

No.

22.130

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Louisa Spencer, Berkshire Co Mass  
Mother of Aaron Spencer  
Corporal Co "A" 54 Mass Fols  
Died at Morris Island S.C.  
Sept 5, 1863 of Wounds Shell

Pension Office,

Aug 23, 1864.

Respectfully referred to the Adjutant  
General, for official evidence of service  
and death.

Joseph H. Barrett

Commissioner.

Colonel S. W. Gross Esq  
Lyons, Mass.

Received,

Jan 21, 1864.

Wm H. Harding  
Lee

Mass

Attorney.

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No.

Claim for Mother's Pension.

MRS. *Louisa Spencer*

Mother of *Aaron Spencer* - dec'd.

Co. *A* 54<sup>th</sup> Regt. *Mass* - Vols.

WILLIAM H. HARDING,

ATTORNEY,

LEE, MASS.

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| Widow's Certificate File Number WC 22130                                                                         |                    |                                              |
| Spencer                                                                                                          | Aaron              |                                              |
| Soldier's Last Name                                                                                              | First Name         | Middle Name or Initial                       |
| co. A 54 <sup>th</sup> reg.                                                                                      | Massachusetts vols | Infantry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Company and Regiment                                                                                             | State              | Cavalry <input type="checkbox"/>             |
|                                                                                                                  |                    | Artillery <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| Widow's name                                                                                                     |                    |                                              |
| Louisa                                                                                                           |                    |                                              |
| Other Dependent: Father, <u>Mother</u> , Minor Child (Include number of and names of children under 16 if known) |                    |                                              |

The following were found in this file:

- ☒ 1. Brief & Original Application
- ☒ 2. Proof of Service
- ☒ 3. Proof of Death
- ☒ 4. Proof of Marriage
- ☐ 5. Proof of Children
- ☒ 6. Dropped from the Rolls

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Lousa Spencer

Box 31628

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U. S. Pension Agency,  
Boston Mass

Nov 2, 1882.

Hon W. W. Dudley

Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of  
Louisa Spencer, who was a pensioner on the rolls  
of this Agency, under Certificate No. 22130, and who was  
last paid at \$ 8 to 24 Mch 1879, has  
been dropped because of her failure to claim pension  
for three years or

Very respectfully,

J. W. Brown

Pension Agent.

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.

# Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

January 31 1864.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 43,337, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that  
 Aaron Spencer was enrolled on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
 day of February, 1863, at Lee, Mass. in Co. A,  
 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Mass. (Colored) Volunteers, to  
 serve three years, or during the war, and mustered into  
 service as a Private on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March,  
 1863, at Camp Meigs Mass., in Co. A, 54<sup>th</sup>  
 Regiment of Mass. (Colored) Volunteers, to serve three  
 years, or during the war. On the ~~Roll of~~ <sup>Regimental</sup> ~~Co.~~ <sup>Roll of</sup>  
 of that Regiment, for the month of September,  
 1863, he is reported "Died of wounds Sept. 7 1863. at  
 Morris Island S. C." (a Corporal)

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. T. Faggard

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Memoranda.

Name of applicant, Aaron Spencer

Address, Lee, Berkshire Co. Mass.

H. A.

Brief in the case of Mrs. Louisa Spencer, Mother of  
Aaron Spencer, a Corporal in Co. A.  
54<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass. Vols.

Berkshire County, and State of Mass.

Act of July 14, 1862.

Post Office address of Applicant, Lee Berkshire Co. Mass.

Claim for Mother's Pension.

Declaration and Identification in due Form.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Dependence of the Mother on the dead. Their relationship  
and that son left no widow or minor child duly  
established.

Private Aaron Spencer, was enrolled Feby. 18<sup>th</sup> 1863  
and is reported as Corporal &

Died of wounds Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1863, at Morris Island S.C.

Surg. Genl. reports the soldier died Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1863 at Genl. Hosp.  
No. 1, Morris Island S.C. of wounds from shell.

Claimant states that wounds were rec'd. at the hands of the  
enemy on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1863 or thereabouts at Fort Wagner.

Power of attorney to agent in due form.

Admitted April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1864, to a Pension of \$ 8.00 per month, commencing  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 1863.

W. H. Harding, Esq.  
Lee  
Mass

J. H. Berkau,

EXAMINING CLERK.

Ex. 2  
C. H. J.

Name and Residence of Agent.

# CLAIM FOR MOTHER'S PENSION.

State of Massachusetts } ss.  
County of Berkshire

On this Seventh day of November A. D. 1863.  
personally appeared before me Clerk of the Superior Court in and  
for said County and State, Louisa Spencer a resident of Lee in the County of  
Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, aged 49 years, who being first duly sworn  
according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the  
provisions made by the Act of Congress approved July 14th, 1862:

— That she is the widow of Samuel Sprincer and mother of Aaron Spencer  
— who was a corporal in Company A Commanded by Captain Appleton  
— in the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, in the war of  
1861, and who died at Morris Island  
in the State of South Carolina, on or about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sep-  
tember 1863, from wounds received at the hands of the enemy.  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1863 or thereabouts, at Fort Wagner.

— She further declares that her said son upon whom she was wholly dependent for support,  
having left no widow or minor child under sixteen years of age surviving declarant makes this application  
for a Pension under the above mentioned act, and refers to the evidence filed herewith, and in the proper  
Department to establish her claim.

