives him some trouble -  
I think he is about  $\frac{2}{3}$  disabled  
from performing manual labor -



He further declares that he has practiced medicine ..... 17 ..... years, and that he has no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

*C. W. Sawyer M.D.*  
(Affiant's signature. Give rank and service, if in the Army.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this .. 18th .. day of .. February .., A. D., 1903, and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician in good professional standing; that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known to him before swearing, including the words ..... erased, and the words ..... added, and that I have no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

*W. H. Jennings*  
(Official Signature.)  
*Clerk Superior Court*  
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

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

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

[L. S.]

Clerk of the .....

This affidavit may be sworn to before any officer authorized to administer oaths. If executed before a Notary or Justice, however, the certificate of Clerk of Court should be attached, showing official capacity of said Notary or Justice, if such certificate be not already on file.

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in whose Post-office address is ..... County ..... State ..... County and State ..... a citizen of ..... Personally ..... in and for the aforesaid

**MEDICAL EVIDENCE.**

CLAIM OF

*Riley Mudgett*

Late Private in Co. H 36 Reg't

of Med. Co. T, 1st

FOR

NO. 115499

AFFIDAVIT OF

*Dr. C. W. Sawyer*

FILED BY  
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PENSION ATTORNEY  
Washington D C

Mr. Knox

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*Reissue*

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912. Cert. No. 115499  
Amended by act March 4, 1913

Claimant, *Riley Midgett*  
P. O., *Elizabeth City* Rank, *Private*  
County, *Pasquotank* Service, *F. 367. S. C. Inf*  
State, *North Carolina*

Rate, \$ *18* per month, commencing *June 6, 1912*  
*\$24 commencing August 24, 1915*  
*\$30 commencing August 24, 1920*

Removal Division.

ATTORNEY OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.  
(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name, \_\_\_\_\_ Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Agent to pay.  
P. O., \_\_\_\_\_ Articles filed \_\_\_\_\_, 19

APPROVAL.

Submitted for *Adm. Feb. 13, 1913*, *J. Asch*, Examiner.  
Approved for *Admission* Rate \$ *18* per month; age *66* years.

*Reissue from General Law*

Date of birth *August 24, 1845*  
Length of pensionable service: *2* years, *11* months, *27* days.  
Deductions in service from any cause: *none* years, \_\_\_\_\_ months, \_\_\_\_\_ days,  
on account of \_\_\_\_\_  
*March 24, 1913, H. S. Smith, Legal Reviewer. March 25, 1913, L. J. Stanton, Re-Reviewer.*

Enlisted *August 24, 1863*; honorably discharged *August 24, 1866*  
Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_; honorably discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_; honorably discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of pensionable service: *2* years, *11* months, *27* days.  
Pensioned at \$ *17* per month, under *General Law*.

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Declaration filed *June 6, 1912*  
Age shown by evidence *66* years; date of birth alleged *August 24, 1845*

Claimant does \_\_\_\_\_ write.  
*Hon. Jas. H. Small, M. C.*

Surgens. Office 36th U.S. Infy  
Brazos Santiago, Tex Sept. 1866

I certify that Riley Midget <sup>(Co F)</sup> Private, 36th U.S. Infy  
was wounded through the left arm and side  
dangerously, at the battle of New Market Heights  
Va, while doing his duty, September 29th 1864.

J. Clark Gortton  
Surgens 36th U.S. Infy

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Surgeon General's Office,

Record and Pension Division,

Washington, D. C., *June 10,* 1869.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

It appears from the records of this Office that ..... *Chas. H. Smith* ..... was ..... Surgeon of the ..... Reg't ..... *11th Ill. Inf.* ..... Vols., at the date specified in the enclosed Statement, and the signature thereto appears to be genuine.

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

*J. H. ...*  
Brig. Lt. Col. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. A.  
(54)

R. of A. Vol. .... No. ....

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SURGEON GENERAL'S  
MAY 19 1869

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SOUTHERN. Div. *W. H. J.* Ex'r.

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *Jan. 25 1901*

Respectfully returned to  
Chief of Bureau of Pensions  
Office War Department  
for personal description  
and name of  
former owner.



No other report on file.  
Cert # 115,499.  
*Riley Midgett*  
4-836 - D. S. C. Inf.

*M. Chas. Grand*  
Commissioner.



Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, *JAN 27 1902*

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,

with the information that in the case of  
*Riley Midgett*,  
also found as  
*Riley Midgett*  
Co. F. 36 U. S. Army,  
the records show person-  
al description as follows:  
Age 18 years; 5 ft. 6 in.; blk.  
eyes; blk hair; blk complex-  
ion; born in Currituck,  
N. C.; fisherman.

Name of owner not  
found!



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR,  
*F. Williams*  
Chief, Record and Pension Office.

RECORD & PENSION OFFICE  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
JAN 27

State of Virginia }  
City of Norfolk }<sup>22</sup>

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1871 personally  
appeared before me a Notary Public in  
and for said City aforesaid Riley Midg-  
ett, <sup>36<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.</sup> to me well known who being duly  
sworn depose and says that his Post  
Office Address to which he desires the  
certificate of his Pension and all other  
communications addressed is Freedman's  
Savings Bank, Norfolk, Virginia;  
that he has not been in the mili-  
tary or naval service of the United  
States since Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1866; deponent  
further swears that he has been  
treated for his wound in New Orleans  
La, by a physician on his return  
from ~~muster~~ his regiment when he  
was discharged in Texas; that ~~the~~  
he was afterwards treated in Richmond  
Va, on his return ~~home~~ from the  
army before reaching home and also  
in Plymouth N.C. where he was  
treated by a physician for two years  
at least, but the physician in Plym-  
outh N. Carolina has since moved to  
parts unknown to deponent, and the  
physicians in N. Orleans and Rich-  
mond, Va he was only treated once

by each and it is impossible for him  
now to recollect their names or the  
street on which their office was lo-  
cated, being a stranger in the places:  
that in consequence of these facts it  
is impossible for him to furnish the  
affidavit of ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> physician as to the  
fact, time, and duration of all the treat-  
ment administered for his wounds from  
discharge to the present time

attest,  
W. C. Smace

Riley <sup>his</sup> Midgett  
mark

J. W. Cherry

Sworn to and subscribed before me the  
day and year above stated, and I certi-  
fy that the above affidavit was care-  
fully read and explained to affiant  
before signing, and that I have no  
interest in this claim.

Edward Spalding  
J.P.



State of Virginia }  
 City of Norfolk }

On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July  
 1870 personally appeared before me a Notary  
 Public in and for said City  
 Riley Midgett believed by me a credible  
 person who being duly sworn deposed and says he was a Pvt in Co F  
 36<sup>th</sup> Regt U.S. Col. Troops and the injury  
 for which he was treated was a  
 Gun Shot Wound in the left side and  
 breaking his left arm  
 and the Hospital was the U.S. General  
 Hospital at Fortes Monroe Virginia  
 and he was wounded at Chapins Farm  
 Va. 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1864 and sent almost  
 immediately to the Hospital. and  
 he was under the immediate attendance  
 of Ward Surgeon Dr. Blake, and since  
 his discharge he has had to apply  
 liniments arnica &c to his wounds and  
 at the present time his wound is un-  
 healed.

Witnesses

A. Leroy

T. O. Wise

Riley<sup>his</sup> Midgett  
 mark

I have read and subscribed before me the 29<sup>th</sup> of  
 July 1870 and I certify that the above was  
 carefully read and explained to affiant and  
 before execution and that I have now in-

trust in this claim.

Edward Spalding  
N.P.



Declaration for the Increase of an Invalid Pension.

State of North Carolina, County of Pasquotank, SS:

ON THIS 27th day of November A. D. one thousand nine hundred and eight

personally appeared before me a Clk Superior Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, Riley Midgett age 67 years, who, being duly

sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States enrolled at the Knoxville

Pension Agency at the rate of 17 dollars per month, Certificate No. 115499

This pension being for gun shot wound of left arm and breast  
(Here name the disability as it is on your certificate.)

.....incurred in the military service of the United States, while serving as a Private, Co. F, of the 36 Regt U. S. C. T. Vols.

That he believes himself entitled to an increase of pension on account of increased disability  
from pensioned cause since date of his last  
medical examination



That he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, **E. H. REEVES & CO., Washington, D. C.**, his true and lawful attorneys, to prosecute his claim.

His Post Office Address is Elizabeth City, N.C.

Charles  
J. Wilson

(Two witnesses who can write sign here.)

Riley Midgett  
(Signature of claimant.)

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Also personally appeared (1) Chas. Reid

whose Post Office Address is Elizabeth City, N.C.

and (2) T. B. Wilson

whose Post Office Address is Elizabeth City, N.C.

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 Riley Midgett

the claimant, sign his name (make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

(1) Chas Reid

(2) T. B. Wilson  
(Signatures of above-named two affiants.)

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of November A. D. 1908

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.

*Declaration valid.*  
*Notar of attorney valid.*  
*S. A. Gandy,*  
*Chief, Law Division.*  
*per SWM*

W. H. Jennings  
(Official signature.)  
Clerk Superior Court  
(Official character.)

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NOTE — 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 clerk's certificate must be attached.

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**INVALID**

**CLAIM FOR INCREASE**

Riley Midgett

Co. F 36<sup>th</sup> Reg't,

U.S.C. Vols.

Pension Cert. No. 115499.



FILED BY  
**E. H. Reeves & Co.,**  
ATTORNEYS,  
Washington, D. C.

# Declaration for the Increase of an Invalid Pension.

State of North Carolina County of Pasquotank, ss:

ON THIS 28th day of March A. D. one thousand 9 hundred and six, personally appeared before me, a Clk Superior Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, Riley Midgett, aged 65 years, a resident of Elizabeth City County of Pasquotank of the United States, enrolled at the War Department Pension Agency at the rate of

dollars per month, under Certificate No. 115489, by reason of disability from gun shot wound, left arm broken, fall in left breast, fractured bone of arm & paction removed (Here name the disability or disabilities for which now pensioned.)

incurred in the Military service of the United States, while serving as a Private (Here state rank, company and regiment, if in the Army; or rating and name of vessel, if in the Navy.) Company G 2 Regiment - 36th U.S.C.T.

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of That said disabilities have been and are now progressive in a great extent and here increased since last examination, that the arm and muscles thereof are in a complete state of atrophy and utterly useless for the performance of manual labor that the arm has been & is so impaired that Rheumatism is left there-in as a result, that a rating commensurate to the degree of disability is asked. (Here state reasons for applying for increase. If on account of increase in the disability for which already pensioned, the fact should be stated, and the manner and extent of the progression of the disability described. If on account of diseases resulting from the disability for which pensioned, the names of the disease should be stated.)

and he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, C. J. Condin of Virginia his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute this claim. His Post Office address is Elizabeth City, N.C. 514 Edge St.

R. H. Raper  
J. J. Spence (who write, sign here.)  
Riley Midgett (Signature of Claimant.)



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Also personally appeared R. H. Raper, residing at \_\_\_\_\_, (Name of one witness.)  
and J. T. Spence, (Name of other witness.)

residing at \_\_\_\_\_, 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 Riley Midgett, claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him of 8 years and 5 years respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

ATTEST:

1 \_\_\_\_\_ R. H. Raper  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ J. T. Spence  
(If affiants sign by mark two witnesses who write sign here.) (Signatures of witnesses—FULL names.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of March, A. D. 1906 and I do hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration and affidavit were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words 2  
(Insert any words erased.) 7 erased, and the words almost l added; and that  
(Insert any words added.)

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

W. H. Jennings  
(Official Signature.)  
Clerk Superior Court  
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk, unless such certificate is already on file in the Pension Office, when such fact should be stated.

Declaration and power of attorney valid, S. A. Cuddy, Chief, Law Division, per R. N. M. 1-2

INVALID.  
CLAIM FOR INCREASE.  
Riley Midgett  
Co. F. 36 W.A.C. Reg't, 1 Vols.  
Pension Certificate No. 115499

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G. W. GORDIN  
PENSION ATTORNEY  
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FOR AN INCREASE OF INVALID PENSION.

STATE OF *North Carolina*

COUNTY OF *Pasquotank*

SS:

On this *24th* day of *October*, A. D., ~~189~~<sup>1902</sup>, personally appeared before me *Clerk Superior Court* within and for the County and State aforesaid *Riley Midgett* (Claimant's name should be written here.) aged *64* years, a resident of the County of *Pasquotank* State of *N.C.* who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes as follows, to wit:

I am a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the *Knoxville* pension agency, at the rate *17* dollars per month, by reason of disability incurred in the military service of the United States, while a member of Company *F* of the *36* Regiment of *U.S.C.* Volunteers, and my present physical condition is such that I believe I am entitled to receive an increase of pension. I am pensioned for *wound in left arm and side*

[State here the disability or disabilities for which you are pensioned, just as they are written in your pension Certificate.]

That my disability has resulted in

[If your disability has resulted in any other disability, please write the same here.]

That since I last applied for an increase of my pension my disability *has increased*

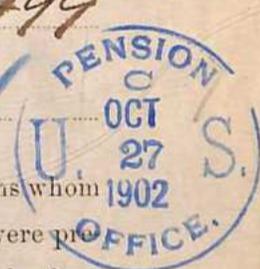
[If your disability or disabilities have increased since you last applied for increase, state that fact on the lines after the word "disability,"]

It is with full power of substitution that I hereby appoint *J. S. Kutz* of *Washington, D.C.* my true and lawful Attorney, to prosecute my claim. My Postoffice address is *Elizabeth City* County of *N. Carolina*, and the number of my Certificate is *115,499*

Attest two witnesses.

*W. A. Holmes*  
*J. C. Spence*

*Riley Midgett*  
[Claimant's Signature.]



Also personally appeared *W. A. Holmes & J. C. Spence* residing at *Elizabeth City, N.C.* persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn say that they were present and saw *Riley Midgett* the claimant sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant, and from their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Signature of Witnesses:

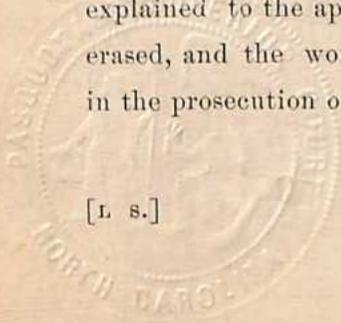
*W. A. Holmes*  
*J. C. Spence*

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this *24th* day of *October* A. D., *1902* 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.

[L. S.]

*W. H. Jennings*  
Clerk Superior Court  
[Official Character.]

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INVALID CLAIM

FOR

# PENSION

INCREASE.

*Riley Midgett* Applicant.  
Co. H 36... Reg't.  
W.S.B. of Volunteers.

Certificate No. 115499

FILED OCT 28 1902

I B KURTZ,

PENSION ATTORNEY

Washington D C

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FOR AN INCREASE OF INVALID PENSION.

STATE OF North Carolina }  
COUNTY OF Pasquotank } SS:

On this 18th day of June A. D., 1901, personally appeared before me, W.H. Jennings, Clerk Superior Court within and for the County and State aforesaid Riley Midgett  
(Claimant's name should be written here.)

aged 59 years, a resident of the County of Pasquotank State of N. Carolina who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes as follows, to wit:

I am a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the Knoxfville, Tenn. pension agency, at the rate 17 dollars per month, by reason of disability incurred in the military service of the United States, while a member of Company F of the 36 Regiment of U.S.C. Volunteers, and my present physical condition is such that I believe I am entitled to receive an increase of pension. I am pensioned for  gunshot wound of left arm and side

[State here the disability or disabilities for which you are pensioned, just as they are written in your pension Certificate.]

That my disability has resulted in Rheumatism caused from the effects of the wounded arm, when my arm troubles me it effects my whole body and renders me unable to do any work

[If your disability has resulted in any other disability, please write the same here.]

That since I last applied for an increase of my pension my disability



[If your disability or disabilities have increased since you last applied for increase, state that fact on the lines after the word "disability".]

It is with full power of substitution that I hereby appoint L.S. Hurty of Washington, D.C. my true and lawful Attorney, to prosecute my claim. My Postoffice address is Elizabeth City County of Pasquotank State of North Carolina, and the number of my Certificate is 115499

Attest two witnesses. J.W. McMullan Chas Reid Riley Midgett  
[Claimant's Signature]

Also personally appeared J.W. McMullan Chas Reid residing at Elizabeth City, N.C. persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn say that they were present and saw Riley Midgett the claimant sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant, and from their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

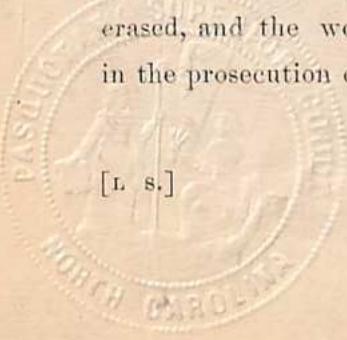
Signature of Witnesses: J.W. McMullan Chas Reid

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 18th day of June A. D., 1901 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.

[L. S.]

W.H. Jennings  
[Signature.]  
Clerk Superior Court.  
[Official Character.]

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**INVALID CLAIM  
FOR**

**PENSION**

**INCREASE.**

*Riley Widdgett*... Applicant.  
..... Co. *F*..... *36*..... Reg't.  
*U.S.C.F.*..... Volunteers.

Certificate No. *115499*.....  
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*J. KURTZ,*

PENSION ATTORNEY

Washington, D. C.



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FOR AN INCREASE OF INVALID PENSION.

*Hly*

STATE OF *North Carolina*  
COUNTY OF *Person* } SS:

On this *4* day of *April* A. D., 18*90*, personally appeared before me *a U.S. Comm* within and for the County and State aforesaid *Riley Midgett* of *Elizabeth City* aged *55* years, a resident of the County of *Person* State of *N. Carolina* who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes as follows, to wit:

I am a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the *Knoxville* pension agency, at the rate *17* dollars per month, by reason of disability incurred in the military service of the United States, while a member of Company *A* of the *36* Regiment of *U.S. Col.* Volunteers, and my present physical condition is such that I believe I am entitled to receive an increase of pension. I am pensioned for *Arm & Breast* *Arm shot wound in left*

[State here the disability or disabilities for which you are pensioned, just as they are written in your pension Certificate.]

That my disability has resulted in

[If your disability has resulted in any other disability, please write the same here.]

That since I last applied for an increase of my pension my disability *has increased so that I can hardly use my arm & suffer with it at all times*

[If your disability or disabilities have increased since you last applied for increase, state that fact on the lines after the word "disability,"]

It is with full power of substitution that I hereby appoint *J. S. Kurty* of *Washington, D.C.* my true and lawful Attorney, to prosecute my claim. My Postoffice address is *Elizabeth City* County of *N. Carolina* and the number of my Certificate is *115799*.

Attest two witnesses: *W. H. Keaton* *Riley Midgett*  
*J. A. Morton* [Claimant's Signature.]

Also personally appeared *W. H. Keaton* residing at *E. City* persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn say that they were present and saw *Riley Midgett* the claimant sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant, and from their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Signature of Witnesses: *W. H. Keaton*  
*J. A. Morton*

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this *4* day of *April* A. D., 18*90* 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 *J. A. Morton* added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

*W. R. Carpenter*  
[Official Character.]

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[L. S.]

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INVALID CLAIM  
FOR

# PENSION

INCREASE.

Riley, Midgett... Applicant.  
Co. F 36... Reg't.

U.S. Co. Inf... Volunteers.

Certificate No. 115499

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J. S. KURTZ,  
PENSION ATTORNEY  
Washington D.C.

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For an Increase of Invalid Pension.

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State of North Carolina County of Person, ss:

On this 17 day of Oct A. D., 1898, personally appeared before me a Wm. A. McInnes within and for the County and State aforesaid.

aged 55 years, a resident of the County of Person State of N. C. who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes as follows, to wit:

I am a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the Newville pension agency, at the rate of 17 dollars per month, Certificate No. 115499, by reason of disability incurred in the military service of the United States, while a member of Company 71 of the 36<sup>th</sup> Regiment of U.S.C. Volunteers, and my present physical condition is such that I believe I am entitled to receive an increase of pension. I am pensioned for 2 gunshot wounds in left arm right arm

That my disability has resulted in my losing the use of my arm

That since I last applied for an increase of my pension my disability has greatly increased

WITH FULL POWER OF SUBSTITUTION, I HEREBY APPOINT M. V. TIERNEY, OF WASHINGTON, D. C., my true and lawful attorney, to prosecute my claim. My Postoffice address is 716 Green St. County of Person State of N. C.

Riley Midgett  
(Claimant's Signature)

Also personally appeared Robert Hearing residing at Elizabeth City N.C. and W. T. Johnson residing at Elizabeth City N.C. 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 Riley Midgett the claimant sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant, and from their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Signature of witnesses. { Robert Hearing  
W. T. Johnson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of Oct A. D. 1898 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 U.S. 716 Green St. Person N.C. erased, and the words E. City N.C. added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

W. R. Carpenter  
(Official Character.)



ATTY FILED

# INVALID CLAIM

FOR

# INCREASE OF PENSION.

*Vincent Midgell*: Applicant.

Co. "D", 36<sup>th</sup> Reg't.

*91st Va Inf* Volunteers.

Certificate No. 115,499.

FILED BY  
**M. V. TIERNEY,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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## RESULTING DISABILITIES.

- CHRONIC DIARRHŒA may result in disease of kidneys, rheumatism, disease of heart, disease of liver, piles, fistula in ano, general debility, nervous debility, paralysis, consumption, disease of spleen, dyspepsia, disease of stomach, disease of rectum, disease of abdominal viscera, dropsy, asthma, nervous derangement, spinal irritation, disease of lungs, ulceration of bowels and vertigo.
- RHEUMATISM may result in disease of heart, paralysis, disease of legs, disease of eyes and varicose veins.
- SUNSTROKE may result in debility, nervous prostration, mental derangement, vertigo, disease of brain, insanity, disease of spine, deafness, disease of heart, paralysis, disease of eyes and epilepsy.
- MEASLES may result in disease of lungs, disease of heart, disease of eyes, atrophy of testicles, asthma, bronchitis and chronic otorrhœa.
- MALARIAL POISONING may result in disease of liver, disease of spleen, debility, indigestion, disease of heart, disease of kidneys, dropsy, neuralgia, disease of abdominal viscera and derangement of stomach and bowels.
- ASTHMA may result in disease of lungs, loss of voice, emphysema, dilatation of right side of heart and dropsy.
- TYPHOID FEVER may result in disease of lungs, disease of kidneys, disease of heart, disease of legs, enlargement of legs, debility, nervous debility, varicose veins, diarrhœa and derangement of nervous system.
- GUN-SHOT WOUNDS may result in various disabilities, the character of which depends upon the location of the wound, etc.
- INJURY OF ABDOMEN may result in spinal irritation, disease of stomach, disease of liver, peritonitis and adhesions.
- INTERMITTENT FEVER may result in disease of lungs, rheumatism, debility and heart disease.
- DISEASE OF HEART may result in disease of lungs, bronchitis, anasarca, paralysis and brain softening.
- TYPHOID-MALARIAL FEVER may result in affection of head, affection of stomach and debility.
- FEVER may result in debility, chronic diarrhœa, rheumatism, ulcers of leg and deafness.
- DEAFNESS may result in disease of brain and spinal irritation.
- SMALL-POX may result in disease of leg and disease of eyes, suppurative otitis, deafness—partial or complete.
- CATARRH may result in bronchitis, disease of stomach, disease of middle ear, deafness and cerebral abscess.
- TYPHUS FEVER may result in dyspepsia and hepatitis.
- MALARIAL FEVER may result in indigestion, debility, nervous prostration and chronic dysentery.
- INJURY OF SPINE may result in paralysis, locomotor ataxia, debility, neuralgia, epilepsy, curvature, hip-joint trouble and femoral abscess.
- VACCINATION may result in loss of use of arm and blood poisoning.
- DIPHTHERIA may result in paralysis and disease of throat.  
N. B.—The paralysis of diphtheria is usually *transient*.
- VARICOSE VEINS may result in ulcers.
- SCURVY may result in varicose veins and ulcers.
- SCIATICA may result in injury of back and hip.
- DISEASE OF ABDOMINAL VISCERA may result in disease of rectum.
- GUN-SHOT WOUND OF HEAD may result in insanity, paralysis, disease of brain, disease of eyes, neuralgia and epilepsy.
- GUN-SHOT WOUND OF LEG may result in varicose veins, rheumatism and paralysis.
- INJURY OF HEAD may result in deafness, epilepsy, paralysis and insanity.
- DISEASE OF LIVER may result in rheumatism, jaundice; often results in pleurisy of right lung.
- JAUNDICE may result in debility, disease of liver and dropsy.
- FEVER AND AGUE may result in disease of spleen.
- BRAIN FEVER may result in epilepsy.
- CONCUSSION may result in deafness, disease of brain and spinal irritation.
- TYPHOID-PNEUMONIA may result in disease of lungs and disease of throat.
- ABSCESS may result in varicose veins.
- INJURY TO BACK may result in curvature of spine, paralysis and disease of kidneys.
- INJURY OF CHEST may result in disease of lungs.
- PLEURISY may result in pleuritic adhesions, displacement of heart and phthisis.
- MALARIA may result in intermittent fever.
- LOSS OF ONE EYE may result in affection of the other.
- DISEASE OF LUNGS may result in disease of heart.

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

STATE OF North Carolina }  
COUNTY OF Person } ss:

On this 14 day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight

personally appeared before me, a U. S. Commissioner within and for the county and

State aforesaid, Riley Midgett, aged 56 years,

a resident of Elizabeth City, County of Person

State of N. C., who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner

of the United States, enrolled at the Knoxville Pension Agency at the rate

of 17 dollars per month, by reason of disability from Gun shot wound

(Here name the disability for which pensioned.)

left side & Broken left arm

incurred in the Army service of the United States while a Private in

(Military or Naval.)

(Here state rank, and company and regiment, if in

the army, or vessel if in the navy.) Company F. 36th Regt U.S.C.

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of Rheumatism

(Here state the reasons for applying for increase.)

in right arm, back, & injury occasioned from

my arm etc was broken

nature and location of the wound or injury, or the name of the disease, and the time, place, and circumstances of its origin, and the names of hospitals where

treated in the service, should be fully stated. The date of treatment should be given as nearly as possible.)

That he hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_, his true and

lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim. That the number of his pension certificate is 115,499

That his post-office address is Elizabeth City

County of Person, State of N. C.

ATTEST: (1) Rooks Turner Jr.

(2) W. H. Keaton

Riley Midgett  
(Claimant's signature.)  
PENSION OFFICE  
U. S. MAR 15 1898

Also personally appeared Jacob Spellman, residing at Eliz City Md.  
 and Henry Owens, residing at Elizabet City, persons whom I  
 certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw  
Rich Widdget, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing  
 declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance  
 with him of 20 years and 14 years respectively, that he is the identical person he  
 represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

*Witness*  
Rooks Turner Jr.  
W H Keaton

Jacob Spellman  
Henry Owens  
 (Signatures of witnesses)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 14 day of March, A. D. 1898

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.

M. B. Crippen  
 (Signature)  
U. S. Commissioner  
 (Official character.)



To be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of  
 the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by  
 law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must be certified by the proper State,  
 county, or city officer under his official seal, unless such a certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for  
 general reference.

Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and  
 signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.

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**CLAIM FOR INCREASE.**

Claimant: Rich Widdget

Service: Co. 9. 176 U.S. Inf.

Law No 115,499

PENSION CERTIFICATE NOT REQUIRED.

FILED BY

W.H.

# DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

TAKE NOTICE.—If this declaration is executed before a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, the certificate of the CLERK OF THE COURT, as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer, must be attached. Neglect to comply with this requirement will cause trouble and DELAY.

State of *North Carolina*, County of *Perquimans* ss:

ON THIS *7* day of *April* A. D. one thousand eight hundred and *97*

personally appeared before me, a *Clerk Superior* within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Riley Midgett* aged *55* years, a resident of *Elizabeth City* County of *Perquimans* State of *North Carolina*, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a

pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the *Duville* Pension Agency at the rate of *17* dollars per month, Certificate No. *115-499*; by reason of disability from

(Here name the disability for which pension was granted.)

*gunshot wounds in left arm and left side*

incurred in the *Military* service of the United States, while serving as a *private* in Co *F* *36* Regt *U.S.C* *1st* *Infy* company, and regiment, if in the army; vessel if in navy.] (Here state rank)

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of *gun*

*shot wounds as aforesaid in left arm and left side, which wounds from some in their effects upon the body and health of applicant. Also he believes himself entitled to increase of pension on account of frost-bite contracted in left foot while in the service of us, and on account of dead eye, which lost disability has come on since his discharge from service.*

..... that he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, his true and lawful attorneys, to prosecute his claim. *J. S. Kurtz, of Washington,*

His Post Office address is .....

*J. C. Spence*  
*Dean Bumpers*  
[Two witnesses who can write, sign here.]

*Riley Midgett*  
(Signature of Claimant.)

*D*

Also personally appeared J. C. Spencer residing at .....  
Washington City, Md. and Leon Benberry residing at .....  
Washington City 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 Riley  
Wedgell, the claimant sign his name [make his mark] to the  
 foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant  
 and their acquaintance with him that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and  
 that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

J. C. Spencer  
Leon Benberry

[If affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write, sign here.]

[Signature of Affiants.]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of April A. D. 1897  
 and I hereby certify that the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and ex-  
 plained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words.....  
 .....erased, and the words.....  
 .....added; and that I have no interest, direct  
 or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J. C. Overman  
 (Official Signature.)  
Clerk Superior Court  
 (Official Character.)

[L. S.]

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

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

[L. S.]

Clerk of the.....

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.  
 If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and  
 not on a separate slip of paper.

*John, et al. 115-499*

IN V & L I D.

CLAIM FOR INCREASE.

Riley Wedgell  
 Co. St.,  
 316  
 Reg't.

Bo. S. G. Lang  
 Vols

Pension Certificate No. 115-499

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 Washington, D. C.

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

State of *North Carolina*

County of *Pasquotank* } SS:

On this *13* day of *April*, A. D. one thousand eight hundred

and ninety *one*, personally appeared before me *M. B. Creppner*

a *U. S. Commissioner* within and for the County and State aforesaid

*Riley Midgett* aged *45* years, a resident of

*Elizabeth City* County of *Pasquotank*, State of

*N. C.*, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he

is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the *Knoxville* Pension

Agency, at the rate of *Seventeen (17)* dollars per month, by certificate

No. *115499*, for disability due to *"Broken left arm and*

*broken left rib."*

incurred in the service of the United States while serving as a *Pub "F." 36"*

*U. S. C. T.*

if in the Army; and rank and vessel, if in the Navy.)

and he believes himself entitled to an increase of pension upon the ground that his present rating is

incommensurate with the degree of incapacity resultant from the disabilities named in his Pension

Certificate, and that there has been a material increase of disability since his last medical examination by

U. S. Examining Surgeons

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,

**GEORGE E. LEMON,**

OF WASHINGTON, D. C., his true and lawful Attorney, to prosecute his claim.

That his Postoffice address is *Elizabeth City, N. C.*

*Riley Midgett*  
(Claimant's signature.)

Two witnesses to claimant's signature sign here:

(1) *J. P. Osburn*

(2) *John B. Creppner*

Also personally appeared *J. P. Osburn*, residing at

*Elizabeth City N. C.*, and *J. B. Creppner*, residing at

*Elizabeth City N. C.*, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit,

and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw *Riley Midgett*,

the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

*J. P. Osburn*  
*J. B. Creppner*  
(Signatures of witnesses to identity of Applicant.)

Two attesting witnesses to signatures by X mark:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

This Blank is prepared by GEORGE E. LEMON, of Washington, D. C., and is Exclusively for his use.

INVALID.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

INCREASE.

*Riley* Applicant,  
36<sup>th</sup> Reg't,  
U.S. Col'd Vols.

No. Pension Certificate 1157499.

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**GEORGE E. LEMON,**  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,  
Offices 615 Fifteenth St. N. W.,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

As this may reach the hands of some persons unacquainted with this House, I append hereto, as specimens of the testimonials in my possession, copies of letters from gentlemen of political and military distinction and widely known throughout the United States:

U. S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12, 1890.  
It gives me pleasure to recommend GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, to those having professional business, as a reliable and responsible attorney of high character and superior attainments.  
Respectfully,  
JOHN J. INGALLS, U. S. S.  
U. S. SENATE CHAMBER, WASHINGTON, D. C.

GEORGE E. LEMON, Esq., Washington, D. C.  
MY DEAR SIR: I desire to express to you my high appreciation of the methods used in your business office, resulting as they do in a decrease of charges to your clients, a prompt, careful and successful management of their personal interests. This is due to the many excellent qualities that distinguish you as a man, and I am glad of the opportunity to assure you of my high esteem.  
Very truly, yours,  
CHARLES F. MANDERSON, U. S. S.  
U. S. SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12, 1890.

I take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable and able attorney who in every way worthy to be entrusted with the confidence of those who desire his services in the line of his profession.  
Very truly,  
G. C. MOODY, U. S. S.

U. S. SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15, 1890.  
I regard GEORGE E. LEMON as one of the most thoroughly reliable and competent attorneys in Washington.  
GLENN A. FRENCH, U. S. S.  
U. S. SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7, 1890.  
I take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable attorney, and entirely responsible for all his contracts.  
Respectfully,  
E. M. COLLIER, U. S. S.

U. S. SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7, 1890.  
We take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable attorney.  
C. K. DAVIS, U. S. S.  
PHILIP S. SAVERY, U. S. S.  
A. S. PADDOCK, U. S. S.  
W. D. WASHINGTON, U. S. S.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
I take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable attorney and worthy lawyer, to whom claimants can entrust their business with assurance that it will be well and honestly attended to.  
L. E. ARKINSON, M. C., 18th Pa. District.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6, 1890.  
I take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable attorney. He has had many years' successful practice and is worthy of confidence.  
Geo. W. E. DONSEY, 3d Dist., Neb.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6, 1890.  
I take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable attorney, and worthy of all confidence.  
J. C. DUNSTON, 4th Dist., Mich.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6, 1890.  
I take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable attorney, and worthy of all confidence. I have personally known of his doing many acts of kindness for claimants without charge.  
D. B. HENDERSON, 3d Dist., Iowa.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6, 1890.  
I take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable attorney, vigilant, active and diligent in looking after the claims of his clients.  
JAMES O'DONNELL, 3d Dist., Mich.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7, 1890.  
We take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable attorney.  
W. H. McLELLAN, Jr., 18th Dist., O.  
E. N. MOSELEY, 1st Dist., Kan.  
S. L. MILLER, 3d Dist., Mich.  
J. L. MILLER, 3d Dist., Mich.  
P. S. POSEY, 18th Dist., Ill.  
L. E. TAYLOR, 5th Dist., Ill.  
W. H. HENDERSON, 7th Dist., Ill.  
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W. G. LAIDLAW, 3d Dist., N. Y.  
I. S. STRUBLE, 14th Dist., Iowa.  
W. G. SPANGLER, 14th Dist., N. Y.  
J. M. WILEY, 3d Dist., N. Y.  
JOHN F. LACEY, 6th Dist., Iowa.  
SERENO E. PAYNE, 5th Dist., N. Y.  
W. J. O'CONNOR, 11th Dist., N. Y.  
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J. B. CRENSHAW, 9th Dist., Ind.  
Geo. E. SHERIDAN, 5th Dist., Ohio.  
J. J. PUGSLEY, 12th Dist., Ohio.  
HENRY H. BURGHAM, 1st Dist., Pa.  
JOSEPH D. TAYLOR, 17th Dist., O.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 13 day of April

A. D. 1891, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses, before swearing, including the words

(If any words have been erased in the application, enter

them here.)

[I. S.]

, erased, and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

, added;

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

*M. R. Cupper*  
(Signature)  
*W. S. Cummings*  
(Official character.)

Applications for Increased pension may be acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or any officer having authority to administer oaths for general purposes.

Congress has passed a law which does away with the necessity of compelling the applicant to go to the County seat to have this paper executed, and it may be sworn to BEFORE ANY OFFICER authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer has no seal, then a certificate of a Clerk of a Court of Record, County Clerk, or other proper officer, attesting both the signature and official character of the officer before whom the application is executed, must be attached, UNLESS SUCH OFFICER HAS A GENERAL CERTIFICATE, covering his official acts, ON FILE in the proper Departments, IN WHICH CASE NO CLERK'S CERTIFICATE IS NECESSARY.

FOR INCREASE OF INVALID PENSION.

STATE OF *North Carolina*  
COUNTY OF *Rowan* SS.

On this *31st* day of *December* A. D. 18*89* personally appeared before me, a *Clerk Superior Court*, within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Riley Midgett*

aged *45* years, a resident of the County of *Rowan* State of *North Carolina* who, being duly sworn according to law, deposeth as follows, to-wit:

I am a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the *Knoxville Tenn* Pension Agency at the rate of *Five* Dollars per month, by reason of disability incurred in the military service of the United States while a member of Company *F*; *B*6 Reg't of *U S Col* Vols., and my present physical condition is such that I believe I am entitled to receive an increase pension. I am now disabled in the following manner, to-wit:

*Wound of left arm and side which continues to grow worse in their effects upon my ability to do manual labor*

I claim pension for all effects of the above.

IT IS WITH FULL POWER OF SUBSTITUTION THAT I HEREBY APPOINT H. D. McKNIGHT, OF IRONTON, OHIO, my true and lawful attorney to prosecute my claim.

My Post-office address is *Elyabeth City* County of *Rowan* State of *North Carolina*, and the number of my certificate is *115,499*

Claimant's Signature. *Riley Midgett*

Also personally appeared *M B Culppepper* residing at *Elyabeth City NC* and *W D Williams* residing at *Elyabeth City NC* persons

whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, say that they were present and saw *Riley Midgett*, the claimant, sign his name, (or make his mark)

to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant, their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of his claim.

*M B Culppepper*  
*W D Williams*  
Signature of Witnesses

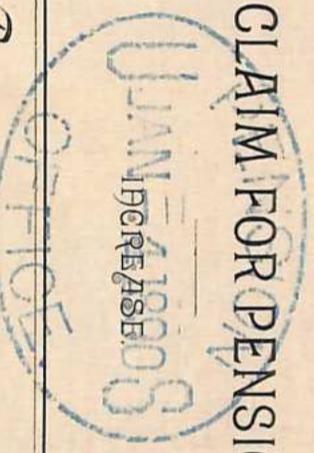
Sworn to and subscribed before me this *31st* day of *December* A. D. 18*89*

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

*J P Overman*  
Official Signature  
*Clerk Superior Court*  
Official Character  
*of Rowan County NC*

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CLAIM FOR PENSION.



*Riley Midgett*

APPLICANT.

Co *F*, ..... *36th* Reg't.

*W. S. C. T.* ..... Volunteers.

Certificate No. *1167499*

— FILED BY —

**H. D. MCKNIGHT,**

CLAIMANT'S ATTORNEY.

**IRONTON, OHIO.**

Declaration for Increase of an Invalid Pension.

State of North Carolina, County of Payson, SS:

ON THIS 8 day of March A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine personally appeared before me, the undersigned, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, Riley Mudgett Pensioner's full name.

aged 45 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the rate of 12 dollars per month, under Pension Certificate No. 115499 by reason of disability resulting from wound of left arm and side Here state the disability for which you are pensioned exactly as mentioned in your Pension Certificate.

incurred in the service of the United States, while serving as a sergeant in Company A of the 36th Regiment of U. S. Col Volunteers.

That he believes himself entitled to an increase of pension for the following reasons:

On account of an increased disability and his rate, above named, being unjustly and unreasonably low and disproportionate to the rate drawn by other pensioners for similar or equivalent disabilities.

If you claim additional pension for a disability not mentioned in your Pension Certificate, here describe it fully and state when, where and under what circumstances the same originated

That he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,

J. M. CURTIS, of Washington, D. C.,

his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim.

His Post Office address is Elizabeth City County of Payson,

State of N. C.

J. D. Hilcox  
John B. Cuespku  
Two persons who can write sign here.

Riley Mudgett  
Signature of claimant.

Also personally appeared J. P. Wilcox residing at Elizabeth City U.C., and J. B. Cuespeter,  
 residing at Elizabeth City U.C., persons whom I certify  
 to be respectable and entitled to credit, who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw  
 the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason  
 to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him that he is the identical  
 person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

J. P. Wilcox  
John B. Cuespeter  
 Signatures of witnesses.

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of March, A. D. 1889; and  
 I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and ex-  
 plained 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.

M. R. Cuespeter  
 Signature  
W. C. Cummings  
 Official character.

[L. S.]

**NOTE.** - If increase of pension be claimed on account of a wound, injury or disease not previously alleged, the law requires that the application  
 be Executed before an **Officer of a Court of Record** having custody of its seal; otherwise, it may be executed before any officer authorized to  
 administer oaths for general purposes.

Certificate No. 115499

**INVALID.**

APPLICATION FOR

**INCREASE OF PENSION.**

Riley Mudge

Co. A, 36 Reg't, U.S.C. Vols.

FILED BY

**J. M. CURTIS,**  
 (Formerly Principal Examiner and Late Assistant Chief of  
 Division in the U. S. Pension Bureau.)  
 Attorney at Law,  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Re-Rating Arrears and Increase of Pension.

STATE OF Virginia, COUNTY OF Pasquotank SS.

On this 4 day of Feb A. D., 1888, personally appeared before me the undersigned, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, Riley Midget aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars per month, under Pension Certificate No. 115499 by reason of a disability from wound of left arm and side, your pension was allowed.

\_\_\_\_\_ incurred in the service of the United States while a private in Co. F, of the 3 Regiment of U.S.C. Vols. That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on the account of his rate being unjustly low and disproportionate to his degree of disability.

He claims that during the time from his discharge to this date his rate has not been in accordance with his disability, nor in proportion to the rate allowed to others for similar and equivalent disabilities, and therefore he asks that his rating be corrected and he be RE-RATED from his discharge to date in accordance with law.

That he appoints P. J. Lockwood, of Washington, D. C., his attorney to prosecute this claim; that his P. O. is Elizabeth City County of Pasquotank State of W. Va.

Claimant Sign here, Riley Midget

Also personally appeared Henry Martin residing at Elizabeth City, U.C. and Ruben R. Lamb residing at Cambden Co., U.C. whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, say they were present and saw Riley Midget, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant, and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Henry Martin  
Ruben R. Lamb  
Two witnesses sign here.

SWORN TO and subscribed before me, on the day first above written; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration &c., were fully made known and explained to applicant and witnesses before swearing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

W. D. Cresswell  
Signature  
U. S. Commissioner  
Official Character.

L. S.

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Re-Rating & Increase

*P. H. Spudget* Applicant,

Co. *F-3* Regiment of

*2d. Cav. Volunteers.*

No. *8499*



FILED BY

P. J. LOCKWOOD, WASHINGTON, D. C.

# Declaration for the Increase of an Invalid Pension.

State of *North Carolina* County of *Pasquotank* ss.

ON THIS *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty *five*

personally appeared before me, a *U.S. Commissioner* within and for the County and State  
aforesaid, *Riley Widdgett*, aged *40* years a resident of  
*Elizabeth City* County *Pasquotank* State  
*N.C.*

who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the  
United States, enrolled at the *Knoxville* Pension Agency at the rate of *\$ 800*  
dollars per month, Certificate No. *115,499* by reason of disability from *Gun shot*  
*of left arm and side* [Here name the disability for which  
pension was granted.]

incurred in the *Military* service of the United States, while serving as a *Private*  
*Co. F. 136<sup>th</sup> Regt U.S.C.T.* [Here state rank, company and regi-  
ment, if in the army; vessel, if in the Navy.]

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of **increased disability resulting from the disability for which pension was granted.**

*x The severe injury has resulted in Rheumatism which greatly increases the disability.*

that he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation.

*SOULÉ & CO., Attorneys, and Solicitors of Claims, Washington, D. C.*

his true and lawful attorneys, to prosecute his claim.

His Post Office address is *Elizabeth City, N.C.*

*Josephus Burke*  
*P.O. Nixon*  
[Two witnesses who can write - (2) here.]

*Riley Widdgett*  
[Signature of Claimant.]

also personally appeared *Josephus Burke*, residing at *Elizabeth City*  
*N.C.*, and *P.O. Nixon*

residing at *Elizabeth City N.C.*, 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

*Riley Widdgett*, the claimant sign his name (make his mark) to the foregoing  
declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him  
that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

*Josephus Burke*  
*P.O. Nixon*  
[Signature of Witnesses.]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of July A. D. 1885

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

\_\_\_\_\_, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

*M. P. Lensepepper*  
[Official Signature.]  
*(M. S. Connor)*  
[Official Character.]

[L. S.]

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 188

[L. S.]

Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

INVALID.  
CLAIM FOR INCREASE.

*Riley Mudgett*, Applicant.  
*Co. F* 36<sup>th</sup> Reg't.  
*U. S. C. I.* Vols.

Pension Certificate No. *41885*  
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**SOULÉ & CO.,**  
Attorneys & Solicitors of Patents & Claims,  
P. O. BOX 16,  
Washington, D. C.

**B** DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION. **B**

State of North Carolina County of Pasquotank, ss.

On this 15 day of Oct, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty three

personally appeared before me, a Notary Public

within and for the county and State aforesaid, Riley Midgett, aged 37

years, a resident of the town of Elizabeth City, county of Pasquotank

State of North Carolina, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner

of the United States, enrolled at the Roxville Pension Agency at the rate

of 18 dollars per month, by reason of disability from gunshot wound

in my left arm incurred

in the military service of the United States while Capt 36

U.S.A. regiment, if in the Army—vessel, if in the Navy.]

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of wound in

left arm which disabled

me more as I grow older

on account of

Corrupting

my summer and has

been cured and runs long

fracture me down

that he appoints J. D. Galle, of Washington

county of D.C., State of D.C., his true and

lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim. That his POST OFFICE ADDRESS is Elizabeth City

county of Pasquotank, State of North Carolina

Claimant's Signature: Riley Midgett

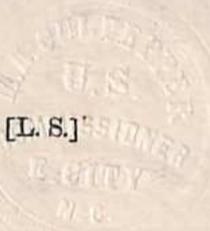
Attest: W. W. Graves

D. M. P. O.

Also personally appeared Lowman residing at Edgely City  
 and McBarr, residing at Edgely City, persons whom I  
 certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw  
Billy Mudgett, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the  
 foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their ac-  
 quaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in  
 the prosecution of this claim.

