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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

CERT. NO. 770911

PENSIONER:

Rebecca

Widow OF

VETERAN:

James M. Mendenhall

CAN NO:

60059

SUNOLE NO:

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Feb. 5/20 Receipt of papers  
from N.B. Atty., Phila., Pa.  
in N.B. vs. Richard Maulden  
acknowledged.

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Cert. No. **770911**

As of April 18, 1908.

Rebecca  
Widow of  
James Maulden

Rank Pvt  
Company K  
Regiment 45<sup>th</sup> U S C Inf

Rate per Month \$ 12  
Commencing Dec 6 1913

Ending \_\_\_\_\_

Group 3 Agency.

Issued Feb 20 1914, 191  
Mailed ✓, 191

6-3387

**DEAD**

There was duplicate of  
former claim from  
May 9/14 Auditor for Interior  
Dept. for John of Maulden  
claim 5807888-  
May 17/17 S. E. D. to inquire into  
alleged forgery of claim check  
May 31/17. Orig. of claim  
check was made by Maulden  
of Interior Dept. and  
S. E. D. Maulden was S. E. D.  
for use as evidence against Richard  
Maulden for obtaining claim money  
entitled to by forgery of claim check  
from Maulden. J. Maulden.

Filed to  
Commencing Sept. 1913  
Under act of Sept. 8, 1908  
Wife During Civil War



INVALID

Cert. No. 921, 027Name, James MauldenRank, Prst.; Service, Co. K. 45U.S. C. Vol. Inf.Original Roll: WashingtonAgency: Transf'd, 1, to**DEAD.**

Issued

Mailed

Rate and period, \$ 20, from Mar. 8. 1907

Fee, \$

Deductions: 0Disability: a

Entered

Issued

Mailed

Rate and Period, \$ 24, from May 22-1912

Fee, \$

Deductions: 0

Disability:

Entered

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912

Issued

Mailed

Rate and period, \$ , from

Fee, \$

Deductions:

Disability:

Entered

Issued

Mailed

Rate and Period, \$ , from

Fee, \$

Deductions:

Disability:

Entered

INDORSEMENTS.

**DROPPED**  
DEC 4 - 1913See ind. ref 770911

Accrued Pension,  
ACT OF MARCH 2, 1895.  
Accrued Pension Crd.  
Issued Feb. 20. 1914  
Payable to widow  
Sent to Finance Division.



*M. A. Kellogg*  
[3-216 a.]  
~~Westtown~~ Ex'r.

*Inv Orig* No. 346411

Act of June 27, 1890.

MD.  
VA.  
W. VA.

*James Maulden*  
P. O. *Westtown*  
*Chester Co* *Penn.*  
Service: *Or. 45 U.S. Inf*  
Enlisted: *?*, 18  
Discharged: *?*, 18  
Application filed: *May 15* *?*, 189*5*  
Alleges:  
Any other Claim filed: *Inv Orig 346411*  
Numerical No.

N. C.  
S. C.  
FLA.  
GA.  
ALA.  
MISS.  
LA.  
TEX.  
KY.  
TENN.  
MO.  
ARK.  
D. C.  
U.S.C.T.

*Atty. filed* Attorney: *Jno. Wainwright*  
P. O. *Wilmington*  
*Del.*  
Recognized. Contract.  
Cert. of Dis. Searched for *?*, 189*5*



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30  
[B-2184]  
Ex. No. 346411  
Act of June 27, 1890.

James Mauldine  
P.O. Mottown Boarding School,  
Mottown, Chester Co. Pa.  
Service: Pre. R-45-150  
Enlisted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Discharged: \_\_\_\_\_  
Application filed: Dec. 18-1891  
Alleges: 4/139  
Any other Claim filed: Big 346. 411  
(M.R.) 1-6-92 Marsh  
Numerical No. 767.720

Attorney: Jas. M. McLee & Co.  
P.O. Phila. Pa.  
Recognized. Contract.  
Cert. of Dis. Searched for \_\_\_\_\_, 18  
(4476-50,000.)