— She also declares that she has not, in any way, been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion  
in the United States; that she is not in the receipt of a pension under the second Section of the Act  
above mentioned, or under any other Act, nor has she again married since the death of her son the said  
Aaron Sprincer.

— The above declaration is made for the purposes aforesaid, and WILLIAM H. HARDING of Lee,  
Massachusetts is hereby made, appointed, and constituted my Attorney for the prosecution of this  
claim, with powers of substitution, and is authorized to receive and receipt for a pension certificate in  
my favor whenever the same shall issue.

Louisa Spencer

— Also on the same day personally appeared Phoebe J. Freeman  
and Frank H. Freeman residents of Lee  
in the County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts — persons whom I  
certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn according to law say  
that they were present and saw Mrs. Louisa Sprincer — Sign her name  
to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe from the  
appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she  
represents herself to be.

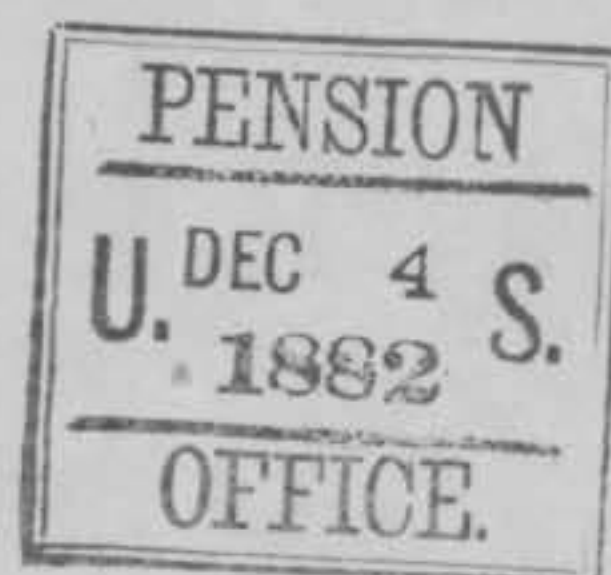
Phoebe J. Freeman

Frank H. Freeman

— Sworn to and subscribed before me, this Seventh day of November A. D. 1863: and  
I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

Henry W. Taggart

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Surgeon General's Office,

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.,

February 24<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith application for Pension,  
No. 43,337, with such information as is furnished by the records of this  
office. Corp<sup>t</sup>. Aaron Spencer, Co. A, 54<sup>th</sup>  
Regiment Mass Vols, is reported to this office by  
Surgeon J. W. Gross as having died Sept 5<sup>th</sup>  
1863, at Genl. Hooper's No 1 Morris Island S. C.  
of Wounds from Shell

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Act.  
By order of the Surgeon General:

J. Woodward  
Asst. Surg. U. S. A.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

A. G. F.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts }  
Berkshire County } ss.

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April A.D. 1864 before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid personally came ~~Francis E. Treadwell~~ and Phebe J. Freeman both residents of Ber in said County and State, persons whom I certify to be respectable and credible persons, and who bring by me duly sworn according to law, do on their oaths declare that they are personally acquainted with Louisa Spencer, mother of Aaron Spencer late a Corporal in Captain Appleton's Company "A" in the 54<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of Mass. Vol<sup>2</sup> and who was killed at Morris Island in the State of South Carolina, on or about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1863 — That they know that said Louisa Spencer was wholly dependent on said Aaron; that the said Aaron did, prior to entering the service of the United States support said Louisa by furnishing provisions, fuel, and all other things necessary to the comfort and sustenance of the said Louisa. And deponents further declare that the said Aaron left surviving him no widow or child or children, or father.

And deponents further declare that the said Louisa has no husband living — That she (Louisa) was married to Samuel Spencer at Lebanon Springs N.Y. by one Ira Hand Esq<sup>r</sup> in the month of February (date forgotten) A.D. 1839 — That the said Louisa and Samuel lived together as man and wife and were so reputed and acknowledged. And deponents further state that (Samuel) the husband of said Louisa Spencer <sup>died</sup> at Norfolk Conn. on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1853. And further deponents declare that They are not interested in the claim for Pension to which this paper is annexed.

Phebe J. Freeman  
Francis E. Treadwell

— Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year first above written and I certify that I have no interest either direct or indirect in the result of this claim, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

M. Wilcox Justice of the Peace.

Mar 5th 1864

Returned proof of support  
for proper execution.

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BERKSHIRE SS.

I, **HENRY W. TAFT**, Clerk of the Judicial Courts of the Commonwealth for the county of Berkshire, do certify that *M. Wilcox* Esquire, whose signature is affixed to the certificate on the paper hereto annexed, was, at the date thereof, one of the Justices of the Peace within and for said county, duly commissioned and acting under the authority of this Commonwealth and that full faith and credit are and ought to be given to his acts and attestations done in that capacity; and that I am acquainted with the hand-writing of the said *M. Wilcox* and believe his signature to said certificate is genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Superior Court for said Commonwealth, this *twenty-first* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four  
*Henry W. Taft* Clerk.



No. 22130  
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Massachusetts  
Louisa Spencer

Mother of Aaron Spencer

Rank Corporal

Company A

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

Boston Fitch Agency.

Rate per month, \$ 8

Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 1863

Certificate dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 1864

and sent to Wm H. Harding  
D.C.  
Mass

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1862.

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FITCHBURG, Mass., by general transfer from  
the 4th day of ... *June* ... 1873