W. W. G. M. P. O.  
D. M. P. O.  
 Signatures of Witnesses.

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 15 day of Oct, A. D. 1883,  
 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made  
 known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the  
 words erased,  
 and the words added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.



W. W. G. M. P. O.  
 (Signature.)  
W. W. G. M. P. O.  
 (Official character.)



**B**  
**INVALID.**  
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**CLAIM FOR INCREASE.**

Billy Mudgett, Applicant  
Edgely City, D. C., Regt.,  
U. S. Army, Vols.  
 (Pension Certificate No. 115,499)

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Washington, D. C.

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The POST OFFICE ADDRESS (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.  
 Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.  
 Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.  
 If executed before any officer other than a Clerk of a Court of Record, the Certificate of the Clerk as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer should be attached.

State of North Carolina } S. S.  
Pasquotank County }

On this the 14th day of  
November A.D. 1882 personally appeared before  
me, J. Heywood Sawyer Clerk of the Superior Court  
of said County, the same being a court of Record  
within and for the County, and State aforesaid  
Riley Midgett, aged about 40 years, a resident  
of Elizabethtown, County of Pasquotank, State of  
North Carolina, who, being duly sworn according  
to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United  
States, duly enrolled at the Knoxville, Tennessee,  
Agency of Pensions at the rate of Eight Dollars  
per month, by reason of disability incurred in  
the infantry service of the United States while in  
the 36 Reg. Co. 7. U. S. C. T.; That his present physical  
condition is such that he believes himself entitled  
to receive an increased Pension and that he herewith  
returns his present Pension certificate.

He further declares that he is disabled in the  
following manner, to wit: Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of September  
he has been down with his arm which was in-  
jured during the war by a gun shot wound  
and has just been able to get out; That he has  
lost the use of his left arm on account of said  
injury received aforesaid and is unable  
to perform manual labor for the support of  
himself and family; That he appoints Isaac



Chamizhaus his true and lawful attorney (s)  
prosecute his claim, that his residence is  
Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, North Carolina,  
and his post office address is the same.

witness,

Piley Mitzett

J. Heywood Sawyer }  
Isaac Chamizhaus }

Sworn to and subscribed }  
before me November 14. 1882 }

J. Heywood Sawyer,  
Clerk Superior Court,  
Pasquotank County,  
N.C.



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State of North Carolina  
Pasquotank County

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
February AD. One thousand, Eight hundred  
and Eighty One personally appeared before  
me Mr. B. Cuffpper, US Commissioner  
the same being a Court of Record, Riley  
Widgett aged 35 years, a resident of  
Pasquotank County, State of North Carolina  
who being duly sworn according to law  
declares that he is a pensioner of the  
United States, duly enrolled at the  
Knoxville Pension Agency at the rate  
of six dollars per month, by reason of  
disability, incurred in the Military Service  
of the United States in Co F. 36 Regt.  
U. S. Col's Troops that his present  
physical condition is such that he be-  
lieves himself entitled to receive an  
increased pension; and that he her-  
ewith returns his present pension certificate  
He further declares that he is disabled  
in the following manner to-wit: His left  
arm being broken and wound on the  
left side which incapacitates him for  
work & labor. That he appoints Isaac  
Chunham his true and lawful  
Attorney to prosecute his claim.  
that his residence is Elizabeth City, N.C.

County of Pasquotank & State  
of North Carolina. Post Office  
Address E. City N.C.

Riley Midgett

Attest.

J. W. Williams

Notary J. D. Benbury

Also personally J. W. Williams  
and J. D. Benbury persons whom I  
certify to be respectable & entitled to  
credit and who being by me duly  
sworn say that they were present  
and saw Riley Midgett the Claimant  
his name, to the foregoing declaration  
that they have every reason to believe  
from the appearance of said claim  
ant and their acquaintance with  
him that he is the identical person  
he represents himself to be, and  
that they have no interest in the  
prosecution of this claim.

J. W. Williams

Notary J. D. Benbury

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February AD 1881. and  
I hereby certify that the contents of

the above declaration &c were fully  
made known and explained to  
the applicants & witnesses before swearing  
and that I have no interest direct  
or indirect in this claim

W. D. Cuffepper  
N. A. Commissioner

U. S. PATENT  
COMMISSIONER  
WASHINGTON  
D. C.



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OFFICE  
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*John*

*John*



State of North Carolina } SS.  
County of Pasquotank

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-  
seven, personally appeared before me, Chas. S. Superior Clerk of the County  
the same being a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Riley Midgett  
Midgett aged 38 years, a resident of Elizabeth City  
County of Pasquotank State of North Carolina, who, being duly sworn  
according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States duly enrolled at the Asheville  
Tenn. Pension Agency at the rate of Six dollars per month, by  
reason of disability incurred in the Army service of the United States while (1) as private  
in Co "H", "36" Reg U.S. Const Volunteers  
that his present physical condition is such that he believes himself entitled to receive an increased pension; and  
that he herewith returns his present pension certificate.

He further declares that he is disabled in the following manner, to wit: (2) by a gunshot  
shot wound of the left arm, entirely disabling  
and unfitting him for obtaining a Subsistence  
by manual labor. Disability is much greater  
than when he was originally pensioned, and is  
still increasing

that he appoints Wm. Carlyle Sherry, his true and lawful attorney  
to prosecute his claim; that his residence is No. 10, in Elizabeth City street, of Elizabeth City  
City County of Pasquotank and State of N.C.  
; and his post office address is Elizabeth City

(Attest.)—Two witnesses who can write:  
Mrs. Command Riley Midgett  
(Claimant's signature.)

Also personally appeared William A. Thomas, residing at  
Elizabeth City, N.C. and Richard Blount  
residing at Elizabeth City, N.C., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled  
to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Riley Midgett  
Midgett, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the  
foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their  
acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest  
in the prosecution of this claim.

Mrs. Command }  
Whitney }  
William A. Thomas  
Richard Blount  
(Signatures of Witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November  
....., A. D. 1877, and I hereby certify that the contents of the  
above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the appli-  
cant 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.

[SEAL.]

Chas. S. Superior  
(Signature.)  
Chas. S. Superior Clerk Pasquotank Co. N.C.  
(Official character.)

1. Company and Regiment, if in the Army; and Vessel, &c., if in the Navy.  
2. Set forth extent of present disability as sequence of disability for which pension was originally allowed; how far incapacitated for manual labor, or dependent upon the personal aid or attendance of others.

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INVALID.

**CLAIM FOR PENSION.**

INCREASE.

*Felix W. Midgett*, Applicant.  
*Smater* Co., ..... Regt.

..... Vols.

No. of Pension Certificate. *15.499*.....

*[Handwritten signature]*

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*W. Danvers Shreeve*  
*[Handwritten signature]*

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All the blanks in this form should be carefully filled and the requirements of the Notes strictly observed.  
An honorable discharge from the service in all cases is necessary.  
Declarations of claimants, either for original pension or for increase of pension already granted, must be made before a court of record, or before some officer thereof having custody of its seal; said officer being fully authorized and empowered to administer and certify any oath or affirmation relating to any pension or application therefor.  
The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.  
Where any evidence is already on file in any department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it will render it available in any subsequent claim.  
The post office address (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while commencing with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.  
The fees for the prosecution of claims for pensions will not be allowed to exceed twenty-five dollars; no part of which is payable before the certificate for the pension has been issued.  
Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.  
All facts, testimony of which is required to establish a claim, must be proven by the affidavits of two or more credible witnesses unless other evidence is specified.  
The statements of claimants, unless duly corroborated, are not accepted as evidence.  
Testimony, in support of allegations made in a declaration, may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.  
Persons desiring to complete claims pending at the decease of the claimants, must furnish a duly verified certificate of their authority as heirs or legal representatives.  
With all claims for arrears, increase, or restoration to the rolls, the original pension certificate must be returned, or explanatory of its absence must be given under oath.  
To facilitate the adjudication of claims, all the requisite evidence that is available should be forwarded with the application.

B DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION. B

STATE OF North Carolina, COUNTY OF Rowan, ss:

On this Eighth day of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-Seven personally appeared before me Rufus W. Sherd

the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Riley Widdgett aged 33 years, a resident of Elizabeth City, county of Rowan

State of North Carolina, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the Richmond Pension Agency at the rate of Six dollars

per month, by reason of disability incurred in the Military service of the United States while 1st 36 Regt United States Colored Troops

that his present physical condition is such that he believes himself entitled to receive an increased pension; and that he herewith returns his present pension certificate.

He further declares that he is disabled in the following manner, to wit: <sup>2</sup> The wound received in the Army in the left arm from which part of the arm bone was taken out rises frequently & when the arm is used for work, it was so bad in 1876 that two physicians had to attend me one a month & it usually rises in the full & at each rising bone and matter comes out of the wound

that he appoints \_\_\_\_\_ his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim;

that his residence is No. number in \_\_\_\_\_ street, of Elizabeth City county of Rowan, and State of North Carolina; and his post office address is Elizabeth City Rowan North Carolina

(Attest.) Rufus W. Sherd Riley Widdgett (Claimant's signature.)

Also personally appeared Charles Guithrie, residing at Elizabeth City N.C. and Bryant King, residing at Elizabeth City N.C., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Riley Widdgett, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they

have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

C. Guithrie Bryant King (Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this Eighth day of September, A. D. 1877

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

[L. S.] \_\_\_\_\_, erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Rufus W. Sherd (Signature.) Justice of the Peace (Official character.)

<sup>1</sup> Company and regiment, if in the army; and vessel, &c., if in the navy. <sup>2</sup> Set forth extent of present disability as sequence of disability for which pension was originally allowed; how far incapacitated for manual labor, or dependent upon the personal aid or attendance of others.

State of North Carolina  
Personnel County

J. Miles Command

and of the Superior Court of Person County,  
State above said, do Certify that R. K. Speed  
is an acting Justice of the Peace, duly qualified  
& Commissioned and that his Signature, signed  
to the within is genuine.

Witness my hand & official seal

At Office in Elizabeth City - Sept 2nd  
1877.

J. Miles Command  
Clerk Superior Court

All the blanks in this form should be carefully filled and the requirements of the notes strictly observed.  
An honorable discharge from the service in all cases is necessary.  
Declarations of claimants, either for original pension or for increase of pension already granted, must be made before a court of record, or before some officer thereof having custody of its seal; said officer being fully authorized and empowered to administer and certify any oath or affirmation relating to any pension on application therefor.  
The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.  
Declarations and other papers should be as legible and as clear in statement as possible.  
Where any evidence is already on file in any department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it will render it available in any subsequent claim.  
The post office address (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.  
The fees for the prosecution of claims for pensions will not be allowed to exceed twenty-five dollars; no part of which is payable before the certificate for the pension has been issued.  
Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.  
All facts, testimony of which is required to establish a claim, must be proven by the affidavits of two or more credible witnesses, unless other evidence is specified.  
The statements of claimants, unless duly corroborated, are not accepted as evidence.  
Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration, may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.  
Persons desiring to complete claims pending at the decease of the claimants, must furnish a duly verified certificate of their authority as heirs or legal representatives.  
With all claims for arrears, increase, or restoration to the rolls, the original pension certificate must be returned, or explanation of its absence must be given under oath.  
To facilitate the adjudication of claims, all the requisite evidence that is available should be forwarded with the application.

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OF THE INTERIOR  
INVALID  
22 1877  
NON OFFICE  
CLAIM FOR PENSION  
INCREASE.

Applicant  
Regt.  
Vols.  
Co.,

No. of Pension Certificate

*[Handwritten signature]*

FILED BY

**APPLICATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN  
INVALID PENSION**  
Under the 1st section of the supplementary Pension Act of June 6, 1866.

State of Virginia }  
City of Amherst } SS.  
COUNTY OF Amherst

On this April day of 1873, A. D. 18 73, personally appeared before me,

Amherst in and for the County of Amherst, in the State of Virginia, Riley

Widget, aged 29 years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

the County of Amherst, and State of Virginia, and

whose Post Office address is Box 466 in the City and State aforesaid, who, being duly

sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the Richmond

VA Pension Agency, at the rate of \$ 6 per month, by reason of disability incurred in the

Military service of the United States in Company "F", 36 Regiment of U.S.C

Traps

and that his present physical condition is such that he believes himself entitled to receive an increased pension of

the \_\_\_\_\_ grade provided for in the first section of the supplemental pension act

approved June 6, 1866. And he herewith surrenders his Certificate of Pension. He further declares that he is

disabled in the following manner to wit:

gun shot wound left arm lower third also

hd. wound left breast

I hereby constitute and appoint Edward Spalding

of Amherst Va my true and lawful attorney, to prosecute this my claim, with

full power of substitution and revocation, hereby revoking and countermanding all other authority that may have

been given, and to obtain the Pension Certificate that may be issued, and to do all other lawful acts which I might

do if personally present.

Also personally appeared before me, at the time and place aforesaid, Riley Widget

of Amherst city Va, and Eli Beitt

of Amherst city Va, whom I certify to be credible persons, who, being

duly sworn according to law, declare, each for himself, that they well know Riley Widget

who signed the foregoing declaration in their presence; and that he is the identical person he

presents himself to be, and that he is disabled substantially in the manner alleged in said declaration. They

further swear that they, or either of them, have no interest in this claim, either present or prospective, and that they

are not concerned, directly or indirectly, in its prosecution.

Witness  
Soul & Campbell

Signature of Claimant.

Witness  
Soul & Campbell

Signatures of Witnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of April, A. D. 18 73; and

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

(Signature of judge or other officer.)

Thos. W. Perce

Clerk of the Circuit Court

of the City of Amherst Va.

By Westwood & Todd v.c.



INSTRUCTIONS.

This declaration must be made before a Court of Record, or some officer of such a court duly authorized to administer oaths, and having custody of its seal, which must be attached.

If the applicant or either of the identifying witnesses sign by mark, the officer before whom the affidavit is made should certify that the contents was made known and fully understood by affiant. And there should be two attesting witnesses who can write their names to all signatures made by mark, and the officer administering the oath cannot be one of the attesting witnesses.

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APPLICATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION, UNDER THE FIRST SECTION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY PENSION ACT OF JUNE 6, 1866

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LANDS  
CLAIM OF  
Riley M. Bridget  
Co. 4th 36th Reg. C.V.

912

FILED BY  
Edward Spalding  
W. H. Moore

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Swaford

1st. All persons who, while in the military and naval service of the United States, and in the line of duty, shall have lost the sight of both eyes, or who shall have lost both hands, or been permanently and totally disabled in the same, or who are in any other way so permanently and totally disabled as to render them utterly helpless, or so nearly so as to require the constant personal aid and attendance of another person, are entitled to \$25 per month.

2d. All persons who, under like circumstances, shall have lost both feet, or one hand and one foot, or been totally and permanently disabled in the same, or who are in any other way so disabled as to be incapacitated for performing any manual labor, but not so much so as to require constant personal aid and attention, are entitled to twenty dollars per month.

3d. All persons who shall have lost one hand or one foot, or been totally and permanently disabled in the same, or who are in any other way so disabled as to render their inability to perform manual labor equivalent to the loss of a hand or a foot, are entitled to fifteen dollars per month.

4th. Section 1 of the act relating to pensions, approved March 3d, 1865, has been repealed, so that now invalid pensioners can draw a pension and at the same time hold a civil appointment under the government.

5th. All persons who have applied for an invalid pension and who have died since March the 4th, 1861, or who shall hereafter die, while an application for such pension is pending, and after the proof has been completed, leaving no widow, and no minor children under sixteen years of age, then, in such case, his heirs or legal representatives are entitled to the accrued pension to which the soldier would have been entitled had the certificate issued before his death.

6th. In all cases where a commission has regularly issued to any person in the military or naval service, who shall have died or been disabled while in the line of duty, after the date of such commission and before being mustered, such officer or other person shall receive a pension corresponding to his rank as determined by such commission, the same as if he had been mustered.

7th. Officers on sick leave, and enlisted men absent on sick furlough, will be regarded in the administration of the pension laws in the same manner as if they were in the field or hospital.

8th. All enlisted men employed as teamsters, wagoners, artificers, hospital stewards, farriers, saddlers, and all other enlisted men, are entitled to pensions, and are to be regarded in the administration of the law as non-commissioned officers or privates.

9th. Soldiers who shall have died of wounds or disease contracted in the service, leaving a widow, and a child or children under the age of sixteen years, and it shall be shown that such widow has abandoned the care of such child, or children, or is an unsuitable person, by reason of immoral conduct, to have the custody of the child, or children, then no pension shall be granted to such widow until said minor child or children shall have become sixteen years of age, and the minor child or children shall be pensioned in the same manner as if no widow had survived.

10th. The act of July 4, 1862, is amended so as to grant pensions to an orphan brother, or brothers, and also to the father of a deceased officer or soldier, dependent upon him for support in whole or in part.

11th. In every case where a claim for a pension is filed three years after the discharge or decease of the party on whose account the claim is made, the pension, if allowed, will commence from the date of filing the last paper. If the claim is filed within three years after the discharge or decease of the party on whose account the claim is made, then the pension, if allowed, will commence from the date of discharge or decease.

12th. Widows and children of Colored Soldiers and Sailors are entitled to pensions provided by law without other proof than that the parties had habitually recognized each other as man and wife, and lived together as such: Provided, however, When the usual proof of marriage can be furnished, it will be required as in other cases.

WAR OF 1861.

ACT JULY 14, 1862.

Brief of Claim to

INVALID PENSION

in the case of

*Original*  
*Riley Midget*

, a *Private*

of Company

*F 36*

Regiment

*U.S.C. I.*

POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

*Care of Freedman's Savings Bank, Norfolk, Norfolk Co. Va*

Enlisted *August 24*, 1863. Discharged *August 24*, 1866.

Served afterward from \_\_\_\_\_, 18, to \_\_\_\_\_, 18,

in *No subsequent service.* Filed *Oct 9, 1871*

Declaration and identification in due form, filed *January 20*, 1868.

ALLEGES DISABILITY FROM

*G. M. left arm and left side received in action at New Market Heights Sept 29, 1864*

*A. G. reports him from organization to Aug 31, 1864, Present for duty. From Sept 1864 to Dec 31, 1864, Wounded in action Sept 29, 1864 and in Genl Hosp. Jan'y 1866 to June 1866. Present for duty. Mustered out with Co. Aug 24, 1866*

*S. G. says he received a Lt. wound of arm Sept 29 or 30 1864 at New Market Heights, Va. Entered Ft Monroe as Riley Midget Oct 3, 1864, from the field with G. M. left arm and side received at Chapin's Bluff Sept 30, 1864, and was returned to duty Dec 11, 1865. Upon another record of Ft Monroe, it appears that Riley Midget, pot 7, 36, U.S.C. I. was admitted Oct 17, 1864, diagnosis not stated and was transferred to the No 8, 1865.*

*J. Clark S. Proctor, Surg. 36, U.S.C. I., certifies that he was wounded through the left arm and side dangerously at the battle of New Market Heights, Va. while doing his duty, Sept 29, 1864. Verified by Lt. Filed Jan'y 20, 1866*

*Aug 6, 1868. Dr. Surg. James Williamson, certifies G. M. left arm. Disability on this*

*Oct 7, 1868. Dr. Surg. C.*

INVALID PENSION.

*Amoxilla*  
*Relief*  
*increase to allow additional disability*  
*Verifiability*  
*9*

**Claimant,** *Riley Midget*  
**P. O.,** *Elizabeth City* } **Rank,** *Private*  
**County,** *Pasquabank* } **Company,** *F*  
**State,** *N.C.* } **Regiment,** *36" U.S. Inf. Trooper.*  
**Attorney,** *Isaac Chinghans.* *Elizabeth City* *Fee, \$10*  
**Rate, \$** *7* **per month, commencing** *August 25-1866*

*Send all payments*

**Disabled by** *G. S. Wd of left arm & side*  
**Submitted** *Feb 25*, 1881, by *Strait*, Examiner.

**Approved for** *G. S. Wd of left arm & side* } **Approved for** *gunshot wound left arm*  
*Later a new dis & pension* } *& side. Wound of arm 1/4 Honor*  
**Commences** *Aug 25, 1866* } *Wound of side 1/4 Honor*

*MDY*  
**Reviewed** *Nov 25, 1881*, Reviewer. *Nov 25, 1881*, *Chas D. Lomax MD* Med. Referee.

**Discharged** *Aug 24*, 1866 } **Certificate surrendered** *18*  
**Original application filed** *Jan 20*, 1868 } **Last paid at \$** *6*, to *18*  
**Increase application filed** *July 5*, 1881.

**Pensioned** *18*, from *Aug 25*, 1866; at \$ *6* per month  
for *G. S. Wd of left arm,*

*Wd of side, alleged in original declaration,*  
**Claims** *as above,*

*must be*  
*Approved*  
*MDY*  
*Apr 25 81*  
*MDY*

Increase

**INVALID PENSION.**

**Claimant,**

**P. O.,**

**County,**

**State,**

**Attorney,**

**Rate, \$**

**Rank,**

**Company,**

**Regiment,**

**Fee, \$**

per month, commencing

**Disabled by**

**Submitted**

**Approved for**

**Approved for**

**, Examiner.**

**Reviewer.**

**, 18**

**Med. Referee.**

**Discharged**

**Original application filed**

**Increase application filed**

**Certificate surrendered**

**Last paid at \$**

**Pensioned**

**for**

**Claims**

Injury shot wound of left arm<sup>and</sup> side  
Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup>, 1883, by R. Droggy.

rejection:  
It does not appear that the  
rate should be increased

Jan'y 8, 1883, Curtis

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1866

Jan'y. 20, 1868.

Nov. 17, 1852

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1872; from Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1866; at \$ 6

Injury shot wound of left arm<sup>and</sup> side.

Inc<sup>d</sup> to \$8 from Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Inc. rejected Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1877.

Increase of original disability.

# INVALID PENSION.

115.499  
 Knoxville  
 Raleigh  
 Pension  
 Correct Name  
 and Address

Claimant,

Riley Midgett.

P. O., Elizabeth City,

Rank,

Pri.

County, Pasquotank,

Company,

State, N. C.

Regiment,

36<sup>th</sup> U.S.C. Troops.

Attorney,

J. B. Cralle, Washington, D.C. Fee, \$ 10.

Rate, \$

12

per month, commencing

December 9, 1885

Disabled by

G. S. Wd. of left arm and side.

Submitted

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1886, by

M. D. Miller,

Examiner.

Approved for

G. S. W. left arm and side.

Approved for

~~No increase~~

G. S. W. left arm and side 17/18 from Dec. 9, 1885.

E. A. Bacon.

M. Sec. July 17/86.

L. P. Russell

Med. Ref.

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1886

John Campbell  
Med. Referee.

Discharged

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1866

Certificate surrendered

, 18

Original application filed

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1868

Last paid at \$ 8, to

, 18

Increase application filed

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1882  
July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1885

Pensioned

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1872; from

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1866, at \$ 6,

per month

for

G. S. W. of left arm and side,

Inc. rejected Dec. 2, 1877.

Reissued Apr. 5/81 to change rate to \$ 8, from

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1866. Inc. rejected Jan. 10, 1883.

Claims

Increase of original disabilities & resulting rheumatism.

115499  
Knox  
(Raleigh)

Increase INVALID PENSION.

Claimant,

Riley Midgett

P. O.,

Elizabeth City

Rank,

2<sup>d</sup> Priv

County,

Pasquotank

Company,

H

State,

N.C.

Regiment,

36<sup>th</sup> U.S.C. Vol Inf

Rate, \$

17

per month, commencing

March 5, 1890.

Disabled by

G.W. left arm and side

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name,

J. M. Curtis

Fee \$

10

, Agent

C

to pay.

P. O.,

Wash DC

Articles filed

none

, 18

APPROVALS:

Submitted for

Mar 26, 1890

G. B. Wright

Examiner.

Approved for

Approved for

G.S. W. of left arm and side

Wound of left arm and side  
17/18 from Dec 15-5-1890

Mar 27, 1890

Lambert in Staples in 2

, Legal Reviewer.

April 7, 1890

W. D. Dugan

Medical Referee.

Discharged

Aug 24, 1866

Last paid to

, at \$

12

Pensioned from

Jan 25, 1866

at \$

6

, for

as above

Original declaration filed

Jan 20, 1868

alleged

same

Inc Ref Dec 2/77 Reissued Apr 5/81  
to change date to 18 from Aug 25/66  
Inc Ref Jan 10/83 Inc 11/12 Dec 9/85

Arrears allowed from

, 18

, to

, 18

, at \$

PRESENT CLAIM:

Declaration filed

Mar 23/89 Jan 4, 1890

Orig

*Increase* INVALID PENSION

Claimant, *Riley Midgett*  
 P.O., *Elizabeth City* Rank, *Priv*  
 County, *Wasquotank* Company, *F. U.S.C. Col. Inf.*  
 State, *N.C.* Regiment, *36*

Rate, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, commencing \_\_\_\_\_

REPOSTED

Disabled by \_\_\_\_\_

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, *Geo. E. Lemmon* Fee \$ *2.* Agent \_\_\_\_\_ to pay.  
 P.O., *City* Articles filed *None*, 18 \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVALS:

Submitted for *Dec. 4, 1891* *M. D. Miller*, Examiner.  
 Approved for *Gunshot wound left arm and side,* Approved for *gun shot wound of left arm and side 17/80*  
*increase*

*Dec 26, 1891*, *Williams*, Legal Reviewer. *W. Ham*  
*Jan. 8, 1892*, *W. D. Ingram*, Medical Referee. *W. Ham*

Discharged *Aug. 24, 1866*. Last paid to \_\_\_\_\_, at \$ *17*  
 Pensioned from *" 25 " 1866*, at \$ *6*, for *U.S.W. left arm & side*

Original declaration filed *Jan. 20, 1868*, alleged *U.S.W. left arm & side*  
*Inc. Rej. Dec. 2/77*  
*Reissue to change rate to \$8. from Aug. 25/66*  
*Inc. Rej. Jan. 10, 1883*  
*Inc. to \$12. from Dec. 9/85*  
*" " \$17. " Mar. 5/90*

Arrears allowed from \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_, at \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed *Apr. 16, 1891* *Orig*

*Ch. vints. No M.C.*



# Medical Division,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *Aug 8* 189*8*

No. Claim, *115,499*

Claimant, *Reby Midgett*

Soldier,

Co. *7*, *36* Reg't *Artillery*

Respectfully returned to *Chief*  
*Bo R*

*A notable*  
*disability not shown*  
*since date of filing*  
*claim from alleged*  
*fracturing of left-*  
*foot.*

*Stephens*

Medical Examiner.

Approved:

*JL*

*J. F. Rankin*

Medical Referee.

Board of Review Division.

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, Dec. 7, 1898

Claimant, No. 115,499  
Riley Midgett  
Soldier,  
Co. F, 36 Reg't M.S.C.P.

Respectfully referred to the **MEDICAL REFEREE**  
with the request that he state whether  
or there has been a  
pensionable disa-  
bility from fracture  
of left foot since  
filing claim, April 8,  
1897?

Not legally establish-  
ed. A record of "In-  
cised wound of foot,"  
not in the claim.

W. W. Curry  
Rev.

A. Johnson

Chief of Chief Board Review Division

So much of claim  
as refers to foot-bitten  
left foot - is sub-  
mitted for rejection  
on the ground that no  
permissible disability  
exists, from cause  
alleged. The Ct of  
exam. shows —

"A knotty nail on great  
toe of left foot. No  
collus; only trouble in  
nail."

# HISTORY OF CLAIM.

Pensioner, Riley Midgett, Certificate No. 115499  
 1st service, J. 36 use 1; enlisted, Aug 24, 1863; discharged, Aug 24, 1866  
 2nd service, \_\_\_\_\_; enlisted, \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_; discharged, \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_

Pensioned from Aug. 25, 1866, at \$ 6, per month for gsw left arm and side.  
 Resumed at #8 from Aug. 25-1866  
 From Dec. 9-1885 at #12, and 17 from Mar. 5-1890.

Original declaration, Act of July 14, 1862, filed Jan. 30-1868  
 alleged gsw, left arm and side, aden  
 Decl. filed April 5-1873, gsw, left arm & side  
 " " Sept. 22-1877 " " " " " "  
 " " Dec. 10-1877 " " " " " "  
 " " Feb. 5-1881 " " " " " " } Adm. at 8 #  
 " " Nov. 17-1882 " " " " " " } Rej  
 " " Oct 22, 1883 } " " " " " " } res. Sherrington  
 " " July 14-1885 } " " " " " " } Adm. @ 14 #  
 " " Feb. 10-1888 " " " " " " } Rej  
 " " March 23-1889 } " " " " " " } Adm @ 17 #  
 " " Jan. 4-1890 } " " " " " " } " "  
 " " April 16-1891 " " " " " " } Rej  
 " " April 8-1897 " " " " " " } left foot just bitten  
March 15 1888 alleged orig. & res. Sherrington Chamberlain  
 Decl. filed Oct. 20 1898, gsw left arm & side } Rej.

*Increase* INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, *Riley Midgett*

P. O., *Elizabeth City*

County, *Pasquotank*

State, *North Carolina*

Rank, *Private*

Company, *F.*

Regiment, *36 U.S. Col. Inf.*

Rate, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, commencing \_\_\_\_\_

Pensioned for \_\_\_\_\_

**REJECTED**  
*June 8, 1901*

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, *J. D. Kurtz*

P. O., *Elizabeth City*

Fee, \$ *2*; Agent to pay.

Articles filed \_\_\_\_\_, 1

APPROVALS.

Submitted for *May 27*, 1901, *J. D. Kurtz*, Examiner.

Approved for *gunshot wound of left arm and side. 17/18 etc increase.*

*May 29*, 1901, *J. D. Pearson*  
Legal Reviewer.

*June 8, 1901*, *J. D. Kurtz*  
Medical Examiner. *J. D. Kurtz*  
Medical Reviewer.

\_\_\_\_\_, 1901, \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-Reviewer. \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Referee.

Enlisted *Aug 24*, 1863 Discharged *Aug 24*, 1866 Last paid to \_\_\_\_\_, 1

Pensioned at \$ *17* per month for *G.W. left arm side*

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed *April 6*, 1900, *alleges original increase*

Claimant does \_\_\_\_\_ write.

SOUTHERN.

Increase INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, Riley Medgett,  
P. O., Elizabeth City, Rank, Private,  
County, Pasquotank Company, 7  
State, North Carolina Regiment, 36 U.S. Col. Inf.

Rate, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, commencing \_\_\_\_\_

Pensioned for \_\_\_\_\_

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, J. S. Kutz, Fee, 2.00; Agent to pay. July 17/02  
P. O., Elizabeth City, Articles filed \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_

REJECTED

APPROVALS

Submitted for June 25, 1902 Dodge V. L., Examiner.

Approved for Gun shot wound  
of left arm and side,  
Alleged resulting  
rheumatism referred to  
Med. Referee,

Approved for gunshot wound of left  
arm and side 17/18  
no means  
Rheumatism must be  
accepted as a result.

July 3, 1902, B. W. Lison  
Legal Reviewer.

Clark J. L. Sams  
Medical Examiner. Medical Reviewer.

\_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_\_,  
Re-Reviewer.

July 7, 1902, J. R. Raw  
Medical Referee.

Enlisted Aug. 24, 1863 Discharged Aug. 24, 1866 Last paid to \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Pensioned at \$ 17.00 per month for G. S. W. left arm and side.

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed June 21, 1901, Alleges increase of  
pensioned disability and resulting  
rheumatism.

Claimant does \_\_\_\_\_ write.

No. M. C.

SOUTHERN.

Increase INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, Riley Midgett

P. O., Elizabeth City

County, Washington

State, North Carolina

Rank, Private

Company, F

Regiment, 26 U. S. Co. M. Inf.

Rate, \$ per month, commencing

Pensioned for

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, E. H. Lewis and Co.

P. O., Washington, D. C.  
formed for and by December 14, 1905.

REJECTED  
March 10, 1909  
Fee, \$ 2; Agent to pay J. B. S.

Articles filed 1

APPROVALS.

Submitted for increase, February 1909  
resubmitted February 27, 1909  
Approved for gun shot wound of  
left arm and side.

Gallone Jr., Examiner.  
Approved for gunshot wound  
left arm and  
side 1/8'

Moinesrose,

Feb. 2, 1909, J. Morrison  
Legal Reviewer.

Medical Examiner.

Medical Reviewer

Re-Reviewer.

Feb. 24, 1909, E. Whitney  
Medical Referee.

Enlisted August 24, 1863 Discharged August 24, 1866 Last paid to 1

Pensioned at \$ 17 per month for Gunshot wound of left arm and side from  
March 5, 1890

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed October 27, 1902, claimed increase of pensioned causes.

Declaration filed March 31, 1906, claimed increase as above

Declaration filed November 30, 1908, claimed increase of pensioned  
disabilities

Claimant does write.

SOUTHERN.

Declaration For An Increase of Pension.

STATE OF North Carolina COUNTY OF Person S S:

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct A. D., 1865, personally appeared before me the undersigned, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, Riley Medgitt aged 72 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the rate of 18 dollars per month under Pension Certificate No. 115499 by reason of a disability from wound left arm & side Here state the disability for which your pension was allowed.

incurred in the service of the United States while a Private in Co. F, of the 36 Regiment of USC & Vols. That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of his rate being unjustly low and disproportionate to his degree of disability.

That he appoints P. J. Lockwood, of Washington, D. C., his attorney to prosecute this claim; that his P. O. is Elizabeth City County of Person State of NC

Claimant's signature Riley Medgitt ATTORNEY FILED  
MESI  
LAW DIVISION

Also personally appeared W. A. Holmes residing at Elizabeth City NC and Josiah Simmons residing at Elizabeth City NC whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, say they were present and saw Riley Medgitt the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant, and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

W. A. Holmes  
Josiah Simmons  
Two witnesses sign here.

SWORN TO and subscribed before me, on the day first above written; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration &c., were fully made known and explained to applicant and witnesses before swearing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

M. B. Cresswell Signature  
Natony Peabody Official Character

L. S. Declaration accepted as a claim under the general law. Power of attorney valid as to execution.  
per [Signature] Chief Law Division  
U. S. OFFICE  
OCT 5 1915



THIS CASE IS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C. DATE OF FILING OCTOBER 5, 1915.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF PENSION FOR SERVICE IN THE CIVIL WAR, AND TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE SAME WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF PENSION AND COMPENSATION.

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INVALID. *PHH E*

CLAIM FOR INCREASE

*Reley W. H. H. H.*  
Applicant

Co. *7* *36*  
Regiment of

*Waco*  
Volunteers.

No. *115499*



FILED BY

P. J. LOCKWOOD & CO. WASHINGTON D. C.

Ref No. 115,499 ✓ 1

Renewal  
Increase INVALID PENSION.

to \_\_\_\_\_  
Class, { Army, General Law,  
Navy, \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant

P. O.,

Rank,

Rate, \$

per month, commencing

Pensioned for

Feb 5/18  
REJECTED  
J. A. B.

Attorney, None.

Fee, \$ - ; agent to pay.

P. O.,

Articles filed \_\_\_\_\_, 1

Submitted

Jan 22, 1918, for Med Exam, through Bd of Rev. ✓

N. A. Brown, Examiner. ✓

Approved for gunshot wound of left arm and side (old).

Approved for rejection. A medical examination is not warranted, as the evidence fails to describe a degree of disability due to the pensioned cause which would incapacitate for the performance of any manual labor, or cause total disability of the left arm or hand.

Increase pending.

Renewal from Act of May 11, 1912.

No medical examination had under pending claim.

Jan 24, 1918, J. P. Baker, Reviewer.  
Jan 25, 1918, M. Ketchum, Rereviewer.

Whitney, Medical Examiner.  
H. Helton, Medical Reviewer.  
Jan 29, 1918, Foster, Medical Referee.

Pensioned at \$ 24 per month for ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Had " " 17 G. S. W left arm and side,

Enlisted Aug 24, 1863 Other service from \_\_\_\_\_, 1 to \_\_\_\_\_, 1

Discharged Aug 24, 1866 in \_\_\_\_\_ not in service since \_\_\_\_\_, 1

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed

October 5, 1915, alleged increase pensioned Cause.

Claimant does \_\_\_\_\_ write.

\_\_\_\_\_, M. C.

CIVIL WAR DIVISION,  
SECTION 4

DR E. L. HOFFLER  
507 E. FEARING STREET  
ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

OFFICE HOURS  
8 TO 10 A. M. SUNDAYS:  
2 TO 4 P. M. 7 TO 10 A. M.  
7:30 TO 9 P. M. TO 7 P. M.

Civil War Division  
Inv. Ctf. 115-499  
Riley Midgett  
Co. F. 36 U. S. C. Inf.

*[Handwritten signature]*

This is to certify that I have  
examined Riley Midgett and find  
that his arm which was wounded by  
gunshot in civil war is so affected  
as to prevent him from doing man-  
ual labor.

*E. L. Hoffler, M.D.*

March 16/18



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Elizabeth City, N.C.

Feb 19 1918

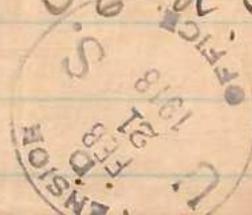
Hon Commissioner of Pension  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: your letter of Feb. 5-1918  
to hand will say that at the time  
of filing my claim Oct-5-1915-  
I was able to do some light work  
but since that time I have become  
totally incapacitated so that I can't  
use my left arm at all and I  
would like very much to go before  
you and let you see my condition  
there is no kind of work that I  
am able to do that would turn me  
out any wages were I to try to get  
work no one would hire me in  
my condition that is why I appealed  
to you I am continuing under the

Act: now Sir please give my  
appeal your earnest consideration  
and let me hear from you  
at once

Yours Respectfully

Riley Midgee, Co F 36 U.S.C. Inf  
313 Edge St



RECORD  
FEB 23 1918  
DIVISION

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FEB 27 1918

GENERAL LAW.

Renewal and

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

STATE OF North Carolina  
COUNTY OF Wayne ss:

On this 15 day of March, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and Eighteen personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, Riley Wedgell aged 74 years, a resident of Elizabethtown City, County of Wayne State of N.C., who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the Washington Pension Agency at the rate of 24 dollars per month, by reason of disability from Green Shot wound in left side & arm (Here name the disability for which pensioned.)

incurred in the Military service of the United States while a Private in Company H, 36 Regt US C Inf (Here state rank, and company, and regiment, if in the Army, or vessel, if in the Navy.) That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of Sick Wounds (Here state the reason for applying for increase.)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service prior to 1  
That he has not been employed in the military or naval service since Aug 1861  
(Here state what the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.)

That the number of his pension certificate is 115499  
That his post-office address is (street and number) 314 Elys St, R. F. D.,  
City or town, Elizabethtown, County of Wayne, State of N.C.

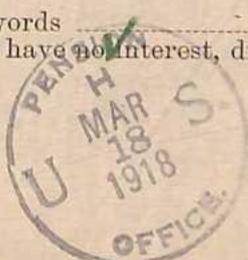
ATTEST: (1) J. E. Jones (Claimant's signature)  
(2) Jos. H. Perkins.

Also personally appeared J. E. Jones, residing at Elizabethtown N.C. and Jos. H. Perkins, residing at Elizabethtown N.C., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Riley Wedgell, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him of 30 years and 30 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

J. E. Jones  
Jos. H. Perkins.  
(Signatures of witnesses)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 15 day of March, A. D. 1918 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.

W. B. Crepey  
(Signature.)  
Notary Public  
(Official character.)



Declaration accepted as a claim under the general law. *for increase*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

This form should only be used in making claim for increase of pension on account of disabilities incurred in the military or naval service of the United States and in line of duty. *Chief Law Division*

#### SECTION 4698½, REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

Except in cases of permanent specific disabilities, no increase of pension shall be allowed to commence prior to the date of the examining surgeon's certificate establishing the same, made under the pending claim for increase, and in this, as well as all other cases, the certificate of an examining surgeon, or of a board of examining surgeons, shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Pensions.

ORDER NO. 74 *(modified by later legislation and practice.)*  
(Approved October 21, 1903.)

To the end that applications for increase of pension may be more promptly considered, the claims of those entitled to increase adjudicated without delay, and those pensioners who it is apparent are not entitled to an increased rate may be spared the unnecessary expense of undergoing another medical examination, the following rules will hereafter be carefully observed in the adjudication of such claims:

1. All applications for increase of pension will be taken up for consideration and action at the earliest practicable date after their receipt in the Bureau, and orders for medical examinations issued at once—unless, from the nature of the disability in any particular claim and the history of the case as shown by previous medical examinations, a reasonable presumption obtains that there has been no material increase in pensioner's disability since the date of his last examination. In such case the pensioner will be advised that the propriety of at once ordering a medical examination will be considered if he shall furnish competent medical evidence showing definitely his physical condition from all causes for which he is pensioned, if under the General Law, or showing the extent to which he is incapacitated for earning his support by manual labor from all causes combined, if under the Act of June 27, 1890, and not otherwise.

2. An order for a medical examination will not be issued where the claimant is in receipt of the maximum rate under the law and the rulings of the Department for the pensioned disability, such as "loss of sight of one eye," "total deafness of one ear," "hernia," "loss of limb," and all other specific and minor specific disabilities for which a rate is fixed by law or departmental ruling and where no complications are alleged or shown. Claimant will be notified that he is receiving the maximum rate of pension for the pensioned disability.

3. If a pension under the General Law has been terminated to allow pension at a higher rate under the Act of June 27, 1890, a medical examination will not be ordered in an application for renewal and increase under the General Law, except as provided in Rule 1. If, however, it can reasonably be presumed, from the nature of the disability and the history of the case, that the claimant is entitled to a higher rate under the General Law than the rate received under the Act of June 27, 1890, a medical examination may be ordered without medical testimony.

4. If an application for increase shall be filed before a prior application for increase has been disposed of, but subsequent to the medical examination held thereunder, an order for a medical examination will not be issued without medical testimony, as in Rule 1, and pensioner will be so advised.

5. As a general rule an order for a medical examination should not be issued without medical evidence showing material increase in pensioned disabilities, if pensioner is in receipt of \$17 per month, and he should be advised as under Rule 1. There will, of course, be exceptions to this rule, and each case should be carefully considered on its own merits before action is taken therein.

6. Upon receipt of the medical testimony which may be furnished in response to the rules above noted, the same will be carefully considered to determine the question of its sufficiency. If such testimony is immaterial and does not indicate an increased disability, the claimant will be advised that an order for a medical examination is not now warranted, and be given the reasons for such action. If, however, no testimony shall be filed in response to the communication from this Bureau within one year from the date thereof, the case will be forwarded to the Admitted Files and carried on the records of the adjudicating division as an "abandoned increase."

These rules are intended to prevent the indiscriminate orders for medical examinations in increase claims where it is self-evident, from the history of the cases, that such examinations will be of no benefit either to the pensioners or to the Government.

The present practice will be observed in those cases where the claimants are in receipt of a pension of \$24 per month or over.

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*2000 checks*  
3-003.

INVALID.  
*Renewal and*  
CLAIM FOR INCREASE.

GENERAL LAW.

Certificate No. ....  
Claimant: .....  
Service: .....

PENSION CERTIFICATE NOT REQUIRED.

#### INSTRUCTIONS.

Declaration and testimony in support of same to be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must be certified by the proper State, county, or city officer under his official seal, unless such certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

MAR 20 1913  
6-536

No. 115499

Renewal and increase INVALID PENSION.

to \_\_\_\_\_  
Class, { Army,  
          { Navy.

Claimant, Riley Midgett  
P. O., Elizabeth City. (314. Lodge Street)  
Beaufort County  
North Carolina  
Rank, Private  
Service, Co. F, 36. U.S.C. Inf

Rate, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, commencing \_\_\_\_\_

Pensioned for \_\_\_\_\_

REJECTED

April 11, 1918

Attorney, none Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_; agent to pay \_\_\_\_\_

P. O., \_\_\_\_\_ Articles filed \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted Mar 27, 1918, for med ex through the Bd of Review  
F. J. York, Examiner.

Approved for gun shot wound of  
left arm and side  
increase pensioning  
Renewal from Act May 11, 1912

Approved for rejection.  
A medical examination  
is not warranted as the  
evidence fails to describe a  
degree of disability due to  
the pensioned cause which  
would incapacitate for  
the performance of any  
manual labor or cause  
total disability of the left arm  
or hand. Condition during past  
to osuility.

No medical examination had  
under pensioning claim.

March 29, 1918, F. J. York Reviewer.  
March 29, 1918, M. Dalton Rereviewer.

Whitney, Medical Examiner.  
March 30, 1918, Foster Medical Reviewer.  
W. J. York Medical Referee.

Pensioned at \$ 24 per month under the Act of May 11, 1912

Formerly pensioned under the general law at \$17. per month

Enlisted Aug 24, 1863 Other service from none, 1 to \_\_\_\_\_, 1

Discharged Aug 24, 1868 in \_\_\_\_\_

not in service since \_\_\_\_\_, 1

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed Mar, 18, 1918, alleging increase disability  
from former pensioned cause gun shot wound  
of left arm and side.

CIVIL WAR DIVISION,  
SECTION H.

Emph.

3-852

Ex'r.  DEPENDENT.  
 No. 1119659  
 Act of Act of April 19, 1908  
amended by Act, Sept. 8, 1916.

Clarissa Midgett  
 Buell  
 Virginia  
 widow  
 Riley Midgett  
 Service 7136 U.S.C. Inf

Died Apr 20 1918  
 No other claim than  
S.C. 115499

May 9, 1918 C.P.S.  
 Clerk.  
 Application filed: Apr 27 1918  
 Attorney: Adam W. Bell  
 P.O. Elizabeth City  
400 Shepard St, N. Car.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for 8, 19 1918  
6-1309

Notified May 9, 1918  
Party Bell - Sold death  
M. Wye, li. div. Cohab.  
JUL 16 1918 S.C.S.

Jan. 14, 1919 - Clerk.  
for est. contract made  
FB

CIVIL WARE  
 MAY 10 1918

House of Representatives U. S.  
Washington, D. C.

June 5th, 1912.

Hon. J. L. Davenport, Commissioner,  
Bureau of Pensions,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herein declaration for increase of pension under Act of May 11, 1912, of Riley Midgett, of Elizabeth City, N. C. He is at present drawing a pension under certificate No. 115499. Please acknowledge and kindly expedite the consideration of this claim.

Yours very truly,

*J. W. Small*  
M. C.

Enc.

Department of Agriculture

Washington, D. C.