July 1-19-92  
4-18-92 Atty for  
corner of Spring  
VA. ~~clerk's manual~~  
W. VA. ~~apl. 8-92~~  
July 8-92 Letter of  
N.C. Registration, J. H. S.  
S.C.  
FLA. Jan 11-92  
GA. July 27/94, Atty Wainwright  
ALA. for formal declaration.  
MISS. King  
LA.  
TEX. Ex. Bd. at West Chester Pa.  
Ky. J. H. S. Aug. 31/92  
TENN. Letter of J. H. S.  
Mo. J. H. S.  
ARK. Jan. 14/96 Atty Wainwright  
D.C. Ex. Bd. at Media Pa.  
U.S.C.T. July 6/96. Atty for testimony  
that claimant general details

were not due to vicious  
habits. M.



Division.

# Department of the Interior,

## BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_

No. Claim, \_\_\_\_\_

Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant, \_\_\_\_\_

Soldier, \_\_\_\_\_

Co. \_\_\_\_\_, Reg't \_\_\_\_\_

~~Respectfully~~ To determine continued  
 instance of scurvy since  
 discharge is deemed necessary  
 as claim was filed prior to  
 June 30 1880, and the Board  
 of Surgeons at West Chester  
 Pa. refuse to rate claimant  
 yet witnesses state that he has  
 been disabled from scurvy  
 "half his time"

List of comrades furnished  
 and 76 complied with \_\_\_\_\_

J. H. V. Schmidt  
 A. A. Chief of \_\_\_\_\_ So. Division.



*News*

Ex'r.

INVALID. *13**14*

No.

*346, 411**by*  
Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

*James Maulden,*  
P. O. *Westtown*  
~~Street Road,~~  
Chester Co. Pa.

Service:

*C. R. 45 U.S.C.V.*

Enlisted:

*August 16<sup>th</sup>*  
*July of*, 18 *64*

Discharged:

*August 26<sup>th</sup>*, 18 *65*

Application filed:

*Mar. 2, 1880*  
*W.K.V.*

Alleges:

*Bone fever,*  
*Brownsville Texas*

Re-enlisted:

Attorney:

*Wm. S. Wendle,*  
P. O. *West-Chester,*  
*Pa.*

Recognized.

Contract

Cert. of Dis. Searched for

, 18



June 22, 81.

Ex Dr Woodward. W. Chester  
N. Y. July 29<sup>th</sup> 81 - G. M.

Jan 5. 82 Atty Cir No 474  
for prin & Sub con - 58  
for off & Surg.

Dec 6/82. To Atty. to verify S. Williams,  
J. M. Jones, J. W. Winter, S. W. Smith &  
N. P. Martin. P.M. at West Chester  
to obtain standing of Winter, Jones,  
Williams, Smith, Cair & H. Williams  
P.M. Unionville as to Martin.  
To Atty. P.O. address of Regt. 1 Surg.  
W. J. D.

Jan 9/83 Med. Ex Dr Starr of  
Chester Delaware Co Pa Dr

Feb 9/83 Atty for present  
address of claimant.



Board of Review

Division.

## Department of the Interior,

## BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C., *June 12*, 1892,No. Claim, *346 411*

Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant, *James Maulden*

Soldier, \_\_\_\_\_

Co. *K*, *45* Reg't *U.S.C. Vol Inf*

Respectfully referred to the  
 Acting Chief of the S. E.  
 Division for special examination  
 to determine the origin of the  
 alleged injury on the service  
 and its continuance since discharge  
 as per slip of Chief of  
 Southern Division herewith.

All orders appear to be  
 complied with.

*E. B. M. Detroit*  
*Rev.*

Special Examination  
 proved.

U. S.  
 BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
 FEB 2 1892  
 Special Exm'n Division.

Chief of \_\_\_\_\_ Division.



Division.

## Department of the Interior,

## BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_

No. Claim, \_\_\_\_\_

Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant, \_\_\_\_\_

Soldier, \_\_\_\_\_

Co. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Reg't \_\_\_\_\_

~~Respectfully~~ *notaries public*  
*in answer to office inquir-*  
*ies, (with the exception of*  
*Henry Baice) say they are*  
*unknown to them or they*  
*refuse to vouch for their*  
*credibility. W. P. Martin in reply*  
*to office communication as to*  
*origin gives an account of his*  
*own disabilities and does not*  
*mention those of the damper.*  
*Isaac Winter's signs by mark*  
*and cannot be corresponded with*  
*Henry Williams. J. A. Patchen,*  
*Henry Baice also sign by*  
*mark. Special communication*



Ex'r.