June 6, 1912



D.C. 115,499

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Riley Midgett

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Remains of food

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— J

Dec 30, 1915

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W. C. No. 864132 ✓

REIMBURSEMENT.

Claimant Mamie Bellamy Pensioner Clarissa Midgett  
 Care of Morrisson's Store  
 Street and No. R. D. 3 - Berkeley Class Widow  
 P. O. Norfolk Law May 1, 1920  
 State Virginia Agency Group 2  
 Rate, \$ 30 Last paid to Nov 4 1920 at \$ 30  
 Last illness commenced Nov 9, 1920 Date of death Nov 18 1920 Accrued pension \$ 15.00

AMOUNTS CLAIMED.		CHARGES APPROVED.		DEDUCTIONS.	
Physicians' bills	\$ 30	\$ 30	State aid	\$	
Medicine	20	20	Assets		
Board			Insurance		
Nursing and care			Amount waived		
Rent					
Living expenses for pensioner					
Undertaker's bill	164	164			
Livery					
Cemetery charges					
OTHER EXPENSES.					
			TOTAL		
			SUMMARY.		
			Charges approved	\$	
			Deductions		
			Amount approved		
TOTALS	214	214			

Approved for \$ 15.00

Oct 12, 1921 A. Kennedy  
 Examiner.

OCT 14 1921 A. D. Prall  
 Reviewer.

To the Chief, Finance Division: You are hereby notified that  
check # 8203911, for \$ 90<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dated FEB 4 1921

in favor of  
post-office  
Certificate #

CLARISSA MIDGETT  
BUELL VA  
864132

ACT APR

Class MAY WIDOW

Section 5 has been returned to me by POSTMASTER

with the information that the pensioner died Jan 27, 1921  
and said check has this day been canceled.

Very respectfully,

GUY O. TAYLOR,  
Disbursing Clerk.

(D-1)

FEB 17 1921 19

DROPPED because of death, which oc-  
curred on

Last paid at \$30, to Mr. H. 1920

W. N. CAMPBELL

Chief, Finance Division.

RETURN TO:  
OFFICE OF  
DIRECTOR  
PRIME

Finance Division

FEB. 18 1921

READ

OFFICE HOURS:

10:00 A. M. TO 11:00 A. M.  
2:00 P. M. TO 8:30 P. M.

PHONE CONNECTION

NORFOLK, VA.

*Dec 1*

1920

*Mammie Bellamy for Clarissa Midgett  
So Hill*

TO DR. G. HAMILTON-FRANCIS, DR.

929 LIBERTY STREET

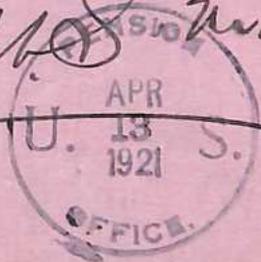
TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

*30<sup>00</sup>*

*Paid*

*12/1/21*

*[Handwritten signature]*





Berkley-Norfolk, Va., Dec 1 1921

M. Mannie's Bill for Chemical Drugs  
To Progressive Drug Company, Inc. Dr.  
Drugs and Sundries

'PHONE CONNECTION

1103 LIBERTY STREET

Mr 9	R	4	00
10	Mr chandie	3	00
12	"	2	50
13	R	3	50
15	Mr chandie	2	00
16	Mr chandie	3	50
17	R	1	50
Total		20	00

*Handwritten:* Paid



*Handwritten:* 4/1/21

*Handwritten:* Progressive Drug Co  
By Robert W. S.

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DIVISION

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PENSION  
U. S.  
OFFICE  
APR 27 1921

The pension accruing from date of last payment to date of pensioner's death in this case is ..... and no greater sum is available for reimbursement.

REIMBURSEMENT.

I hereby certify that I hold *Minnie Bellamy* ..... responsible for the payment of any portion of the accrued pension to which I may be entitled for services rendered, supplies furnished, or money expended during the last sickness and burial of *Clairina Midgett* ..... late a pensioner by <sup>her</sup> certificate number *864.132* .....

(This need not be sworn to.)

*C. N. Lotman*  
*R. D. #3 Box 155*  
*Berkley Sta. Norfolk Va*

*W. M. ...*

BERKLEY, VA.,

1922

Mr. Mammie Bellamy for Clarissa Widgett

To C. N. TROTMAN, DR.

UNDERTAKER AND FUNERAL DIRECTOR

OFFICE AND RESIDENCE: MCKINLEY ST., SO. HILL

BERKLEY, STA., NORFOLK, VA.

*Paid 60.00 June 104.00*

PHONE 4164 BERKLEY

ADDRESS:  
R. F. D. 3, BOX 155, BERKLEY STA.  
NORFOLK, VA.

Casket w. Box

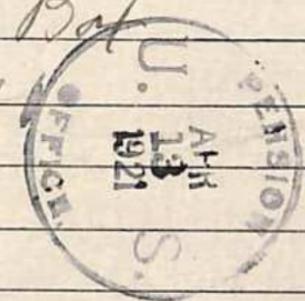
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C. N. Trotman



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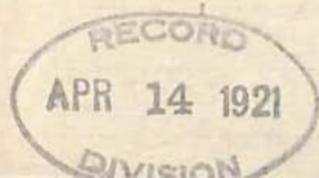
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IN REPLY REFER TO

Wid. Div. R. S.  
Wid. Ctf. 864132  
Clarissa Midgett  
Riley Midgett  
F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1921.

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Mrs. Mamie Bellamy  
c/o Morrison's Store  
R. D. 3, Berkley  
Norfolk, Virginia

Madam:

Relative to your claim for reimbursement  
in the above-cited case, you are advised that  
the enclosed certificate should be signed by  
C. N. Trotman, undertaker, and returned to this  
Bureau.

Very respectfully,

*Washington Gardner*

Commissioner.

JGB:mwp

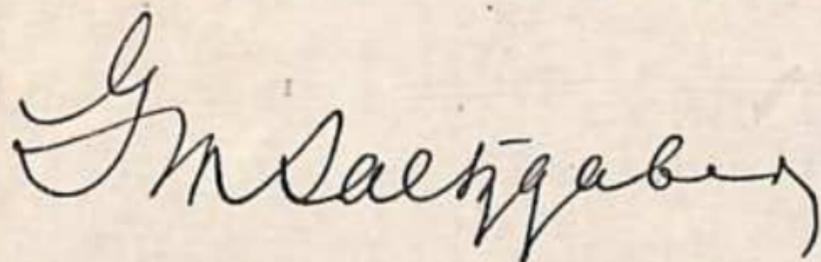


*Gentleman,*

*I am also returning this  
last letter I received from you April 22,  
1921, as it may further give you information.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
WASHINGTON

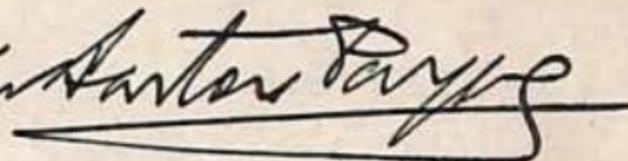
Under an act of Congress approved by the President May 1, 1920, your pension from that date is increased to \$30 per month. THIS SLIP SHOULD BE SECURELY ATTACHED TO YOUR PENSION CERTIFICATE.



*Commissioner of Pensions.*



6-6150



*Secretary of the Interior.*

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# United States of America



## BUREAU OF PENSIONS

It is hereby certified *That in conformity with the laws*  
*of the United States*—Clarissa Midgett, \_\_\_\_\_  
*Widow of*—Riley Midgett, \_\_\_\_\_  
 who was a Private, Co. F, 36th Regiment United States Colored  
 Infantry \_\_\_\_\_ *is entitled to*  
*a pension at the rate of* Twenty-five \_\_\_\_\_ *dollars per month, to*  
*commence* April 27, 1918 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *and to continue during her widowhood.*

Given at the Department of the Interior this  
 thirteenth day of March  
 one thousand nine hundred and nineteen  
 and of the Independence of the United States  
 of America the one hundred and forty-third.

*Martin K. Lane*

Secretary of the Interior.

Countersigned,

*E. C. Sieman*  
 Acting Commissioner of Pensions.

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LAW LIBRARY  
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DIVISION

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

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

Approved February 28, 1883.

NO. 364, 132  
PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

Clarissa Hiddett

PAYABLE QUARTERLY

BY THE

DISBURSING CLERK,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Group 2

JAW

Clerk.

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U.S. POST OFFICE  
APR 18 1921



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CLAIM NO. ....

Examiners are required to keep the unimportant papers in this wrapper.

I certify that the inclosed papers are of no value in determining the merits of this claim.  
....., Examiner.

6-2089

**PAPERS NOT  
BRIEFED.**

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

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902 Hill St.  
Berkeley Wd.  
Norfolk Va  
Dec. 19, 1931.



Bureau -  
Gentlemen,  
I am writing for information  
I have been informed  
that the Government was  
or is now pensioning all  
of the children of the  
Civil War veterans. Is  
this true? Please let  
me know as I am a  
child of a Civil War veteran.  
I sure need help for I  
don't even know where I  
shall get food to eat on  
tomorrow. Not having one  
cent in this world and

REV. 11/15/50  
MAY 1951

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about to loose my  
home because of my  
payments, I would like  
to put my claim in at  
once if the statement  
is true.

Please let me  
hear from you or please  
send me blanks.

Yours in Oblige  
Mrs. Marie Bellamy



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902 Hill St  
Berkeley Ward  
Yorkshire Pa  
Jan. 20, 1932

Veterans Administration  
Room 2218 Interior Dept.  
Gentlemen -

Some time ago I wrote you about my claim as I am the daughter of Riley Midgett a soldier in the Civil War Co. A. 36 Regiment.

I received a returned blank (along my letter) which I filled out the same and returned it back to you. I filled it out as

Mr. B. 864/132  
OK



PENSION SERVICE  
WIDOW SUBDIVISION  
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NO. 7  
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

I knew it. Having  
failed to hear from  
you I have been wondering  
as to whether you  
received it or not.  
Hoping to hear  
from you at an early  
date.

I am Sir,  
Respectfully,  
Mrs. Mamie Bellamy

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Room 2218,

Department of the Interior Bldg.

~~BUREAU OF PENSIONS~~

WASHINGTON, D. C., DEC 24 1931

The attached letter is respectfully returned with the information that the data furnished is not sufficient to enable this Bureau to make intelligent answer to the queries therein contained.

*\** Please fill out such of the blank spaces below as the information in your possession will permit and return to this Bureau.

No. of claim W.C. 864 132

Name of soldier \_\_\_\_\_

Riley Widgett

P. O. address of claimant 902

Hill St. Berkeley, Calif.

Company Co. F.

Regiment 36 USC. Inf.

State where enlisted \_\_\_\_\_

Date of enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Date of discharge \_\_\_\_\_

If unable to furnish company and regiment give names of commanding officers.

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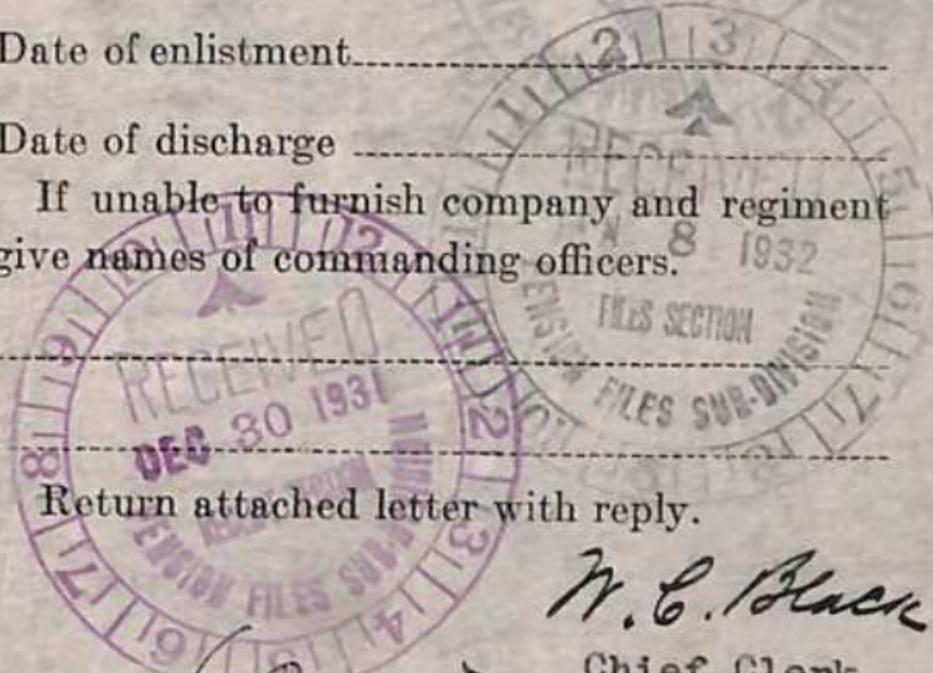
Return attached letter with reply.

*W. C. Black*

Chief Clerk  
Commissioner

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FROM

His address was  
Elizabeth City  
before he died. N.C.

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Chief Clerk

## INQUIRY SLIP.

FROM

A. W. Bell atty.

TO THE

## PENSION BUREAU.

Clarissa Midgett

Application No. 119659

Certificate No.

## NAME OF SOLDIER:

Riley Midgett

Co. H., 36 Reg't U.S.C. Inf.

## INFORMATION DESIRED:

Hon. Commissioner  
of pensions your  
Hon. please pardon  
me for calling up  
this claim as it is  
a very serious claim  
you will please cons-  
ider it at your earliest  
convenient opportunity  
As this widow is com-  
pletely helpless cant  
do any thing she has  
to have a nurse  
she has had a stroke  
some time ago thanking  
you for past services!  
Very Respectfully  
A. W. Bell

REVISION-BUREAU

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SEP 30 1918

## BOARD OF REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

W.O. Washington, D. C., Dec. 21, 1918

No. Claim, 1119659

Cert. No.

Claimant,

Clarissa

Soldier,

Riley Midgett

Co. F

36 Reg't U. S. Inf.

Respectfully,

returned to the  
Chief  
Civil War Division.

The copy of death record  
shows soldier's name as

Riley W. Midgett & the  
marriage record as William  
R. Midgett.

Claimant should state the  
soldier's correct name & com-  
petent testimony should be  
furnished in corroboration.

J. W. Linnell  
Reviewer.

Chief, Board of Review.

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Form 2992.  
Ed. Jan. 9-09-3,000.

REQUESTING ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE.

329681

In answering this letter address "Auditor for the War Department," and refer to above number.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., May 3, 1909

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:

Please transmit an abstract of any evidence on file in your Office ~~in the case of identifying Riley Midget as Jr Co. F 36<sup>th</sup> U.S. Col. Inf~~ tending to show the marriage and death of said soldier, and the nature and origin of the disability by reason of which he was discharged; also forward his discharge certificate, if on file.

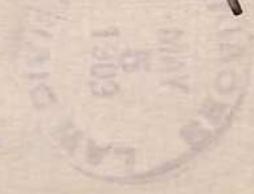
Claimant, Riley Midget  
Post-office address, Elizabeth City, N. C.  
No. of pension certificate, 115499

Respectfully,

B. F. Harper.

Auditor.

By [Signature]



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W Morrison & Sons  
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Berkley Ca.  
Feb. 5 - 1921

Bureau of Pensions,  
Gentlemen

My mother (Clara Midgett)  
was dead and buried a  
few days before her  
check reached here.  
Her burial expenses  
have not been settled  
and the undertaker  
wishes to hold the check  
for the same.

I am writing for  
information as to whether  
or not her check can be  
held and cashed for  
her burial expenses as  
we have no other means

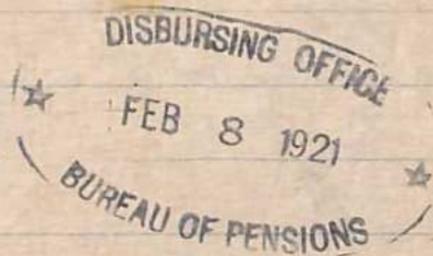
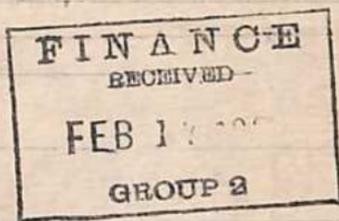
by which to settle the  
account.

Whatever you say  
will be promptly done.

Waiting your answer, I  
the mean time I shall  
hold the check until then.

Respectfully

Mrs. Marie Bellamy.



State of Virginia }  
City of Norfolk } ss

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1871 personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for said city aforesaid Riley Midgett who being duly sworn on oath says he was a Pvt in Co "F" 36<sup>th</sup> Regt. U.S. and an applicant for an Invalid Pension and his Post Office Address to which he desires his Pension Certificate and other communications addressed is Freedmen's Savings Bank Norfolk, Virginia

Witness  
my hand  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1871

Riley Midgett  
James

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year above stated and I certify that the above affidavit was carefully read and explained to affiant before signing and I have no interest in this claim

Edward Spalding  
N. P.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OCT 9 1871  
PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE



5-5-09

May 12, 1909.

The Auditor

for the War Department.

Sir:-

In response to your call of the 3rd, received the 5th instant (GMH.326-329,681), relative to the case of Riley Midgett, of Elizabeth City, N. C., late of Co. F, 36" U.S.C.Inf., Cert. #115,499, you are advised as follows:

Jacob Spellman and Henry Owens, of Elizabeth City, N. C. testified, March 14, 1898, that they have known Riley Midgett for 20 and 14 years, respectively, and that they believe him to be the identical person he represents himself to be.

D. W. Williams and S. W. Benburg, of Elizabeth City, N. C., testified, February 2, 1881, that they were present and saw Riley Midgett sign his name to his declaration of said date, and that affiants believe him to be the identical person he holds himself out to be.

Similar testimony is given by S. W. McMullin and Charles Reed, of Elizabeth City, N. C., in their affidavit of June 18, 1901.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

With any reply  
refer to HPW/mep

Law Division

*Mail*

April 19, 1919.

Mrs. Lizzie E. Bell,  
Elizabeth City, N.C.

Madam:

Referring to the case of Clarissa Midgett, widow of Riley Midgett, Co.F, 36th U.S.C. Inf., Wid.Cert.No.864,132, you are advised that the check for \$10, drawn to the order of Adam W. Bell, now deceased, in payment of attorney fee on the issue of March 13, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for the Interior Department, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., to whom all correspondence concerning its payment should be addressed.

Respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER.  
Commissioner.

( Copy )

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April 8" 1919.

Auditor for Interior Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find check #1086760 drawn April 3" 1919 for \$10.00 to the order of Adam W. Bell, in payment of attorney fee in case of Clarissa Midgett, certificate #864132, Act of April 19" 1908, as the payee died December 15" 1918 and the widow - Lizzie E. Bell, of Elizabeth City, N. C. - requests that the check be made payable to her.

Very respectfully,

*Guy O. Taylor*  
Disbursing Clerk.



Civil War Division  
Wid. Orig. 1119659  
Clarissa Midgett  
Riley Midgett  
Co. F, 38 U.S.C. Inf.

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FB\*SER

January 14, 1919.

Mrs. Clarissa Midgett,  
Buell, Virginia.

Madam:

In your above entitled claim for pension, you should furnish your statement showing the soldier's full and correct Christian name, it appearing in the case as Riley, Riley W. and William R. , also the testimony of persons who knew him in early life, showing his correct name.

No affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to state the age and postoffice address of the witness and his means of knowing the facts stated; and the name and service of the soldier and the number of the claim should be noted on each paper filed.

Very respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER.

Commissioner.

JHH-WNC  
Civil War Div.,  
Section H-  
Inv. Ctf. #115,499,  
Riley Midgett,  
F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

April 11, 1918.

Mr. Riley Midgett,  
314 Edge Street,  
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Sir:

Your claim for renewal and increase of pension under the general law, filed March 18, 1918, is rejected on the ground that a medical examination is not warranted, as the evidence on file fails to describe such a degree of disability due to former pensioned causes, exclusively, gunshot wound of left arm and side, which would incapacitate you for the performance of manual labor, or cause total disability of left arm or hand.

Your condition is due, in part, to infirmities of age.

Very respectfully,

E. C. TIEMAN

Acting Commissioner.

Civil War Division,  
Inv. Ctr., 115,499,  
Riley Midgett,  
Co. F, 36 U.S. CINF.

His'l. Sec., HRMcC.

March 11, 1918.

Mr. Riley Midgett,  
Elizabeth City,  
North Carolina .

Sir:-

In response to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo, you are advised that if your disability due, exclusively, to gunshot wound of left arm and left side, (for which you were formerly pensioned under the general law,) has so increased that you are now totally disqualified for the performance of manual labor, - or if the condition of your left arm, due exclusively to said wound, has now resulted in a total disability of said arm (or in the total disability of your left hand) you are at liberty to execute and file in this Bureau the inclosed application for renewal and increase of your pension under the general law, alleging the facts as they now exist; and you are further advised that you should accompany said application by competent medical testimony corroborating your allegations and fully describing your physical condition and degree of your disability due to said wounds, independent of any other cause or causes.

Very respectfully,

H. M. SALTZGANN,  
Commissioner.

HHB-WNC  
Civil war Div.,  
Section H-  
Inv. Ctf. #115,499,  
Riley Midgett,  
F. 36 U. S. C. Inf.

February 5, 1918.

Mr. Riley Midgett,

Elizabeth City, N. C.

Sir:

Your claim for renewal and increase of pension under the general law, filed October 5, 1915, is rejected on the ground that a medical examination is not warranted, for the reason that the testimony on file fails to describe a degree of disability due, exclusively, to former pensioned causes, gunshot wound of left arm and side, as would totally incapacitate you for the performance of manual labor, or cause total disability of the left arm or hand.

Very respectfully,

E. W. SALTIGABER

Commissioner.

Civil War Div.  
I. Ctf. 115,499.  
Riley Midgett,  
F. 36 U.S.C. Inf.

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Sec. E-EPC-J/GWL

December 29, 1915.

P. J. Lockwood & Co. Attys.,  
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

The above cited claim for renewal and increase of pension under the general law requires medical testimony showing the extent to which the claimant is disabled for manual labor by reason of the disabilities for which pensioned, gunshot wound of left arm and side.

Very respectfully,

**E. G. TIEMAN**

Acting Commissioner.

Civil War Division,  
Inv. Ctf., 115,499,  
Riley Midgett,  
Co. F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

Misc'l. Sec., HRMcC.

December 22, 1917.

Mr. Riley Midgett,  
Elizabeth City,  
North Carolina.

Sir:-

In response to your communication of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, you are advised that your claim for renewal and increase of pension under the general law, filed October 5, 1915, requires medical testimony showing the extent to which you were disabled for manual labor by reason of disability due, exclusively, to gunshot wound of left arm and side, (on account of which you were formerly pensioned under the general law) at date of filing said claim and continuously to the present time.

The above-mentioned evidence was requested by letter from this Bureau addressed to P. J. Lockwood & Co., your attorneys of record, December 29, 1915, to which letter no response has been received.

Very respectfully,

W. M. SALTZGABER  
Commissioner.

January 21, 1932.

MBAB  
W.C. 864132 Riley Midgett

Mrs. Mamie Bellamy,  
902 Hill St.,  
Berkley Wd.,  
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Madam:

This is in response to your communication of December 19, 1931, relative to your title to pension as child of the soldier.

As you were over the age of 16 years at the time of the soldier's death, you could have no title to pension based on his service.

Respectfully,

E. W. Morgan  
Director of Pensions.

BP-cjh  
BP.

Wid. Div. R. S.  
Wid. Ctf. 864132  
Clarissa Midgett  
Riley Midgett  
F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

April 22, 1921.

Mrs. Mamie Bellamy  
c/o Morrison's Store  
R. D. 3, Berkley  
Norfolk, Virginia

Madam:

Relative to your claim for reimbursement  
in the above-cited case, you are advised that  
the enclosed certificate should be signed by  
C. N. Trotman, undertaker, and returned to this  
Bureau.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

JGB:mwp

February 9, 1921.

Mrs. Mamie Bellamy,  
C/o Morrison & Sons,  
R.F.D. # 3,  
Berkley, Va.

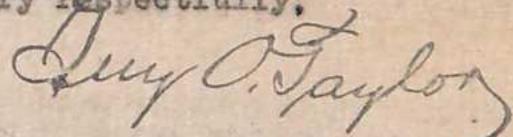
Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of February 5, reporting the death of your mother, Clarissa Midgett, and in regard to her check for February 4, I have to advise you that the check should not have been delivered, the pensioner having died before it was dated, and I will thank you to return it at once.

The law, an abstract of which appears on the envelope in which the check was enclosed, prohibits the delivery of that letter to any person, if the addressee has died, or removed, or being a widow, is believed to have remarried, and requires its return forthwith in any such case, with a statement of the reasons for so doing, and if on account of death, remarriage or re-enlistment, the date thereof if known.

I enclose herewith Circular Letter No. 2a for your information and call your attention to paragraph marked.

Very respectfully,



Disbursing Clerk.

Midgett, Riley WC 864-132

[2 of 2]

To Morrison & Sons  
N.Y. N. 3

Disbursing Clerk, -  
Berkeley Ca.  
Washington - D.C.  
Gentlemen, -

After having received  
your answer to my letter  
of February 3 - concerning  
check for my mother  
Clarissa Midgott - as to  
what I should do I here  
by inclose check un-  
sealed which I hope  
you will receive.

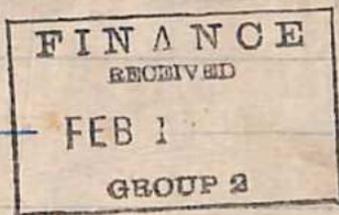
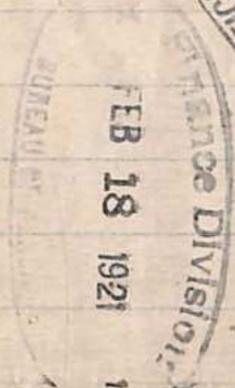
Sorry it could not  
be used for the settlement  
of her death as there  
was but a few days difference  
in the date of her death and  
the date of the check she having

died the 27 of January.

Hoping you  
will receive the checks

Respectfully

Mrs. Marnie Bedany.



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RETURN THIS LETTER

of Morrison & Sons  
R. F. W. 3

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Berkeley Ca.

May 28, 1921

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Commissioner of Pensions

Dear Sir -

About a month ago I received your last blank sent me (April 22) and had it signed by C. H. Trotman, the undertaker and sent back to you at once. Since then I have not heard anything more relative to my claim for reimbursement. Thinking you may have sent me information in some way and that it may not have reached my address, I thought it best to write you for information concerning same. Hoping to hear from you as to whether any letter or blank have been sent me since April 22 and thanking you for same

I am,

Respectfully,

Mrs Mammie Bellamy.

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Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13, 1921

The attached letter is respectfully returned with the information that the data furnished is not sufficient to enable this Bureau to make intelligent answer to the queries therein contained.

Please fill out such of the blank spaces below as the information in your possession will permit, and return to this Bureau.

No. of claim, *113499*

Name of soldier, *Percy Madgett*

P. O. address of claimant, *Elizabeth City N.C.*

Company, *F*

Regiment, *36*

State where enlisted, *Not known*

Date of enlistment, *Not known*

Date of discharge, *Not known*

If unable to furnish company and regiment give names of commanding officers.

*I don't know anything more to put on this blank*

Return attached letter with reply.



*Washington - Gardner*

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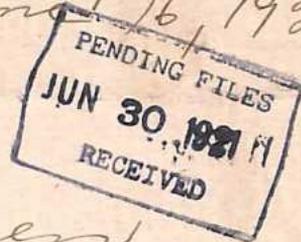
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DIVISION OF PENSIONS

of Morrison & Sons,  
R.F. D. 3  
Berkeley Va

June 16, 1921.



Bureau of Pensions,  
Gentlemen,

This makes the second time you have returned my letter with a blank attached stating that it did not furnish sufficient data to give information of the reimbursement blank which was sent to me so I am now writing you full information about it.

My mother, Clarissa Widgett (the widow of my father, Riley Widgett Co. F., 36 Regiment U.S. soldier) was a pensioner of the U.S. by certificate no. 864132 until the time of her death Nov. 18, 1920. After her death her check, in Feb. 1921 and the undertaker wished to hold the check for her burial. I held the check and wrote the Commissioner of Pensions for information. His advice to me was to return the check as it could not be held and he would send me a reimbursement blank which when properly filled would bring the money due. That blank was carried

you a notary Republic properly filled  
and sworn to and sent back to the  
Bureau of Pensions with the pension  
certificate and itemized bills of all  
expenses, one from the undertaker C.H.  
Wotman, one from the Dr. S.H. Francis  
and one from progressive drug Co. These  
bills and blank were all sent to  
you about the last of March or  
the first of April. I forget the exact  
date. I hope this letter will explain  
things to you as the undertaker is  
very impatient with me. I also  
returned the blank sent me April  
the twenty first about that time, for  
undertaker to sign. He did so and  
the blank was sent back to you. I shall  
fill this blank and send it as I did  
before as I don't know of anything more  
to put on it. Hope this letter will  
help you to understand me and  
also hope to hear from you  
at an early date

Respectfully

Mrs. Mary Bellamy

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400 Shepard St.  
Elizabeth City, N.C.  
July 30 - 1913.

Hon. Commissioners of pensions  
Gentleman I have an application from a  
pensioner by the name of Riley Midgitt late of  
Co. F, 36 Regt. U. S. C. Vols. Inf. who was shot  
under left arm in the breast at 10 o'clock and  
at 3 o'clock the same day was shot in the  
left arm and lost some of the bones and  
the same arm rises every two or three years  
he was shot the 28 day of Sept. 1864. at deep Bottom  
he was discharged at his Regt. is why that  
his discharge dont show his wounds but  
they can be found at the hospittle at  
Hampton Va. he dont think that the  
Honorable commissioners know of  
him being a wounded man or he would  
receive a greater pension and he ask  
that you would send a Special Examiner  
to examine him or would you allow  
him to come before your Board at  
Washington D. C. please inform me  
at an early date

Very Respectfully

Adam W. Bell Atty.

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Elizabeth City, N.C.

June 18-1918.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions  
I am Requested to inform you That  
Clarrisa Midgett wid. of Riley Midgett  
Co. F. 36 Regt. U.S. Inf. certificate no. 1119659  
is an Invalid and was at the time  
she made her application but we  
failed to state it at the time we  
made the application she has to  
have a nurse at all times your  
honor please consider this matter  
at your conveniences

Very Respectfully  
A. W. Bell atty.  
400 Shepard St.



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CIVIL WAR DIVISION  
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Clarissa Midgett  
Riley Midgett  
F.36 USC.Inf.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
JULY 17, 1918.

*C. B. S.*  
*6/23*  
*ack.*

ADAM W. BELL, ATTY.,  
ELIZABETH CITY,  
NORTH CAROLINA.

SIR:

In this claim, the evidence indicated in paragraph  
No S-1-4-5-6 should be furnished:

1. Death. A verified copy of the public record, or if no such record exists, the sworn statement of the attending physician, showing the date \_\_\_\_\_ of the soldier's death.

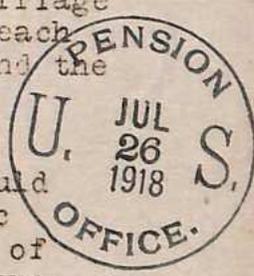
If such evidence can not be obtained, the sworn statement of witnesses having personal knowledge of the facts should be furnished, showing the fact and date of the soldier's death.

2. Marriage. A verified copy of the public or church record of the claimant's marriage to the soldier; or, if no such record exists, the sworn statement of the person who performed the ceremony; or, if that can not be obtained, the sworn statement of two persons who were present at the marriage, showing the date thereof.

If the evidence of marriage above indicated can not be obtained, there should be furnished the sworn statement of two persons showing whether the claimant and soldier lived together as husband and wife and were so recognized, and showing where and how long within the affiants' knowledge they so lived together.

3. The claimant's sworn statement showing whether either she or the soldier had been married prior to their marriage to each other; and, if so, the number of times, the name of each former husband or wife, the date of each former marriage, and the date and manner of dissolution of each former marriage.

4. If the claimant had been previously married, the fact and date of death or divorce of each former husband should be proved: in case of death, by a verified copy of the public record, or, if no such record exists, by the sworn statement of witnesses; in case of divorce, by a certified copy of the decree of court. If there was no prior marriage of claimant, the fact should be shown by the sworn statement of witnesses who have known her from the time she became of marriageable age.



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CIVIL WAR

Cert. 115,499  
Act. May 11, 1913

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ACCRUED PENSION

Class: Invalid

Pensioner: Relej Midgett  
Date of death: April 20<sup>(20)</sup>, 1918 Certificate: none filed.

Claimant: Claressa Midgett, widow  
Buell  
Norfolk County  
Virginia

Attorney: None  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
The fee of \$ None allowed on issue of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid when payment is made on accrued.

Submitted: For Adm. Nov. 30, 1918  
Re-sub: March 8, 1919  
R. D. Lymex, Examiner. M. O. Agnew

Approved for: Admission  
Pay to widow as above.

P. W. Lymex, Reviewer, March 11, 1919  
F. K. M. H., Rereviewer, March 11, 1919

M. C. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Claimant: does not write.

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*C. R. H.* Ex'r.

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Off. No. 115,499  
Riley Midgett  
Co F, 36 Reg't U. S. C. I.  
Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26, 1898,

Sir:

In your above-entitled claim for pension you are required to answer the following questions in the blank spaces prepared for that purpose, and return the same to this Bureau at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

*J. L. Savenport*  
Acting Commissioner.

Riley Midgett  
Elizabeth City  
N. C.

First. What is your actual residence at the present time, and what is the nearest post-office?

Answer. Elizabeth City N C

Second. Where did you live from 1866 until you moved to your present place of residence, and what were the dates of the various changes? If in a city, state name of street and number of house.

Answer. Roanoke Island, N C Dan Co.

Third. What post-office was nearest to each of your several places of residence?

Answer. City N C.

Fourth. What has been your occupation since 1866.

Answer. Labourer.

Fifth. Have you ever been known by any name other than that given in your application for pension? If so, state it in full.

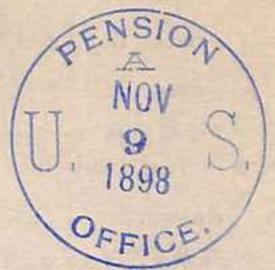
Answer. No

Sixth. Were you in the military or naval service under a name different from that by which you are now known? If so, state what it was.

Answer. No

Date of reply, Nov 5, 1898

Riley Midgett  
(Claimant's signature.)



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Civil War Division  
 Wid. Orig. 1119659  
 Clarissa Midgett  
 Riley Midgett  
 Co. F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON January 14, 1919.

Mrs. Clarissa Midgett,  
 Buell, Virginia.

Madam:

In your above entitled claim for pension, you should furnish your statement showing the soldier's full and correct Christian name, it appearing in the case as Riley, Riley W. and William R. , also the testimony of persons who knew him in early life, showing his correct name.

No affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to state the age and postoffice address of the witness and his means of knowing the facts stated; and the name and service of the soldier and the number of the claim should be noted on each paper filed.

Very respectfully,

*J. M. Salinger*

Commissioner.

Elizabeth City N.C.

February 5th 1919



I.T.B. Wilson will say that I knew Riley Midgett the above named person and know that his name was Riley Midgett and never knew of him being call Willian R of Riley W. Midgett.

He was known as Riley Midgett and nothing else.

*I.T.B. Wilson*  
 Deputy Collector of Customs

Elizabeth City, N. C.

Civil war division,

B.M. 1 1877

9 no. Clk. 115-499

DR. E. L. HOFFLER

507 E. FEARING STREET

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

Riley Midgett

CO. F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

OFFICE HOURS

8 TO 10 A. M.

2 TO 4 P. M.

7:30 TO 9 P. M.

SUNDAYS:

9 TO 10 A. M.

5 TO 7 P. M.

This is to certify that I saw and examined the left arm of Mr. Riley Midgett on Nov. 9-17 and found a cellulitis involving the greater portion of the arm and on Nov. 18-17. I found an abscess that had formed from the bone and by the peel of the probe the bone showed necrosis.

I am very certain that the condition of the shaft of the Humerus is such that a continual inflammation will result.

He is also affected by a gun shot wound of left side which he informed me he received while in action in Co. F, 36 U.S. C. Inf.

In my opinion he will be practically disabled for manual labor.

Very Truly

E. L. Hoffler

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To, *J. H. R. R.*, Div. *Exr.*

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *Nov 26, 1898*

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

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No other report on file.

Name, *Riley Midgett*  
Co. *F*, *36* Reg't *U.S. Cav.*  
*J. H. Stoughton* Commissioner.

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

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT  
NOV 14 1898  
Washington,

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,

with the information that in the case of

*Riley Midgett (born  
also Midgett) Privt.  
the Mil records furnish  
the following in addi-  
tion to further refer-  
herewith:*

*Co. Co calls from M.D.  
(Oct 28/63) to Aug. 31/64,  
Present.*

*This Organization was  
M.D. at Co. F. 2 Regt. N. C.  
Co. 1st Inf. - Design was  
changed in Jan or Feb.  
1864 to Co. F. 36 Regt.  
U.S. Cav. Inf.*

Medical Records that have been indexed (or dis-  
covered) since the report of *July 13, 73*

was made show the following additional information:

*Noted as Riley Midgett, rank -  
Co. F. 2nd Cav. Inf. Jan 7-1878  
(4, No. 12, 1878) - no further  
Co. R. Midgett, Jan 26 to 30, 1878  
Co. F. 2nd Cav. Inf. July 26 to 31, 1878  
M.D. - Oct. 28 to 31, 1878  
M.D. - Oct. 28 to 31, 1878  
Nothing additional found.*

PENSION  
NOV 15 S.  
OFFICE

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*J. H. Stoughton*  
Colonel, U. S. Army, Chief of Office.

For A

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✓ 5. If the soldier had been previously married, the fact and date of death or divorce of each former wife should be proved: in case of death, by a verified copy of the public record, or, if no such record exists, by the sworn statement of witnesses; in case of divorce, by a certified copy of the decree of a court. If there was no prior marriage of soldier, the fact should be shown by the sworn statement of witnesses who knew him from the time he became of marriageable age.

✓ 6. The sworn statement of witnesses having knowledge of the facts, showing whether claimant and soldier were ever divorced, and whether they lived together as husband and wife up to the date of the soldier's death.

7. If the claimant has not remarried since the soldier's death, the fact should be shown by the sworn statement of witnesses having knowledge thereof. If she has remarried, the date of remarriage should be shown by evidence of the kind indicated above in paragraph 2.

8. If claimant had been previously married, her sworn statement showing whether any former husband served in the Army or Navy of the United States; and, if so, the designation of such service, and whether any application for pension has been made by herself or any other person based on such service.

9. Births. Date of birth of each child claimed for should be shown by evidence in the following order: By a duly verified copy of the public record or the church record of baptism; or by the sworn statement of the physician who attended the mother; or, by the sworn statement of a person who was present at the birth, who should state how she is able to fix the date.

10. The sworn statement of two witnesses showing whether the child claimed for (naming them)        living; if any has died, proof of the date of death should be furnished.

11. The claimant's sworn statement naming the places of her residence ever since the death of the soldier, giving dates.

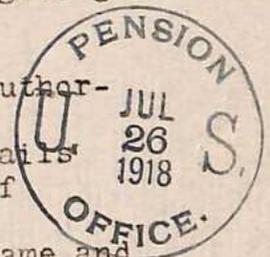
A sworn statement may be made before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.

No affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to state affiant's age, post-office address and means of knowledge of the facts stated.

Do not fail to inscribe on every paper filed the name and service of the soldier or sailor and the number of the claim to which it relates.

Very respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER,  
Commissioner.



CIVIL WAR  
JUL 26 1916  
DIVISION.



Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,  
Office of the Disbursing Clerk,  
Washington W.C.

ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.  
ENDED BY ACT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1916.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

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Claimant, Clara M. Bidgett  
 P. O., Buell  
 County, Norfolk; State, Virginia  
 Rate, \$<sup>25</sup>~~12~~ per month, commencing April 27, 1918, and \$ commencing \_\_\_\_\_, 19 Sept 3/1919  
 and \$2 additional for each child, as stated below.

Soldier, Riley Bidgett  
 Rank, Private, Co. F  
 Regiment, 36 U.S. Inf.

All pension to terminate \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_, date of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

Born, _____	Commencing _____
Sixteen, _____	Commencing _____
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Sixteen, _____	Commencing _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.  
 Name, Adam W. Bell  
 P. O., Edinburgh City, N. C.  
 Fee, \$ 10; Bureau to pay.

APPROVALS.  
 Submitted for Adm. November 30, 1918; R. B. Agnew, Examiner.  
 Approved for March 8, 1919; R. B. Agnew  
Admission under act of April 19, 1908, as amended  
by act of September 8, 1916.

<u>March 11, 1919</u> , <u>C. W. Linnell</u> Reviewer.	<u>March 11, 1919</u> , <u>F. L. Smith</u> Reviewer.
The soldier was pensioned at \$ <u>94</u> per month under <u>Act of May 11, 1918.</u>	
Enlisted, <u>August 24</u> , 18 <u>63</u> .	Cl't app'n under other laws, <u>No</u> , 1
honorably disch'd, <u>August 24</u> , 18 <u>66</u> .	Former marriage of <u>Neither</u> , 1
Reenlisted, <u>No other service</u> , 1	Death } of former _____, 1
honorably disch'd, _____, 1	Divorce } _____, 1
Died, <u>April 20</u> , 19 <u>18</u> .	Cl't marriage to soldier, <u>September 4</u> , 18 <u>70</u> .
Declaration filed, <u>April 24</u> , 19 <u>18</u> .	Cl't <u>not</u> remarried, _____, 1
Soldier's application filed <u>January 20</u> , 18 <u>68</u> .	Cl't <u>not</u> divorced, _____, 1
Claimant <u>does not</u> write.	No _____, M. C.

# POWER OF ATTORNEY.

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Know all Men by these Presents, That I, Riley Widdgett, late of Co. H. Regt. 36. U.S.C.A.

of Elizabeth City, in the County of Payson, and State of N. Carolina have made, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute, and appoint E. S. Kurty, of Washington D.C.,

my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name, place, and stead, hereby annulling and revoking all former Powers of Attorney whatever in the premises, to prosecute before any Department, or the Courts, or Committees of Congress of the United States until final completion, for me, my Claim for pension on file at the Bureau of Pensions # 115.499

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and to, from time to time, furnish any further evidence necessary, or that may be demanded, giving and granting to my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present at the doing thereof, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney or substitute, may, or shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

My Post Office address is Elizabeth City, N.C.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 26 day of March, eighteen hundred and Twenty Seven.

J. H. Helmer  
George S. Sutter

Riley Widdgett  
(Signature of Claimant) [L. S.]

State of North Carolina, County of Payson, ss:

BE IT KNOWN, That on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
in the year eighteen hundred and Ninety Seven, before me, the undersigned, a  
W. S. Commissioner in and for the said County and  
State, personally appeared Riley Midgett  
to me well known to be the identical person who executed the foregoing Letter of Attorney, and  
the same having been first fully read over to him and the contents thereof duly explained,  
acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and that I have no interest, present or  
prospective, in the claim.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office,  
the day and year last above written.

M. D. Crippen  
(Official Signature.)

[L. S.]

W. S. Cramm  
(Official Character.)

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

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

[L. S.]

Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY  
COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Clk No. 15499  
CLAIM OF  
Riley Midgett  
to G. B. Wood

FOR  
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PENSION ATTORNEY  
Washington, D. C.

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IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER TO  
DATE, INITIAL, AND NUMBER

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SECTION 4

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

OFFICE OF THE DISBURSING CLERK

WASHINGTON

MAY 3 1918



Postmaster,

Elizabeth City, N. C.

Sir:

On or about May 4, 1918 a letter containing a pension check will reach your office addressed to  
Riley Midgett, 314 Edge St.

Please return it to me immediately upon its receipt as this office is informed that pensioner is dead.

Endorse date of death, if obtainable, in space provided below, and return this letter with said check.

Very respectfully,

GUY O. TAYLOR,  
Disbursing Clerk.

Ctf.# 115499

Pensioner died April 20, 1918. (9/11 27)

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OFFICE

IN RE: Claim No. 1119659.

David Mitchell Being duly sworn, says:

That he is 71 years of age and resides at Eliz. City, N. C.  
on <sup>5.4</sup> Martin Street. That he knew Riley Midgett, a private  
of Co. F, 36th Regiment, U. S. C. Infantry because he lived  
near him in Elizabeth City, N. C. and he came in contact with  
him daily. That the name of said Riley Midgett's wife is  
Clarissa Midgette.

David Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 5th day of February 1919.

J. H. Wilson

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires January 31st 1920



IN RE: Claim No. 1119659.

Riley Lee Being duly sworn, says:

That he is 77 years of age and resides at Eliz. City, N. C. on <sup>707</sup> Southern Ave Street. That he knew Riley Midgett, a private of Co. F, 36th Regiment, U. S. C. Infantry because he lived near him in Elizabeth City, N. C. and he same in contact with him daily. That the name of said Riley Midgett's wife is Clarisea Midgette.

Riley Lee

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 5th day of February 1919.

J. M. Wilson

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires January 31st 1920



CIVIL WAR  
DIVISION  
FEB 8 1919



3-1089.

Roll No.

Name:

Midgett, Riley ✓

Certificate No.

115499 ✓

Disability:

Rank, Co., and Regiment:

Private Fr. 36 U.S. G. Inf.  
Pensioned since 1868 or 1869

Rate and commencement of Pension:

Certificate shown

Class of Certificate:

Date of Certificate:

24 Apr. 1890 ✓

Remarks:

P. O. Address:

Elizabeth City, N.C. ✓  
314 Cedge St. ✓

Knoxville, Tenn.

Place born *North Carolina*

Age at enlistment *16*

Company under which served *Riley Midgett*

Date of enlistment *Aug. 24, 1864*

Date of discharge *Aug. 1866*

Any prior or sub. service *No*

Any Confederate service *No*

Battles, *yes* Hospital, *yes*, *Hampton, Va.* wounded at *Deep Bottom*

Name of Captain, Lieut and Sgt: *Wall: Tripkins: Henry Johnson*

Name of wife. Undivorced, *yes*. *Clara Owens*

Any prior marriage *No*

Name comrades *Martin Mann: Leon Demsey: Nixon Keaton*

Personal description, *Height 5'-9", Black, Hair black, Eyes black.*

Signature *Riley Midgett*

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE TAKEN THE ABOVE NAMED SOLDIER AND I AM APT. AT D THAT HE REPRESENTS HIMSELF TO BE.

*Robert M. Weedin*

*April 21, 1911*

Sp. Clk. Examiner.

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

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

Insert character and number of claim. Increase Pension Claim No. 115.499

Name and rank of claimant. Riley Midgett, Rank, Pvt.  
907 N. Y. AVE., CITY.

Company F, 36 Reg't U. S. C. I. State, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Claimant's post office address. Elizabeth City N. C. (Post office address of the Board.)  
March 5, 1880. (Date of examination.)

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

Cause of disability. G. S. W. Left arm & side.

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line.  
and that he receives a pension of 12 dollars per month.  
Pulse rate per minute, 90; respiration, 20; temperature, norm; height, 5  
feet 6 inches; weight, 155 pounds; age, 40 years.

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.  
He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase.  
My left arm is almost useless to me. Cannot do much with it. Pains me all the time.

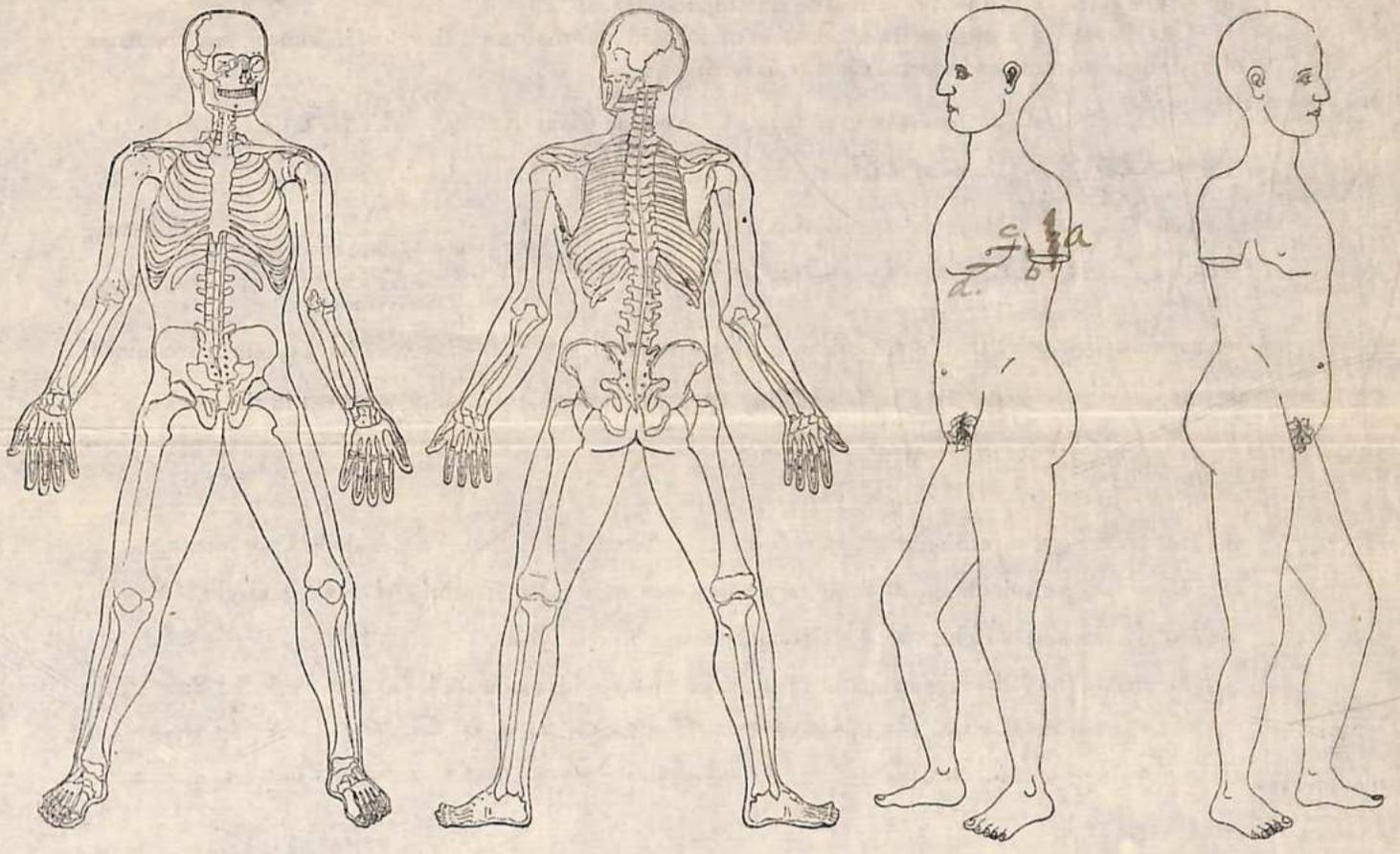
Here give a full symptom picture of the case, embracing all the physical and rational signs, but confining it to the present condition of the claimant.  
Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: We can best explain the course of the ball by reference to the diagrams. The ball entered at "a". broke the humerus, emerged in axilla, struck the chest at "b" glanced and made the scar "c". The scar at "a" is a 5" long, irregular, adherent, dragging slender. The axillary scar is small, say 1/2" adherent. Scar at "b" also small. That at "c" is 2 1/2" long, depressed adherent & tender. The wound at "d" was made by a second ball & is 2 1/2" long - adherent to ribs & tender. There is roughening of the rib beneath this. The arm is cold. Grasp weakened. Muscles wasted. The union of humerus is excellent. Meas. Palm R 9 1/2 L 8 1/2  
Wrist R 6 3/4 L 6 4/2 Forearm R 11 1/2 L 11 Biceps R 10 3/4 L 10 1/4 Shoulder R 15 L 14.  
These wounds are severe and the present rating is insufficient. We recommend 17/8.  
Thoracic respiration normal.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to give an opinion as to the proportionate degree of disability, as 1/4, total, &c., through the grades, without any regard to dollars and cents, and to make such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.

From the existing condition and the history of this claimant, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment, \_\_\_\_\_ probable that the disability was incurred in the service as he claims, and that it has not been prolonged or aggravated by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 17/8

Rate for each cause of disability. If prolonged by vicious habits, the word not should be erased and the reason for the erasure given.  
rating for the disability caused by G. S. W. Left arm, side. for that caused by \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ caused by \_\_\_\_\_

\* See the back.  
† Here state whether for original, increase, restoration, or renewal, or for a re-rating.  
Wm. W. ..., Pres. C. B. Baccoch, Sec'y. ..., Treas.



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

**SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE**

IN CASE OF

*Riley Dickert*

Co. 7, 36 Reg't U. S. C. P.

Applicant for *license*.

No. 115.499

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

*March 5*, 188*0*.

*Wm. V. L. ...*, Pres.,  
*Carroll ...*, Sec'y,  
*Wm. ...*, Treas., } BOARD.

807 N. Y. AVE., CITY.

Post office, .....

County, .....

State, .....

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

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

*[Handwritten signature]*

# SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim.

Inman Pension Claim No. 116,499

Name of claimant.

Riley Midgett

Address of Board.

Elizabeth Leig P. O. N.C. State.

Claimant's post-office address.

Elizabeth Leig N.C.

February 19, 1902  
[Date of examination]

Cause of disability.

Loss of left arm & side - Claims rheumatism as a result

He receives a pension of 17 dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the date of origin and cause of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.

He makes the following statement in regard to the origin of his disabilities and date when first discovered by him: Was shot in left arm & side in an engagement. Confined to hospital about 12 months arm been useless since - Had rheumatism 15 or 20 yrs - getting worse gradually.

The outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate should be used to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

Birthplace, Doro Lee N.C.; age, about 65 years; height, 5-9; weight, 142 pounds; complexion, Dark; color of eyes, Black; color of hair, Black; occupation, Fisherman; permanent marks and scars other than those described below, None

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

Pulse rate, 75-80-85; respiration, 18-20-22; temperature, 98.5;  
[Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

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

Distinct Crepitus in both shoulders. Motion stiffened 3/4 loss of motion in left, probably due to wound. Much larger than right. Crepitus & stiffened motion in hips. Muscles same. No loss of motion. Crepitus only in knees. No other joints affected. Recti Muscles of back under atrophy.

Facts within the knowledge of the Board, or any member thereof, relative to the cause of any disability found should be stated.

Point of apex of pulse normal. Indent typical. Point of apex of dullness not increased. Rhythm irregular. Sounds normal. No murmurs. Diastolic - hypertrophy, ordinary, cyanosis or dyspnea.

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

Has a cicatrix on left arm commencing 4 inches below shoulder joint 2 x 6 inches. tender & adherent destroying deltoid muscle. On inner side just below axilla is a tender & adherent cicatrix 1 x 2 inches. Has a cicatrix on nipple line left breast 1 x 2 inches not adherent on tender. A cicatrix just under left nipple 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches adherent & tender. Left arm is 2 inches smaller than right. 3/4 loss of motion. Shoulder joint nearly completely ankylosed. Has some use of arm from elbow down. Hand not usable. Arm very weak. Crepitus in left shoulder probably due to wound.

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

1 7/18 for wounds.  
No evidence of vicious habits & no other disability found.

W. W. Griggs, Pres. J. E. Stodd, Sec'y. W. J. Lunder, Treas.

N. B.—Do not use backs of certificates for any purpose other than indicated by printed matter thereon. When additional space is needed to complete report of examination use blank certificate (old No. 3-111 p.) properly numbered, and attach it to the back and upper margin of this sheet. Marginal entries must never be made.

An examination must not be made by one member of a board except upon a special order of the Commissioner of Pensions.

(This certificate to be filled in and signed by the secretary when the full board is present.)

"I hereby certify that Dr. W. L. Briggs, Dr. U. J. Larson, and Dr. J. E. Wood, were personally present and actually participated in the examination of Riley Midgitt, the claimant in this case, on 19 day of February, 1902"  
(Signature.) J. E. Wood

(This certificate to be filled in by the member of the board acting as secretary, and signed by the applicant, when a full board is not present.)

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant for (increase or original) pension referred to in this medical certificate, hereby consent to be examined by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, the examining surgeons here present (waiving examination by full board), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1902"  
(Signature.) \_\_\_\_\_

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U. S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR  
FEB 24 1902  
SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

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IN CASE OF  
Riley Midgitt  
Co. 7, 36 Reg't U.S. C.

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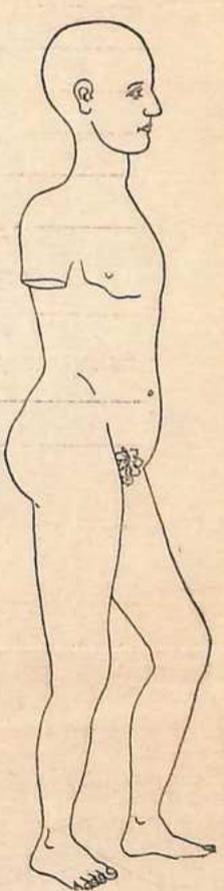
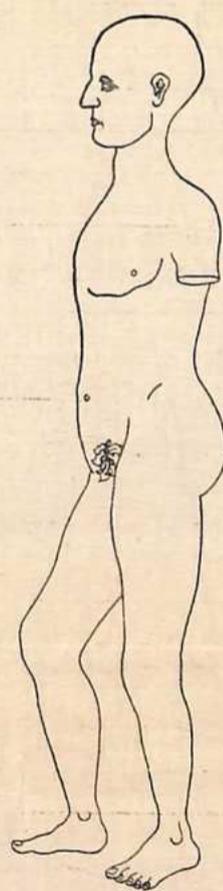
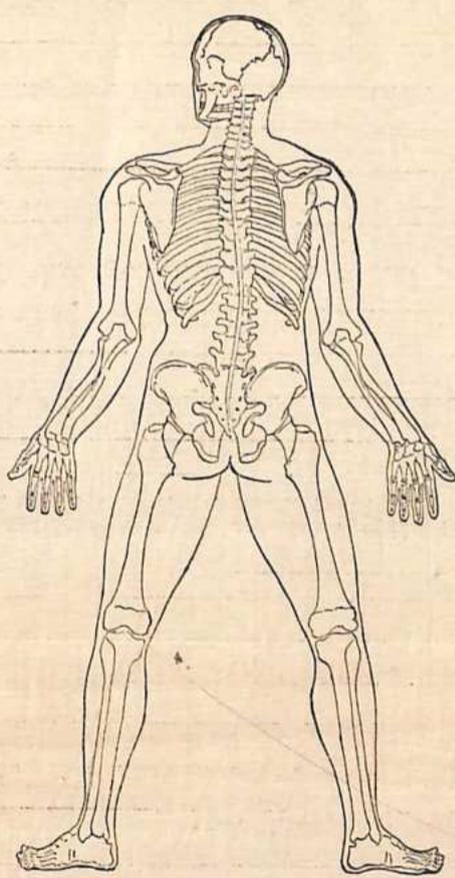
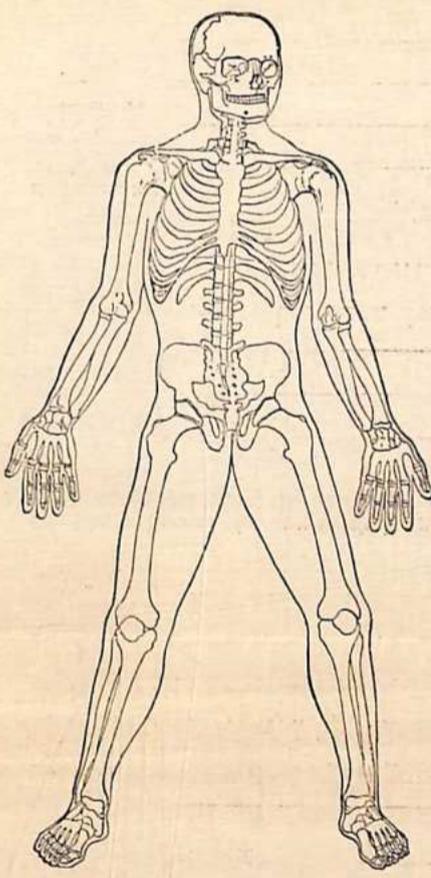
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DATE OF EXAMINATION:  
February 19, 1902

W. L. Briggs, Pres.,  
J. E. Wood, Sec'y,  
U. J. Larson, Treas.,  
BOARD.

Post office, Elizabeth City  
County, Perquimans  
State, N.C.

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



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H. J. RAUB  
MEDICAL DIVISION.

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Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Dr:

Washington, D. C., Nov 24, 1900

The attached certificate is returned for amendment. Date and sign the amendment and return promptly to this Bureau.

Wound left arm: Please give comparative measurements of forearm and hand. State condition of hand and fingers. Heart: Describe heart in full as directed in P 90. See P 79 (6).

By mistake red order was stamped as an Act of June 27, 1870 claim, as claim is under old law every disability should be rated in accordance with P P 114 and 116

So claimant disabled for performing manual labor to extend equal to loss of hand or foot, if so please comply with paragraph 123. See all P 122.

Rheumatism: If there is any restricted motion as a result of rheumatism, state to what extent in every joint so affected.

Also state in connection with wound left arm, all structures certainly or probably injured.

(over)

J. F. RAUB,  
Medical Referee.

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titled to."

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

W. H. Higgs, Pres. J. E. Moore, Sec'y. W. J. L. Mendenhall, Treas.

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Elizabeth City - N. C. - Dec-19-1909

The forearm is 2 inches smaller than right - hands & fingers not injured - weakness entirely from arm  
Point of area of apex impulses is normal, evident to palpation & inspection - area of dullness not increased - rhythm irregular - sounds normal - no murmurs dilatation - hypertrophy - oedema, cyanosis or dyspnoea - no difference in measurements of hips & knees - no actual loss of motion in any joints except as stated - The disability is not equal to the loss of a hand as he can use it some, as the disability is due entirely to arm

J. E. Wood, M.D.

claim. Incman Pension Claim No. 115,499-  
 Name of claimant. Riley Midgett  
 Company, 36 Reg't U.S. Col. Address of Board. Elizabeth City, P. O. N. C. State. N. C.  
 Claimant's post-office address. Elizabeth City, N. C. [Date of examination.] Nov 7, 1907  
 Cause of disability. L. S. W. of left arm & side (back) resulting rheumatism  
first bite left foot weak eyes  
 He receives a pension of 17 dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the origin of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.  
He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Incman [Original, increase, restoration, etc.]  
Left arm wounded in an engagement is painful & weak  
at same time was wounded in left side. Had rheumatism  
about 5 yrs - getting worse. Feet were pained in the  
service. Right arm failing gradually for several yrs.

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

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:  
 Pulse rate, 60-60-62, respiration, 17-17-17, temperature, 98.5,  
[Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]  
 height, 5 feet 8 1/2 inches; actual weight, 150 pounds; age, 50 1/2 years.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of Instructions.  
 The actual or probable origin of every existing disability must be fully set forth.  
 Whenever a disability is shown or is believed to be due to or aggravated by vicious habits the opinion of the board must be stated. When not due to such habits this fact must be stated.  
 Each disability must be rated separately, the act of Congress of March 2, 1895, requiring "that the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which, in their judgment, the applicant is entitled to."  
 When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.  
Has a cicatrix on left arm 2x6 inches commencing 2  
inches below shoulder joint involving deltoid muscle which  
is destroyed - tender & adherent. On inner side just below  
axilla is a cicatrix (exit) 1x1 1/2 adherent & tender. Has a cicatrix  
on nipple line left breast 1x2 not adherent & tender.  
A cicatrix just under nipple (left) 1/2 x 2 1/2 adherent  
& tender. Left arm is 2 inches smaller than right.  
3/4 loss of motion - shoulder joint nearly completely anky-  
losed.

Distich Crapitus in right shoulder. On skin flange  
& stiffened. Not enlarged. Crapitus only in right arm.  
No Crapitus in hips but motion stiffened. Crapitus  
only in knee joints. The recti muscles of back ~~the~~  
upper & lower attachments tender. Only evidence  
of first bite is deformation nails on left foot.  
No apparent disease of eyes - vision - eyes in center.  
We find the aggregate permanent disability  
for earning a support by manual labor is  
due to wounded left arm & rheumatism &  
not to vicious habits & warrants a rating of  
1/20.  
No other disability found.

W. M. Midgett, Pres. J. E. M. M. M., Sec'y. W. J. L. M. M., Treas.

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An examination must not be made by one member of a board except upon a special order of the Commissioner of Pensions.

(This certificate to be filled in and signed by the secretary when the full board is present.)

"I hereby certify that Dr. W. L. Briggs, Dr. W. J. Luman, and Dr. J. E. Wood, were personally present and actually participated in the examination of Riley Midgett, the claimant in this case, on \_\_\_\_\_ day of Nov, 1900."

(Signature.)

J. Edwood

(This certificate to be filled in by the member of the board acting as secretary, and signed by the applicant, when a full board is not present.)

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant for (increase or original) pension referred to in this medical certificate, hereby consent to be examined by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, the examining surgeons here present (waiving examination by full board), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1900."

(Signature.)

PENSION OFFICE, NOV 19 1900  
U. S. PENSION OFFICE, DEC 22 1900  
SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Riley Midgett  
Co. L, 3<sup>d</sup> Reg't U. S. C.

APPLICANT FOR increase

No. 115,499

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

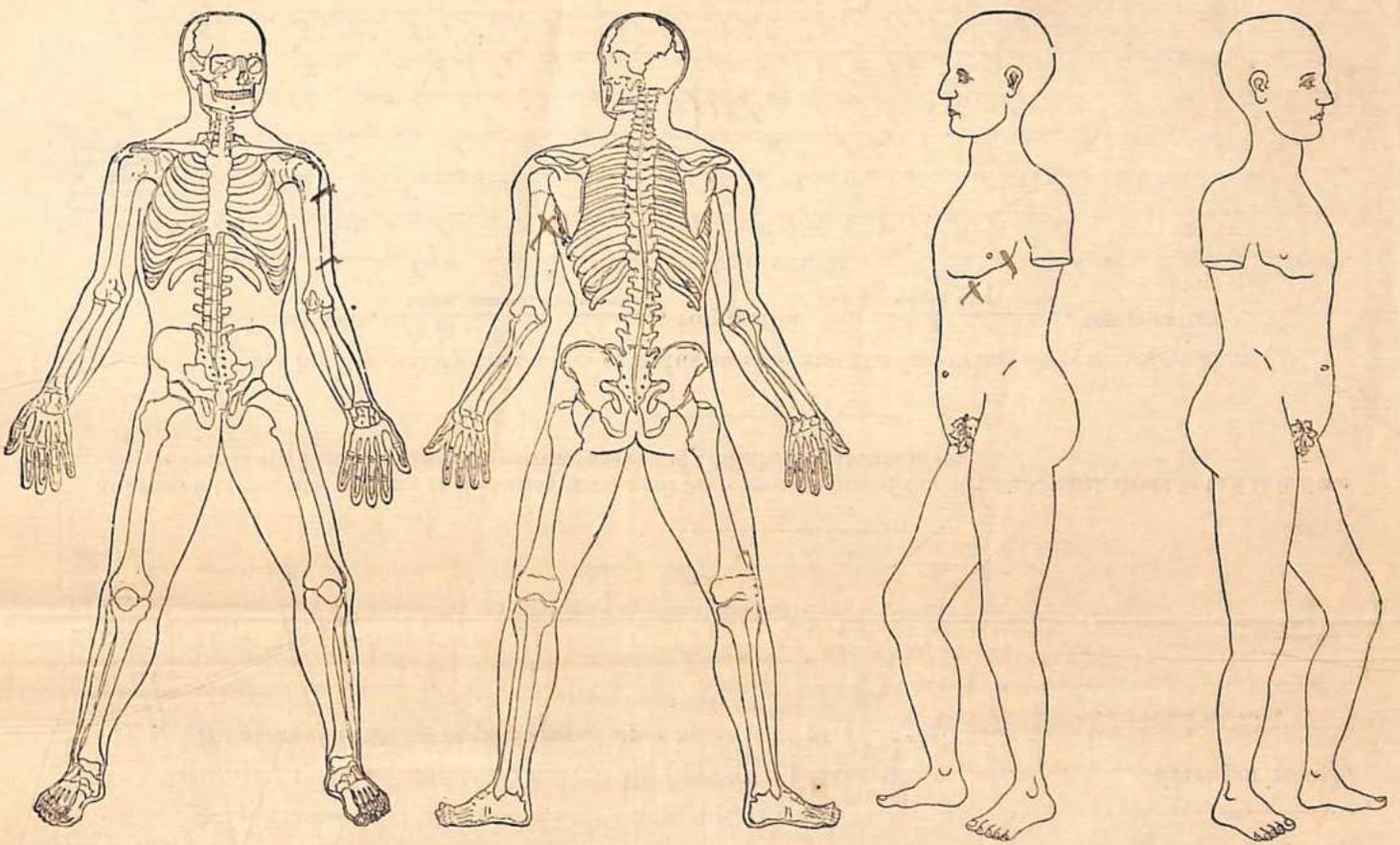
Nov, 1900

W. L. Briggs, Pres.,  
J. E. Wood, Sec'y,  
W. J. Luman, Treas.,  
BOARD.

Post office, Elizabeth  
County, Perquimans  
State, N. C.

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

CERTIFICATE FILED  
DEC 23 1900  
PENSION OFFICE



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Insert character and number of claim.

Increase  
[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]

Pension Claim No. 115499

Name and rank of claimant.

Riley Mudgett

Rank, Private

Company

30 Reg't U.S.C.I

Eliz. City, N.C. State,

Claimant's post-office address.

Eliz. City, N.C.

[Date of examination.] June 30, 1897

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

Cause of disability.

in the service, viz: Sun shot wound of left arm & side of back of left rheumatism & dis' of eyes -

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

and that he receives a pension of Seven ten dollars per month.

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

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

[Original, increase, restoration, &c.]  
was shot in Mexican engagement in left arm & side of back. Confined to hospital about 8 months - never was able to do any more duty. Arm has been painful ever since & very weak - was first letter in the army. Been suffering with rheumatism about 2 yrs. getting worse all the time. Sight has been falling since for several yrs -

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

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 70; respiration, 18; temperature, 99; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 157 pounds; age, 55 years. Left humerus was fractured about 3 inches below shoulder joint. Where ball enters forming ball & cut just below axilla - was a cicatrix 6 inches long & 2 wide - adherent the whole length. Cicatrix - humerus very rough showing that he has lost a good part of it. Not able to abduct arm to head - lost 1/2 inch of it. Just below left nipple is a cicatrix 2 inches long & tender - & 2 inches to left of it is another a linear cicatrix 2 inches long - both tender & adherent to ribs.

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

15/18 for U.S. wounds.  
Evidence of joint hills is shown by thickening & a knobby nail on great toe of left foot - right foot injured - no callus only trouble in nail -  
5/18 for joint better feet  
No evidence of rheumatism. No exostosis in any joints & no atrophy of muscles - Heart normal in form & action.

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

Each disability must be rated separately, the act of Congress of March 2, 1895, requiring "that the report of such examining surgeons shall specify the rating which, in their judgment, the applicant is entitled to."

No Rating.  
No evidence of any disease of eyes - vision in either = 20/20 -  
No Rating.  
No evidence of any vicious habits & no other disabilities found.

Wm. W. Riggs Pres. J. E. Wood Sec'y. W. J. Lunden Treas.

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

(This certificate to be filled in and signed by the secretary when full board is present.)

"I hereby certify that Dr. W. H. Briggs, Dr. A. J. Lumsden, and Dr. J. E. Wood, were personally present and actually participated in the examination of Riley Mudgett, the claimant in this case, on the 30 day of June, 1897."

(Signature.)

J. E. Wood Secy

(This certificate to be filled in by the member of the board acting as secretary, and signed by the applicant, when a full board is not present.)

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant for (increase or original) pension referred to in this medical certificate, hereby consent to be examined by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, the examining surgeons here present (waiving examination by full board), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_."

(Signature.)



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Riley Mudgett  
Co. F, 35 Reg't U.S.C.

Applicant for increase

No. 115499

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

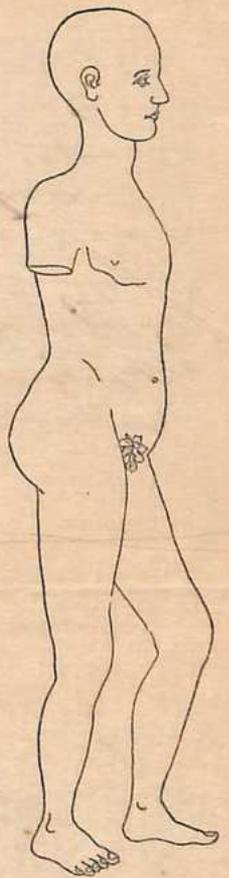
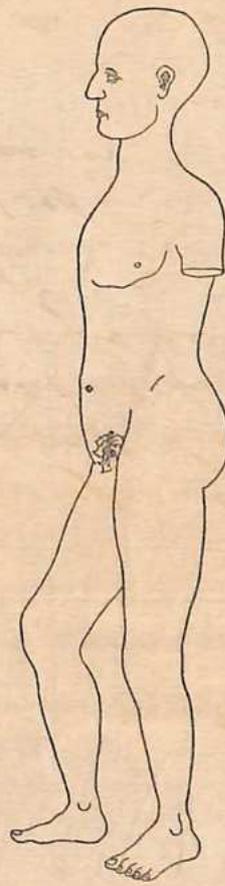
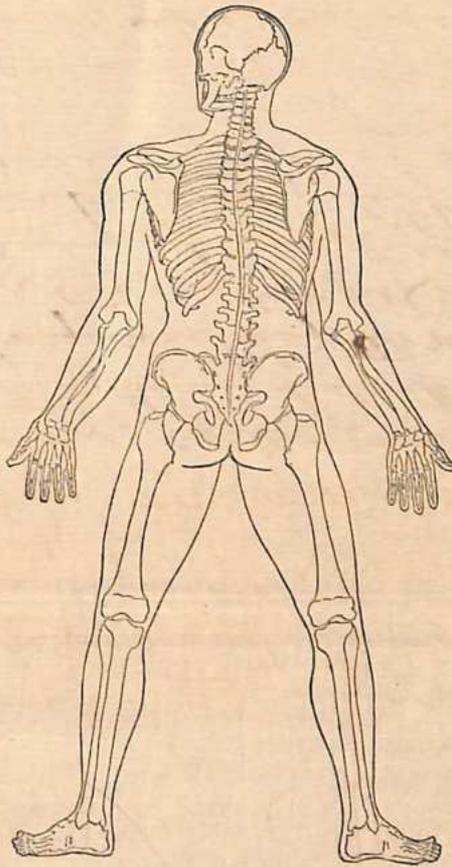
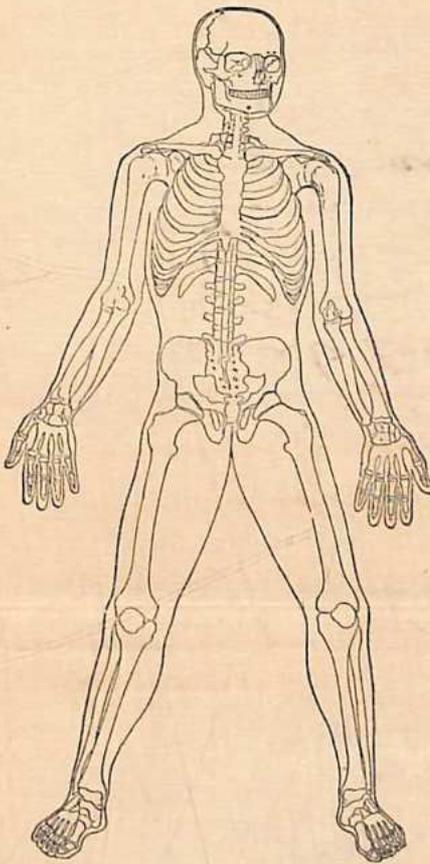
June 30, 1897

W. H. Briggs, Pres.,  
J. E. Wood, Sec'y,  
A. J. Lumsden, Treas.,  
BOARD.

Post office, Coli. lais  
County, Panzwant  
State, N.C.

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Insert character and number of claim.

*Increase*  
[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]

Pension Claim No. *115 499*

Name and rank of claimant.

*Riley Bridgett*

Rank *Private*

Claimant's post-office address.

Company *A, 36 Reg't U.S. Col*  
*Olig. Leiby & Co*

State, *Olig. Leiby & Co*  
[Post-office address of the Board.]

*July 29*, 189*1*.  
[Date of examination.]

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

Cause of disability.

in the service, viz: *L. S. Wound of left arm & side & broken left rib*

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

and that he receives a pension of *Seventeen* dollars per month.

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

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

*Specimen - I was shot in the left arm & side in 1864 in an engagement. has pain in the arm nearly all the time & the arm is very weak - also wounded just under the left nipple it was broken at the same time*

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with pars. 5, 6, 51, 52, &c., of Book of Instructions for 1889

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, *70*; respiration, *18*; temperature, *98.6*; height, *5* feet *8* inches; weight, *153* pounds; age, *48* years.

*Cicatrix on left arm 7 inches long - extending from the insertion of deltoid muscle to 3 inches above the elbow joint - at present from fracture of humerus about upper & middle 3rd*

*Ball entered on outer side of humerus & passing directly through - causing a severe fracture of bone. fracture extending for 3 inches leaving an irregular callus. There is almost entire loss of sensibility to the whole arm showing injury to the Brachial nerve. Point inside Ball entered near the Sternum about 2 inches below the nipple passing transversely upwards for two inches - Cicatrix not tender or at present.*

*There is no evidence now of a rib having been broken.*

*No other disability is found to exist*

Rate for EACH cause of disability.

He is, in our opinion, entitled to a *7/8* rating for the disability caused by *L. S. Wound of left arm*, *7/8* for that caused by *Wound of side*, and *7/8* for that caused by *Broken rib*

*M. W. Nepp*, Pres. *J. E. Wood*, Sec'y. *W. J. Lumsden*, Treas.

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Continue record of examination here.

# SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

*Reg't Madgett*  
Co. H, 36 Reg't U. S. Army

*Applicant for Inclosure*

No. *115499*

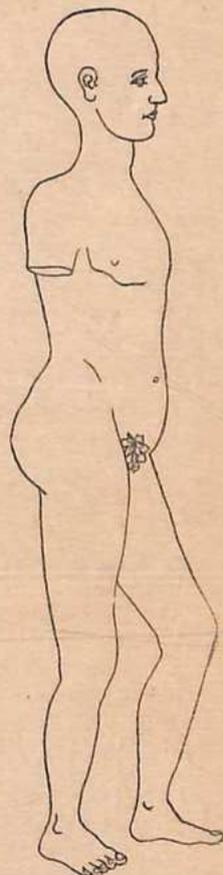
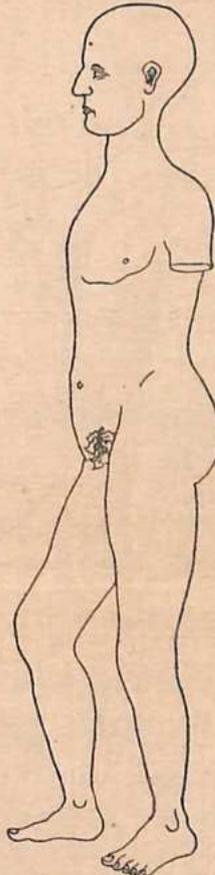
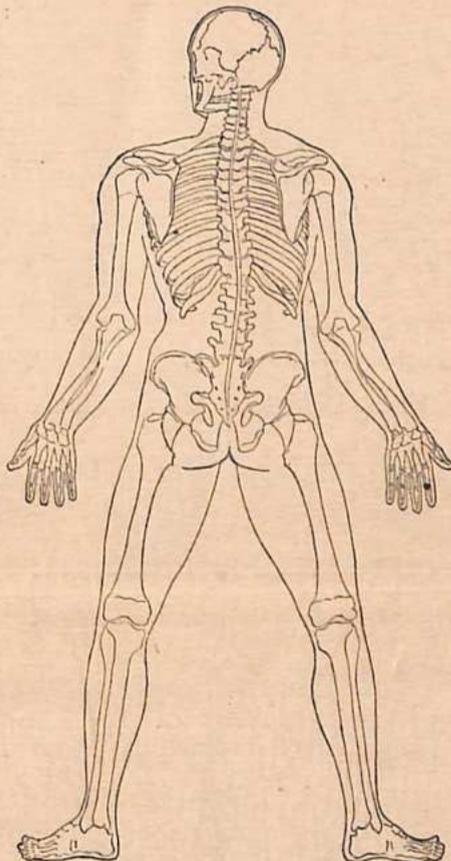
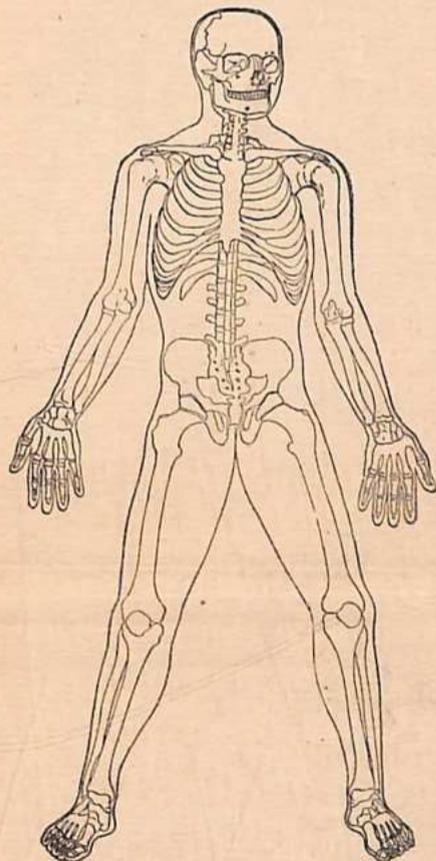
DATE OF EXAMINATION:

*July 29*, 189*1*

*W. B. King* Pres.,  
*J. C. Wood* Sec'y,  
*W. J. Sumner* Treas.,  
BOARD.

Post office, *Ely*  
County, *Parson*  
State, *N. D.*

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# SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim.

Name of claimant.

Claimant's post-office address.

Names of disabilities.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the date of origin and cause of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of instructions, and make a separate paragraph for each disability.

Facts within the knowledge of the Board, or any member thereof, relative to the cause of any disability found should be stated.

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

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

Pension Claim No. 115,499  
 Name of claimant Riley Midgett  
 Company F. 30 Reg't U. S. C. I. Address of Board Elizabeth City, P. O. N. C. State N. C.  
 Claimant's post-office address Elizabeth City, N. C. Date of examination Jan 6, 1909  
 Names of disabilities U. S. Wound left side + arm -

He receives a pension of 17 dollars per month.

He makes the following statement in regard to the origin of his disabilities and date when first discovered by him: Wounded in an engagement in 1864 in arm & side - Confined at hospital about 12 months - Never able to perform any military duties after -

Birthplace, N. C.; age, 65 years; height, 5-8 1/2; weight, 150 pounds; complexion, dark; color of eyes, Blue; color of hair, Gray; occupation, Farmer; permanent marks and scars other than those described below, None

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

Pulse rate, 68-72-82; respiration, 28-32-40; temperature, 98.0  
[Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

Ball entered about 2 1/2 inches below left shoulder joint - at insertion of deltoid muscle - cut just in near - passing through & injuring bone by materially - cicatrix extends down 8 inches 2 wide - Callus extends down for whole extent - cicatrix adhering to my tendons 3/4 loss of motion in shoulder and my way - No interference with elbow joint - Arm has been opened several times by a member of Board - last time for drainage - now dead bone often discharged - Arm totally disabled - Has to be assisted in dressing wound in side situated 2 inches under left nipple 2 inches long 1/2 inch wide not adherent to tender - left arm above elbow 2 inches smaller than right

Point of arm of apex irregular normal incident to palpation only - area of dullness not increased - rhythm regular - sounds normal - No murmurs - dilatation, hypertrophy - ordinary cyanosis decided especially after exercise - The particular murmur glans distinct over both lungs - & at rest 37 1/2 - full 43 1/4 - Throat & nasal passages healthy -

Spes. 1020 Chlor Acid - Amber Color - on albumen or liquor  
 Appear older than age given

No other disability from 5 or in evidence of vicious habits

W. J. Lumsden, Pres. J. E. Wood, Sec'y. J. B. Briggs, Treas.  
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(This certificate to be filled in and signed by the secretary when the full board is present.)

"I hereby certify that Dr. W. J. Lunden, Dr. J. B. Briggs, and Dr. J. E. Wood, were personally present and actually participated in the examination of Riley Midgett, the claimant in this case, on 6 day of Jan, 1909."

(Signature.)

J. E. Wood Secy.

(This certificate to be filled in by the member of the board acting as secretary, and signed by the applicant, when a full board is not present.)

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant for (increase or original) pension referred to in this medical certificate, hereby consent to be examined by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, the examining surgeons here present (waiving examination by full board), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1909."

Witnesses to mark.

(Signature of Applicant.)



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Riley Midgett  
Co. 7, Reg't M. S. C. 2nd

APPLICANT FOR Incman

No. 115,499

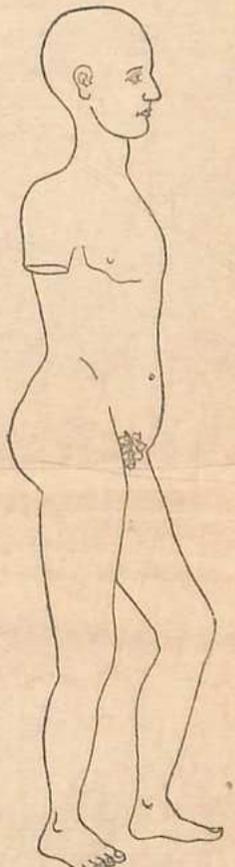
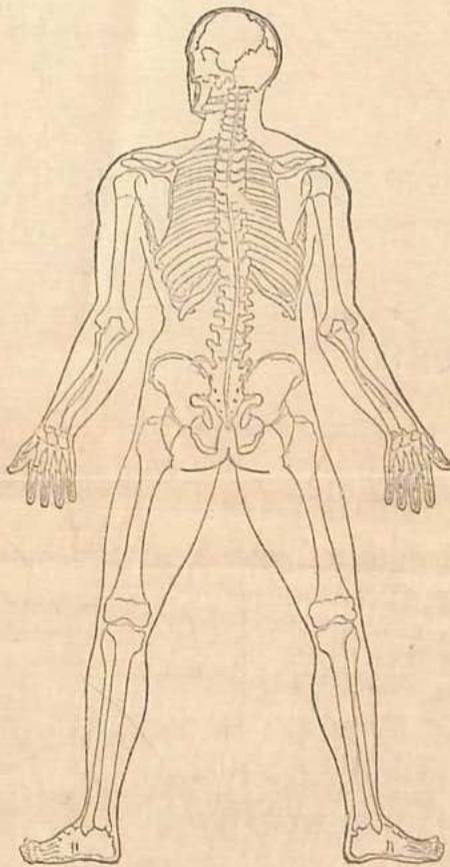
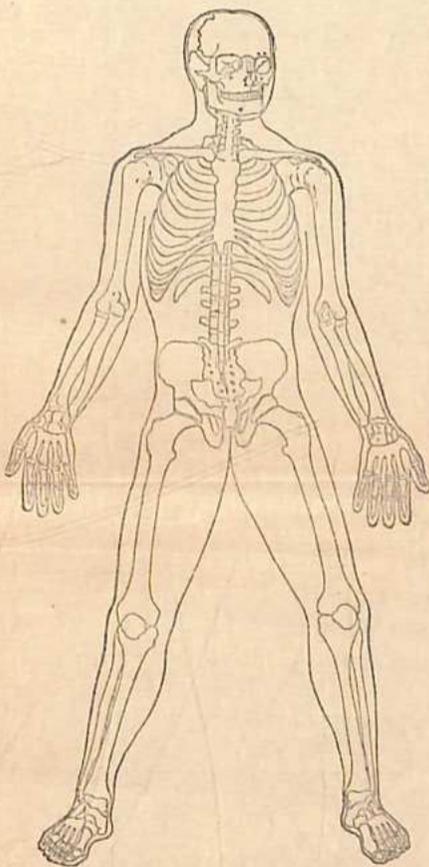
DATE OF EXAMINATION:

January 6, 1909

W. J. Lunden Pres.,  
J. E. Wood Sec'y,  
J. B. Briggs Treas.,  
BOARD.

Post office, Elizabeth City  
County, Perquimans  
State, N. C.

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

February 5, 1909.

Board of U. S. Examining Surgeons,

J. E. Wood, M. D., Secretary,

Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, North Carolina.

Gentlemen:

In the case of Riley Midgett, Co. F, 36th U. S. C. Inf.,  
Ctf. #115,499, whom you examined January 6, 1909, further informa-  
tion is desired.

Please state the condition of the left forearm and hand. Is  
the left hand useful for any purpose? Show condition of the thumb  
and each finger. Can he flex and extend the fingers voluntarily?  
Is there good grasping power in the left hand? Can the thumb and  
the fingers be approximated? Can he pick up small objects with the  
thumb and fingers of the left hand? Can he hold a knife or fork  
with this hand? In other words, show clearly why the left arm is  
totally disabled and why he must be assisted in dressing. If the  
limb is practically normal below the elbow, it can not be understood  
why it may not be of use in many ways.

Is there any other cause of disability of this arm? Is there  
any evidence of rheumatism?

Write your amendment on the accompanying blank and forward it  
promptly in the inclosed envelope, together with this letter. It  
should be dated and signed by each member who participated in the  
examination.

Claimant's postoffice address is Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Very respectfully,

*J. Warner*  
Commissioner.

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U. S. FEB 15 1909  
OFFICE

# SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

For use when additional space is needed to complete or amend report of examination.

Pension Claim No. 115,499  
 Name of claimant. Riley Milgrett  
F, Company 36, Reg't U.S.C. Inf.

Address of Board. Elizabeth City, Pasquotank Co., North Carolina  
Jan. 6, 1909  
 [Date of examination, not of amendment.]

## EXAMINATION—Continued.

If used for amendment place date of the new matter at the beginning of same, following the word amended.

Amendment:

Left fore arm is only a speckling. No-  
 meq. It is 1/2 in thick smaller than  
 right. Muscles on left - atrophied & soft.  
 Can pronate & supinate arm. Thumb  
 & fingers can be approximated. Can be flex-  
 ed & extended. Not fully. Can only hold  
 paper in hand almost nil. Can pick  
 up small objects slowly & gropingly.  
 Can not dress himself on account of  
 wound in upper arm. Has hardly 1/3  
 motion in shoulder. No rheumatism  
 found.

Elizabeth City, N.C.  
Feb 12-1909

Marginal entries must never be made.

W. J. Murden, Pres. J. E. Wood, Sec'y. J. B. Gigg, Treas.

45-186

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FEB 5 1909



*M. L. ...*

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

*Riley Midgett*

Co. *F*, *36* Reg't *W.S.C. Inf.*

Applicant for *Increase*

No. *115,499*

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

*Jan. 6*, 190*9*.

*W. J. ...*, Pres.,

*J. E. Wood*, Sec'y, BOARD.

*J. Bligny*, Treas.,

Post office, *Elizabeth City,*

County, *Pasquotank,*

State, *North Carolina*

Fill all blank spaces above.

6-745



FEB 16 1909

Do not use the back of this blank for any purpose except as indicated.

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

NAME OF CLAIMANT:

NAME OF SOLDIER,

Co. \_\_\_\_\_, Reg't \_\_\_\_\_

o 6-190

(1893-50 M.)

Elizabeth City Md

# General Law.

3 1638.

INCREASE

Cert. No. 115499

Riley Widgett

P. O.,

County,

State,

Application filed MAR 18 1918, 191

Service, F-36 - U.S.C., J,

Attorney,

P. O.,

County, , State,

General Law

~~ABANDONED.~~

~~Hayden~~

Brown

3-1638.

INCREASE

Cert. No. 115 4 9 9

Riley Midgett

P. O.,

Elizabeth City

County,

Pasquotank

State,

N.C.

Application filed

Oct 5, 1915

Service,

F 36 uss Inf

Dec 18/15 M+S Sw for Marriage Lic EPC

Dec 29, 1915 P Lockwood Co for midgett

" 22 1917 - Pension - for same - EPC

See carbon copy. H. P. M. C.