INVALID.

No. 346411

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

James Maulsen  
P. O. Westtown  
Chester Co. Pa.  
Service: Private Co. "K"  
45th, U. S. C. T.  
Enlisted: August 16, 1864  
Discharged: August 26, 1865  
Application filed: March 7, 1880  
Alleges: bone fever at  
Bronsonville Tex May 1865  
Re-enlisted:

Attorney: Wm S. Windle  
P. O. West Chester. Pa.

Recognized.

Contract.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for

, 18 .



S.C.D. for credibility of  
Smith & Williams of  
Hulltown Pa. (G)  
Mad Ex Board Phil. (G)

7/83/ Surg Isen  
Ref Surgs atty Grindle  
by 20. Dr. Hamilton & ~~Dr. Williams~~  
Smith & Martin as done in &  
transcribed in server. 24/7

Sept 7 Atty Grindle for  
Dr. J. Williams  
Oct 16 Atty Grindle for D.C.D.  
Smith & Williams. Letter to  
Smith as done in server  
24/7

Nov 24 Letter as to original  
copy.  
Any 24. letters as to treatment  
in server. 24/7



*Southern*

Division.

## Department of the Interior,

## BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *July 8, 1892*No Claim, *346411*

Cert. No.

Claimant,

*James Maullen*

Soldier,

*Do*

Co.

*K, 43 - Reg't*

Respectfully

*returned to the*

*Chief of the C. E. Division  
for completion of special  
examination of the claim  
under the general law  
ordered Jan. 2, 1892*

*Marion**Examiner*

JUL 9 1892

Special Exam. Div.

*Paine**aa*

Chief of

*ea*

Division.



*Southern*

Division.

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *July 11, 1892*No. Claim, *346 411*

Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant, *James Maulden*Soldier, *do*Co. *K*, *45* Reg't *McMurry*

Respectfully referred to the

Chief of Board of Review  
for reference to the S. Division  
with a view to Special  
Examination to determine  
whether claimant's alleged  
scurvy originated in service  
in line of duty, existed  
at discharge, and has  
continued since date  
of discharge.

Special Examination is  
deemed necessary as it  
seems impossible to obtain  
the credibility of witness-  
es, as the postmaster said



✓ cln

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ph of

*Mauden*

[3-216.7] 183

*Wester*

Ex'r.

INVALID.

No. 346, 411.

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

MD.

VA.

W. Va.

84 Wick 4 attn  
letters of rejection

Aug 2/84 Letter to atty asking re-  
declaration recently filed - R.

May 20/89 for pers  
of Visitation & Writings  
Letter to Martin at  
Hon  
correct address &  
P.M. to Mr. Binn  
is with  
Status & why by  
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and by "copy" of  
u - den

1/4/89 returned  
at No. 101 for list of names

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 83. Informer &  
attly J. M. McFee & clt of  
date & cause of rejection

James Mauden  
~~Wester~~ *Marchester* *Wester*  
P. O. *Wester*  
Christen O. Pa  
Service: Priv 6 A K  
45 M. & 6. 2.  
Enlisted: Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, 1864  
Discharged: Aug 26, 1865  
Application filed: Wick 2, 1865  
Alleges: Born Feven (or  
Lacey) Man (or  
Re-enlisted:

REJECTED.

Attorney:

*Wm L. Waddle*

P. O.

*West Chester*

*Geo. Bancroft & Co*

*Wash & Co*

Recognized.

Contract.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for

N. C.

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D. C.

U.S.C.T.

Aug 6/85. Atty Bancroft  
date & cause of rejection -  
EKB.