Marriage Lic. OK

Attorney,

P. Lockwood Co

P. O.,

Washington

County,

State,

D.C.

GENERAL LAW

UNDER ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890

(3-1639.)

INCREASE.

Cert. No. 115499

REJECTED

Riley Midgett  
P. O., Elizabeth City

County,

State, N.C.

Application filed Nov. 30, 1908

Service, F 36 used

DEC 15 1908

Ep Elizabeth City  
N.C.

atty Reeves & co notified  
March 10, 1909 - Atty's R.E.  
Reeves & Co. and claimant  
informed that claim for  
increase is rejected J.R.G.

FILED.  
Attorney, E.H. Reeves & Co

P. O.,

County, City, State,

Reynolds (3-217.)

INCREASE.

Claim to *new disability*

No. *115-499*

*Riley* *Midgett*

P. O., *Elizabeth City*

County, *Pasquotank*

State, *N. C.*

Application filed, *Apr - 8*, 18*97*

State Service,

*7-36 St. S. C. Inf*

*Co through Att. Kuntz at Elizabeth City, Pasquotank Co. N. C. June 7-97 11.7.77.*

*Oct 24 98. I sent back for full military history. Tierney & Co. that they can't be recognized. C.R.R.*

*W. L. ... 17/18*

Disability *Soft foot frozen*

Attorney, *J. L. Kuntz*

P. O., *City*

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

(Order - 100 M.)

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*m.l.m.*

*B.W.*



~~ABANDONED.~~

RESTORED.

3-1638.

REJECTED.

INCREASE.

Cert. No. 113-499

Riley Midgett

P. O., 314 Edge St

County, Elizabeth City

State, N.C.

Application filed Mar 31, 1906

Service, 736 U.S.C. Inf

April 11, 1906. Cordin:  
Disability not shown to be pro-  
gressive: examination not  
warranted. LJB

Attorney, C W Cordin

P. O., 46 S W

County, Elizabeth City State, Va

(7-50,000)

Attorney Filed

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
APR 5 1906  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

RECEIVED  
APR 7 1906  
SOLICITOR DIV.

Power of Attorney

INVALID DIVISION.

No. 115,499

Claim to Increase

Riley Midget

P. O. Elizabeth City

County, Pasquotank

State, North Carolina

Disability for which pensioned, G. S. M<sup>d</sup>

left-arm

Reduced to —

Present rate 6.

Respectfully referred to the Medical Referee:

with Examining Surgeon

certificate enclosed

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> H. G. Burlingham

1877 Chief Invalid Div.

99.00 left arm

No increase

H. G. Burlingham

Medical Referee

Dec 14/77

30,978

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.  
WAR OF 1861.

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MS 5-29-19

Riley Midgett

Roanoke Island

Currituck Co. N.C.

Priv. F. 36 U.S. Colored Troops

Discharged Aug 24 1866

7-3-4

New Market Heights Va Sept 29/64

89 4 7

Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

Received, Jan. 20 1868.

Chas. C. Brown

OK

Norfolk

Yes

Attorney.

mid

~~A.G. D. Williamson~~

Feb 6 1868

Jan 14 '69.

- Subseq. tent.

S.A.

1871 May 18

S.G. No 5. S.G. for Off Sig  
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" June 10 Atty for residence

" Aug 7

Refy to Dr Kennedy



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Virginia N.C.

Name: Riley Midget

Rank: Private Comp'y 5

Regt.: 34th U.S. C.S.

Richmond (Virginia) Agency.  
Knoxville

RATE PER MONTH, AND DATE OF COMMENCEMENT.

1st	}	4 <sup>00</sup>	Comm'g	Aug 25 1866
2 <sup>nd</sup>				
3 <sup>rd</sup>	}	2	Comm'g	Aug 25 1866
Issue.			dedt all past	
4 <sup>th</sup>	}		Comm'g	
Issue.				

DATE OF CERTIFICATE, AND TO WHOM SENT.

1st	}	Apr 2 1866	Sent to	Pension Agt
Issue.				Wm C. Brown Norfolk Va.
2d	}	Apr 5 1861	Sent to	Apr 9 81
Issue.				
3d	}		Sent to	
Issue.				

Act 14th July, 1862. Bk. G., Vol. 9, Page 158  
" 27 " 196.

Registering Clerk: Hodges  
Wm M. M. M. and  
Liddle

ability.

June 18-73.

1870. Feb 15 " Transfer @ N.C. of  
from Norfolk to Raleigh for 4' 1000  
73 - Es. Co.

Ex ord. No. 24/77. Dr. W. J. Lumsden &  
Claimt. advised. R. H. Mcintosh  
Elizabeth Leely  
N.C.

Enc. ref. PC to Ct - atty. notified  
DSC - 2 of 77

Enc. Ref. bk. Gen. Atty. Inspd.  
Jan. 10 1883



## PENSIONER DROPPED

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## BUREAU OF PENSIONS

MAY 1 1918

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Certificate No. 115,499

Class ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Pensioner

Riley Midgett

Soldier

Co. F. 36<sup>th</sup> U.

Service

S. 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 \$ 24 = , to FEB 4 1918

has this day been dropped from the roll be-

cause of death, April 20, 1918

RILEY MIDGETT,

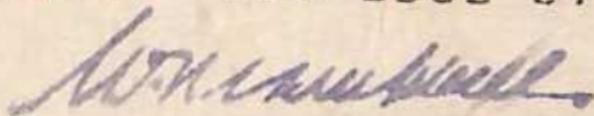
ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

115499

ACT MAY

Very respectfully,

314 EDGE ST.



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.

PLATE DESTROYED

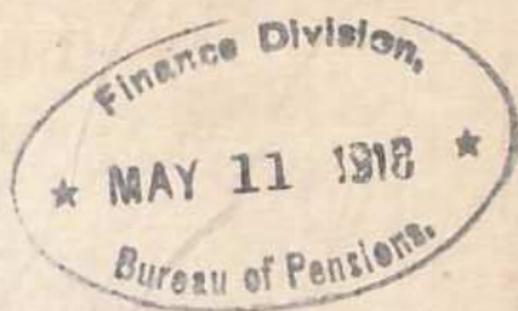
MAY 4 1918

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24 5/4/18  
 R. M.

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RECALL MAY 3 1918



Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 1868

Sir:

~~I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. \_\_\_\_\_, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.~~ On reply to your inquiry of Feb. 6. 1868

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Riley Midget was enrolled on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug., 1863, at Kranoke, Va., in Co. "F", 36<sup>th</sup> Regiment of U. S. C. Troops Volunteers, to serve Three years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1863, at Paternouth, Va., in Co. "F", 36<sup>th</sup> Regiment of U. S. C. I. Volunteers, to serve three years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "F" of that Regiment, for the months of from organization to Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1864, he is reported "Present for duty." On roll for Sept. & Oct. 1864 and on subsequent rolls to Dec. 31. 1865 "Wounded in action Sept. 29, 1864 & in Civil Hospital. Jan. & Feb. & March & April & May & June 1866" "Present for duty." On roll for July & Aug. 1866 "Mustered out on expiration of term of service Aug. 24, 1866."

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

*Thomas M. Vincent*

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions

Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

S.M. A.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Surgeon General's Office,

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan'y 12<sup>th</sup>, 1879

[TRANSCRIPT FROM RECORDS.]

It appears from the records filed in this Office, that Riley Widge Co  
F 36<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.T. received a G.S. wound of arm Sept  
29 or 30<sup>th</sup> 1864 at New Market Heights Va.

Riley Widge Private Co F 36<sup>th</sup> Co<sup>th</sup> Troop entered G.  
H. Ft Monroe Va. Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864 from the field with G.S. W. left  
<sup>and side</sup> arm, received at Chapin Bluff Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1864 and was re-  
turned to duty Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

Upon another record of G.H. Ft Monroe Va it appears that  
Riley Widge Pvt Co F 36<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.T. was admitted Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1864  
diagnosis not stated and was transferred North Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

By order of the Surgeon General:

*J. J. Woodward*  
Brevet. Lieut. Col. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army.

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(NOTE.—This transcript should not be detached from the accompanying papers. If additional information is desired relative to the case, the papers should accompany the application therefor.)

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk.

State of North Carolina, County of Pasquotank, ss:

On this 24 day of April, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Eighteen, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Clarissa Midgett, aged 65 years, a resident of Elizabeth City, County of Pasquotank, State of N.C.

who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Riley Midgett, who enlisted under the name of Riley Midgett, on the ... day of ... A. D. 18... as a private in Company H., in the 35th Regiment of U.S. C. Infy. and served at least ninety days in the late War of the Rebellion, in the service of the United States, who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Santiago, Texas

and died April 20 - 1918. That he was not employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above. I dont know of any other except above stated

That he was never employed in the military or naval service of the United States after the ... day of ... 18

That she was married under the name of Clarissa Owens to said Riley Midgett, on the 4 day of Sept. A. D. 1870 by Joshua Fleming J. P. at Elizabeth City, N.C., there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that she had not been previously married; that her said husband had not been previously married. (4) that she before never were married and the soldier was never married

That she has not remarried since the death of the said Soldier

That the names and dates of birth of all the children of the soldier, now living, and under sixteen years of age, are as follows:

born ... 1 ... born ... 1 ... born ... 1 ... born ... 1 ...

That she has not abandoned the support of any one of her children, but that they are still under her care or maintenance. That no prior application for pension has been filed by herself or the soldier. won by her but the soldier was pensioned. Certificat no. 115499

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States, under the provisions of the act of April 19, 1908. She hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,

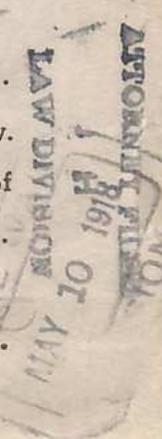
Adam W. Bell of Elizabeth City, N.C.

her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS, payable as prescribed by law.

That her POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is Buell Norfolk, Virginia, County of ... State of ...

ATTEST: E. J. Berry, Clara E. Lowther

Clarissa Midgett (Claimant's Signature - FULL name.)



Finance Div. Notified of Death. APR 29 1918

86115-499 Mrs K

Act of April 19, 1908.

110 WIDOW'S CLAIM.

Claimant: Lelarey Midgett  
 Soldier: Riley Midgett  
 Service: 36  
 Co. Co. H. 35 Regt.  
 Address: U. S. C. Infy.  
 Filed by A. W. Bell atty.  
400 Sharp's St.  
Elizabeth City, D. C.

APR 29 1918  
 CIVIL WAR DIVISION

APR 30 1918  
 DIVISION

ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.

To increase the pensions of widows, minor children, and so forth, of deceased soldiers and sailors of the late civil war, the war with Mexico, the various Indian wars, and so forth, and to grant a pension to certain widows of the deceased soldiers and sailors of the late civil war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this Act the rate of pension for widows, minor children under the age of sixteen years, and helpless minors, as defined by existing laws, now on the roll or hereafter to be placed on the pension roll and entitled to receive a less rate than hereinafter provided, shall be twelve dollars per month; and nothing herein shall be construed to affect the existing allowance of two dollars per month for each child under the age of sixteen years and for each helpless child; and all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed: *Provided, however,* That this Act shall not be so construed as to reduce any pension under any Act, public or private.

SEC. 2. That if any officer or enlisted man who served ninety days or more in the Army or Navy of the United States during the late civil war and who has been honorably discharged therefrom has died or shall hereafter die, leaving a widow, such widow shall, upon due proof of her husband's death, without proving his death to be the result of his army or navy service, be placed on the pension roll from the date of the filing of her application therefor under this Act at the rate of twelve dollars per month during her widowhood, provided that said widow shall have married said soldier or sailor prior to June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety; and the benefits of this section shall include those widows whose husbands if living would have a pensionable status under the joint resolutions of February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six.

SEC. 3. That no claim agent or attorney shall be recognized in the adjudication of claims under the first section of this Act, and that no agent, attorney, or other person engaged in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting any claim under the provisions of the second section of this Act shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain for such services in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting such claim a sum greater than ten dollars, which sum shall be payable only upon the order of the Commissioner of Pensions by the pension agent making payment of the pension allowed; and any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section or who shall wrongfully withhold from the pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of a pension or claim allowed or due such pensioner or claimant under this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or be imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

APPROVED APRIL 19, 1908

MAY 10 1918  
 DIVISION

Also personally appeared, E. J. Berry, residing at Elizabeth City, N.C.  
 (Name of one witness.)  
 and Sora E. Loucher,  
 (Name of other witness.)  
 residing at Elizabeth City, N.C., 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 Clarissa Midgett (Name of widow.)  
 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 their acquaintance with her of 35 years and 20 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.

ATTEST:  
 1. E. J. Berry  
 2. Sora E. Loucher  
 (Signature of witnesses—FULL names.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of April, A. D. 1918  
 and I do hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration and affidavit were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witness before swearing, including the words  
 (Insert any words erased.)  
 erased, and the words  
 (Insert any words added.)  
 added; and that

I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.  
 [L. S.] Declaration accepted as a claim under act April 19, 1908, amended by act Sept. 8, 1916. Power of  
M. B. C. C. C. C. C. (Signature.)  
Notary Public (Official Character.)

NOTE.—If claimant or identifying witnesses sign by mark (X) such signature must be attested by two persons who can write, of whom the magistrate may be one.

Chief Law Division.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of North Carolina, County of Wayne, ss:

On this 1st day of June, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, within and for the county and State aforesaid,

Riley Widdgett who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 66 years of age, and a resident of Elizabeth City, county of Wayne, State of North Carolina;

and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Portsmouth, Va., under the name of Riley Widdgett

on the 36th day of Aug, 1863, as a Private, in Company F, 56th Regt U.S. Col Vol Inf.

(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED

(State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)

at Brazos Santiago, Texas, on the 24th day of Aug, 1866

That he also served (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 5 inches; complexion, Ruddy; color of eyes, Ruddy; color of hair, Ruddy; that his occupation was Mechanic; that he was born 1845, at Oregon, Ind. near Warsaw, County N.C.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: N.C., Elizabeth City (State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 115499. That he has applied for pension under original No. \_\_\_\_\_

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of May 11, 1912.

That his post office address is Elizabeth City, county of Wayne, State of N.C.

Attest: (1) Josiah Simmons, (2) W. A. Holmes, Riley Widdgett (Claimant's signature in full.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 1st day of June, A. D. 1912. I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words \_\_\_\_\_

[L. S.]

erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Validity accepted as to execution per J. H. Cuddy, Chief, Law Division.

M. B. Campbell, Notary Public (Official character.)



IF A PENSIONER, DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER.



ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

## CLAIM FOR PENSION.

Certificate No. 15499

Name, Billy Midgett

Service

## INSTRUCTIONS.

This form may be used for original pension or increase of pension.

Declaration and testimony in support of same to be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must be certified by the proper State, county, or city officer under his official seal, unless such certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

## ACT APPROVED MAY 11, 1912.

That any person who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late Civil War, who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who has reached the age of sixty-two years or over, shall, upon making proof of such facts, according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the pension roll and be entitled to receive a pension as follows: In case such person has reached the age of sixty-two years and served ninety days, thirteen dollars per month; six months, thirteen dollars and fifty cents per month; one year, fourteen dollars per month; one and a half years, fourteen dollars and fifty cents per month; two years, fifteen dollars per month; two and a half years, fifteen dollars and fifty cents per month; three years or over, sixteen dollars per month. In case such person has reached the age of sixty-six years and served ninety days, fifteen dollars per month; six months, fifteen dollars and fifty cents per month; one year, sixteen dollars per month; one and a half years, sixteen dollars and fifty cents per month; two years, seventeen dollars per month; two and a half years, eighteen dollars per month; three years or over, nineteen dollars per month. In case such person has reached the age of seventy years and served ninety days, eighteen dollars per month; six months, nineteen dollars per month; one year, twenty dollars per month; one and a half years, twenty-one dollars and fifty cents per month; two years, twenty-three dollars per month; two and a half years, twenty-four dollars per month; three years or over, twenty-five dollars per month. In case such person has reached the age of seventy-five years and served ninety days, twenty-one dollars per month; six months, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents per month; one year, twenty-four dollars per month; one and a half years, twenty-seven dollars per month; two years or over, thirty dollars per month. That any person who served in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil War and received an honorable discharge, and who was wounded in battle or in line of duty and is now unfit for manual labor by reason thereof, or who from disease or other causes incurred in line of duty resulting in his disability is now unable to perform manual labor, shall be paid the maximum pension under this Act, to wit, thirty dollars per month, without regard to length of service or age.

That any person who has served sixty days or more in the military or naval service of the United States in the War with Mexico and has been honorably discharged therefrom, shall, upon making like proof of such service, be entitled to receive a pension of thirty dollars per month.

All of the aforesaid pensions shall commence from the date of filing of the applications in the Bureau of Pensions after the passage and approval of this Act: *Provided*, That pensioners who are sixty-two years of age or over, and who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Bureau of Pensions, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, receive the benefits of this Act; and nothing herein contained shall prevent any pensioner or person entitled to a pension from prosecuting his claim and receiving a pension under any other general or special Act: *Provided*, That no person shall receive a pension under any other law at the same time or for the same period that he is receiving a pension under the provisions of this Act: *Provided further*, That no person who is now receiving or shall hereafter receive a greater pension, under any other general or special law, than he would be entitled to receive under the provisions herein shall be pensionable under this Act.

Sec. 2. That rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed hereunder.

Sec. 3. That no pension attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in presenting any claim to the Bureau of Pensions, or securing any pension, under this Act, except in applications for original pension by persons who have not heretofore received a pension.

Sec. 4. That the benefits of this Act shall include any person who served during the late Civil War, or in the War with Mexico, and who is now or may hereafter become entitled to pension under the Acts of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety, February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and the joint resolutions of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six, or the Acts of January twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Sec. 5. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Pensions, as each application for pension under this Act is adjudicated, to cause to be kept a record showing the name and length of service of each claimant, the monthly rate of payment granted to or received by him, and the county and State of his residence; and shall at the end of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fourteen tabulate the record so obtained by States and counties, and shall furnish certified copies thereof upon demand and the payment of such fee therefor as is provided by law for certified copies of records in the executive departments.

# DECLARATION FOR AN INVALID PENSION.

This Invalid Pension Declaration must be executed before a Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record, and if before the Judge, the Clerk thereof will certify said Judge's official capacity and signature, and attest the same under the seal of the Court.

A Justice of the Peace must not authenticate this paper. If he does, the work is utterly useless, and must be all done over again before a Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record, as above stated.

STATE OF Virginia }  
City Roanoke }  
COUNTY OF Roanoke } ss.

ON THIS 17th day of January A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight, personally appeared before me, (1) Leak of the (2) County of the Corporation, a Court of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Riley, Mudgett, aged 36 years, a resident of the (3) Roanoke Island of North Carolina, in the State of North Carolina, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Riley Mudgett who (4) substituted in the service of the United States at Roanoke Island in the State of North Carolina, on or about the 21st day of August in the year 1863, as a Private in Company J commanded by General in the 36th Regiment of (5) U.S. Col troops commanded by Major in the war of 1861, and was honorably discharged at Trayes Seminary in the State of Texas, on or about the 21st day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty 6; that while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, (6) was wounded in battle at New Market Heights Va on the 29 Sep 1864 by cannon balls in the left arm and left side fracturing bones of the arm & ball retained in the side arm & side work unable at times to perform much manual labor

That since leaving the said service, this applicant has resided in the (3) Roanoke Island of North Carolina, in the State of North Carolina, and his occupation has been (7) laborer

That prior to his entry into the service above named, he was a man of good, sound physical health, being when enrolled, a (8) laborer

That now he is (9) half disabled from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor in consequence of his above named injuries, received in the service of the United States.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the Invalid Pension Roll of the United States, by reason of the disabilities above stated, and revoking and countermanding all other authority that may have been given, he hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Genl. L. Brown

Claim Agt of (3) Roanoke Va, his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim, and obtain the Pension Certificate that may be issued. That his Post Office is at Roanoke Island County of Roanoke State of North Carolina

That his domicile or place of abode is (10) on this Island of Roanoke North Carolina

If applicant makes his mark, let two persons who write their names attest his signature. The Officer administering the oath cannot be one of the attesting parties.

ATTEST:

J. Lee Hopper  
W. S. Bailey

Riley Mudgett  
Applicant.

Sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged before me the day and year first above written, and also personally

appeared Levi Bamber and Fields Mudgett  
 residents of the (3) County of Norfolk in the State of Virginia  
 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 Levi Bamber (11)  
make his (12) mark 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 swear that they reside as above stated, and  
 that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

If the witnesses, or  
 either of them, make their  
 mark, let two persons  
 who can write their  
 names attest the signa-  
 tures. The Officer ad-  
 ministering the oath  
 cannot be one of the at-  
 tending parties.

ATTEST:

J. Lee Hopper  
F. S. Bailey

TWO WITNESSES

Levi Bamber  
Fields Mudgett

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17th day of January, A. D. 1867, and I  
 hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. I further certify that the  
 foregoing declaration and joint affidavit were read over to and understood by the respective parties before they made  
 their several signatures to the same.

Geo. E. Bowden Deputy Clerk of the  
Court of the Corporation of the City of  
Norfolk Va.

NOTE.—If the Clerk of the Court (Deputy will not answer) takes the declaration and affidavit instead of the Judge, he signs  
 the foregoing certificate, and places the seal of the Court thereto, and the following certificate then goes unauthenticated; but if the  
 Judge administers the oaths, he signs the said certificate, and then the Clerk himself authenticates the certificate hereto following:  
 This Certificate should be authenticated by the Clerk himself.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE.

State of ..... }  
 County of ..... } SS.

I, ..... Clerk of the .....  
 Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that .....  
 before whom the foregoing Invalid Pension Declaration and joint affidavit were made, and who has  
 thereunto signed his name, was, at the time of so doing, a Judge of the .....  
 Court in and for the County and State above-named, duly elected, qualified and sworn; that all his official acts as such are entitled  
 to full faith and credit, and that his signature, as it above appears, is genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of ..... Court at office in .....  
 this ..... day ..... A. D. 186

..... CLERK  
 ..... COURT.

[L. S.]

REMARKS.—In case the Deputy authenticates the Clerk's certificate, evidence may be required to show that the Deputy  
 is duly appointed and authorized by law to sign the Clerk's name and use the seal of the Court—therefore, it is better to have the  
 Clerk's own individual authentication at once, and thus save the trouble and expense of a general authentication certificate respecting  
 the Deputy, which might be required if the papers were authenticated by him instead of the Clerk.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. "Judge," or "Clerk."
2. "Name of the Court."
3. "City," "Town," "Corporation," or "County," as the case may be.
4. "Volunteered," or "Enlisted," as the case may be.
5. "Cavalry," "Infantry," or "Artillery." "Volunteers of ..... (here give State) naming the troops as indicated according to the corps to which they belong. If of the regular service, in place of foregoing, add: "United States Infantry," "Cavalry," or "Artillery," as the case may be.
6. Here give a particular and minute description of the wound or disability, stating when, where, and how it was incurred, and how it affects the applicant at this time.
7. "Compulsory idleness from physical incapacity to perform manual labor," if such be the fact; if not, then state what kind of labor he has performed, and whether of very light character or otherwise.
8. Here state the occupation, trade, or profession, which the applicant was engaged in.
9. Here insert "one-fourth," "one-third," "one-half," "two-thirds," "three-fourths," or "totally," as the case may be.
10. "House No. .... on ..... street, between ..... and ..... streets, in the city of ..... in the County and State aforesaid," or if on the other hand, the applicant resides in the country instead of the city, in place of the foregoing, say: "on the wagon (or rail) road leading from ..... to ..... about ..... miles from ..... the County seat of ..... County, State above named."
11. "Sign," or "make."
12. "Name," or "mark," as the case may be.

DECLARATION FOR AN **INVALID PENSION.**

ACT OF ..... A. D. 18

Applicant, Levi Bamber

Co. .....

of the ..... Regiment of .....

FILED BY .....

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

SIR: Please 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 widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

RILEY MIDGETT,  
ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.  
115499  
314 EDGE ST.,



No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. *Raunoke Island N.C.*

The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. *Company F 36 U.S.C.*  
*Born in 1845. Either the last of July or the first of August*

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. *Raunoke Island N.C.*

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. *Clara Mae Owens*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. *I was married in Elizabeth City Sept. 3, 1870*

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? *Courthouse Record*

If so, where? Answer. *Elizabeth City N.C.*

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer. *no*

*I was never married before I married the wife that I am now living with*

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. *I am her first husband*  
*she never was married before*

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. *living with her*

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer.

<i>Charlie</i>	<i>born</i>	<i>1876</i>
<i>Arthur</i>		<i>1881</i>
<i>William</i>		<i>1883</i>
<i>Mary</i>		<i>1885</i>
<i>Amelia</i>		<i>1887</i>

*we have three infants to die. They was the first children we had and we lost the last of birth*

Date *Jan 2 1915*

(Signature) *Riley Midgett*

SOUTH DIV.  
NOV 10 1898  
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*S. C.* Div.

*Att. No. 115,499*  
*Riley Midgett,*  
Co. *7, 36* Reg't *U.S. Col. 2.*

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Oct. 26, 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,

*Riley Midgett,*  
*Elizabeth City,*  
*N.C.*

*J. L. Saunders*  
Att'y Commissioner.

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

Answer: *Yes. Clarissa Owens*

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: *Oct. 1868*

*E. City N.C. Rev. Joshua Fleming*

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

*Marriage Register City of Elizabeth*

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

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

*Charles born Dec. 26, 1875,*

*Arthur born Oct. 27, 1881,*

*William R. Jr. Feb. 28, 1883,*

*Mary born Aug. 3, 1884,*

*Miriam born March 8, 1887.*

Date of reply, *Nov. 5*, 189

*Riley Midgett*  
(Signature)



Certificate No. 115499

Name, Riley Midgett

## Department of the Interior,

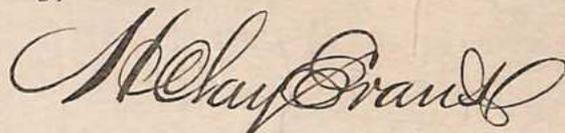
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

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

SIR:

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

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.

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

Answer. Yes. Clarissa Owens

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

Answer. Oct 7, 1870. by J. A. Fleming. Pam Co. N.C.

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. City Record

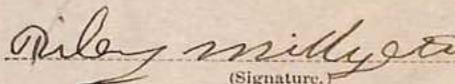
Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. No

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

Answer. Chas M. Dec 26/75. Arthur Oct 23/81  
Wm R. July 28/83. Mary Aug 3/84. Minnie  
Mch 8/87

Date of reply, May 4, 1898



(Signature.)

Copy of License  
of Clarrissa Midgett  
wid of  
Riley Midgett  
Co. H. 35 Regt.  
N.C. Co. 8th.

North Carolina,  
Pasquotank County.)

I, J.W. Munden, Register of Deeds, in and for the County  
and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Marriage License  
were issued to Wm R. Midgett and Clarrissa Owens on Sept 3, 1870  
and were Married by Joshua Fleming, J.P., Sept 4, 1870, the same  
being duly filed and recorded in this office.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 23 day of April.  
1918.

*J. W. Munden*  
Register of Deeds. /

*Mar.*

PENSION  
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1918  
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Evidence of  
Barbara midgett  
wid of Riley midgett  
Co. F. 35 Regt.  
W. S. L. City.

RECORD  
APR 30 1918  
DIVISION  
MAY 10 1918



CIVIL DIVISION  
MAY 10 1918

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APR 29 1918  
LAW DIVISION

MAY 10 1918  
DIVISION

PLACE OF DEATH

## North Carolina State Board of Health

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

County

Person

Township

## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Town

Registration District No.

70-2487

Certificate No.

City

Elizabeth City

(No.)

315

Edge

St.;

4 Ward

FULL NAME

Reese X. Mudgett

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

## PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX

male

COLOR OR RACE

w/c

SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, or DIVORCED (Write the word)

married

DATE OF BIRTH

- - - 1853

(Month)

(Day)

(Year)

AGE

68

yrs. - mos. - ds.

If LESS than

1 day, . . . hrs.

or . . . min.

OCCUPATION

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work

Seaman

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENTS

BIRTHPLACE

Roanoke Island NC

PARENTS

NAME OF FATHER

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country)

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country)

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant)

(Address)

Filed

4-26, 1918

Registrar.

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH

Apr

20

1918

(Month)

(Day)

(Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from

over 17, 1918 to over 20, 1918

that I last saw him alive on

over 17, 1918

and that death occurred on the date above stated, at

4 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

Cerebral apoplexy

(Duration)

yrs.

mos.

3 ds.

Contributory (Secondary)

(Duration)

yrs.

mos.

ds.

(Signed)

E. F. Hopewell

M. D.

(Address)

over 26, 1918 Elizabeth City NC

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents)

At place of death

yrs.

mos.

ds.

In the

State

yrs.

mos.

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?

Former or usual residence

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL

DATE OF BURIAL

UNDERTAKER

ADDRESS

Elizabeth City NC

4-22, 1918

S. J. Walcott

Elizabeth City NC

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

# DIRECTIONS TO REGISTRAR FOR USE OF DEATH CERTIFICATE

## EXAMINE YOUR CERTIFICATE AND SEE IF IT GIVES EVERY ITEM OF INFORMATION REQUIRED

The purpose and intention of the laws governing registration being to secure a proper record of each death that occurs—which is only secured through a complete statement of the facts required—each registrar should critically examine every certificate when presented for record, and should insist that it be made to meet the requirements before accepting it and issuing the usual burial or removal permit.

No obligation rests upon the registrar to accept an incomplete or unsatisfactory return; on the contrary, he is bound to see that it is entirely satisfactory in every respect.

It is not to be expected that all of the facts can be accurately stated in every case, but a strict observance of the practice specified will very largely reduce the number of cases incompletely reported, and, on the other hand, any laxity in this respect will surely be followed by increased carelessness in filling out the certificates.

The important statistical items that are most frequently omitted or neglected are those relating to conjugal condition, place of birth, birthplaces of father and mother, and occupation. In addition to these, the cause of death is not stated so that it can be properly classified in much too large a proportion of cases. The first-mentioned items should be stated exactly as called for by the certificate.

**Importance and use of the details required.**—All of the personal and statistical particulars specified are extremely important, though they may serve different purposes. Where records are required for purposes of identification, it is obvious that the identification will not only be easiest, but will be most positive and accurate if every detail is properly stated.

Considering the data for statistical purposes, it should be remembered that the statistics of the deaths constitute only one factor in the computation of death rates, the other being the statistics of population, and that in order to compute the death rates the deaths must be reported in the same terms as the population. The primary classification of the population statistics is by color, general nativity and parent nativity, sex, age, conjugal condition, and occupation, with certain details under each head; and these and the sanitary conditions existing are the factors that exercise the greatest influence upon the mortality from different diseases. The compilation of uniform death rates for all states and cities, therefore, requires all of these details to be given for each place. If, for instance, the birthplace of father and mother is not given in the return of deaths for any city, it becomes not only impossible to determine the relative mortality of persons of native and of foreign parentage (a most important factor) in that city, in comparison with others, but also impossible to give any complete summary of the aggregate rates for these classes in the whole of the registration area.

So, too, if the conjugal condition of decedents is reported only as "single" or "married"—as is the case in a number of cities—death rates can not be computed with the population factor distinguished as single, married, widowed, and divorced.

These comments illustrate the necessity for a complete statement of all of the facts concerning deaths in any state or city. A more specific statement of the requirements is made under the items given below:

**Name.**—Give the name in full. If an unnamed infant, give the family name.  
**Color.**—White, Black (Negro or Negro descent), Indian, Chinese, Japanese, etc. This term (color) includes Race, so far as the census takes note of racial distinctions. Each constitutes a certain distinct class for which certain tables will be compiled.

**Sex.**—Male, Female. The sex of each person should be positively stated and not left to be inferred from the name.

**Date of Birth.**—Give the Year, Month, and Day of month. This question is important as a check upon inaccurate statements of age.

**Age.**—Give Years, Months, and Days. When "Age" is called for without the exactness specified, the question might be construed as referring to age at last birthday, next birthday, or nearest birthday, or as a general inquiry to be answered in approximate terms, such as "10," "20," "30," etc. An exact statement of age is particularly important.

**Conjugal Condition.**—Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced. Many of the certificates now in use call only for "Single" and "Married." In such places the Widowed or Divorced may be entered, as "Single" or "Married," according to the point of view, and when so reported can not be separated. In computing rates showing the influence of conjugal condition upon the mortality from certain causes, the distinctions indicated are equally important and should be carefully maintained.

**Birthplace (of deceased).**—If born in the United States, give the name of the State or Territory; if of foreign birth, the name of the country. (See "Birthplace of Mother.")

**Name of Father.**—This is important for identification.  
**Birthplace of Father.**—State in the same way as birthplace of deceased. (See "Birthplace of Mother.")

**Maiden Name of Mother.**—This is of great importance for purposes of accurate identification.

**Birthplace of Mother.**—State in the same way as birthplace of deceased. The birthplaces of parents are necessary in order to classify the deaths by parental

nativity. The proportion of persons of foreign parentage in our population is so large, and the difference in the death rates so considerable, that this becomes a most important factor. The "Birthplace of Mother," in particular, is extensively used as best indicating the influence of race characteristics and inherited tendencies.

**Occupation.**—The effect of "Occupation" must necessarily be taken into consideration in any comprehensive mortality statistics, but this is one of the most difficult details to obtain in the same terms that they are given for the population, as the precise instructions given to the census enumerators as to the description and classification of occupations can not be as thoroughly applied to returns of deaths and their observance secured by the physicians, undertakers, and others who make these reports to the registration officers. Occupation should be reported for all persons who pursue some gainful employment. Married women and children living at home and not engaged in some remunerative employment should be returned as having "None." The general principle is to bear in mind what labor the deceased actually performed, without regard to the place or the person for whom he worked. Particular care should be taken to express the occupation in such a way as to prevent it from being confounded with other occupations. A few of the more important distinctions to be maintained are given as follows:

Civil, mechanical, and mining engineers, etc., should be distinguished from locomotive engineers, and the latter from those of stationary engines. Locomotive firemen should also be distinguished from those of stationary engines or members of the city fire departments.

Commercial travelers or salesmen should be distinguished from salesmen or clerks in stores.

Married women, female heads of families, or other women who are employed only in their own homes should not be reported as "housekeepers," "housewives," or "housework." These terms should be reserved for those who receive a monetary compensation.

Distinguish between agricultural laborers, railroad laborers, and other day laborers.

Mill or factory operatives should be distinguished according to the product of the mill—Woolen, Cotton, Carpet, Silk, Shoe, etc.

Miners should be distinguished as Coal, Iron, Lead, etc.

**Educational Attainments.**—Educational attainments should be stated as illiterate, able to read and write, common school education or equivalent, high school education or equivalent, college education or equivalent. If the deceased is less than fifteen years of age the educational attainments of the mother, if living, or of the father, if living, or of the guardian, in the order named, shall be given.

**Date of Death.**—Give the Month, Day, and Year. This and the physician's certificate of attendance are necessary to establish the fact and time of death.

**Cause of Death.**—The disease causing death should be definitely stated, or, if the death resulted from violence and not from disease, then the nature of the violence, and whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal, should be given. Contributory causes, complications, or sequelae of the disease causing death may be named, but mere symptoms should not be stated to the exclusion of the primary disease causing death. The duration should be stated for each cause given.

The lack of definiteness in the statement of causes of death is largely due to carelessness on the part of the physicians, who could undoubtedly make a much more satisfactory statement in many cases if their attention were called to the matter. It is the duty of the registrar accepting the certificate to see that this is invariably done when necessary.

The cause of death should be stated, in every case, so that it may be accurately classified under some specific and definite title of the classification. To this end it should be remembered that death is the result of disease or of external causes. If from disease, the nature of the disease, and if local, the particular organ or part of the body affected should be stated. Terms indicating mere symptoms of disease, or conditions resulting from disease, should not be accepted. Deaths from violence should be distinguished as accidental, homicidal, or suicidal, and in each case the kind of accident and nature of injury or manner of suicide should be stated.

It has been observed that, as a rule, causes of death certified by coroners are quite as unsatisfactory as those certified by physicians, more particularly in failing to define accidental deaths, or by reporting "heart failure" or "natural causes" in cases of deaths occurring suddenly.

In many places deaths of nonresidents are frequently registered which are not properly chargeable against the population of the places in which they occur. This is particularly true of deaths in hospitals and institutions to which persons resort for treatment for disease or injuries contracted or received elsewhere. In all such cases the information required under this heading should be supplied to permit a proper disposition of the case.

Every person, firm, or corporation selling a casket at retail, and not having charge of the disposition of the body, shall enclose within the casket a blank death certificate bearing instructions for recording the death.

# APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

(This application, when properly executed before some officer having authority to administer oaths for general purposes, should be forwarded, together with the pension certificate and itemized bills of all expenses, to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.)

STATE OF Virginia } ss:  
COUNTY OF Norfolk

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Twenty one  
personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid.  
Mamie Bellamy, aged Twenty Seven years, a resident of  
South Hill, County of Norfolk, State of  
Virginia, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order

to obtain reimbursement from the accrued pension for expenses paid (or obligation incurred) in the last sickness and burial of  
Clarissa Midgett who was a pensioner of the United States by  
certificate No. 864132 on account of the service of Riley Midgett  
in Co. F-36 Reg. U.S. Colored Soldiers (Name of soldier or sailor)  
(Describe service by company and regiment, etc., if in the Army, or by the words U. S. Navy, if in the Navy.)  
That pension was last paid to Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 19 20

That the answers to questions propounded below are full, complete, and truthful to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that no evidence necessary to a proper adjustment of all claims against the accrued pension is suppressed or withheld.

1. What was the full name of the deceased pensioner? Clarissa Midgett

2. In what capacity was decedent pensioned? (As invalid soldier or sailor, or as a widow, minor child, dependent relative, etc.)  
Widow

3. If decedent was pensioned as an invalid soldier or sailor—
- (a) Was he ever married? (Answer yes or no.) Yes
  - (b) How many times, and to whom? Clarissa Midgett
  - (c) If married, did his wife survive him? (Answer yes or no.) Yes
  - (d) If so, is she still living? (Answer yes or no.) No
  - (e) If not living, give full names and dates of death of all wives Clarissa Midgett  
(died Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1920)
  - (f) Was he ever divorced? (Answer yes or no.) No
  - (g) If so, is the divorced wife still living? (Answer yes or no.) \_\_\_\_\_ (If living, a copy of the decree of divorce must be filed.)
  - (h) If not living, give her full name and the date of her death \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did pensioner leave a child under 16 years of age? (Answer yes or no.) No

5. Is any such child still living? (Answer yes or no.) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Were any sick or death benefits paid on pensioner's account? If so, give name of society and amount paid  
No

7. Was there insurance (life, accident, or health) in force on life of pensioner at time of death? (Answer yes or no.) No

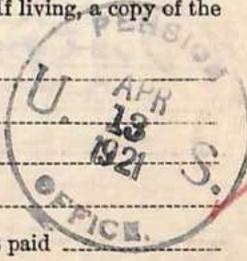
8. If so, give the name of each company in which a policy was carried and the amount in which each policy was written  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Who was the beneficiary named in each policy? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What was the relation of each beneficiary to the pensioner? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Were the premiums paid by the deceased pensioner? \_\_\_\_\_

12. If not paid by the deceased pensioner, state the amount of premiums paid by each person who made payment on that account  
\_\_\_\_\_





Also appeared \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who, being duly sworn, say that they saw Mammie Bellamy, the claimant, sign name (or make \_\_\_\_\_ mark) to this application; that they know the claimant herein and that their answers to the following questions are true:

1. Did pensioner (if a soldier or sailor) leave a widow or a minor child under age of sixteen years surviving? Widow, no child

2. When did the pensioner die? Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1920

3. Did pensioner leave any property? If so, state its character and value none

4. We knew pensioner two years. We believe above statements to be true because close and intimate neighbors

Name Douglas A. Crew  
P. O. Address Berkeley, Mich. R.F.D. 3  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_

Name Georgie Russell  
P. O. Address Berkeley, Mich. R.F.D. 3  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April

A. D. 1924; and I certify that the contents of the foregoing application were fully made known and explained to the claimant and witnesses before swearing, that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim, and I further certify that the reputation for credibility of the witnesses whose signatures appear above is \_\_\_\_\_

Congressman Spivey  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 1924

Parke L. Ponder  
(Signature.)  
Notary Public  
(Official character.)

DECLARATION ACCEPTED AS CLAIM UNDER THE ACT OF MARCH 2, 1895.

CHIEF, LAW DIVISION

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

Give date of the pensioner's death November 18 1920  
Give date of commencement of pensioner's last sickness Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1920  
From what date did the pensioner require the regular and daily attendance of another person constantly until death? Nov 9 1920  
During what period did you attend the pensioner? from Nov 9<sup>th</sup> to Nov 18<sup>th</sup>  
State nature of disease from which pensioner died General Paralysis

Give name of each person who rendered service as nurse and who has made or will make a charge for such service Mammie Bellamy (Daughter)

Give name of any other physician who attended the pensioner in last sickness None

Does your bill include a charge for all medicine furnished the pensioner during last sickness? Yes  
Has your bill been paid; if so, by whom? Yes, Mammie Bellamy (Daughter)

Mention any other facts within your knowledge which in your opinion would be helpful in adjusting this claim for reimbursement:

I certify that the foregoing statement is correct.  
April 11, 1921

G. Hamilton Francis M.D.  
Attending Physician.

Case of Mammie's last

Case of Mammie's last

APR 13 1921

# APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

Certificate No. 864139

Deceased Pensioner.

Claimant.

AN ACT to amend section forty-seven hundred and forty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States. (30 Stat. L., 718.)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-seven hundred and forty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That every person who knowingly or willfully makes or aids, or assists in the making, or in any wise procures the making or presentation of any false or fraudulent affidavit, declaration, certificate, voucher, or paper or writing purporting to be such, concerning any claim for pension or payment thereof, or pertaining to any other matter within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Pensions or of the Secretary of the Interior, or who knowingly or willfully makes or causes to be made, or aids or assists in the making, or presents or causes to be presented at any pension agency any power of attorney or other paper required as a voucher in drawing a pension, which paper bears a date subsequent to that upon which it was actually signed or acknowledged by the pensioner, and every person before whom any declaration, affidavit, voucher, or other paper or writing to be used in aid of the prosecution of any claim for pension or bounty land or payment thereof purports to have been executed, who shall knowingly certify that the declarant, affiant, or witness named in such declaration, affidavit, voucher, or other paper or writing personally appeared before him and was sworn thereto, or acknowledged the execution thereof, when, in fact, such declarant, affiant, or witness did not personally appear before him or was not sworn thereto, or did not acknowledge the execution thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than five years."

Approved July 7, 1898. APR 14 1921 DIVISION 6-1572

## The Act March 2, 1895 (28 Stat. L., 964), provides—

That from and after the twenty-eighth day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, the accrued pension to the date of the death of any pensioner, or of any person entitled to a pension having an application therefor pending, and whether a certificate therefor shall issue prior or subsequent to the death of such person, shall, in the case of a person pensioned, or applying for pension, on account of his disabilities or service, be paid, first, to his widow; second, if there is no widow, to his child or children under the age of sixteen years at his death; third, in a case of a widow, to her minor children under the age of sixteen years at her death. Such accrued pension shall not be considered a part of the assets of the estate of such deceased person nor be liable for the payment of the debts of said estate in any case whatsoever, but shall inure to the sole and exclusive benefit of the widow or children. And if no widow or child survive such pensioner, and in the case of his last surviving child who was such minor at his death, and in case of a dependent mother, father, sister, or brother, no payment whatsoever of their accrued pension shall be made or allowed except so much as may be necessary to reimburse the person who bore the expense of their last sickness and burial, if they did not leave sufficient assets to meet such expense.

## The Act March 3, 1905 (33 Stat. L., 1169), provides—

\* \* \* and no part of any accrued pension shall hereafter be used to reimburse any State, county, or municipal corporation for expenses incurred by such State, county, or municipal corporation under State law for expenses of the last sickness or burial of a deceased pensioner.

## INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Accrued pension is not a part of the assets of the estate of a deceased pensioner, nor liable for the payment of the debts of such pensioner.
2. Accrued pension is not payable as reimbursement in the case of a person pensioned on account of service if a widow or minor child under sixteen years of age survive.
3. Accrued pension is not payable as reimbursement in the case of any pensioner who left sufficient assets to meet the expense of last sickness and burial.
4. Application for reimbursement should be accompanied by the following evidence:
  - (a) Bills of all expenses of last sickness and burial. If paid by the claimant for reimbursement the bills must be properly receipted to said claimant; but if paid in part only the creditor should state by whom paid or from what source such payment was received. If unpaid, the parties to whom said bills are due should note on each bill, over their signatures, that they hold the claimant responsible for the payment. If the bill be for medical treatment it must show the dates of visits or treatment and the charge for each. A bill for nursing and care must show the dates between which the services were rendered, and the rate per day or week. The bill of the undertaker must be itemized, and show the date on which the services were rendered. Each bill must show that the service was rendered for the pensioner on account of whom reimbursement is claimed. All claims should be presented in the name of one person. Bills which are forwarded become a part of the records of the Bureau of Pensions and can not be returned. Claimants should therefore secure duplicates of such bills if needed by them.
  - (b) The pension certificate which was issued in the name of the pensioner. If such certificate is not in possession of the claimant a statement showing its whereabouts or final disposition should be made.
5. A careful compliance with these instructions will save much unnecessary delay in the settlement of the claim presented.

## NOTICE.

The only sum available for payment of a claim presented on this blank is the pension unpaid at the date of the pensioner's death.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The civil officer before whom this affidavit is executed should be careful to fill in all spaces, both in the caption and jurat.

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF North Carolina, County of Wayne ss:

In the matter of Clarissa Midgett wid of Riley Midgett  
Co. H. 36 Regt. U. S. Inf. wid orig no. 1119, 659.

ON THIS 24 day of July, A. D. 1918, personally appeared before me  
as Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer

oaths Riley Lee aged 77 years, a resident of Elizabeth City  
in the County of Wayne, and State of NC

whose Post-office address is Elizabeth City, NC  
and David Wilcher aged 70 years, a resident of Elizabeth City

in the County of Wayne  
and State of NC, whose Post office address is

Elizabeth City, NC  
well known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to afore-

said case as follows That they are well acquainted with  
Riley Midgett the deceased soldier and Clarissa

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

Midgett the claimant that they have known  
them early since they become of marriageable  
age. That they lived in the same vicinity  
and neither the deceased soldier nor the  
claimant were never married until they were  
married to each other. They also certify  
that they were never divorced from  
each other, and that lived together  
as man and wife from the date of  
their marriage to the date of the  
Soldiers death.