Aug 14/88 Claim tho  
Soudely Darlington d  
joir and why list  
sufficient to change  
see slip even date  
att Bancroft & Co  
Prest

Feb 8/90 atty  
Verb Stein. Letters  
to Martin on 20/89  
Friday. Townsend, Jackson  
on 20/89. Col to Ver  
Stein. Due to Pa  
Feb 11-1870 by Bancroft

Apr 10/90 atty  
7 Com. T. Col to atty.  
for red day Martin  
du



1772  
*Jim*  
Phila. Mar. 21, 1921. *[Signature]*

Dear Sir:-

This is to notify you that my Grand-  
mother Rebecca Maulden widow of James Maulden  
Co. "K" 45th Regt. U.S. Colored Infy. Pensioner  
by Certificate No. 770911, died March, 18th, 1921.



Yours truly,

*Abbie Smith.*

714 Brooks St.,  
Bryn Mawr, Pa.



C E R T I F I C A T E *Division*DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONSWashington, D. C., May 31st, 191 7.

No. Claim, \_\_\_\_\_

Cert. No. 770,911 - Widow~~WIDOW~~  
Claimant, Rebecca MauldenSoldier, James MauldenCo. K, 45th Reg't U. S. C. Inf.Respectfully forwarded to theChief, Law Division,

a transcript of the record of al-  
lowances in case of Rebecca Maul-  
den, in accordance with accompany-  
ing request of this date. instant.

*H. C. Duncan*Chief of certif. Division.*G. G.*



Wid Ctr 770,911,  
Rebecca Maulden,  
widow of  
James Maulden,  
Co. K, 45th U.S.C.Inf.

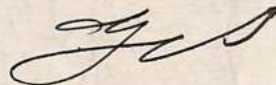
JEM

Law Division,

May 9, 1917.

Correspondence Files:

Awaits photostat of March 4, 1917, vouvher-check.  
Please draw on receipt, or on June 10, 1917, and take  
such further action as the facts require with reference  
to the allegation that the pensioner's endorsement  
on said check was forged by her son.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'J. S.' or similar, located at the bottom right of the document.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 31, 1917

The Chief,

The Certificate Division.

Sir:

Please furnish me for certification copy  
of the record of the allowance of the claim for  
pension of Rebecca, widow of James Maulden, late of  
Co. K, 45th United States Colored Infantry, certifi-  
cate No. 770,911.

Please make special.

Respectfully,

*M. Whitehead*

GCS/jem

Chief, Law Division



Law Division

May 31, 1917

The Chief,

The Certificate Division.

Sir:

Please furnish me for certification copy of the record of the allowance of the claim for pension of Rebecca, widow of James Maulden, late of Co. K, 45th United States Colored Infantry, certificate No. 770,911.

Please make special.

Respectfully,

GCS/jem

Chief, Law Division



Law Division

May 9, 1917.

Auditor for the  
Interior Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are requested to furnish me with a photostat of check No. 3807888, dated March 4, 1917, for the sum of \$60, to the order of Rebecca, widow of James Maulden, late of Co. K, 45th United States Colored Infantry, certificate No. 770,911, Group 3, act of April 19, 1908.

Respectfully,

GCS/jem

Commissioner.



Civil War Division  
Wid. Ctf. 770,911  
Rebecca Maulden  
James Maulden  
Co. K 45 U.S.C. Inf.

LLC

October 21, 1914.

John Wainwright & Co., Attys,  
Wilmington,  
Delaware.

Sirs:

In response to your communication of the 6th instant, you are advised that the declaration for widow's pension under the Act of April 19, 1908, filed by you January 14, 1914 in the above cited pension case is a duplicate of one filed December 6, 1913 by the claimant through another attorney who had been recognized by this Bureau as the attorney of record. Said claim has been allowed.

Very respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER

Commissioner.



Philadelphia, May 29, 1917.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith my report in case Cft. 770.911, Rebecca Maulden, widow of James Maulden, Co. K, 45th. U.S. C. Inf. and state as follows:-

This case was referred to me for investigation of the charge that pensioner's son, one Richards Maulden, had obtained her check for March 1917 payment since which time she had not seen her check or her son, and had not received any benefit from same.