*Maman & Co  
Elizabeth City*



They further declares that they have no interest in said case and are not concerned in its prosecution.

(If affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write sign here.)

Riley Lee  
Signatures of Affiants.

David Wilcher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words

.....erased, and the words .....  
.....added, and acquainted them

with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant are personally known to me and that they are credible person.<sup>5</sup>

[L. S.]

W. B. Cuyper  
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public  
(Official Character.)

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk, unless such certificate is already on file in the Pension Office, when such fact should be stated.



Civil War Division  
Clarissa Midgett for Pension  
with orig. No. 1119, 659,

**ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE**

CLAIM OF  
Clarissa Midgett wid  
of Riley Midgett late of  
Co. H. 56 Regt. in. S. C. Inf.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Riley Lee and  
David Mitchell  
Elizabeth City, N. C.

FILED BY

A. W. Bell Atty.  
400 Shepard St.  
Elizabeth City,  
N. C.

W. C. No. 864132 ✓

REIMBURSEMENT.

Claimant Mamie Bellamy Pensioner Clarissa Midgett  
 Care of Morrisson's Store  
 Street and No. R. D. 3 - Berkeley Class Widow  
 P. O. Norfolk Law May 1, 1920  
 State Virginia Agency Group 2  
 Rate, \$ 30 Last paid to Nov 4 1920 at \$ 30  
 Last illness commenced Nov 9, 1920 Date of death Nov 18 1920 Accrued pension \$ 15<sup>00</sup>

AMOUNTS CLAIMED.		CHARGES APPROVED.		DEDUCTIONS.	
Physicians' bills	\$ 30	\$ 30	State aid	\$	
Medicine	20	20	Assets		
Board			Insurance		
Nursing and care			Amount waived		
Rent					
Living expenses for pensioner					
Undertaker's bill	164	164			
Livery					
Cemetery charges					
OTHER EXPENSES.					
			TOTAL		
			SUMMARY.		
			Charges approved	\$	
			Deductions		
			Amount approved		
TOTALS	214	214			

Approved for \$ 15<sup>00</sup>

Oct 12, 1921 A. Kennedy  
 Examiner.

OCT 14 1921 A. D. Prall  
 Reviewer.

To the Chief, Finance Division: You are hereby notified that  
check # 8203911, for \$ 90<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dated FEB 4 1921

in favor of  
post-office  
Certificate #

CLARISSA MIDGETT  
BUELL VA  
864132

ACT APR

Class MAY WIDOW

Section 5 has been returned to me by POSTMASTER  
with the information that the pensioner died Jan 27, 1921  
and said check has this day been canceled.

Very respectfully,

GUY O. TAYLOR,  
Disbursing Clerk.

(D-1)

FEB 17 1921

DROPPED because of death, which oc-  
curred on

Last paid at \$30, to Mr. H. 1920

W. N. CAMPBELL

Chief, Finance Division.

RETURN TO:  
OFFICE OF  
DIRECTOR  
PRIME

Finance Division

FEB. 18 1921

READ

OFFICE HOURS:

10:00 A. M. TO 11:00 A. M.  
2:00 P. M. TO 8:30 P. M.

PHONE CONNECTION

NORFOLK, VA.

*Dec 1*

1920

*Mammie Bellamy for Clarissa Midgett  
So Hill*

TO DR. G. HAMILTON-FRANCIS, DR.

929 LIBERTY STREET

TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

*30.00*

*Paid*

*12/1/21*

*[Signature]*

U. S. OFFICE.  
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Berkley-Norfolk, Va., Dec 1 1921

M. Mammie B. Wang for Christmas Budget

To Progressive Drug Company, Inc. Dr.

Drugs and Sundries

'PHONE CONNECTION

1103 LIBERTY STREET

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10	Mr chandie	3	00
12	"	2	50
13	R	3	50
15	Mr chandie	2	00
16	Mr chandie	3	50
17	R	1	50
Total		20	00

*Paid*



*4/1/21*

*Progressive Drug Co  
By Robert W. S.*

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The pension accruing from date of last payment to date of pensioner's death in this case is ..... and no greater sum is available for reimbursement.

REIMBURSEMENT.

I hereby certify that I hold *Minnie Bellamy* ..... responsible for the payment of any portion of the accrued pension to which I may be entitled for services rendered, supplies furnished, or money expended during the last sickness and burial of *Clairina Midgett* ..... late a pensioner by <sup>her</sup> certificate number *864.132* .....

(This need not be sworn to.)

*C. N. Lotman*  
*R. D. #3 Box 155*  
*Berkley Sta. Norfolk Va*

*W. M. ...*

BERKLEY, VA.,

1922

Mr. Mammie Bellamy for Clarissa Widgett

To C. N. TROTMAN, DR.

UNDERTAKER AND FUNERAL DIRECTOR

OFFICE AND RESIDENCE: MCKINLEY ST., SO. HILL

BERKLEY, STA., NORFOLK, VA.

*Paid 60.00 June 104.00*

PHONE 4164 BERKLEY

ADDRESS:  
R. F. D. 3, BOX 155, BERKLEY STA.  
NORFOLK, VA.

Casket w. Box

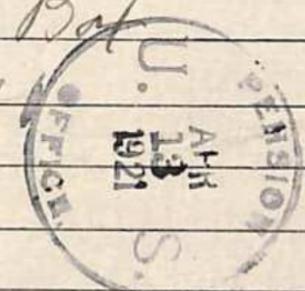
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C. N. Trotman



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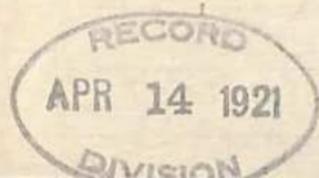
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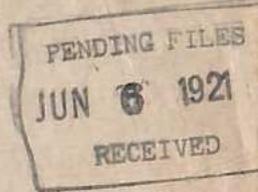
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Wid. Ctf. 864132  
Clarissa Midgett  
Riley Midgett  
F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1921.



Mrs. Mamie Bellamy  
c/o Morrison's Store  
R. D. 3, Berkley  
Norfolk, Virginia

Madam:

Relative to your claim for reimbursement  
in the above-cited case, you are advised that  
the enclosed certificate should be signed by  
C. N. Trotman, undertaker, and returned to this  
Bureau.

Very respectfully,

*Washington Gardner*

Commissioner.

JGB:mwp

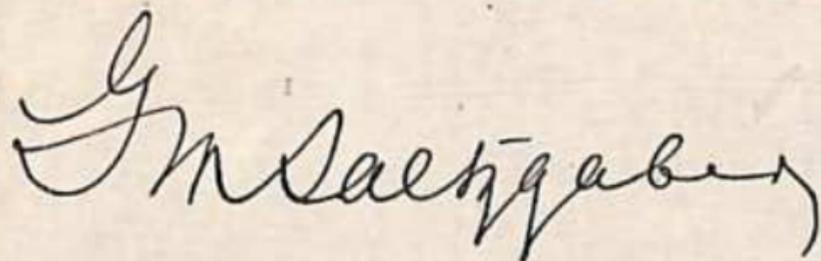


*Gentleman,*

*I am also returning this  
last letter I received from you April 22,  
1921, as it may further give you information.*

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BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
WASHINGTON

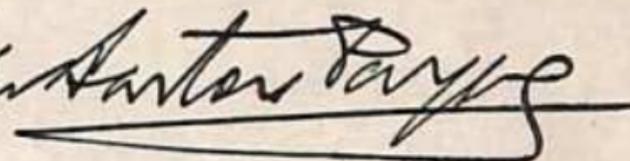
Under an act of Congress approved by the President May 1, 1920, your pension from that date is increased to \$30 per month. THIS SLIP SHOULD BE SECURELY ATTACHED TO YOUR PENSION CERTIFICATE.



*Commissioner of Pensions.*



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*Secretary of the Interior.*

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# United States of America



## BUREAU OF PENSIONS

It is hereby certified That in conformity with the laws  
of the United States—Clarissa Midgett, \_\_\_\_\_  
Widow of Riley Midgett, \_\_\_\_\_  
who was a Private, Co. F, 36th Regiment United States Colored  
Infantry \_\_\_\_\_ is entitled to  
a pension at the rate of Twenty-five \_\_\_\_\_ dollars per month, to  
commence April 27, 1918 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and to continue during her widowhood.

Given at the Department of the Interior this  
thirteenth day of March  
one thousand nine hundred and nineteen  
and of the Independence of the United States  
of America the one hundred and forty-third.

*Martin K. Lane*

Secretary of the Interior.

Countersigned,

*E. C. Sieman*  
Acting Commissioner of Pensions.

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

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

Approved February 28, 1883.

NO. 364, 132  
PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

Clarissa Hiddett

PAYABLE QUARTERLY

BY THE

DISBURSING CLERK,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

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Clerk.

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CLAIM NO. ....

Examiners are required to keep the unimportant papers in this wrapper.

I certify that the inclosed papers are of no value in determining the merits of this claim.  
....., Examiner.

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**PAPERS NOT  
BRIEFED.**

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

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902 Hill St.  
Berkeley Wd.  
Norfolk Va  
Dec. 19, 1931.



Bureau -  
Gentlemen,  
I am writing for information  
I have been informed  
that the Government was  
or is now pensioning all  
of the children of the  
Civil War veterans. Is  
this true? Please let  
me know as I am a  
child of a Civil War veteran.  
I sure need help for I  
don't even know where I  
shall get food to eat on  
tomorrow. Not having one  
cent in this world and

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about to loose my  
home because of my  
payments, I would like  
to put my claim in at  
once if the statement  
is true.

Please let me  
hear from you or please  
send me blanks.

Yours in Oblige  
Mrs. Marie Bellamy



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902 Hill St  
Berkeley Ward  
Yorkshire Pa  
Jan. 20, 1932

Veterans Administration  
Room 2218 Interior Dept.  
Gentlemen -

Some time ago I wrote you about my claim as I am the daughter of Riley Midgett a soldier in the Civil War Co. A. 36 Regiment.

I received a returned blank (along my letter) which I filled out the same and returned it back to you. I filled it out as

Mr. B. 864/132  
OK





I knew it. Having  
failed to hear from  
you I have been wondering  
as to whether you  
received it or not.  
Hoping to hear  
from you at an early  
date.

I am Sir,  
Respectfully,  
Mrs. Mamie Bellamy



*MB*

Ex. BHT Div. Pension Files Sub-Division

Room 2218,

Department of the Interior Bldg.

~~BUREAU OF PENSIONS~~

WASHINGTON, D. C., DEC 24 1931

The attached letter is respectfully returned with the information that the data furnished is not sufficient to enable this Bureau to make intelligent answer to the queries therein contained.

*\** Please fill out such of the blank spaces below as the information in your possession will permit and return to this Bureau.

No. of claim W.C. 864 132

Name of soldier \_\_\_\_\_

Riley Widgett

P. O. address of claimant 902

Hill St. Berkeley, Calif.

Company Co. F.

Regiment 36 USC. Inf.

State where enlisted \_\_\_\_\_

Date of enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Date of discharge \_\_\_\_\_

If unable to furnish company and regiment give names of commanding officers.

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Return attached letter with reply.

*W. C. Black*

Chief Clerk  
Commissioner

*(Over)*

(bht)

FROM

His address was  
Elizabeth City  
before he died. N.C.

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Chief Clerk

## INQUIRY SLIP.

FROM

A. W. Bell atty.

TO THE

## PENSION BUREAU.

Clarissa Midgett

Application No. 119659

Certificate No.

## NAME OF SOLDIER:

Riley Midgett

Co. H., 36 Reg't U.S.C. Inf.

## INFORMATION DESIRED:

Hon. Commissioner  
of pensions your  
Hon. please pardon  
me for calling up  
this claim as it is  
a very serious claim  
you will please cons-  
ider it at your earliest  
convenient opportunity  
As this widow is com-  
pletely helpless cant  
do any thing she has  
to have a nurse  
she has had a stroke  
some time ago thanking  
you for past services!  
Very Respectfully  
A. W. Bell

REVISION-BUREAU

OFFICE  
U. S. P.  
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CIVIL DIVISION  
SEP 30 1918

## BOARD OF REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

W.O. Washington, D. C., Dec. 21, 1918  
No. Claim, 1119 659

Cert. No.

Claimant,

Clarissa

Soldier,

Riley Midgett

Co. F

36 Reg't U. S. Inf.

Respectfully,

returned to the  
Chief  
Civil War Division.

The copy of death record  
shows soldier's name as

Riley W. Midgett & the  
marriage record as William  
R. Midgett.

Claimant should state the  
soldier's correct name & com-  
petent testimony should be  
furnished in corroboration.

J. W. Linnell  
Reviewer.

Chief, Board of Review.

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Form 2992.  
Ed. Jan. 9-09-3,000.

REQUESTING ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE.

329681

In answering this letter address "Auditor for the War Department," and refer to above number.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., May 3, 1909

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:

Please transmit an abstract of any evidence on file in your Office ~~in the case of identifying Riley Midget as the~~  
~~Co. F 36<sup>th</sup> U.S. Col. Inf~~  
~~tending to show the marriage and death of said soldier, and the nature and~~  
~~origin of the disability by reason of which he was discharged; also forward his~~  
~~discharge certificate, if on file.~~

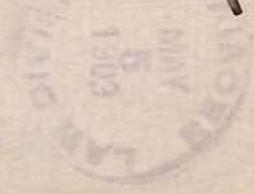
Claimant, Riley Midget  
Post-office address, Elizabeth City, N. C.  
No. of pension certificate, 115499

Respectfully,

B. F. Harper.

Auditor.

By [Signature]



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W Morrison & Sons  
R F W 3

Berkley Ca.  
Feb. 5 - 1921

Bureau of Pensions,  
Gentlemen

My mother (Clara Midgett)  
was dead and buried a  
few days before her  
check reached here.  
Her burial expenses  
have not been settled  
and the undertaker  
wishes to hold the check  
for the same.

I am writing for  
information as to whether  
or not her check can be  
held and cashed for  
her burial expenses as  
we have no other means

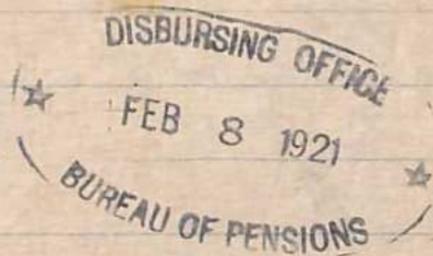
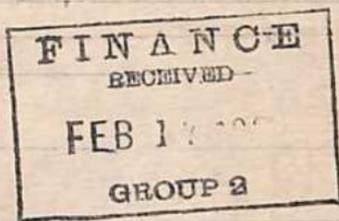
by which to settle the  
account.

Whatever you say  
will be promptly done.

Waiting your answer, in  
the mean time I shall  
hold the check until then.

Respectfully

Mrs. Marie Bellamy.



State of Virginia }  
City of Norfolk } ss

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1871 personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for said city aforesaid Riley Midgett who being duly sworn on oath says he was a Pvt in Co "F" 36<sup>th</sup> Regt. U.S. and an applicant for an Invalid Pension and his Post Office Address to which he desires his Pension Certificate and other communications addressed is Freedmen's Savings Bank Norfolk, Virginia

Witness  
my hand  
at Norfolk

Riley Midgett  
James

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year above stated and I certify that the above affidavit was carefully read and explained to affiant before signing and I have no interest in this claim

Edward Spalding  
N. P.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OCT 9 1871  
PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE



5-5-09

May 12, 1909.

The Auditor

for the War Department.

Sir:-

In response to your call of the 3rd, received the 5th instant (GMH.326-329,681), relative to the case of Riley Midgett, of Elizabeth City, N. C., late of Co. F, 36" U.S.C.Inf., Cert. #115,499, you are advised as follows:

Jacob Spellman and Henry Owens, of Elizabeth City, N. C. testified, March 14, 1898, that they have known Riley Midgett for 20 and 14 years, respectively, and that they believe him to be the identical person he represents himself to be.

D. W. Williams and S. W. Benburg, of Elizabeth City, N. C., testified, February 2, 1881, that they were present and saw Riley Midgett sign his name to his declaration of said date, and that affiants believe him to be the identical person he holds himself out to be.

Similar testimony is given by S. W. McMullin and Charles Reed, of Elizabeth City, N. C., in their affidavit of June 18, 1901.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

With any reply  
refer to HPW/mep

Law Division

*Mail*

April 19, 1919.

Mrs. Lizzie E. Bell,  
Elizabeth City, N.C.

Madam:

Referring to the case of Clarissa Midgett, widow of Riley Midgett, Co.F, 36th U.S.C. Inf., Wid.Cert.No.864,132, you are advised that the check for \$10, drawn to the order of Adam W. Bell, now deceased, in payment of attorney fee on the issue of March 13, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for the Interior Department, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., to whom all correspondence concerning its payment should be addressed.

Respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER.  
Commissioner.

( Copy )

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April 8<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Auditor for Interior Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find check #1086760 drawn April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1919 for \$10.00 to the order of Adam W. Bell, in payment of attorney fee in case of Clarissa Midgett, certificate #864132, Act of April 19<sup>th</sup> 1908, as the payee died December 15<sup>th</sup> 1918 and the widow - Lizzie E. Bell, of Elizabeth City, N. C. - requests that the check be made payable to her.

Very respectfully,

*Guy O. Taylor*  
Disbursing Clerk.



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Civil War Division  
Wid. Orig. 1119659  
Clarissa Midgett  
Riley Midgett  
Co. F, 38 U.S.C. Inf.

January 14, 1919.

Mrs. Clarissa Midgett,  
Buell, Virginia.

Madam:

In your above entitled claim for pension, you should furnish your statement showing the soldier's full and correct Christian name, it appearing in the case as Riley, Riley W. and William R. , also the testimony of persons who knew him in early life, showing his correct name.

No affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to state the age and postoffice address of the witness and his means of knowing the facts stated; and the name and service of the soldier and the number of the claim should be noted on each paper filed.

Very respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER.

Commissioner.

JHH-WNC  
Civil War Div.,  
Section H-  
Inv. Ctf. #115,499,  
Riley Midgett,  
F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

April 11, 1918.

Mr. Riley Midgett,  
314 Edge Street,  
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Sir:

Your claim for renewal and increase of pension under the general law, filed March 18, 1918, is rejected on the ground that a medical examination is not warranted, as the evidence on file fails to describe such a degree of disability due to former pensioned causes, exclusively, gunshot wound of left arm and side, which would incapacitate you for the performance of manual labor, or cause total disability of left arm or hand.

Your condition is due, in part, to infirmities of age.

Very respectfully,

E. C. TIEMAN

Acting Commissioner.

Civil War Division,  
Inv. Ctr., 115,499,  
Riley Midgett,  
Co. F, 36 U.S. CINF.

His'l. Sec., HRMcC.

March 11, 1918.

Mr. Riley Midgett,  
Elizabeth City,  
North Carolina .

Sir:-

In response to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo, you are advised that if your disability due, exclusively, to gunshot wound of left arm and left side, (for which you were formerly pensioned under the general law,) has so increased that you are now totally disqualified for the performance of manual labor, - or if the condition of your left arm, due exclusively to said wound, has now resulted in a total disability of said arm (or in the total disability of your left hand) you are at liberty to execute and file in this Bureau the inclosed application for renewal and increase of your pension under the general law, alleging the facts as they now exist; and you are further advised that you should accompany said application by competent medical testimony corroborating your allegations and fully describing your physical condition and degree of your disability due to said wounds, independent of any other cause or causes.

Very respectfully,

H. M. SALTZGANN,  
Commissioner.

HHB-WNC  
Civil war Div.,  
Section H-  
Inv. Ctf. #115,499,  
Riley Midgett,  
F. 36 U. S. C. Inf.

February 5, 1918.

Mr. Riley Midgett,

Elizabeth City, N. C.

Sir:

Your claim for renewal and increase of pension under the general law, filed October 5, 1915, is rejected on the ground that a medical examination is not warranted, for the reason that the testimony on file fails to describe a degree of disability due, exclusively, to former pensioned causes, gunshot wound of left arm and side, as would totally incapacitate you for the performance of manual labor, or cause total disability of the left arm or hand.

Very respectfully,

E. W. SALTIGABER

Commissioner.

Civil War Div.  
I. Ctf. 115,499.  
Riley Midgett,  
F. 36 U.S.C. Inf.

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Sec. E-EPC-J/GWL

December 29, 1915.

P. J. Lockwood & Co. Attys.,  
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

The above cited claim for renewal and increase of pension under the general law requires medical testimony showing the extent to which the claimant is disabled for manual labor by reason of the disabilities for which pensioned, gunshot wound of left arm and side.

Very respectfully,

**E. G. TIEMAN**

Acting Commissioner.

Civil War Division,  
Inv. Ctf., 115,499,  
Riley Midgett,  
Co. F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

Misc'l. Sec., HRMcC.

December 22, 1917.

Mr. Riley Midgett,  
Elizabeth City,  
North Carolina.

Sir:-

In response to your communication of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, you are advised that your claim for renewal and increase of pension under the general law, filed October 5, 1915, requires medical testimony showing the extent to which you were disabled for manual labor by reason of disability due, exclusively, to gunshot wound of left arm and side, (on account of which you were formerly pensioned under the general law) at date of filing said claim and continuously to the present time.

The above-mentioned evidence was requested by letter from this Bureau addressed to P. J. Lockwood & Co., your attorneys of record, December 29, 1915, to which letter no response has been received.

Very respectfully,

W. M. SALTZGABER  
Commissioner.

January 21, 1932.

MBAB  
W.C. 864132 Riley Midgett

Mrs. Mamie Bellamy,  
902 Hill St.,  
Berkley Wd.,  
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Madam:

This is in response to your communication of December 19, 1931, relative to your title to pension as child of the soldier.

As you were over the age of 16 years at the time of the soldier's death, you could have no title to pension based on his service.

Respectfully,

E. W. Morgan  
Director of Pensions.

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BP.

Wid. Div. R. S.  
Wid. Ctf. 864132  
Clarissa Midgett  
Riley Midgett  
F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

April 22, 1921.

Mrs. Mamie Bellamy  
c/o Morrison's Store  
R. D. 3, Berkley  
Norfolk, Virginia

Madam:

Relative to your claim for reimbursement  
in the above-cited case, you are advised that  
the enclosed certificate should be signed by  
C. N. Trotman, undertaker, and returned to this  
Bureau.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

JGB:mwp

February 9, 1921.

Mrs. Mamie Bellamy,  
C/o Morrison & Sons,  
R.F.D. # 3,  
Berkley, Va.

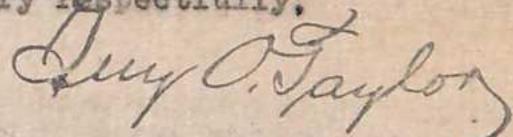
Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of February 5, reporting the death of your mother, Clarissa Midgett, and in regard to her check for February 4, I have to advise you that the check should not have been delivered, the pensioner having died before it was dated, and I will thank you to return it at once.

The law, an abstract of which appears on the envelope in which the check was enclosed, prohibits the delivery of that letter to any person, if the addressee has died, or removed, or being a widow, is believed to have remarried, and requires its return forthwith in any such case, with a statement of the reasons for so doing, and if on account of death, remarriage or re-enlistment, the date thereof if known.

I enclose herewith Circular Letter No. 2a for your information and call your attention to paragraph marked.

Very respectfully,



Disbursing Clerk.

Midgett, Riley WC 864-132

[2 of 2]

To Morrison & Sons  
N.Y. N. 3

Disbursing Clerk, - <sup>Berkley Sa.</sup>  
Washington - D.C.  
Gentlemen, -

After having received  
your answer to my letter  
of February 3 - concerning  
check for my mother  
Clarissa Midgott - as to  
what I should do I here  
by inclose check un-  
sealed which I hope  
you will receive.

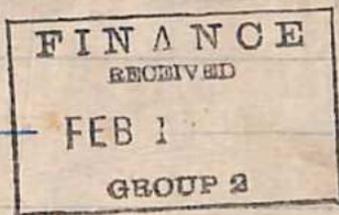
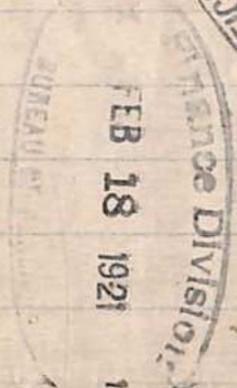
Sorry it could not  
be used for the settlement  
of her death as there  
was but a few days difference  
in the date of her death and  
the date of the check she having

died the 27 of January.

Hoping you  
will receive the checks

Respectfully

Mrs. Marnie Bedany.



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Commissioner of Pensions

Dear Sir -

About a month ago I received your last blank sent me (April 22) and had it signed by C. H. Trotman, the undertaker and sent back to you at once. Since then I have not heard anything more relative to my claim for reimbursement. Thinking you may have sent me information in some way and that it may not have reached my address, I thought it best to write you for information concerning same. Hoping to hear from you as to whether any letter or blank have been sent me since April 22 and thanking you for same

I am,

Respectfully,

Mrs Mammie Bellamy.

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Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13, 1921

The attached letter is respectfully returned with the information that the data furnished is not sufficient to enable this Bureau to make intelligent answer to the queries therein contained.

Please fill out such of the blank spaces below as the information in your possession will permit, and return to this Bureau.

No. of claim, *113499*

Name of soldier, *Percy Madgett*

P. O. address of claimant, *Elizabeth City N.C.*

Company, *F*

Regiment, *36*

State where enlisted, *Not known*

Date of enlistment, *Not known*

Date of discharge, *Not known*

If unable to furnish company and regiment give names of commanding officers.

*I don't know anything more to put on this blank*

Return attached letter with reply.



*Washington - Gardner*

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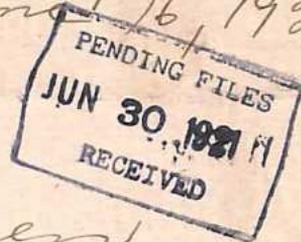
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of Morrison & Sons,  
R.F. D. 3  
Berkeley Va

June 16, 1921.



Bureau of Pensions,  
Gentlemen,

This makes the second time you have returned my letter with a blank attached stating that it did not furnish sufficient data to give information of the reimbursement blank which was sent to me so I am now writing you full information about it.

My mother, Clarissa Widgett (the widow of my father, Riley Widgett Co. F., 36 Regiment U.S. soldier) was a pensioner of the U.S. by certificate no. 864132 until the time of her death Nov. 18, 1920. After her death her check, in Feb. 1921 and the undertaker wished to hold the check for her burial. I held the check and wrote the Commissioner of Pensions for information. His advice to me was to return the check as it could not be held and he would send me a reimbursement blank which when properly filled would bring the money due. That blank was carried

you a notary Republic properly filled  
and sworn to and sent back to the  
Bureau of Pensions with the pension  
certificate and itemized bills of all  
expenses, one from the undertaker C.H.  
Wotman, one from the Dr. S.H. Francis  
and one from progressive drug Co. These  
bills and blank were all sent to  
you about the last of March or  
the first of April. I forget the exact  
date. I hope this letter will explain  
things to you as the undertaker is  
very impatient with me. I also  
returned the blank sent me April  
the twenty first about that time, for  
undertaker to sign. He did so and  
the blank was sent back to you. I shall  
fill this blank and send it as I did  
before as I don't know of anything more  
to put on it. Hope this letter will  
help you to understand me and  
also hope to hear from you  
at an early date

Respectfully

Mrs. Mary Bellamy

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400 Shepard St.  
Elizabeth City, N.C.  
July 30 - 1913.

Hon. Commissioners of pensions  
Gentleman I have an application from a  
pensioner by the name of Riley Midgitt late of  
Co. F, 36 Regt. U. S. C. Vols. Inf. who was shot  
under left arm in the breast at 10 o'clock and  
at 3 o'clock the same day was shot in the  
left arm and lost some of the bones and  
the same arm rises every two or three years  
he was shot the 28 day of Sept. 1864. at deep Bottom  
he was discharged at his Regt. is why that  
his discharge dont show his wounds but  
they can be found at the hospittle at  
Hampton Va. he dont think that the  
Honorable commissioners know of  
him being a wounded man or he would  
receive a greater pension and he ask  
that you would send a Special Examiner  
to examine him or would you allow  
him to come before your Board at  
Washington D. C. please inform me  
at an early date

Very Respectfully

Adam W. Bell Atty.

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Elizabeth City, N.C.

June 18-1918.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions  
I am Requested to inform you That  
Clarrisa Midgett wid. of Riley Midgett  
Co. F. 36 Regt. U.S. Inf. certificate no. 1119659  
is an Invalid and was at the time  
she made her application but we  
failed to state it at the time we  
made the application she has to  
have a nurse at all times your  
honor please consider this matter  
at your conveniences

Very Respectfully  
A. W. Bell atty.  
400 Shepard St.



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Clarissa Midgett  
Riley Midgett  
F.36 USC.Inf.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
JULY 17, 1918.

*C. B. S.*  
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*ack.*

ADAM W. BELL, ATTY.,  
ELIZABETH CITY,  
NORTH CAROLINA.

SIR:

In this claim, the evidence indicated in paragraph No. S. 1-4-5-6 should be furnished:

1. Death. A verified copy of the public record, or if no such record exists, the sworn statement of the attending physician, showing the date \_\_\_\_\_ of the soldier's death.

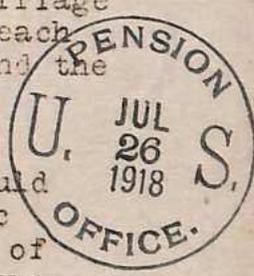
If such evidence can not be obtained, the sworn statement of witnesses having personal knowledge of the facts should be furnished, showing the fact and date of the soldier's death.

2. Marriage. A verified copy of the public or church record of the claimant's marriage to the soldier; or, if no such record exists, the sworn statement of the person who performed the ceremony; or, if that can not be obtained, the sworn statement of two persons who were present at the marriage, showing the date thereof.

If the evidence of marriage above indicated can not be obtained, there should be furnished the sworn statement of two persons showing whether the claimant and soldier lived together as husband and wife and were so recognized, and showing where and how long within the affiants' knowledge they so lived together.

3. The claimant's sworn statement showing whether either she or the soldier had been married prior to their marriage to each other; and, if so, the number of times, the name of each former husband or wife, the date of each former marriage, and the date and manner of dissolution of each former marriage.

4. If the claimant had been previously married, the fact and date of death or divorce of each former husband should be proved: in case of death, by a verified copy of the public record, or, if no such record exists, by the sworn statement of witnesses; in case of divorce, by a certified copy of the decree of court. If there was no prior marriage of claimant, the fact should be shown by the sworn statement of witnesses who have known her from the time she became of marriageable age.



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Cert. 115,499  
Act. May 11, 1913

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ACCRUED PENSION

Class: Invalid

Pensioner: Relej Midgett  
Date of death: April 20<sup>(20)</sup>, 1918 Certificate: none filed.

Claimant: Claressa Midgett, widow  
Buell  
Norfolk County  
Virginia

Attorney: None  
Address:

The fee of \$ None allowed on issue of  
of to  
to be paid when  
payment is made on accrued.

Submitted: For Adm. Nov. 30, 1918  
Re-sub: March 8, 1919  
R. D. Lymex, Examiner. M. O. Agnew

Approved for: Admission  
Pay to widow as above.

P. W. Lymex, Reviewer, March 11, 1919  
F. K. M. H., Rereviewer, March 11, 1919

M. C. No. Claimant: does not writes.

SOUTH DIV.  
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*C. R. H.* Ex'r.

Reynolds 10-25-98

Off. No. 115,499  
Riley Midgett  
Co F 36 Reg't U. S. C. I.  
Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26, 1898,

Sir:

In your above-entitled claim for pension you are required to answer the following questions in the blank spaces prepared for that purpose, and return the same to this Bureau at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

*J. L. Savenport*  
Acting Commissioner.

Riley Midgett  
Elizabeth City  
N. C.

First. What is your actual residence at the present time, and what is the nearest post-office?

Answer. Elizabeth City N C

Second. Where did you live from 1866 until you moved to your present place of residence, and what were the dates of the various changes? If in a city, state name of street and number of house.

Answer. Roanoke Island, N C Dan Co.

Third. What post-office was nearest to each of your several places of residence?

Answer. City N C.

Fourth. What has been your occupation since 1866.

Answer. Labourer.

Fifth. Have you ever been known by any name other than that given in your application for pension? If so, state it in full.

Answer. No

Sixth. Were you in the military or naval service under a name different from that by which you are now known? If so, state what it was.

Answer. No

Date of reply, Nov 5, 1898

Riley Midgett  
(Claimant's signature.)



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Civil War Division  
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Riley Midgett  
Co. F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON January 14, 1919.

Mrs. Clarissa Midgett,  
Buell, Virginia.

Madam:

In your above entitled claim for pension, you should furnish your statement showing the soldier's full and correct Christian name, it appearing in the case as Riley, Riley W. and William R. , also the testimony of persons who knew him in early life, showing his correct name.

No affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to state the age and postoffice address of the witness and his means of knowing the facts stated; and the name and service of the soldier and the number of the claim should be noted on each paper filed.

Very respectfully,

*J. M. Salinger*

Commissioner.

Elizabeth City N.C.

February 5th 1919



I.T.B. Wilson will say that I knew Riley Midgett the above named person and know that his name was Riley Midgett and never knew of him being call Willian R of Riley W.Midgett.

He was known as Riley Midgett and nothing else.

*I.T.B. Wilson*  
Deputy Collector of Customs

Elizabeth City, N. C.

Civil war division,

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9 no. Clk. 115-499

DR. E. L. HOFFLER

507 E. FEARING STREET

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

Riley Midgett

CO. F, 36 U.S.C. Inf.

OFFICE HOURS

8 TO 10 A. M.

2 TO 4 P. M.

7:30 TO 9 P. M.

SUNDAYS:

9 TO 10 A. M.

5 TO 7 P. M.

This is to certify that I saw and examined the left arm of Mr. Riley Midgett on Nov. 9-17 and found a cellulitis involving the greater portion of the arm and on Nov. 18-17. I found an abscess that had formed from the bone and by the peel of the probe the bone showed necrosis.

I am very certain that the condition of the shaft of the Humerus is such that a continual inflammation will result.

He is also affected by a gun shot wound of left side which he informed me he received while in action in Co. F, 36 U.S. C. Inf.

In my opinion he will be practically disabled for manual labor.

Very Truly

E. L. Hoffler

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To, *J. H. R. H.*, Div. *Exr.*

Department of the Interior,  
 BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *Oct 26, 1898*

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

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No other report on file.

Name, *Riley Midgett*  
 Co. *F*, *36* Reg't *U.S. Cav.*  
*J. H. Sampson* Commissioner.

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

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 NOV 14 1898  
 Washington,

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,

with the information that in the case of  
*Riley Midgett* (born  
*also Midgett*) Privt.  
 the Mil records furnish  
 the following in addi-  
 tion to further referent  
 herewith:

*Can. Co calls from M.D.*  
*(Oct 28/63) to Aug. 31/64,*  
*Present.*

*This Organization was*  
*M.D. at Co. F. 2 Regt. N.C.*  
*Co. 1st Inf. - Design was*  
*changed in Jan or Feb.*  
*1864 to Co. F. 36 Regt.*  
*U.S.C. Inf.*

Medical Records that have been indexed (or dis-  
 covered) since the report of *July 13, 73*

was made show the following additional information:  
*Noted as Riley Midgett, rank -*  
*Co. F. 2nd Regt. 36th U.S. Inf.*  
*(4, No. 1234567) present.*  
*Co. R. Midgett, Co. F. 36th U.S.*  
*Co. F. 2nd Regt. 36th U.S. Inf. July 26 to 31, 66*  
*joined - ext. fort. Aug. 1, 66,*  
*joined - ext. fort. at night Aug.*  
*Nothing additional found.*

PENSION  
 NOV 15 S.  
 OFFICE

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*J. H. Sampson*  
 Colonel, U. S. Army, Chief of Office.

For A

✓ 5. If the soldier had been previously married, the fact and date of death or divorce of each former wife should be proved: in case of death, by a verified copy of the public record, or, if no such record exists, by the sworn statement of witnesses; in case of divorce, by a certified copy of the decree of a court. If there was no prior marriage of soldier, the fact should be shown by the sworn statement of witnesses who knew him from the time he became of marriageable age.

✓ 6. The sworn statement of witnesses having knowledge of the facts, showing whether claimant and soldier were ever divorced, and whether they lived together as husband and wife up to the date of the soldier's death.

7. If the claimant has not remarried since the soldier's death, the fact should be shown by the sworn statement of witnesses having knowledge thereof. If she has remarried, the date of remarriage should be shown by evidence of the kind indicated above in paragraph 2.

8. If claimant had been previously married, her sworn statement showing whether any former husband served in the Army or Navy of the United States; and, if so, the designation of such service, and whether any application for pension has been made by herself or any other person based on such service.

9. Births. Date of birth of each child claimed for should be shown by evidence in the following order: By a duly verified copy of the public record or the church record of baptism; or by the sworn statement of the physician who attended the mother; or, by the sworn statement of a person who was present at the birth, who should state how she is able to fix the date.

10. The sworn statement of two witnesses showing whether the child claimed for (naming them)        living; if any has died, proof of the date of death should be furnished.

11. The claimant's sworn statement naming the places of her residence ever since the death of the soldier, giving dates.

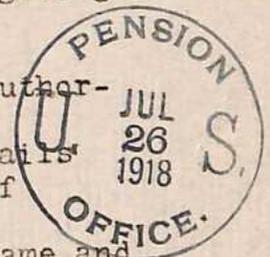
A sworn statement may be made before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.

No affidavit can be considered satisfactory that fails to state affiant's age, post-office address and means of knowledge of the facts stated.

Do not fail to inscribe on every paper filed the name and service of the soldier or sailor and the number of the claim to which it relates.

Very respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER,  
Commissioner.



CIVIL WAR  
JUL 26 1916  
DIVISION.



Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,  
Office of the Disbursing Clerk,  
Washington W.C.

ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.  
ENDED BY ACT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1916.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

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Claimant, Clara M. Bidgett Soldier, Riley Bidgett  
 P. O., Buell Rank, Private, Co. F.  
 County, Norfolk; State, Virginia Regiment, 36 U.S. Inf.  
 Rate, \$<sup>25</sup>~~12~~ per month, commencing April 27, 1918, and \$ commencing \_\_\_\_\_, 19Sept 3/1919  
 and \$2 additional for each child, as stated below.

All pension to terminate \_\_\_\_\_, 1\_\_\_\_\_, date of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

_____	{ Born, _____, _____ }	_____
_____	{ Sixteen, _____, _____ }	Commencing _____, _____
_____	{ Born, _____, _____ }	_____
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RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, Adam W. Bell Fee, \$ 10; Bureau to pay.  
 P. O., Edinburgh City, N. C.

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Adm. November 30, 1918; W. O. Agnew, Examiner.  
 Approved for March 8, 1919; R. B. Rogers  
by Act of September 8, 1916.

<u>March 11, 1919</u> , <u>C. W. Linnell</u> Reviewer.	<u>March 11, 1919</u> , <u>F. L. Smith</u> Reviewer.
The soldier was pensioned at \$ <u>94</u> per month under <u>Act of May 11, 1918.</u>	
Enlisted, <u>August 24</u> , 1 <u>863</u> .	Cl't app'n under other laws, <u>No.</u> , 1_____
honorably disch'd, <u>August 24</u> , 1 <u>866</u> .	Former marriage of <u>Neither</u> , 1_____
Reenlisted, <u>No other service</u> , 1_____	Death } of former _____, 1_____
honorably disch'd, _____, 1_____	Divorce } _____, 1_____
Died, <u>April 20</u> , 1 <u>918</u> .	Cl't marriage to soldier, <u>September 4</u> , 1 <u>870</u> .
Declaration filed, <u>April 27</u> , 1 <u>918</u> .	Cl't <u>not</u> remarried, _____, 1_____
Soldier's application filed <u>January 20</u> , 1 <u>868</u> .	Cl't <u>not</u> divorced, _____, 1_____
Claimant <u>does not</u> write.	_____ M. C.

# POWER OF ATTORNEY.

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Know all Men by these Presents, That I, Riley Widdgett, late of Co. H. Regt. 36. U.S.C.A.

of Elizabeth City, in the County of Payson, and State of N. Carolina have made, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute, and appoint E. S. Kurty, of Washington D.C.,

my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name, place, and stead, hereby annulling and revoking all former Powers of Attorney whatever in the premises, to prosecute before any Department, or the Courts, or Committees of Congress of the United States until final completion, for me, my Claim for pension on file at the Bureau of Pensions # 115.499

ATTY FILED.

and to, from time to time, furnish any further evidence necessary, or that may be demanded, giving and granting to my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present at the doing thereof, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney or substitute, may, or shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

My Post Office address is Elizabeth City, N.C.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 26 day of March, eighteen hundred and Twenty Seven.

J. H. Helms  
Geo. J. Sutter

Riley Widdgett  
(Signature of Claimant) [L. S.]

State of North Carolina, County of Wayne, ss:

BE IT KNOWN, That on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
in the year eighteen hundred and Ninety Seven, before me, the undersigned, a  
Notary Commissioner in and for the said County and  
State, personally appeared Riley Midgett  
to me well known to be the identical person who executed the foregoing Letter of Attorney, and  
the same having been first fully read over to him and the contents thereof duly explained,  
acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and that I have no interest, present or  
prospective, in the claim.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office,  
the day and year last above written.

M. D. Crippen  
(Official Signature.)

[L. S.]

W. J. Cuming  
(Official Character.)

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

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

[L. S.]

Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY  
COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Clk No. 15499  
CLAIM OF  
Riley Midgett  
to G. H. 36 No. 809

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SECTION 4

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

OFFICE OF THE DISBURSING CLERK

WASHINGTON

MAY 3 1918



Postmaster,

Elizabeth City, N. C.

Sir:

On or about May 4, 1918 a letter containing a pension check will reach your office addressed to  
Riley Midgett, 314 Edge St.

Please return it to me immediately upon its receipt as this office is informed that pensioner is dead.

Endorse date of death, if obtainable, in space provided below, and return this letter with said check.

Very respectfully,

GUY O. TAYLOR,  
Disbursing Clerk.

Ctf.# 115499

Pensioner died April 20, 1918. (9/12/7)

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Department of Justice

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MAY 7 1818  
OFFICE

IN RE: Claim No. 1119659.

David Mitchell Being duly sworn, says:

That he is 71 years of age and resides at Eliz. City, N. C.  
on <sup>5.4</sup> Martin Street. That he knew Riley Midgett, a private  
of Co. F, 36th Regiment, U. S. C. Infantry because he lived  
near him in Elizabeth City, N. C. and he came in contact with  
him daily. That the name of said Riley Midgett's wife is  
Clarissa Midgette.

David Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 5th day of February 1919.

J. H. Wilson

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires January 31st 1920



IN RE: Claim No. 1119659.

Riley Lee Being duly sworn, says:

That he is 77 years of age and resides at Eliz. City, N. C. on <sup>707</sup> Southern Ave Street. That he knew Riley Midgett, a private of Co. F, 36th Regiment, U. S. C. Infantry because he lived near him in Elizabeth City, N. C. and he same in contact with him daily. That the name of said Riley Midgett's wife is Clarisea Midgette.

Riley Lee

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 5th day of February 1919.

J. M. Wilson

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires January 31st 1920



CIVIL WAR  
DIVISION  
FEB 8 1919



3-1089.

Roll No.

Name:

Midgett, Riley ✓

Certificate No.

115499 ✓

Disability:

Rank, Co., and Regiment:

Private Fr. 36 U.S. G. Inf.  
Pensioned since 1868 or 1869

Rate and commencement of Pension:

Certificate shown

Class of Certificate:

Date of Certificate:

24 Apr. 1890 ✓

Remarks:

P. O. Address:

Elizabeth City, N.C. ✓  
314 Cedge St. ✓  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Place born *North Carolina*

Age at enlistment *16*

Company under which served *Riley Midgett*

Date of enlistment *Aug. 24, 1864*

Date of discharge *Aug. 1866*

Any prior or sub. service *No*

Any Confederate service *No*

Battles, *yes* Hospital, *yes*, *Hampton, Va.* wounded at *Deep Bottom*

Name of Captain, Lieut and Sgt: *Wall: Tripkins: Henry Johnson*

Name of wife. Undivorced, *yes*. *Clara Owens*

Any prior marriage *No*

Name comrades *Martin Mann: Leon Demsey: Nixon Keaton*

Personal description, *Height 5'-9", Black, Hair black, Eyes black.*

Signature *Riley Midgett*

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE TAKEN THE ABOVE NAMED SOLDIER AND I AM APT. AT D THAT HE REPRESENTS HIMSELF TO BE.

*Robert M. Weckin*

*April 21, 1911*

Sp. C. Ex. Examiner.

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

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

Insert character and number of claim. Increase Pension Claim No. 115.499  
Name and rank of claimant. Riley Midgett, Rank, Pvt.  
Company F, 36 Reg't U. S. C. I., 907 N. Y. AVE., CITY, State,  
Claimant's post office address. Elizabeth City N. C. (Post office address of the Board.)  
March 5, 1880. (Date of examination.)

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

Cause of disability. G. S. W. Left arm & side.

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives a pension of 12 dollars per month.  
Pulse rate per minute, 90; respiration, 20; temperature, norm; height, 5  
feet 6 inches; weight, 155 pounds; age, 40 years.

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible. He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase.  
My left arm is almost useless to me. Cannot do much with it. Pains me all the time.

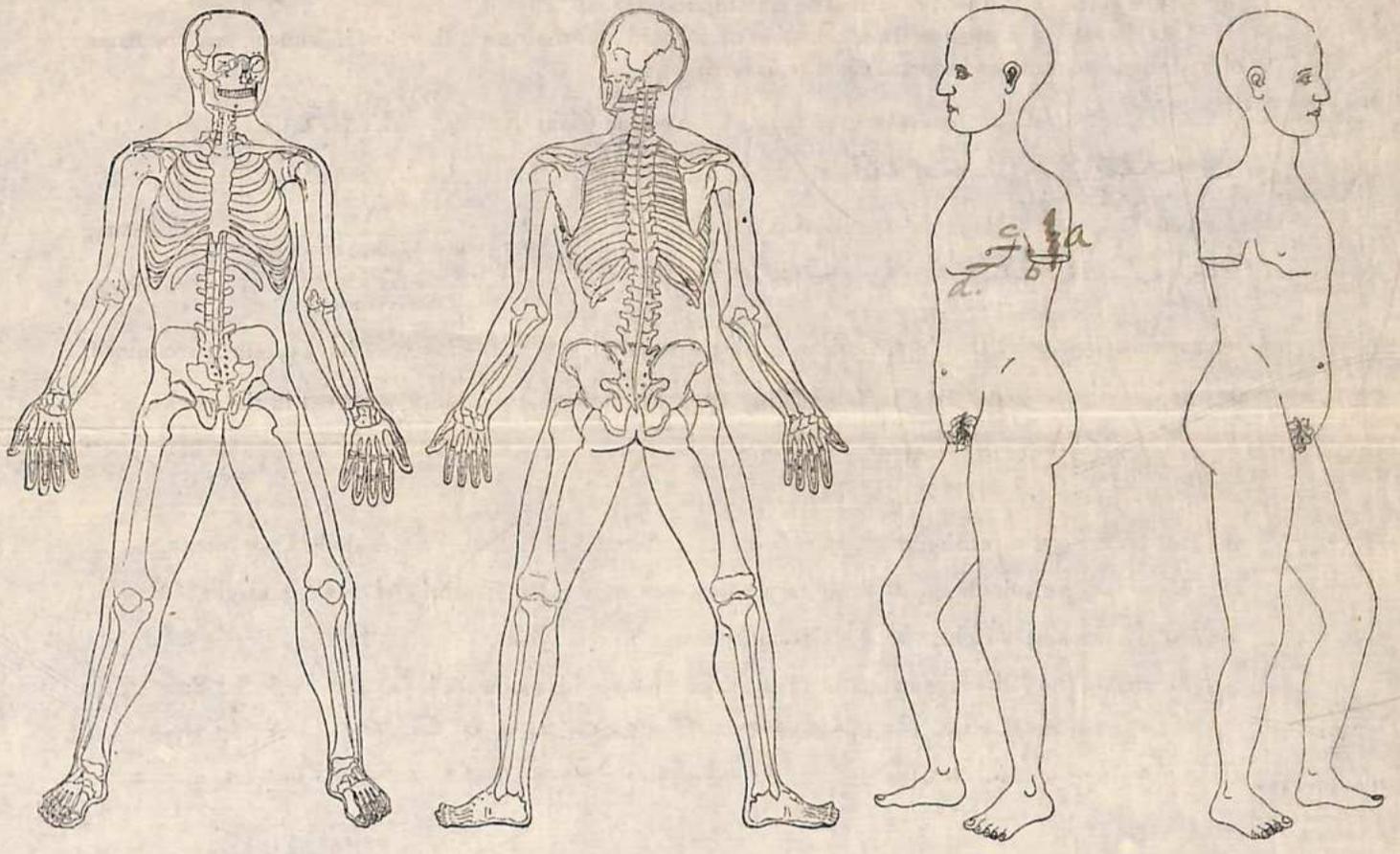
Here give a full symptom picture of the case, embracing all the physical and rational signs, but confining it to the present condition of the claimant. Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: We can best explain the course of the ball by reference to the diagrams. The ball entered at "a". broke the humerus, emerged in axilla, struck the chest at "b" glanced and made the scar "c". The scar at "a" is a 5" long, irregular, adherent, dragging slender. The axillary scar is small, say 1/2" adherent. Scar at "b" also small. That at "c" is 2 1/2" long, depressed adherent & tender. The wound at "d" was made by a second ball & is 2 1/2" long - adherent to ribs & tender. There is roughening of the rib beneath this. The arm is cold. Grasp weakened. Muscles wasted. The union of humerus is excellent. Meas. Palm R 9 1/2 L 8 1/2  
Urist R 6 3/4 L 6 4/2 Forearm R 11 1/2 L 11 Biceps R 10 3/4 L 10 1/4 Shoulder R 15 L 14.  
These wounds are severe and the present rating is insufficient. We recommend 17/8.  
Thoracic viscera normal.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to give an opinion as to the proportionate degree of disability, as to total, &c., through the grades, without any regard to dollars and cents, and to make such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.

From the existing condition and the history of this claimant, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment, probable that the disability was incurred in the service as he claims, and that it has not been prolonged or aggravated by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 17/8

Rate for each cause of disability. If prolonged by vicious habits, the word not should be erased and the reason for the erasure given. rating for the disability caused by G. S. W. Left arm, side. for that caused by \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ caused by \_\_\_\_\_

\* See the back. Here state whether for original, increase, restoration, or renewal, or for a re-rating.  
Wm. W. ..., Pres. C. B. Baccoch, Sec'y. ..., Treas.



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

**SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE**

IN CASE OF

*Riley Dickert*

Co. 7, 36 Reg't U. S. C. P.

Applicant for *leave*.

No. 115.499

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

March 5, 1880.

*Wm. V. ...*, Pres.,  
*...*, Sec'y,  
*...*, Treas., } BOARD.

Post office, \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

*[Handwritten signature]*

# SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim.

Inman Pension Claim No. 116,499

Name of claimant.

Riley Midgett

Address of Board.

Elizabeth Leig P. O. N.C. State.

Claimant's post-office address.

Elizabeth Leig N.C.

February 19, 1902  
[Date of examination]

Cause of disability.

Loss of left arm & side - Claims rheumatism as a result

He receives a pension of 17 dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the date of origin and cause of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.

He makes the following statement in regard to the origin of his disabilities and date when first discovered by him: Was shot in left arm & side in an engagement. Confined to hospital about 12 months arm been useless since - Had rheumatism 15 or 20 yrs - getting worse gradually.

The outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate should be used to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

Birthplace, Doro Lee N.C.; age, about 65 years; height, 5-9; weight, 142 pounds; complexion, Dark; color of eyes, Black; color of hair, Black; occupation, Fisherman; permanent marks and scars other than those described below, None

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

Pulse rate, 75-80-85; respiration, 18-20-22; temperature, 98.5;  
[Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

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

Distinct Crepitus in both shoulders & motion stiffened 3/4 loss of motion in left, probably due to wound & much larger than right. Crepitus & stiffened motion in hips. Muscles same. No loss of motion. Crepitus only in knees - No other joints affected - Recti Muscles of back under atrophy  
17/18 for rheumatism

Facts within the knowledge of the Board, or any member thereof, relative to the cause of any disability found should be stated.

Point of apex of pulse normal - indistinct by palpation only. Area of dullness not increased & rhythm irregular - sounds normal - No murmurs - distention - hypertrophy, edema, cyanosis or dyspnea  
17/18 for "pul Rati"

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

Has a cicatrix on left arm commencing 4 inches below shoulder joint 2 x 6 inches. tender & adherent destroying deltoid muscle. On inner side just below axilla is a tender & adherent cicatrix 1 x 2 inches. Has a cicatrix on nipple line left breast 1 x 2 inches not adherent or tender - A cicatrix just under left nipple 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches adherent & tender - Left arm is 2 inches smaller than right. 3/4 loss of motion - shoulder joint nearly completely ankylosed - Has some use of arm from elbow down - hand not usable. Arm very weak. Crepitus in left shoulder probably due to wound  
17/18 for wounds

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

No evidence of vicious habits & no other disability found

W. W. Griggs, Pres. J. E. Stodd, Sec'y. W. J. Lunder, Treas.

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(This certificate to be filled in and signed by the secretary when the full board is present.)

"I hereby certify that Dr. W. L. Briggs, Dr. U. J. Larson, and Dr. J. E. Wood, were personally present and actually participated in the examination of Riley Midgitt, the claimant in this case, on 19 day of February, 1902"  
(Signature.) J. E. Wood

(This certificate to be filled in by the member of the board acting as secretary, and signed by the applicant, when a full board is not present.)

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant for (increase or original) pension referred to in this medical certificate, hereby consent to be examined by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, the examining surgeons here present (waiving examination by full board), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1902"  
(Signature.) \_\_\_\_\_

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IN CASE OF  
Riley Midgitt  
Co. 7, 36 Reg't U.S. C.

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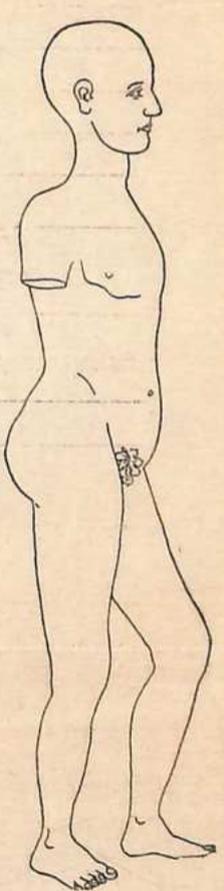
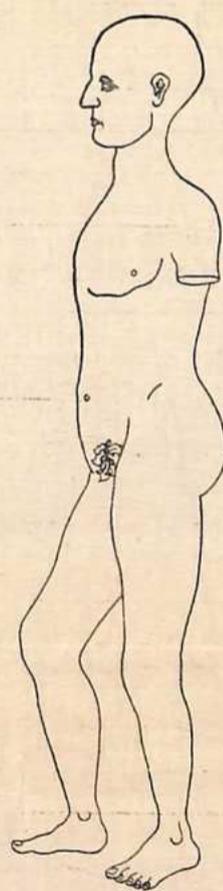
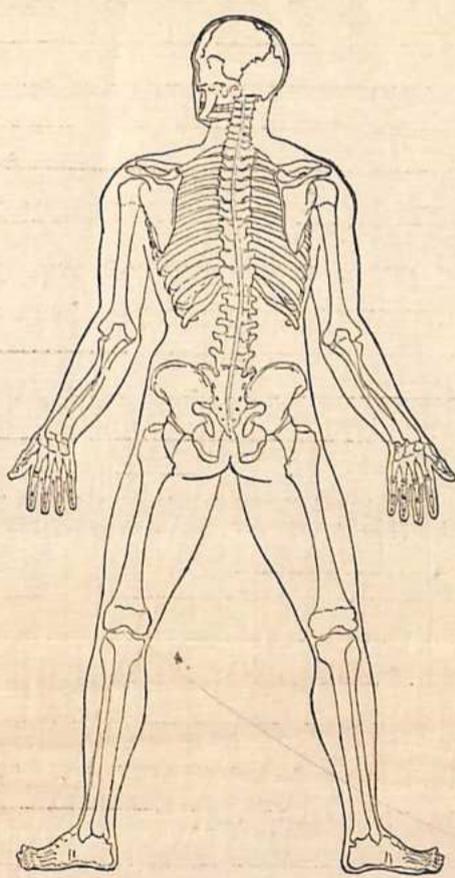
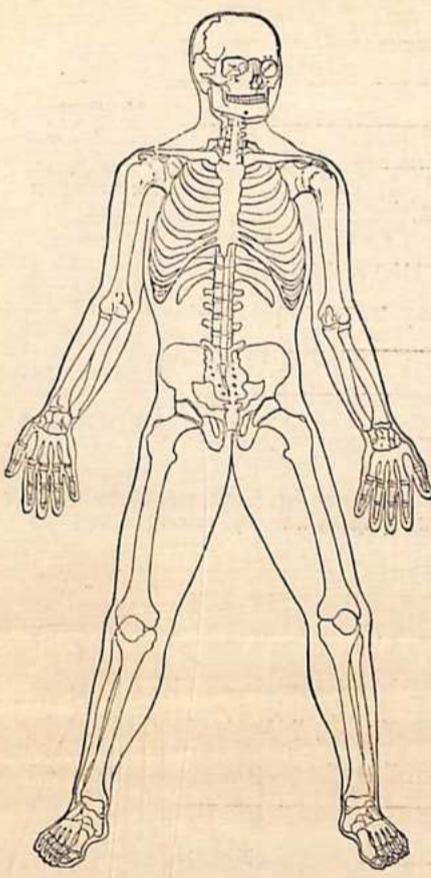
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DATE OF EXAMINATION:  
February 19, 1902

W. L. Briggs, Pres.,  
J. E. Wood, Sec'y,  
U. J. Larson, Treas.,  
BOARD.

Post office, Elyahut City  
County, Paragoutank  
State, A. C.

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



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H. J. RAUB  
 MEDICAL DIVISION.

3-151.  
 (Old No. 3-516.)

THIS PAPER MUST NOT BE DETACHED FROM THE ACCOMPANYING CERTIFICATE.

Department of the Interior,  
 BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Dr:

Washington, D. C., Nov 24, 1900

The attached certificate is returned for amendment. Date and sign the amendment and return promptly to this Bureau.

Wound left arm: Please give comparative measurements of forearm and hand. State condition of hand and fingers. Heart: Describe heart in full as directed in P 90. See P 79 (6).

By mistake red order was stamped as an Act of June 27, 1870 claim, as claim is under old law every disability should be rated in accordance with P P 114 and 116

So claimant disabled for performing manual labor to extent equal to loss of hand or foot, if so please comply with paragraph 123. See all P 122.

Rheumatism: If there is any restricted motion as a result of rheumatism, state to what extent in every joint so affected.

Also state in connection with wound left arm, all structures certainly or probably injured.

(over)

J. F. RAUB,  
 Medical Referee.

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titled to."

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

W. H. Higgs, Pres. J. E. H. H. H., Sec'y. W. J. L. H. H., Treas.

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Elizabeth City - N. C. - Dec-19-1909

The forearm is 2 inches smaller than right - hands & fingers not injured - weakness entirely from arm  
Point of area of apex impulses is normal, evident to palpation & inspection - area of dullness not increased - rhythm irregular - sounds normal - no murmurs dilatation - hypertrophy - oedema, cyanosis or dyspnoea - no difference in measurements of hips & knees - no actual loss of motion in any joints except as stated - The disability is not equal to the loss of a hand as he can use it some, as the disability is due entirely to arm

J. E. Wood, M.D.

claim. Incman Pension Claim No. 115,499-  
 Name of claimant. Riley Midgett  
 Company, 36 Reg't U.S. Col. Address of Board. Elizabeth City P. O. N.C. State. N.C.  
 Claimant's post-office address. Elizabeth City, N.C. Nov 7 1907  
 Cause of disability. L. S. W. of left arm & side (back) resulting rheumatism  
first bite left foot weak eyes  
 He receives a pension of 17 dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the origin of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.  
He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Incman [Original, increase, restoration, etc.]  
Left arm wounded in an engagement is painful & weak  
at same time was wounded in left side. Had rheumatism  
about 5 yrs - getting worse. Feet were pained in the  
service. Right arm failing gradually for several yrs -

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

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:  
 Pulse rate, 60-60-62, respiration, 17-17-17, temperature, 98.5,  
[Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]  
 height, 5 feet 8 1/2 inches; actual weight, 150 pounds; age, 35 years.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of Instructions.  
 The actual or probable origin of every existing disability must be fully set forth.  
 Whenever a disability is shown or is believed to be due to or aggravated by vicious habits the opinion of the board must be stated. When not due to such habits this fact must be stated.  
 Each disability must be rated separately, the act of Congress of March 2, 1895, requiring "that the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which, in their judgment, the applicant is entitled to."  
 When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.  
Has a cicatrix on left arm 2x6 inches commencing 2  
inches below shoulder joint involving deltoid muscle which  
is destroyed - tender & adherent. On inner side just below  
axilla is a cicatrix (exit) 1x1 1/2 adherent & tender - Has a cicatrix  
on nipple line left breast 1x2 not adherent & tender  
A cicatrix just under nipple (left) 1/2 x 2 1/2 adherent  
& tender - Left arm is 2 inches smaller than right -  
3/4 loss of motion - Shoulder joint nearly completely anky-  
losed

Distich Crapitus in right shoulder. On skin flaccid  
& stiffened. Not enlarged. Crapitus only in right arm  
No Crapitus in hips but motion stiffened Crapitus  
only in knee joints. The recti muscles of back ~~the~~  
upper & lower attachments tender - Only evidence  
of first bite is deformation Nails on left foot  
No apparent disease of eyes - Vision - Good in center  
We find the aggregate permanent disability  
for earning a support by manual labor is  
due to wounded left arm & rheumatism &  
not to vicious habits & warrants a rating of  
1/20  
No other disability found

W. M. Midgett, Pres. J. E. M. M. M., Sec'y. W. J. L. M. M., Treas.

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(This certificate to be filled in and signed by the secretary when the full board is present.)

"I hereby certify that Dr. W. L. Briggs, Dr. W. J. Luman, and Dr. J. E. Wood, were personally present and actually participated in the examination of Riley Midgett, the claimant in this case, on Nov day of 1900."

(Signature.)

J. Edwood

(This certificate to be filled in by the member of the board acting as secretary, and signed by the applicant, when a full board is not present.)

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant for (increase or original) pension referred to in this medical certificate, hereby consent to be examined by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, the examining surgeons here present (waiving examination by full board), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1900."

(Signature.)

PENSION OFFICE, NOV 19 1900  
U. S. PENSION OFFICE, DEC 22 1900  
SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Riley Midgett  
Co. L, 3<sup>d</sup> Reg't U.S.C.

APPLICANT FOR increase

No. 110,499

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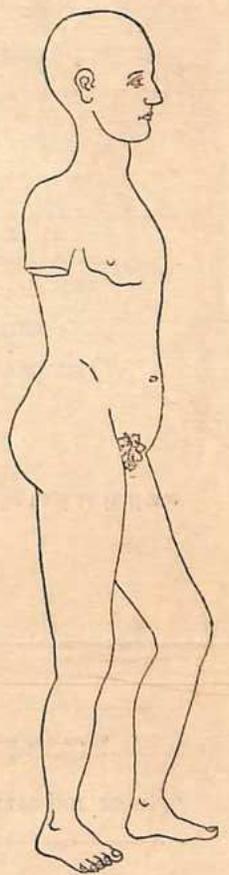
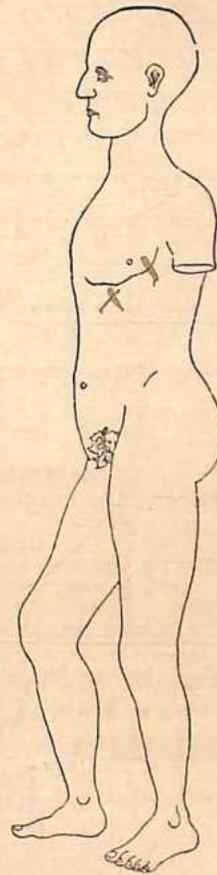
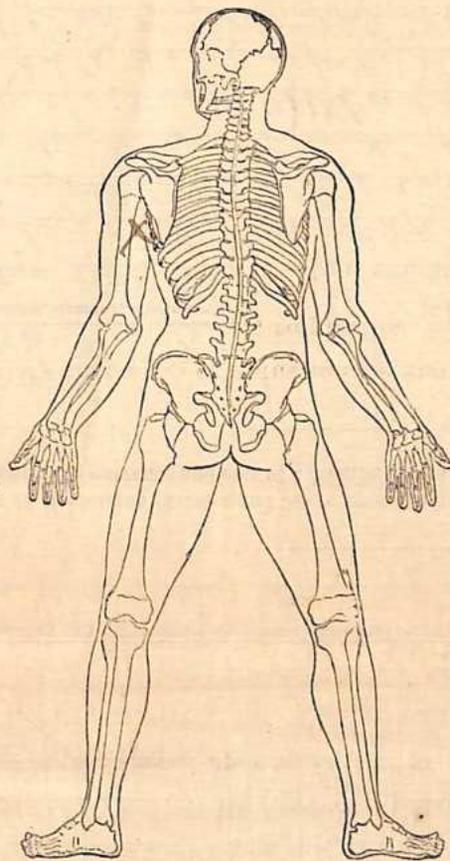
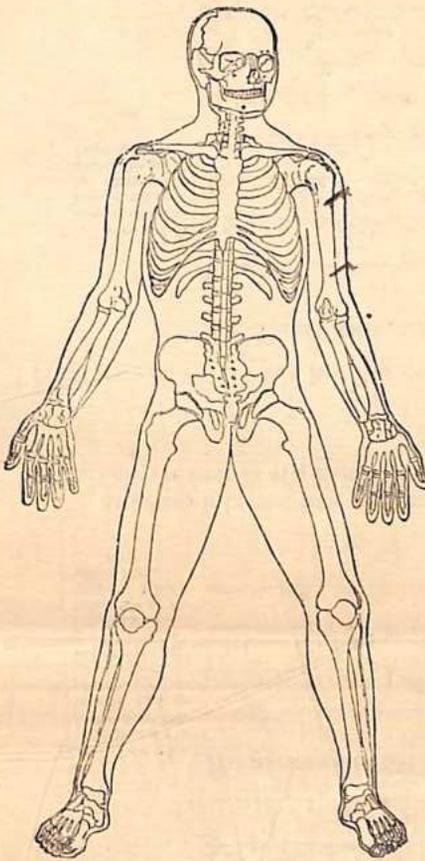
Nov, 1900

W. L. Briggs, Pres.,  
J. E. Wood, Sec'y,  
W. J. Luman, Treas.,  
BOARD.

Post office, Elizabeth  
County, Perquimans  
State, N.C.

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

CERTIFICATE  
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Insert character and number of claim.

Increase  
[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]

Pension Claim No. 115499

Name and rank of claimant.

Riley Mudgett

Rank, Private

Company, 30 Reg't U.S.C.I

Eliz. City, N.C. State,

Claimant's post-office address.

Eliz. City, N.C.

[Date of examination.] June 30, 1897

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

Cause of disability.

in the service, viz: Sun shot wound of left arm & side of back of feet rheumatism & dis' of eyes -

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

and that he receives a pension of Seven ten dollars per month.

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

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase [Original, increase, restoration, &c.]  
was shot in Mexican engagement in left arm & side of back. Confined to hospital about 8 months - never was able to do any more duty. Arm has been painful ever since & very weak - was first letter in the Army. Been suffering with rheumatism about 2 yrs. getting worse all the time. Sight has been falling since for several yrs -

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

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 70; respiration, 18; temperature, 99; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 157 pounds; age, 55 years. Left humerus was fractured about 3 inches below shoulder joint. Where ball enters forming bowl & out just below axilla - was a cicatrix 6 inches long & 2 wide - adherent the whole length. Cicatrix - humerus very rough showing that he has lost a good part of it. Not able to raise arm to head - lost 1/2 inch of it. Just below left nipple is a cicatrix 2 inches long & tender - & 2 inches to left of it is another a linear cicatrix 2 inches long - both tender & adherent to ribs.

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

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

15/18 for U.S. wounds.  
Evidence of joint hills is shown by thickening & a knobby nail on great toe of left foot - right foot injured - no callus only trouble in nail -  
5/18 for joint better feet  
No evidence of rheumatism. No exostosis in any joints & no atrophy of muscles - Heart normal in form & action.

Each disability must be rated separately, the act of Congress of March 2, 1895, requiring "that the report of such examining surgeons shall specify the rating which, in their judgment, the applicant is entitled to."

No Rating.  
No evidence of any disease of eyes - vision in either = 20/20 -  
No Rating.  
No evidence of any vicious habits & no other disabilities found.

Wm W. Riggs Pres. J. E. Wood, Sec'y. W. J. Lunden, Treas.

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

(This certificate to be filled in and signed by the secretary when full board is present.)

"I hereby certify that Dr. W. H. Briggs, Dr. A. J. Lumsden, and Dr. J. E. Wood, were personally present and actually participated in the examination of Riley Mudgett, the claimant in this case, on the 30 day of June, 1897."

(Signature.)

J. E. Wood Secy

(This certificate to be filled in by the member of the board acting as secretary, and signed by the applicant, when a full board is not present.)

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant for (increase or original) pension referred to in this medical certificate, hereby consent to be examined by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, the examining surgeons here present (waiving examination by full board), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_."

(Signature.)



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Riley Mudgett  
Co. F, 35 Reg't U.S.C.

Applicant for increase

No. 115499

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

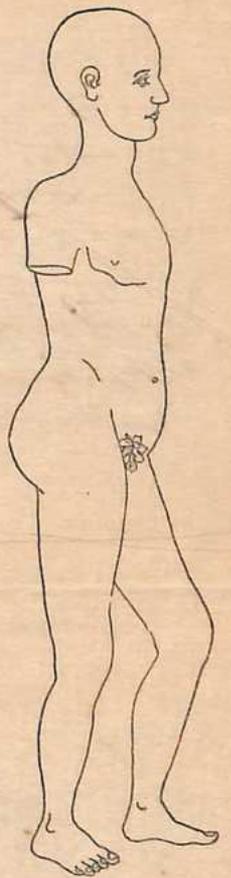
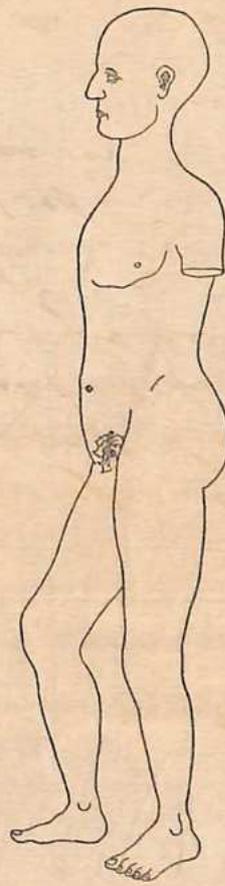
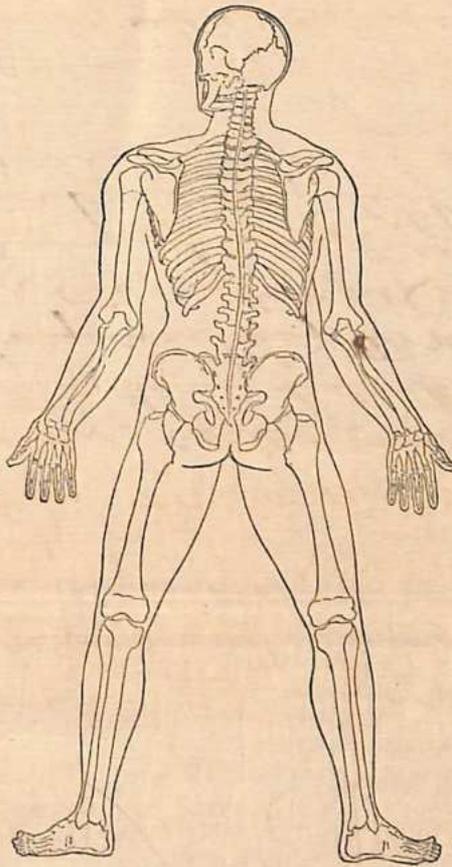
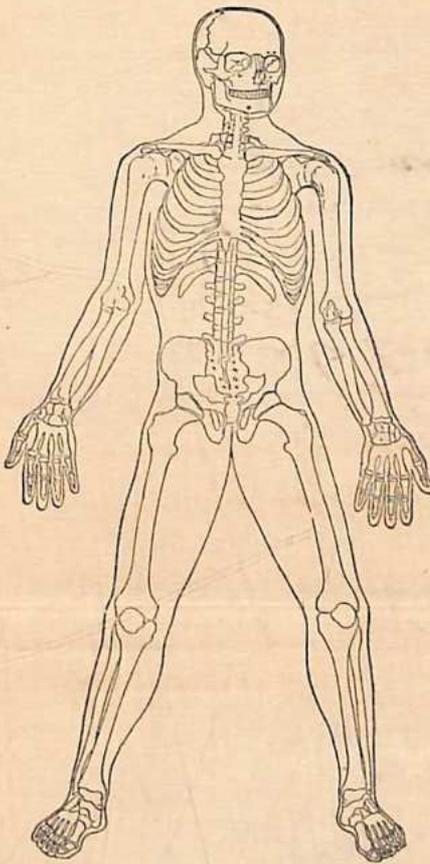
June 30, 1897

W. H. Briggs, Pres.,  
J. E. Wood, Sec'y,  
A. J. Lumsden, Treas.,  
BOARD.

Post office, Coli. lais  
County, Panzwant  
State, N. C.

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

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

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

Insert character and number of claim.

*Increase*  
[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]

Pension Claim No. *115 499*

Name and rank of claimant.

*Riley Bridgett*

Rank *Private*

Claimant's post-office address.

Company *A, 36 Reg't U.S. Col*  
*Olig. Leiby & Co*

State, *Olig. Leiby & Co*

[Post-office address of the Board.]

[Date of examination.]

*July 29*, 189*1*.

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

Cause of disability.

in the service, viz: *L. S. Wound of left arm & side & broken left rib*

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

and that he receives a pension of *Seventeen* dollars per month.

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

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

*Spur in - I was shot in the left arm & side in 1864 in an engagement. has pain in the arm nearly all the time & the arm is very weak - also wounded just under the left nipple it was broken at the same time*

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with pars. 5, 6, 51, 52, &c., of Book of Instructions for 1889

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, *70*; respiration, *18*; temperature, *98.6*; height, *5* feet *8* inches; weight, *153* pounds; age, *48* years.

*Cicatrix on left arm 7 inches long - extending from the insertion of deltoid muscle to 3 inches above the elbow joint - at present from fracture of humerus about upper & middle 3rd*

*Ball entered on outer side of humerus & passing directly through - causing a severe fracture of bone. fracture extending for 3 inches leaving an irregular callus. there is almost entire loss of sensibility to the whole arm showing injury to the Brachial nerve. wound inside. Ball entered near the sternum about 2 inches below the nipple passing transversely upwards for two inches - Cicatrix not tender or at present.*

*There is no evidence now of a rib having been broken.*

*No other disability is found to exist*

Rate for EACH cause of disability.

He is, in our opinion, entitled to a *7/8* rating for the disability caused by *L. S. W. of left arm*, *7/8* for that caused by *Wound of side*, and *7/8* for that caused by *Broken rib*

*M. W. Nepp*, Pres. *J. E. Wood*, Sec'y. *W. J. Lumsden*, Treas.

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

Continue record of examination here.

# SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

*Reg't Madgett*  
Co. *H.*, *B. C.* Reg't *U. S. Army*

*Applicant for Inclosure*

No. *115499*

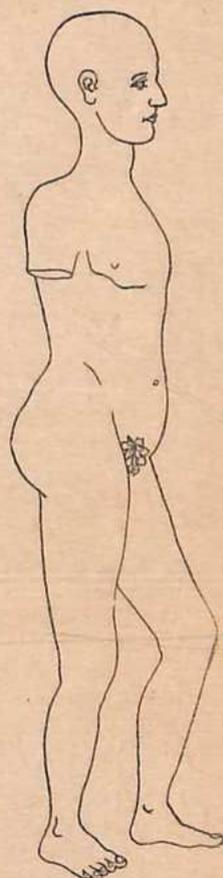
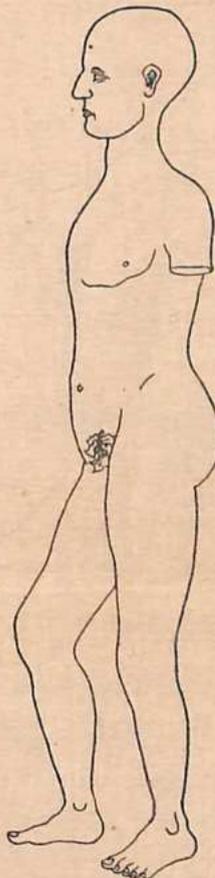
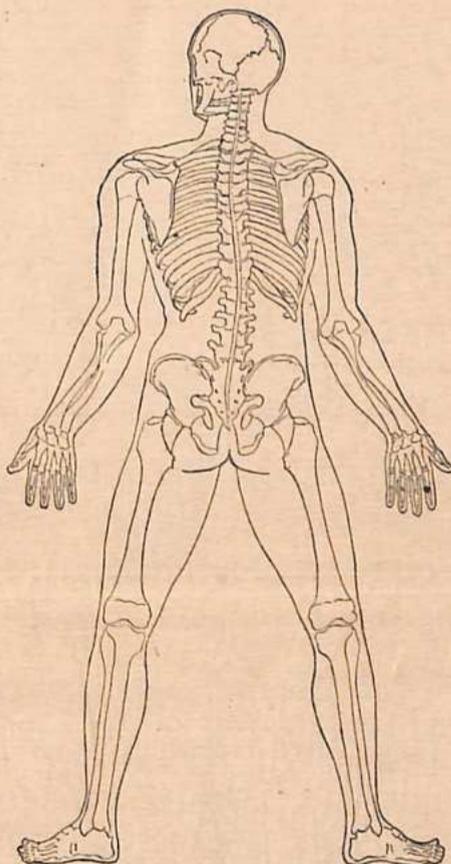
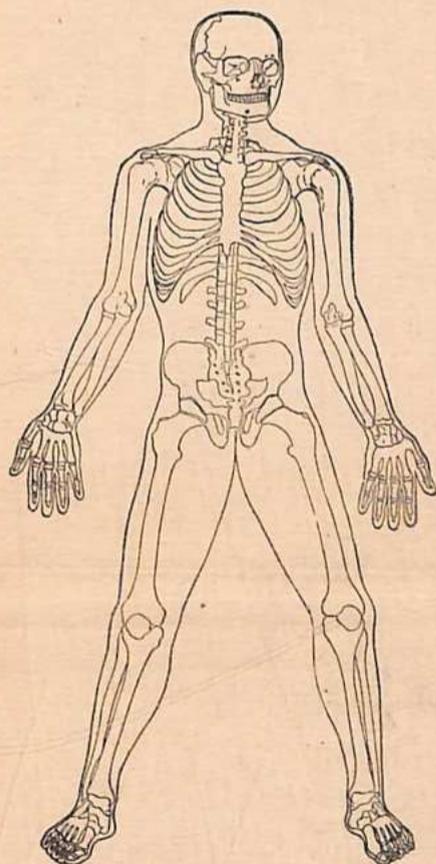
DATE OF EXAMINATION:

*July 29*, 189*1*

*W. H. King* Pres.,  
*J. C. Wood* Sec'y,  
*W. J. Sumner* Treas.,  
BOARD.

Post office, *Ely*  
County, *Parson*  
State, *N. D.*

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

# SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim.

Name of claimant.

Claimant's post-office address.

Names of disabilities.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the date of origin and cause of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of instructions, and make a separate paragraph for each disability.

Facts within the knowledge of the Board, or any member thereof, relative to the cause of any disability found should be stated.

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

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

Pension Claim No. 115,499  
 Name of claimant Riley Midgett  
 Company F. 30 Reg't U. S. C. I. Address of Board Elizabeth City, P. O. N. C. State N. C.  
 Claimant's post-office address Elizabeth City, N. C. Date of examination Jan 6, 1909  
 Names of disabilities U. S. Wounds left side + arm -

He receives a pension of 17 dollars per month.

He makes the following statement in regard to the origin of his disabilities and date when first discovered by him: Wounded in an engagement in 1864 in arm & side - Confined at hospital about 1 1/2 months - Never able to perform any military duties after -

Birthplace, N. C.; age, 65 years; height, 5-8 1/2; weight, 150 pounds; complexion, dark; color of eyes, Blue; color of hair, gray; occupation, farmer; permanent marks and scars other than those described below, None

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

Pulse rate, 68-72-82; respiration, 28-32-40; temperature, 98.0  
[Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

Ball entered about 2 1/2 inches below left shoulder joint - at insertion of deltoid muscle - cut just in near - passing through & injuring bone by materially - cicatrix extends down 8 inches 2 wide - Callus extends down for whole extent - cicatrix adherent - my tender 3/4 loss of motion in shoulder and my way - no interference with elbow joint - Arm has been opened several times by a member of Board - last time for drainage - now dead bone often discharged - Arm totally disabled - Has to be assisted in dressing wound in side situated 2 inches under left nipple 2 inches long 1/2 inch wide not adherent in tender - left arm above elbow 2 inches smaller than right

Point of apex irregular normal incident to palpation only - area of dullness not increased - rhythm regular - sounds normal - No murmurs - dilatation, hypertrophy - ordinary cyanosis decided especially after exercise - The particular murmur glans distinct over both lungs - & at rest 37 1/2 - full 43 1/4 - Throat & nasal passages healthy -

Spes. 1020 Chlor Acid - Amber Color - on albumen or sugar  
 Appear older than age given

No other disability from 5 or in evidence of vicious habits

W. J. Lumsden, Pres. J. E. Wood, Sec'y. J. B. Briggs, Treas.

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(This certificate to be filled in and signed by the secretary when the full board is present.)

"I hereby certify that Dr. W. J. Lunden, Dr. J. B. Briggs, and Dr. J. E. Wood, were personally present and actually participated in the examination of Riley Midgett, the claimant in this case, on 6 day of Jan, 1909."

(Signature.)

J. E. Wood Secy.

(This certificate to be filled in by the member of the board acting as secretary, and signed by the applicant, when a full board is not present.)

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant for (increase or original) pension referred to in this medical certificate, hereby consent to be examined by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, the examining surgeons here present (waiving examination by full board), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1909."

Witnesses to mark.

(Signature of Applicant.)



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Riley Midgett  
Co. 7, 36 Reg't M. S. C. 2nd

APPLICANT FOR Incman

No. 115,499

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

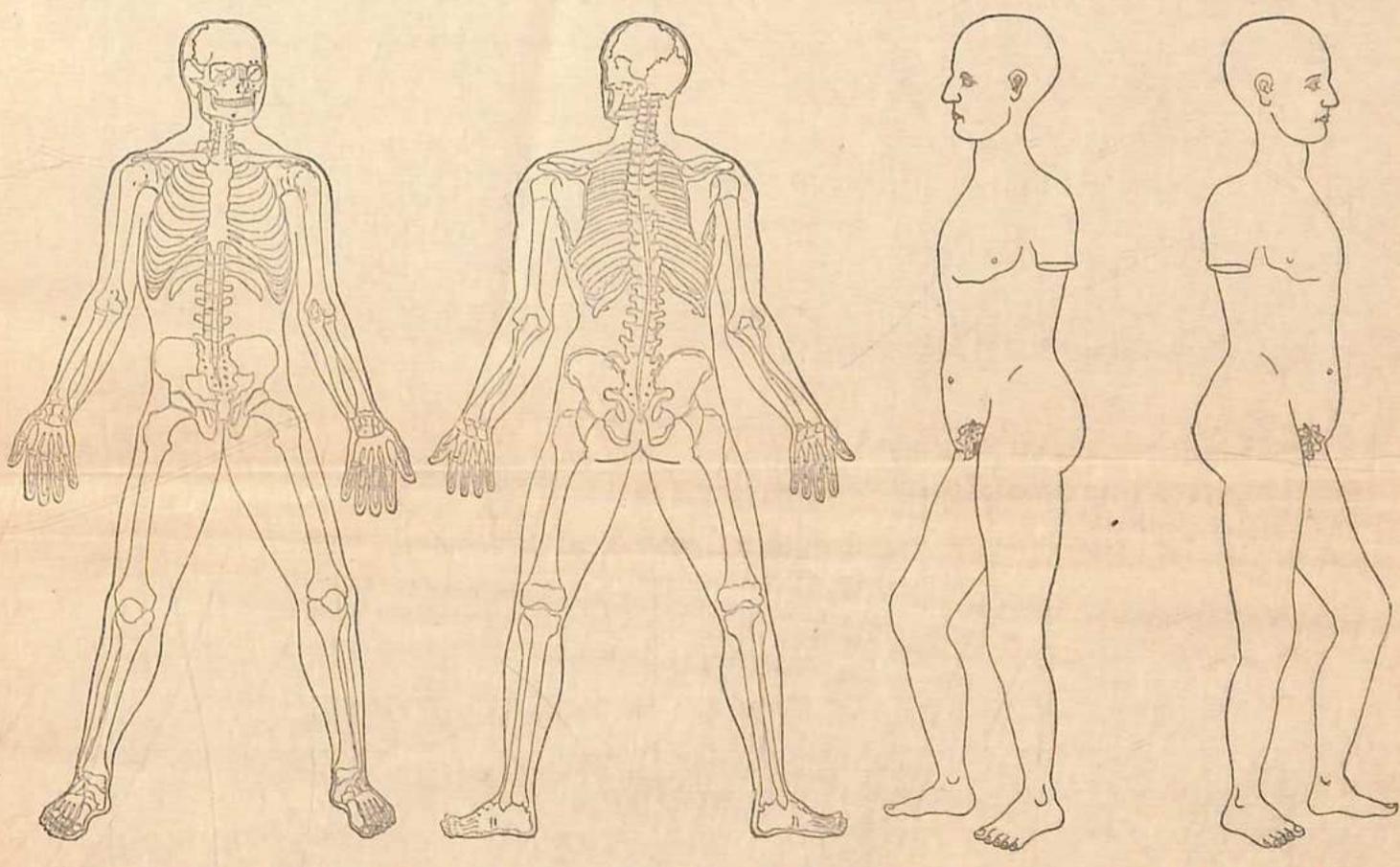
January 6, 1909

W. J. Lunden Pres.,  
J. E. Wood Sec'y,  
J. B. Briggs Treas.,

BOARD.

Post office, Elizabeth City  
County, Perquimans  
State, N. C.

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The outlines of the human skeleton and figure should be used to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

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

February 5, 1909.

Board of U. S. Examining Surgeons,

J. E. Wood, M. D., Secretary,

Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, North Carolina.

Gentlemen:

In the case of Riley Midgett, Co. F, 36th U. S. C. Inf.,  
Ctf. #115,499, whom you examined January 6, 1909, further informa-  
tion is desired.

Please state the condition of the left forearm and hand. Is  
the left hand useful for any purpose? Show condition of the thumb  
and each finger. Can he flex and extend the fingers voluntarily?  
Is there good grasping power in the left hand? Can the thumb and  
the fingers be approximated? Can he pick up small objects with the  
thumb and fingers of the left hand? Can he hold a knife or fork  
with this hand? In other words, show clearly why the left arm is  
totally disabled and why he must be assisted in dressing. If the  
limb is practically normal below the elbow, it can not be understood  
why it may not be of use in many ways.

Is there any other cause of disability of this arm? Is there  
any evidence of rheumatism?

Write your amendment on the accompanying blank and forward it  
promptly in the inclosed envelope, together with this letter. It  
should be dated and signed by each member who participated in the  
examination.

Claimant's postoffice address is Elizabeth City, North Carolina.  
Very respectfully,

*J. Warner*  
Commissioner.

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OFFICE

# SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

For use when additional space is needed to complete or amend report of examination.

Pension Claim No. 115,499  
 Name of claimant. Riley Milgrett  
F, Company 36, Reg't U.S.C. Inf.

Address of Board. Elizabeth City, Pasquotank Co., North Carolina  
Jan. 6, 1909  
 [Date of examination, not of amendment.]

### EXAMINATION—Continued.

If used for amendment place date of the new matter at the beginning of same, following the word amended.

Amendment:

Left fore arm is only a speckling. No-  
 meag. It is 1/2 in thick smaller than  
 right. Muscles on left - atrophied & soft.  
 Can pronate & supinate arm. Thumb  
 & fingers can be approximated. Can be flex-  
 ed & extended. Not fully. Can only hold with  
 force in hand almost nil. Can pick  
 up small objects slowly & gropingly.  
 Can not dress himself on account of  
 wound in upper arm. Has hardly 1/3  
 motion in shoulder. No rheumatism  
 found.

Elizabeth City, N.C.  
Feb 12-1909

Marginal entries must never be made.

W. J. Murden, Pres. J. E. Wood, Sec'y. J. B. Gigg, Treas.

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FEB 5 1909



*M. L. ...*

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

*Riley Midgett*

Co. *F*, *36* Reg't *W.S.C. Inf.*

Applicant for *Increase*

No. *115,499*

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

*Jan. 6*, 1909.

*W. J. ...*, Pres.,

*J. E. Wood*, Sec'y, BOARD.

*J. Bligny*, Treas.,

Post office, *Elizabeth City,*

County, *Pasquotank,*

State, *North Carolina*

Fill all blank spaces above.

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FEB 16 1909

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

NAME OF CLAIMANT,

NAME OF SOLDIER,

Co. \_\_\_\_\_, Reg't \_\_\_\_\_

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(18351-50 M.)

*Franklin City*

# General Law.

3 1638.

INCREASE

Cert. No. 115499

Riley Widgett

P. O.,

County,

State,

Application filed MAR 18 1918, 191

Service, Fr-36-U.S.C., J,

Attorney,

P. O.,

County, , State,

General Law

~~ABANDONED.~~

~~Hayden~~

Brown

3-1638.

INCREASE

Cert. No.

115 4 9 9

Riley Midgett

P. O.,

Elizabeth City

County,

Pasquotank

State,

N.C.

Application filed

Oct 5, 1915

Service,

F 36 usd Inf

Dec 18/15 M+S Sw for Marriage Lic & PC

Dec 29, 1915 - P. Lockwood Co for midgett

" 22 1917 - Pension for same - <sup>EPC</sup>

See carbon copy. H. P. M.

Marriage Lic. OK

Attorney,

P. Lockwood Co

P. O.,

Washington

County,

State, DC

GENERAL LAW

UNDER ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890

(3-1639.)

INCREASE.

Cert. No. 115499

REJECTED

Riley Midgett  
P. O., Elizabeth City

County,

State, N.C.

Application filed Nov. 30, 1908

Service, F 36 used

DEC 15 1908

Ep Elizabeth City  
N.C.

atty Reeves & co notified  
March 10, 1909 - Atty's R.E.  
Reeves & Co. and claimant  
informed that claim for  
increase is rejected J.R.G.

FILED.  
Attorney, E.H. Reeves & Co

P. O.,

County, City, State,

Reynolds (3-217.)

INCREASE.

Claim to *new disability*

No. *115-499*

*Riley* *Midgett*

P. O., *Elizabeth City*

County, *Pasquotank*

State, *N. C.*

Application filed, *Apr - 8*, 18*97*

State Service,

*7-36* *U. S. C. Inf*

*Co through Att. Kuntz at Elizabeth City, Pasquotank Co. N. C. June 7-97 U. S. A.*

*Oct 24 98. I sent back for full military history. Tierney & Co. that they can't be recognized. C.R.R.*

*W. L. ... 17/18*

Disability *Soft foot frozen*

Attorney, *J. L. Kuntz*

P. O., *City*

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

(Order - 100 M.)

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*B. W.*



~~ABANDONED.~~

RESTORED.

3-1638.

REJECTED.

INCREASE.

Cert. No. 113-499

Riley Midgett

P. O., 314 Edge St

County, Elizabeth City

State, N.C.