Immediately upon receipt of letters of instruction I proceeded to take testimony of the pensioner and her grandson and granddaughter at Haverford, Pa. The testimony so obtained, corroborated by the letter carrier who delivered the letter to pensioner on Monday, March 5, 1917, shows that the son Richard Maulden came to her residence at 3947 Reno St. and failing in his attempt to have the carrier deliver the letter to him, waited until the letter had been delivered in the hands of his mother and he then snatched it from her and run out of the house with it, since which time the pensioner had not seen him or her letter. It appears that Maulden then went to Charles Kramer who has a saloon at 4122 Market St. and got him, Kramer, to cash the check for him upon his representation that he was getting it cashed for his mother. Evidently he had signed the pensioner's name to the check beforehand. Kramer, not knowing that two witnesses to pensioner's signature was necessary, deposited it in the Hamilton Trust Co. the same day and the Trust Co. presented it for payment at the Sub-Treasury, but was returned because of lack of witnesses. When Kramer got the check back he had John E. Curran, a hanger on at his place, to endorse the check and subsequently had Richard Maulden endorse it, whereupon he again deposited it in the same Trust Co., on March 13, 1917, and it was then paid. Before taking the testimony of Curran and Kramer and knowing that pensioner's son is a disreputable negro, I asked permission to lay the case before the U.S. Attorney and follow his instructions as to criminal prosecution, which was granted in telegram of 21st. instant, on which date I made complaint before U.S. Commissioner Charles Wells Edmunds and had a warrant issued. In the meantime I had located the man as living with A Mrs. Williams, in the rear of 2046 Lombard St., and when the warrant was handed to the U.S. Marshal I told him when and where he could find



him that evening and he promised to go and arrest the man at once. I subsequently learned that the Marshal did not go to arrest the man until a day or so afterward, in the meantime his bird had flown. I have been out of the city all the week but upon my return to my office this A.M. was told that an effort has been made to arrest him, which I am very frank to state I do not believe.

The Grand Jury is now in session and will be here until next Wednesday, 6th. of June. The U.S. Attorney is preparing an indictment against the man to be presented next week. In the meantime I have loaned him for use of his indictment the photostat of check which came to me with the papers. He thinks that the photostat, with the testimony of the witnesses Curran and Kramer, will be sufficient for the Grand Jury but the case will have to go over to September Term, unless the man is arrested in the near future and should plead guilty next week at the close of the June Term.

I respectfully submit this my report for immediate consideration of the Chief of Law Division and return of the papers to me as early as possible, not later than next Monday, June 4th., if possible.

Very respectfully,

*Geo. D. Sidman*  
Special Examiner.





Case of Rebecca Maulden.

Cft.No. 770.911.

On this 18th day of May, 1917, at Haverford, county of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania. before me, George D. Sidman, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Rebecca Maulden, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

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1 Her age is 87 years. No occupation.

2 Post office address, 520 Old Lancaster Road, Haverford, Pa.

3 I am the identical Rebecca Maulden who is pensioned as the widow of  
4 James Mahlden, who was a soldier in Co. K, 45th. U.S.C.Inf. I am  
5 now pensioned at \$20. per month. ( Pension certificate exhibited-Exr.)

6 Q. Now tell me about how you lost your check for payment of your pension  
7 last March ?

8 A. Well, I have a son named Richard Maulden who has been separated from  
9 his wife and children for several years and who is a very dissipated  
10 man. Last March on the day that my pension check was due to come  
11 my said son Richard came to the house in the morning where I was then  
12 living with my grandchildren, at No. 3947 Reno St. W. Philadelphia. I  
13 had not seen him before for a number of months and did not know where  
14 he was living. When he came there in the morning he told me that he  
15 had gotten a home for me and said he was going to take me there to live  
16 with him.. He told my granddaughter, Abbie Madden, that he had a  
17 good home and was going to take me there to live with him. No, I did  
18 say I would go with him. I knew that he had no such home for me and  
19 my granddaughter would not have let me go with him anyway. He had ta-  
20 ken me away one time and finally the authorities came and took his chil-  
21 dren away from him and they turned me out so I had to come and live with  
22 my granddaughter, Abbie Madden, who has given me a home ever since. My  
23 son remained around the house until the letter carrier came with my  
24 pension check and when I opened the door for him my son Richard came  
25 right behind me and when the letter carrier had delivered the check to  
26 me he, my son, snatched the letter from me and run out of the door with  
27 it and I have never seen him since. No sir, I did not have time to