Application filed Mar 31, 1906

Service, 736 U.S.C. Inf

April 11, 1906. Cordin:  
Disability not shown to be pro-  
gressive: examination not  
warranted. LJB

Attorney, C W Cordin

P. O., 46 S W

County, Elizabeth City State, Va

(7-50,000)

Attorney Filed

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
APR 5 1906  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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APR 7 1906  
SOLICITOR DIV.

Power of Attorney

INVALID DIVISION.

No. 115,499

Claim to Increase

Riley Midget

P. O. Elizabeth City

County, Pasquotank

State, North Carolina

Disability for which pensioned, G. S. M<sup>d</sup>

left-arm

Reduced to —

Present rate 6.

Respectfully referred to the Medical Referee:

with Examining Surgeon

certificate enclosed

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> H. G. Burlingham

1877 Chief Invalid Div.

99.00 left arm

No increase

H. G. Burlingham

Medical Referee

Dec 14/77

30,978

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.  
WAR OF 1861.

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Riley Midgett

Roanoke Island

Currituck Co. N.C.

Priv. F. 36 U.S. Colored Troops

Discharged Aug 24 1866

7-3-4

New Market Heights Va Sept 29/64

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Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

Received, Jan. 20 1868.

Chas. C. Brown

OK

Norfolk

Yes

Attorney.

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~~A.G. D. Williamson~~

Feb 6 1868

Jan 14 '69.

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Refy to Dr Kennedy

INVALID. (Series 115.499)

Cert. No. 115.499

Name, Rank, Service, Original Roll: *Quincy Magdoff*

Agency, Transferred, to, to, to

Issued, Mailed, Rate and Period, \$12, from Dec. 1891, to Jan. 21, 1892

Deductions, Disability: *Dis. H. of left arm and side.*

Issued, Mailed, Rate and Period, \$17, from Mar. 5, 1890, to Apr. 24, 1891

Deductions, Disability: *Dis. H. of left arm and side.*

*Jan. 11, 1891, Atty  
D.S. Kuehl, Clerk  
Riley, Auditor & address  
of Department, Wash*

*1890-91, no. 115.499, closed rolls  
of 1891, no. 115.499, of reg. of  
of old time insurance*

*July 14, 1892, Charles Atty. Kuehl, imple.  
of reg. of one (U.S. file.  
D.S. of June, 16/103,  
reg. Jan. 16, 1879, to Atty.  
& Ct., & that J.S. Kuehl, bdy  
Atty. of Rec. & W. H. H.*

*May 12, 1909  
Director for & Dept. of Justice  
DC*

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

Deductions, Disability:

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

Deductions, Disability:

INDORSEMENTS

*Jan 24, 1891, Atty Mc Knight of affairs  
by Treasurer of the City of Wash. D.C.  
Jan 15, 1892, Com. & Atty informed  
of reg. of one, Atty.  
1890, J. G. Lockwood  
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auth. rec. of reg. of one  
Atty. of Wash. D.C. 1891*

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Virginia N.C.

Name: Riley Midget

Rank: Private Comp'y 5

Regt.: 34th U.S.C.S.

Richmond (Virginia) Agency.  
Knoxville

RATE PER MONTH, AND DATE OF COMMENCEMENT.

1st	}	4 <sup>00</sup>	Comm'g	Aug 25 1866
2nd				
3rd	}	2	Comm'g	Aug 25 1866
Issue.			dedt all past	
4th	}		Comm'g	
Issue.				

DATE OF CERTIFICATE, AND TO WHOM SENT.

1st	}	Apr 2 1866	Sent to	Pension Agt
Issue.				Wm C. Brown Norfolk Va.
2d	}	Apr 5 1861	Sent to	Apr 9 81
Issue.				
3d	}		Sent to	
Issue.				

Act 14th July, 1862. Bk. G., Vol. 9, Page 158  
" 27 " 196.

Registering Clerk: Hodges  
Wm Midgett and  
Side

June 18-73.

1870. Feb 15 " Transfer @ N.C. of  
from Norfolk to Raleigh for 4' 1000  
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Ex ord No. 2477. Dr. W. J. Lumsden &  
Claimt. advised. R. H. Mcintosh  
Elizabeth Leely  
N.C.

Enc. ref. PC to Cl- atty. Notified  
DSC - 2 of 77

Enc. Ref. bk. Gen. Atty. Inspd.  
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Cert. No.

Act of April 19, 1908, amended by Act of September 2, 1916

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Piley Midgett

Rank  
Eng

Company  
36<sup>th</sup> U.S. Inf

Rate per Month \$26<sup>-</sup>

Commencing Apr 27 1918

Ending

Agency or Group No. }  
Group

Issued  
Mar 13 1919, 1919

DEAR.

APR 19 1919

of suspension of the check  
W.M.

**DROPPED**

FEB 21 1921 FINANCE DIVISION

" " " " Reimburse  
to M. Bellamy. Recs Fin

**REIMBURSEMENT**  
Allowed  
OCT 14 1921

Jan. 21, 1932 - Mrs. M. Bellamy advised that she could have no title to pension as wife of soldier. B.F. did. Subst.

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## PENSIONER DROPPED

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## BUREAU OF PENSIONS

MAY 1 1918

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Certificate No. 115,499

Class ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Pensioner

Riley Midgett

Soldier

Co. F. 36<sup>th</sup> U.

Service

S. 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 \$ 24 = , to FEB 4 1918

has this day been dropped from the roll be-

cause of death, April 20, 1918

RILEY MIDGETT,

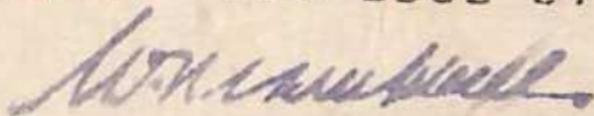
ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

115499

ACT MAY

Very respectfully,

314 EDGE ST.



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.

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MAY 4 1918

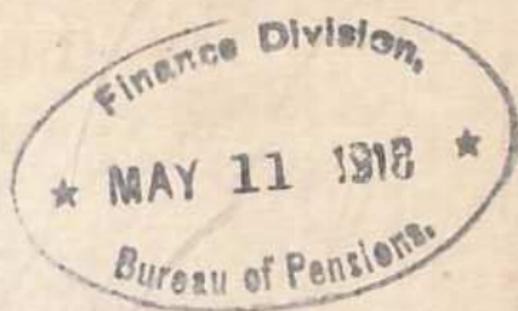
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RECALL MAY 3 1918



Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 1868

Sir:

~~I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. \_\_\_\_\_, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.~~ On reply to your inquiry of Feb. 6, 1868

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Riley Midget was enrolled on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug., 1863, at Kranoke, Va., in Co. "F", 36<sup>th</sup> Regiment of U. S. C. Troops Volunteers, to serve Three years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1863, at Paternouth, Va., in Co. "F", 36<sup>th</sup> Regiment of U. S. C. I. Volunteers, to serve three years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "F" of that Regiment, for the months of from organization to Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1864, he is reported "Present for duty." On roll for Sept. & Oct. 1864 and on subsequent rolls to Dec. 31, 1865 "Wounded in action Sept. 29, 1864 & in Civil Hospital. Jan. & Feb. & March & April & May & June 1866" "Present for duty." On roll for July & Aug. 1866 "Mustered out on expiration of term of service Aug. 24, 1866."

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

*Thomas M. Vincent*

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

S.M. A.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Surgeon General's Office,  
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan'y 12<sup>th</sup>, 1879

[TRANSCRIPT FROM RECORDS.]

It appears from the records filed in this Office, that Riley Midget Co  
F 36<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.T. received a G.S. wound of arm Sept  
29 or 30<sup>th</sup> 1864 at New Market Heights Va.

Riley Midge Private Co F 36<sup>th</sup> Co<sup>d</sup> Troops entered G.  
H. Ft Monroe Va. Oct 3<sup>d</sup> 1864 from the field with G.S. W. left  
<sup>and side</sup> arm, received at Chapin Bluff Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1864 and was re-  
turned to duty Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

Upon another record of G.H. Ft Monroe Va it appears that  
Riley Midget Pvt Co F 36<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.T. was admitted Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1864  
diagnosis not stated and was transferred North Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

By order of the Surgeon General:

J. J. Woodward  
Brevet. Lieut. Col. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army.

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DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace, whose signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk.

State of North Carolina, County of Pasquotank, ss:

On this 24 day of April, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Eighteen, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Clarissa Midgett, aged 65 years, a resident of Elizabeth City, County of Pasquotank, State of N.C.

who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Riley Midgett, who enlisted under the name of Riley Midgett, on the day of A. D. 18

as a private in Company H., in the 35th Regiment of U.S. C. Infy. and served at least ninety days in the late War of the Rebellion, in the service of the United States, who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Santiago, Texas

and died April 20 - 1918. That he was not employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above. I don't know of any other except above stated

That he was never employed in the military or naval service of the United States after the day of 18

That she was married under the name of Clarissa Owens to said Riley Midgett, on the 4 day of Sept. A. D. 1870 by Joshua Fleming J. P.

at Elizabeth City, N.C., there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that she had not been previously married; that her said husband had not been previously married. (4) that she before never were married and the soldier was never married

That she has not remarried since the death of the said Soldier

That the names and dates of birth of all the children of the soldier, now living, and under sixteen years of age, are as follows:

born, born, born, born

That she has not abandoned the support of any one of her children, but that they are still under her care or maintenance. That no prior application for pension has been filed by herself or the soldier.

by her but the soldier was pensioned. Certificate no. 115499

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States, under the provisions of the act of April 19, 1908. She hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,

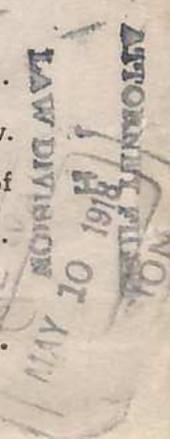
Adam W. Bell of Elizabeth City, N.C.

her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS, payable as prescribed by law. That her POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is Buell

State of Virginia

ATTEST: E. J. Berry, Clara E. Lowther

Clarissa Midgett (Claimant's Signature - FULL name.)



Finance Div. Notified of Death. APR 29 1918

86115-499 Mrs K

Act of April 19, 1908.

110 WIDOW'S CLAIM.

Claimant: Lelarey Midgett  
 Soldier: Riley Midgett  
 Service: 36  
 Co. Co. H. 35 Regt.  
 Address: U. S. C. Infy.  
 Filed by A. W. Bell atty.  
400 Sharp's St.  
Elizabeth City, D. C.

APR 29 1918  
 CIVIL WAR DIVISION

APR 30 1918  
 DIVISION

RECORDS

ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.

To increase the pensions of widows, minor children, and so forth, of deceased soldiers and sailors of the late civil war, the war with Mexico, the various Indian wars, and so forth, and to grant a pension to certain widows of the deceased soldiers and sailors of the late civil war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this Act the rate of pension for widows, minor children under the age of sixteen years, and helpless minors, as defined by existing laws, now on the roll or hereafter to be placed on the pension roll and entitled to receive a less rate than hereinafter provided, shall be twelve dollars per month; and nothing herein shall be construed to affect the existing allowance of two dollars per month for each child under the age of sixteen years and for each helpless child; and all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed: *Provided, however,* That this Act shall not be so construed as to reduce any pension under any Act, public or private.

SEC. 2. That if any officer or enlisted man who served ninety days or more in the Army or Navy of the United States during the late civil war and who has been honorably discharged therefrom has died or shall hereafter die, leaving a widow, such widow shall, upon due proof of her husband's death, without proving his death to be the result of his army or navy service, be placed on the pension roll from the date of the filing of her application therefor under this Act at the rate of twelve dollars per month during her widowhood, provided that said widow shall have married said soldier or sailor prior to June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety; and the benefits of this section shall include those widows whose husbands if living would have a pensionable status under the joint resolutions of February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six.

SEC. 3. That no claim agent or attorney shall be recognized in the adjudication of claims under the first section of this Act, and that no agent, attorney, or other person engaged in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting any claim under the provisions of the second section of this Act shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain for such services in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting such claim a sum greater than ten dollars, which sum shall be payable only upon the order of the Commissioner of Pensions by the pension agent making payment of the pension allowed; and any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section or who shall wrongfully withhold from the pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of a pension or claim allowed or due such pensioner or claimant under this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or be imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

APPROVED APRIL 19, 1908

MAY 10 1918  
 DIVISION

Also personally appeared, E. J. Berry, residing at Elizabeth City, N.C.  
 (Name of one witness.)  
 and Sora E. Loucher,  
 (Name of other witness.)  
 residing at Elizabeth City, N.C., 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 Clarence Midgett (Name of widow.)  
 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 their acquaintance with her of 35 years and 20 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.

ATTEST:  
 1. E. J. Berry  
 2. Sora E. Loucher  
 (Signature of witnesses—FULL names.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of April, A. D. 1918  
 and I do hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration and affidavit were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witness before swearing, including the words  
 (Insert any words erased.)  
 erased, and the words  
 (Insert any words added.)  
 added; and that

I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.  
 [L. S.] Declaration accepted as a claim under act April 19, 1908, amended by act Sept. 8, 1916. Power of  
M. B. C. C. C. C. (Signature.)  
Notary Public (Official Character.)

NOTE.—If claimant or identifying witnesses sign by mark (X) such signature must be attested by two persons who can write, of whom the magistrate may be one.

Chief Law Division.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of North Carolina, County of Wayne, ss:

On this 1st day of June, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, within and for the county and State aforesaid,

Riley Widdgett, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 66 years of age, and a resident of Elizabeth City, county of Wayne,

State of North Carolina; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Portsmouth, Va., under the name of Riley Widdgett,

on the 36th day of Aug, 1863, as a Private, in Company F, 56th Regt U.S. Col Vol Inf.

(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED

(State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)

at Brazos Santiago, Texas, on the 24th day of Aug, 1866

That he also served (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 5 inches; complexion, Ruddy; color of eyes, Ruddy; color of hair, Ruddy; that his occupation was Mechanic; that he was born 1845, at Oregon, Ind., near Warsaw, County N.C.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: N.C., Elizabeth City (State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 115499. That he has applied for pension under original No. \_\_\_\_\_

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of May 11, 1912.

That his post office address is Elizabeth City, county of Wayne, State of N.C.

Attest: (1) Josiah Simmons, (2) W. A. Holmes, Riley Widdgett (Claimant's signature in full.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 1st day of June, A. D. 1912. I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words \_\_\_\_\_

[L. S.]

erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Validity accepted as to execution per W. B. Cuddy, Chief, Law Division.

M. B. Crompton, Notary Public (Official character.)



IF A PENSIONER, DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER.



ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

## CLAIM FOR PENSION.

Certificate No. 15499

Name, Billy Midgett

Service

## INSTRUCTIONS.

This form may be used for original pension or increase of pension.

Declaration and testimony in support of same to be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must be certified by the proper State, county, or city officer under his official seal, unless such certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

## ACT APPROVED MAY 11, 1912.

That any person who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late Civil War, who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who has reached the age of sixty-two years or over, shall, upon making proof of such facts, according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the pension roll and be entitled to receive a pension as follows: In case such person has reached the age of sixty-two years and served ninety days, thirteen dollars per month; six months, thirteen dollars and fifty cents per month; one year, fourteen dollars per month; one and a half years, fourteen dollars and fifty cents per month; two years, fifteen dollars per month; two and a half years, fifteen dollars and fifty cents per month; three years or over, sixteen dollars per month. In case such person has reached the age of sixty-six years and served ninety days, fifteen dollars per month; six months, fifteen dollars and fifty cents per month; one year, sixteen dollars per month; one and a half years, sixteen dollars and fifty cents per month; two years, seventeen dollars per month; two and a half years, eighteen dollars per month; three years or over, nineteen dollars per month. In case such person has reached the age of seventy years and served ninety days, eighteen dollars per month; six months, nineteen dollars per month; one year, twenty dollars per month; one and a half years, twenty-one dollars and fifty cents per month; two years, twenty-three dollars per month; two and a half years, twenty-four dollars per month; three years or over, twenty-five dollars per month. In case such person has reached the age of seventy-five years and served ninety days, twenty-one dollars per month; six months, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents per month; one year, twenty-four dollars per month; one and a half years, twenty-seven dollars per month; two years or over, thirty dollars per month. That any person who served in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil War and received an honorable discharge, and who was wounded in battle or in line of duty and is now unfit for manual labor by reason thereof, or who from disease or other causes incurred in line of duty resulting in his disability is now unable to perform manual labor, shall be paid the maximum pension under this Act, to wit, thirty dollars per month, without regard to length of service or age.

That any person who has served sixty days or more in the military or naval service of the United States in the War with Mexico and has been honorably discharged therefrom, shall, upon making like proof of such service, be entitled to receive a pension of thirty dollars per month.

All of the aforesaid pensions shall commence from the date of filing of the applications in the Bureau of Pensions after the passage and approval of this Act: *Provided*, That pensioners who are sixty-two years of age or over, and who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Bureau of Pensions, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, receive the benefits of this Act; and nothing herein contained shall prevent any pensioner or person entitled to a pension from prosecuting his claim and receiving a pension under any other general or special Act: *Provided*, That no person shall receive a pension under any other law at the same time or for the same period that he is receiving a pension under the provisions of this Act: *Provided further*, That no person who is now receiving or shall hereafter receive a greater pension, under any other general or special law, than he would be entitled to receive under the provisions herein shall be pensionable under this Act.

Sec. 2. That rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed hereunder.

Sec. 3. That no pension attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in presenting any claim to the Bureau of Pensions, or securing any pension, under this Act, except in applications for original pension by persons who have not heretofore received a pension.

Sec. 4. That the benefits of this Act shall include any person who served during the late Civil War, or in the War with Mexico, and who is now or may hereafter become entitled to pension under the Acts of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety, February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and the joint resolutions of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six, or the Acts of January twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Sec. 5. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Pensions, as each application for pension under this Act is adjudicated, to cause to be kept a record showing the name and length of service of each claimant, the monthly rate of payment granted to or received by him, and the county and State of his residence; and shall at the end of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fourteen tabulate the record so obtained by States and counties, and shall furnish certified copies thereof upon demand and the payment of such fee therefor as is provided by law for certified copies of records in the executive departments.

# DECLARATION FOR AN INVALID PENSION.

This Invalid Pension Declaration must be executed before a Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record, and if before the Judge, the Clerk thereof will certify said Judge's official capacity and signature, and attest the same under the seal of the Court.

A Justice of the Peace must not authenticate this paper. If he does, the work is utterly useless, and must be all done over again before a Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record, as above stated.

STATE OF Virginia }  
City Roanoke }  
COUNTY OF Roanoke } ss.

ON THIS 17<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight, personally appeared before me, (1) Leak of the (2) Court of the Corporation, a Court of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Riley, Mudgett, aged 36 years, a resident of the (3) Roanoke Island of North Carolina, in the State of North Carolina, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Riley Mudgett who (4) substituted in the service of the United States at Roanoke Island in the State of North Carolina, on or about the 21 day of August in the year 1863, as a Private in Company J commanded by General in the 36 Regiment of (5) U.S. Col troops commanded by Major in the war of 1861, and was honorably discharged at Trayles Seminary in the State of Texas, on or about the 21 day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty 6; that while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, (6) was wounded in battle at New Market Heights Va on the 29 Sep 1864 by cannon balls in the left arm and left side fracturing bones of the arm & ball retained in the side arm & side work unable at times to perform much manual labor

That since leaving the said service, this applicant has resided in the (3) Roanoke Island of North Carolina, in the State of North Carolina, and his occupation has been (7) laborer

That prior to his entry into the service above named, he was a man of good, sound physical health, being when enrolled, a (8) laborer

That now he is (9) half disabled from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor in consequence of his above named injuries, received in the service of the United States.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the Invalid Pension Roll of the United States, by reason of the disabilities above stated, and revoking and countermanding all other authority that may have been given, he hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Genl. L. Brown

Claim Agt of (3) Roanoke Va, his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim, and obtain the Pension Certificate that may be issued. That his Post Office is at Roanoke Island County of Currituck State of North Carolina

That his domicile or place of abode is (10) on this Island of Roanoke North Carolina

If applicant makes his mark, let two persons who write their names attest his signature. The Officer administering the oath cannot be one of the attesting parties.

ATTEST:

J. Lee Hopper  
W. S. Bailey

Riley Mudgett  
Applicant.

Sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged before me the day and year first above written, and also personally

appeared Levin Bamber and Fields Mudgett  
 residents of the (3) Providence, R.I. in the State of R.I.  
 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 Levin Bamber (11)  
make his (12) mark 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 swear that they reside as above stated, and  
 that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

If the witnesses, or  
 either of them, make their  
 mark, let two persons  
 who can write their  
 names attest the signa-  
 tures. The Officer ad-  
 ministering the oath  
 cannot be one of the at-  
 tending parties.

ATTEST:

J. Lee Hopper  
F. S. Bailey

TWO WITNESSES

Levin Bamber  
Fields Mudgett

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17th day of January, A. D. 1867, and I  
 hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. I further certify that the  
 foregoing declaration and joint affidavit were read over to and understood by the respective parties before they made  
 their several signatures to the same.

Geo. E. Bowden Deputy Clerk of the  
Court of the Probation of the Court City of  
Providence

NOTE.—If the Clerk of the Court (Deputy will not answer) takes the declaration and affidavit instead of the Judge, he signs  
 the foregoing certificate, and places the seal of the Court thereto, and the following certificate then goes unauthenticated; but if the  
 Judge administers the oaths, he signs the said certificate, and then the Clerk himself authenticates the certificate hereto following:  
 This Certificate should be authenticated by the Clerk himself.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE.

State of ..... }  
 County of ..... } SS.

I, ..... Clerk of the .....  
 Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that .....  
 before whom the foregoing Invalid Pension Declaration and joint affidavit were made, and who has  
 thereunto signed his name, was, at the time of so doing, a Judge of the .....  
 Court in and for the County and State above-named, duly elected, qualified and sworn; that all his official acts as such are entitled  
 to full faith and credit, and that his signature, as it above appears, is genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of ..... Court at office in .....  
 this ..... day ..... A. D. 186

..... CLERK  
 ..... COURT.

[L. S.]

REMARKS.—In case the Deputy authenticates the Clerk's certificate, evidence may be required to show that the Deputy  
 is duly appointed and authorized by law to sign the Clerk's name and use the seal of the Court—therefore, it is better to have the  
 Clerk's own individual authentication at once, and thus save the trouble and expense of a general authentication certificate respecting  
 the Deputy, which might be required if the papers were authenticated by him instead of the Clerk.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. "Judge," or "Clerk."
2. "Name of the Court."
3. "City," "Town," "Corporation," or "County," as the case may be.
4. "Volunteered," or "Enlisted," as the case may be.
5. "Cavalry," "Infantry," or "Artillery." "Volunteers of ..... (here give State) naming the troops as indicated according to the corps to which they belong. If of the regular service, in place of foregoing, add: "United States Infantry," "Cavalry," or "Artillery," as the case may be.
6. Here give a particular and minute description of the wound or disability, stating when, where, and how it was incurred, and how it affects the applicant at this time.
7. "Compulsory idleness from physical incapacity to perform manual labor," if such be the fact; if not, then state what kind of labor he has performed, and whether of very light character or otherwise.
8. Here state the occupation, trade, or profession, which the applicant was engaged in.
9. Here insert "one-fourth," "one-third," "one-half," "two-thirds," "three-fourths," or "totally," as the case may be.
10. "House No. .... on ..... street, between ..... and ..... streets, in the city of ..... in the County and State aforesaid," or if on the other hand, the applicant resides in the country instead of the city, in place of the foregoing, say: "on the wagon (or rail) road leading from ..... to ..... about ..... miles from ..... the County seat of ..... County, State above named."
11. "Sign," or "make."
12. "Name," or "mark," as the case may be.

DECLARATION FOR AN **INVALID PENSION.**

ACT OF ..... A. D. 18

Applicant, .....  
 Co. ....  
 of the ..... Regiment of .....

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

SIR: Please 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 widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

RILEY MIDGETT,  
ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.  
115499  
314 EDGE ST.,



No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. *Raunko Island N.C.*

The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. *Company F 36 U.S.C.*  
*Born in 1845. Either the last of July or the first of August*

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. *Raunko Island N.C.*

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. *Clara Mae Owens*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. *I was married in Elizabeth City Sept. 3, 1870*

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? *Courthouse Record*

If so, where? Answer. *Elizabeth City N.C.*

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer. *no*

*I was never married before I married the wife that I am now living with now*

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. *I am her first husband*  
*she never was married before*

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. *living with her*

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer.

<i>Charlie</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>1876</i>
<i>Arthur</i>		<i>1881</i>
<i>William</i>		<i>1883</i>
<i>Mary</i>		<i>1885</i>
<i>Amelia</i>		<i>1887</i>

*we have three infants to die. They was the first children we had and we lost the last of birth*

Date *Jan 2 1915*(Signature) *Riley Midgett*

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*S. C.* Div.  
No. 115,499  
*Riley Midgett,*  
Co. 7, 36 Reg't U.S. Col. 2.

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Oct. 26,* 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,

*Riley Midgett,*  
*Elizabeth City,*  
*N.C.*

*J. L. Saunders*  
Att'y Commissioner.

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

Answer: *Yes. Clarissa Owens*

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: *Oct. 1868*

*E. City N.C. Rev. Joshua Fleming*

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

*Marriage Register City of New York*

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

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

*Charles born Dec. 26, 1875*

*Arthur born Oct. 27, 1881*

*William R. Jr. Feb. 28, 1883*

*Mary born Aug. 3, 1884*

*Miriam born March 8, 1887.*

Date of reply, *Nov. 5*, 1898

*Riley Midgett*  
(Signature)



Certificate No. 115499

Name, Riley Midgett

## Department of the Interior,

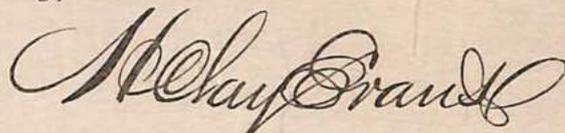
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

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

SIR:

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

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.

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

Answer. Yes. Clarissa Owens

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

Answer. Oct 7, 1870. by J. A. Fleming. Pam Co. N.C.

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. City Record

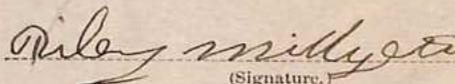
Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. No

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

Answer. Chas M. Dec 26/75. Arthur Oct 23/81  
Wm R. July 28/83. Mary Aug 3/84. Minnie  
Mch 8/87

Date of reply, May 4, 1898



(Signature.)

Copy of License  
of Clarrissa Midgett  
wid of  
Riley Midgett  
Co. H. 35 Regt.  
N.C. Co. 8th.

North Carolina,  
Pasquotank County.)

I, J.W. Munden, Register of Deeds, in and for the County  
and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Marriage License  
were issued to Wm R. Midgett and Clarrissa Owens on Sept 3, 1870  
and were Married by Joshua Fleming, J.P., Sept 4, 1870, the same  
being duly filed and recorded in this office.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 23 day of April.  
1918.

J. W. Munden  
Register of Deeds. /

Mar.

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Evidence of  
Barbara midgett  
wid of Riley midgett  
Co. F. 35 Regt.  
W. S. L. City.

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DIVISION

PLACE OF DEATH

## North Carolina State Board of Health

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

County Personotunc

Township \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

Registration District No. 70-2487

## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

City Elizabeth City(No. 315)Edge St.;4 Ward)

Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME Reese X. Mudgett

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

## PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX <u>male</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>col</u>	SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, or DIVORCED (Write the word) <u>married</u>
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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

1853AGE 68 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.If LESS than  
1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs.  
or \_\_\_\_\_ min.

OCCUPATION

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work  
Seaman  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHPLACE Roanoke Island NC

PARENTS

NAME OF FATHER Wm. Mudgett

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) \_\_\_\_\_

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) \_\_\_\_\_

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Arthur Mudgett(Address) Elizabeth City NCFiled 4-26, 1918Registrar. W. J. Mudgett

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Apr 20, 1918

(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Apr 17, 1918 to Apr 20, 1918that I last saw him alive on Apr 17, 1918and that death occurred on the date above stated, at 4 a.m.The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
embolic stroke(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. 3 ds.

Contributory (Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_

(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

(Signed) E. F. Hopewell, M. D.Apr 26, 1918 (Address) Elizabeth City NC

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents)

At place of death \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. In the State \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_

Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Elizabeth City NCDATE OF BURIAL 4-22, 1918UNDERTAKER J. W. MudgettADDRESS Elizabeth City NC

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

# DIRECTIONS TO REGISTRAR FOR USE OF DEATH CERTIFICATE

## EXAMINE YOUR CERTIFICATE AND SEE IF IT GIVES EVERY ITEM OF INFORMATION REQUIRED

The purpose and intention of the laws governing registration being to secure a proper record of each death that occurs—which is only secured through a complete statement of the facts required—each registrar should critically examine every certificate when presented for record, and should insist that it be made to meet the requirements before accepting it and issuing the usual burial or removal permit.

No obligation rests upon the registrar to accept an incomplete or unsatisfactory return; on the contrary, he is bound to see that it is entirely satisfactory in every respect.

It is not to be expected that all of the facts can be accurately stated in every case, but a strict observance of the practice specified will very largely reduce the number of cases incompletely reported, and, on the other hand, any laxity in this respect will surely be followed by increased carelessness in filling out the certificates.

The important statistical items that are most frequently omitted or neglected are those relating to conjugal condition, place of birth, birthplaces of father and mother, and occupation. In addition to these, the cause of death is not stated so that it can be properly classified in much too large a proportion of cases. The first-mentioned items should be stated exactly as called for by the certificate.

**Importance and use of the details required.**—All of the personal and statistical particulars specified are extremely important, though they may serve different purposes. Where records are required for purposes of identification, it is obvious that the identification will not only be easiest, but will be most positive and accurate if every detail is properly stated.

Considering the data for statistical purposes, it should be remembered that the statistics of the deaths constitute only one factor in the computation of death rates, the other being the statistics of population, and that in order to compute the death rates the deaths must be reported in the same terms as the population. The primary classification of the population statistics is by color, general nativity and parent nativity, sex, age, conjugal condition, and occupation, with certain details under each head; and these and the sanitary conditions existing are the factors that exercise the greatest influence upon the mortality from different diseases. The compilation of uniform death rates for all states and cities, therefore, requires all of these details to be given for each place. If, for instance, the birthplace of father and mother is not given in the return of deaths for any city, it becomes not only impossible to determine the relative mortality of persons of native and of foreign parentage (a most important factor) in that city, in comparison with others, but also impossible to give any complete summary of the aggregate rates for these classes in the whole of the registration area.

So, too, if the conjugal condition of decedents is reported only as "single" or "married"—as is the case in a number of cities—death rates can not be computed with the population factor distinguished as single, married, widowed, and divorced.

These comments illustrate the necessity for a complete statement of all of the facts concerning deaths in any state or city. A more specific statement of the requirements is made under the items given below:

**Name.**—Give the name in full. If an unnamed infant, give the family name.

**Color.**—White, Black (Negro or Negro descent), Indian, Chinese, Japanese, etc. This term (color) includes Race, so far as the census takes note of racial distinctions. Each constitutes a certain distinct class for which certain tables will be compiled.

**Sex.**—Male, Female. The sex of each person should be positively stated and not left to be inferred from the name.

**Date of Birth.**—Give the Year, Month, and Day of month. This question is important as a check upon inaccurate statements of age.

**Age.**—Give Years, Months, and Days. When "Age" is called for without the exactness specified, the question might be construed as referring to age at last birthday, next birthday, or nearest birthday, or as a general inquiry to be answered in approximate terms, such as "10," "20," "30," etc. An exact statement of age is particularly important.

**Conjugal Condition.**—Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced. Many of the certificates now in use call only for "Single" and "Married." In such places the Widowed or Divorced may be entered, as "Single" or "Married," according to the point of view, and when so reported can not be separated. In computing rates showing the influence of conjugal condition upon the mortality from certain causes, the distinctions indicated are equally important and should be carefully maintained.

**Birthplace (of deceased).**—If born in the United States, give the name of the State or Territory; if of foreign birth, the name of the country. (See "Birthplace of Mother.")

**Name of Father.**—This is important for identification.

**Birthplace of Father.**—State in the same way as birthplace of deceased. (See "Birthplace of Mother.")

**Maiden Name of Mother.**—This is of great importance for purposes of accurate identification.

**Birthplace of Mother.**—State in the same way as birthplace of deceased. The birthplaces of parents are necessary in order to classify the deaths by parental

nativity. The proportion of persons of foreign parentage in our population is so large, and the difference in the death rates so considerable, that this becomes a most important factor. The "Birthplace of Mother," in particular, is extensively used as best indicating the influence of race characteristics and inherited tendencies.

**Occupation.**—The effect of "Occupation" must necessarily be taken into consideration in any comprehensive mortality statistics, but this is one of the most difficult details to obtain in the same terms that they are given for the population, as the precise instructions given to the census enumerators as to the description and classification of occupations can not be as thoroughly applied to returns of deaths and their observance secured by the physicians, undertakers, and others who make these reports to the registration officers. Occupation should be reported for all persons who pursue some gainful employment. Married women and children living at home and not engaged in some remunerative employment should be returned as having "None." The general principle is to bear in mind what labor the deceased actually performed, without regard to the place or the person for whom he worked. Particular care should be taken to express the occupation in such a way as to prevent it from being confounded with other occupations. A few of the more important distinctions to be maintained are given as follows:

Civil, mechanical, and mining engineers, etc., should be distinguished from locomotive engineers, and the latter from those of stationary engines. Locomotive firemen should also be distinguished from those of stationary engines or members of the city fire departments.

Commercial travelers or salesmen should be distinguished from salesmen or clerks in stores.

Married women, female heads of families, or other women who are employed only in their own homes should not be reported as "housekeepers," "housewives," or "housework." These terms should be reserved for those who receive a monetary compensation.

Distinguish between agricultural laborers, railroad laborers, and other day laborers.

Mill or factory operatives should be distinguished according to the product of the mill—Woolen, Cotton, Carpet, Silk, Shoe, etc.

Miners should be distinguished as Coal, Iron, Lead, etc.

**Educational Attainments.**—Educational attainments should be stated as illiterate, able to read and write, common school education or equivalent, high school education or equivalent, college education or equivalent. If the deceased is less than fifteen years of age the educational attainments of the mother, if living, or of the father, if living, or of the guardian, in the order named, shall be given.

**Date of Death.**—Give the Month, Day, and Year. This and the physician's certificate of attendance are necessary to establish the fact and time of death.

**Cause of Death.**—The disease causing death should be definitely stated, or, if the death resulted from violence and not from disease, then the nature of the violence, and whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal, should be given. Contributory causes, complications, or sequelae of the disease causing death may be named, but mere symptoms should not be stated to the exclusion of the primary disease causing death. The duration should be stated for each cause given.

The lack of definiteness in the statement of causes of death is largely due to carelessness on the part of the physicians, who could undoubtedly make a much more satisfactory statement in many cases if their attention were called to the matter. It is the duty of the registrar accepting the certificate to see that this is invariably done when necessary.

The cause of death should be stated, in every case, so that it may be accurately classified under some specific and definite title of the classification. To this end it should be remembered that death is the result of disease or of external causes. If from disease, the nature of the disease, and if local, the particular organ or part of the body affected should be stated. Terms indicating mere symptoms of disease, or conditions resulting from disease, should not be accepted. Deaths from violence should be distinguished as accidental, homicidal, or suicidal, and in each case the kind of accident and nature of injury or manner of suicide should be stated.

It has been observed that, as a rule, causes of death certified by coroners are quite as unsatisfactory as those certified by physicians, more particularly in failing to define accidental deaths, or by reporting "heart failure" or "natural causes" in cases of deaths occurring suddenly.

In many places deaths of nonresidents are frequently registered which are not properly chargeable against the population of the places in which they occur. This is particularly true of deaths in hospitals and institutions to which persons resort for treatment for disease or injuries contracted or received elsewhere. In all such cases the information required under this heading should be supplied to permit a proper disposition of the case.

Every person, firm, or corporation selling a casket at retail, and not having charge of the disposition of the body, shall enclose within the casket a blank death certificate bearing instructions for recording the death.

# APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

(This application, when properly executed before some officer having authority to administer oaths for general purposes, should be forwarded, together with the pension certificate and itemized bills of all expenses, to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.)

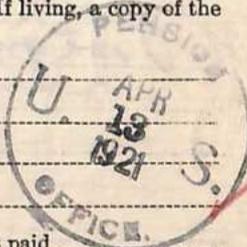
STATE OF Virginia }  
COUNTY OF Norfolk } ss:

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Twenty one  
personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid.  
Mamie Bellamy, aged Twenty Seven years, a resident of  
South Hill, County of Norfolk, State of  
Virginia, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order

to obtain reimbursement from the accrued pension for expenses paid (or obligation incurred) in the last sickness and burial of  
Clarissa Midgett who was a pensioner of the United States by  
certificate No. 864132 on account of the service of Riley Midgett  
in Co. F-36 Reg. U.S. Colored Soldiers (Name of soldier or sailor)  
(Describe service by company and regiment, etc., if in the Army, or by the words U. S. Navy, if in the Navy.)  
That pension was last paid to Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 19 20

That the answers to questions propounded below are full, complete, and truthful to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that no evidence necessary to a proper adjustment of all claims against the accrued pension is suppressed or withheld.

1. What was the full name of the deceased pensioner? Clarissa Midgett
2. In what capacity was decedent pensioned? (As invalid soldier or sailor, or as a widow, minor child, dependent relative, etc.)  
Widow
3. If decedent was pensioned as an invalid soldier or sailor—
  - (a) Was he ever married? (Answer yes or no.) Yes
  - (b) How many times, and to whom? Clarissa Midgett
  - (c) If married, did his wife survive him? (Answer yes or no.) Yes
  - (d) If so, is she still living? (Answer yes or no.) No
  - (e) If not living, give full names and dates of death of all wives Clarissa Midgett  
(died Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1920)
  - (f) Was he ever divorced? (Answer yes or no.) No
  - (g) If so, is the divorced wife still living? (Answer yes or no.) \_\_\_\_\_ (If living, a copy of the decree of divorce must be filed.)
  - (h) If not living, give her full name and the date of her death \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did pensioner leave a child under 16 years of age? (Answer yes or no.) No
5. Is any such child still living? (Answer yes or no.) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Were any sick or death benefits paid on pensioner's account? If so, give name of society and amount paid No
7. Was there insurance (life, accident, or health) in force on life of pensioner at time of death? (Answer yes or no.) No
8. If so, give the name of each company in which a policy was carried and the amount in which each policy was written \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who was the beneficiary named in each policy? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What was the relation of each beneficiary to the pensioner? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Were the premiums paid by the deceased pensioner? \_\_\_\_\_
12. If not paid by the deceased pensioner, state the amount of premiums paid by each person who made payment on that account \_\_\_\_\_





Also appeared \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who, being duly sworn, say that they saw Mammie Bellamy, the claimant, sign name (or make \_\_\_\_\_ mark) to this application; that they know the claimant herein and that their answers to the following questions are true:

1. Did pensioner (if a soldier or sailor) leave a widow or a minor child under age of sixteen years surviving? Widow, no child

2. When did the pensioner die? Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1920

3. Did pensioner leave any property? If so, state its character and value none

4. We knew pensioner two years. We believe above statements to be true because close and intimate neighbors

Name Douglas A. Crew  
P. O. Address Berkeley, Mich. R.F.D. 3  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_

Name Georgie Russell  
P. O. Address Berkeley, Mich. R.F.D. 3  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April

A. D. 1924; and I certify that the contents of the foregoing application were fully made known and explained to the claimant and witnesses before swearing, that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim, and I further certify that the reputation for credibility of the witnesses whose signatures appear above is \_\_\_\_\_

Congressman Spivey  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 1924

Parke L. Ponder  
(Signature.)  
Notary Public  
(Official character.)

DECLARATION ACCEPTED AS CLAIM UNDER THE ACT OF MARCH 2, 1895.

CHIEF, LAW DIVISION

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

Give date of the pensioner's death November 18 1920

Give date of commencement of pensioner's last sickness Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1920

From what date did the pensioner require the regular and daily attendance of another person constantly until death? Nov 9 1920

During what period did you attend the pensioner? From Nov 9<sup>th</sup> to Nov 18<sup>th</sup>

State nature of disease from which pensioner died General Paralysis

Give name of each person who rendered service as nurse and who has made or will make a charge for such service Mammie Bellamy (Daughter)

Give name of any other physician who attended the pensioner in last sickness None

Does your bill include a charge for all medicine furnished the pensioner during last sickness? Yes

Has your bill been paid; if so, by whom? Yes, Mammie Bellamy (Daughter)

Mention any other facts within your knowledge which in your opinion would be helpful in adjusting this claim for reimbursement:

I certify that the foregoing statement is correct.  
April 11, 19 21

G. Hamilton Francis M.D.  
Attending Physician.

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# APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

Certificate No. 864139

Clara Midgett  
Deceased Pensioner.

Paul Midgett  
Claimant.

AN ACT to amend section forty-seven hundred and forty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States. (30 Stat. L., 718.)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-seven hundred and forty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That every person who knowingly or willfully makes or aids, or assists in the making, or in any wise procures the making or presentation of any false or fraudulent affidavit, declaration, certificate, voucher, or paper or writing purporting to be such, concerning any claim for pension or payment thereof, or pertaining to any other matter within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Pensions or of the Secretary of the Interior, or who knowingly or willfully makes or causes to be made, or aids or assists in the making, or presents or causes to be presented at any pension agency any power of attorney or other paper required as a voucher in drawing a pension, which paper bears a date subsequent to that upon which it was actually signed or acknowledged by the pensioner, and every person before whom any declaration, affidavit, voucher, or other paper or writing to be used in aid of the prosecution of any claim for pension or bounty land or payment thereof purports to have been executed who shall knowingly certify that the declarant, affiant, or witness named in such declaration, affidavit, voucher, or other paper or writing personally appeared before him and was sworn thereto, or acknowledged the execution thereof, when, in fact, such declarant, affiant, or witness did not personally appear before him or was not sworn thereto, or did not acknowledge the execution thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than five years."

Approved July 7, 1898.  
DIVISION  
APR 14 1921  
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## The Act March 2, 1895 (28 Stat. L., 964), provides—

That from and after the twenty-eighth day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, the accrued pension to the date of the death of any pensioner, or of any person entitled to a pension having an application therefor pending, and whether a certificate therefor shall issue prior or subsequent to the death of such person, shall, in the case of a person pensioned, or applying for pension, on account of his disabilities or service, be paid, first, to his widow; second, if there is no widow, to his child or children under the age of sixteen years at his death; third, in a case of a widow, to her minor children under the age of sixteen years at her death. Such accrued pension shall not be considered a part of the assets of the estate of such deceased person nor be liable for the payment of the debts of said estate in any case whatsoever, but shall inure to the sole and exclusive benefit of the widow or children. And if no widow or child survive such pensioner, and in the case of his last surviving child who was such minor at his death, and in case of a dependent mother, father, sister, or brother, no payment whatsoever of their accrued pension shall be made or allowed except so much as may be necessary to reimburse the person who bore the expense of their last sickness and burial, if they did not leave sufficient assets to meet such expense.

## The Act March 3, 1905 (33 Stat. L., 1169), provides—

\* \* \* and no part of any accrued pension shall hereafter be used to reimburse any State, county, or municipal corporation for expenses incurred by such State, county, or municipal corporation under State law for expenses of the last sickness or burial of a deceased pensioner.

## INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Accrued pension is not a part of the assets of the estate of a deceased pensioner, nor liable for the payment of the debts of such pensioner.
2. Accrued pension is not payable as reimbursement in the case of a person pensioned on account of service if a widow or minor child under sixteen years of age survive.
3. Accrued pension is not payable as reimbursement in the case of any pensioner who left sufficient assets to meet the expense of last sickness and burial.
4. Application for reimbursement should be accompanied by the following evidence:
  - (a) Bills of all expenses of last sickness and burial. If paid by the claimant for reimbursement the bills must be properly receipted to said claimant; but if paid in part only the creditor should state by whom paid or from what source such payment was received. If unpaid, the parties to whom said bills are due should note on each bill, over their signatures, that they hold the claimant responsible for the payment. If the bill be for medical treatment it must show the dates of visits or treatment and the charge for each. A bill for nursing and care must show the dates between which the services were rendered, and the rate per day or week. The bill of the undertaker must be itemized, and show the date on which the services were rendered. Each bill must show that the service was rendered for the pensioner on account of whom reimbursement is claimed. All claims should be presented in the name of one person. Bills which are forwarded become a part of the records of the Bureau of Pensions and can not be returned. Claimants should therefore secure duplicates of such bills if needed by them.
  - (b) The pension certificate which was issued in the name of the pensioner. If such certificate is not in possession of the claimant a statement showing its whereabouts or final disposition should be made.
5. A careful compliance with these instructions will save much unnecessary delay in the settlement of the claim presented.

## NOTICE.

The only sum available for payment of a claim presented on this blank is the pension unpaid at the date of the pensioner's death.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The civil officer before whom this affidavit is executed should be careful to fill in all spaces, both in the caption and jurat.

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF North Carolina, County of Payson ss:

In the matter of Clarissa Midgett wid of Riley Midgett  
Co. H. 36 Regt. U. S. Inf. wid orig no. 1119, 659.

ON THIS 24 day of July, A. D. 1918, personally appeared before me  
as Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer

oaths Riley Lee aged 77 years, a resident of Elizabeth City  
in the County of Payson, and State of NC

whose Post-office address is Elizabeth City, NC  
and David Wilcher aged 70 years, a resident of Elizabeth City

in the County of Payson  
and State of NC, whose Post office address is

Elizabeth City, NC  
well known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to afore-

said case as follows That they are well acquainted with  
Riley Midgett the deceased soldier and Clarissa

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

Midgett the claimant that they have known  
them early since they become of marriageable  
age. That they lived in the same vicinity  
and neither the deceased soldier nor the  
claimant were never married until they were  
married to each other. They also certify  
that they were never divorced from  
each other, and that lived together  
as man and wife from the date of  
their marriage to the date of the  
Soldiers death.

*Maman & Co  
Elizabeth City*



They further declares that they have no interest in said case and are not concerned in its prosecution.

(If affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write sign here.)

Riley Lee  
Signatures of Affiants.  
David Wilcher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words

..... erased, and the words ..... added, and acquainted them

with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant are personally known to me and that they are credible person.<sup>s</sup>

[L. S.]

W. B. Cuyper  
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public  
(Official Character.)

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk, unless such certificate is already on file in the Pension Office, when such fact should be stated.



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AFFIDAVIT OF

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