open the letter or see it except just as the carrier handed it to me. My grandson, Howard Smith, who was there at the time and had come to the door with my son, saw him snatch the letter from me and run out on the street. No, I did not tell my son that he might have the letter or did I give him any authority to receive my letter or make any use of the check. No, I did not realize that he wanted to get hold of my check or do anything of that kind when he first came to the house in the morning. No sir, I had not told him that he might endorse my check and collect the money for me. In fact nothing had been said about the pension money in the morning and I had no idea that he would do such a thing to me. Immediately after he run out with my check my granddaugdter, Abbie Madden, and my grand-son Howard Smith followed the letter carrier and she asked him why he had given my check to my son, but he said he had not given it to my son, but had given the letter to me, and that was true. My son was supposed to be living at No. 4235 Ludlow St. but Abbie went there and did not find him there. Then my sister Abbie was advised to get a warrant and have him arrested. My grandson Howard Smith swore out the warrant for him at the magistrate's office 3947 Lancaster Ave. but the constable was not able to find him and nothing has been done about it since then. No, I have not seen my son since that day he took my pension check away from me, nor have I heard anything about what was done with the check. My granddaughter has tried to find out where he got the check cashed, but have not learned anything. I moved out here to Haverford about two months ago. I have been told that my said son was seen last Saturday at 2046 Lombard St. where it was said he is now living, but I do not know if that is true or not. I can tell you no more about my son or my check. I have heard you read this deposition and it is correct and true.

Attest.

I cannot write my name.  
her  
Rebecca X Maulden.  
mark.

*Abbie Madden*

*Howard Smith*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th. day of May, 1917, and I certify the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*Geo. D. Sidman*  
Special Examiner.





Case of Rebecca Maulden.

Cft.No. 770.911.

On this 18th day of May, 1917, at Haverford,  
county of Montgomery, State of Penna. before me,  
George D. Sidman, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions,  
personally appeared Howard Smith, who, being by me first  
duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him  
during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension,  
deposes and says:

6-5121

1 His age is 26 years. Occupation, Butler.

2 Post office address, 520 Old Lancaster Road, Haverford, Pa.

3 Rebecca Maulden, the pensioner here present, is my grandmother I  
4 am a son of William and Annie Smith and I am living here with my mother.  
5 Richard Maulden is my uncle, my mother's brother.

6 Q. What do you know about your said uncle Richard Maulden getting your  
7 grandmother's pension check last March. ?

8 A. Well, I remember that on the day that my grandmother's pension was  
9 due, on Monday, March 5th. my said uncle came to the house early in  
10 the morning and was around there some time, but I did not hear him say  
11 anything about my grandmother going to live with him, or anything of  
12 that kind, but I remember that when the letter carrier came to the door  
13 he, Richard, rushed past me and got to the door first and I was just be-  
14 hind him. He reached out his hand for the letter but the carrier would  
15 not give it to him. My grandmother then came to the door and the  
16 carrier handed the letter to her, but she had hardly got it in her hand  
17 when my uncle Richard snatched it from her and run out of the door.  
18 Abbie Madden, my sister with whom my grandmother makes her home, then  
19 came to the door and asked grandmother if she had given the letter to  
20 my uncle, but she said "No," that he had snatched it and run away with  
21 my sister and I then followed the letter carrier and my sister asked  
22 him why he had given the letter to my uncle, but he said he had not don  
23 so. He said he had given it to my grandmother. The letter carrier  
24 must have seen him when he snatched the letter from my grandmother as he  
25 had not left the door hardly when it was done. No, I have not seen  
26 my said uncle since that morning. My sister Abbie tried to find him  
27 at the place where he had been staying, No. 4235 Ludlow St., but he



28 had disappeared . My siter was advised to have him arrsted for rln-  
 29 ning off with the pension letter , so I went to the magistrate's office.  
 30 3947 Lancaster Ave. and swore out a warrant for him, but the constable  
 31 reported that he could not find my uncle and we have not heard about it  
 32 since. We moved out here on April 1st. My uncle used to go to the  
 33 Hayden saloon on Market St, between 41st and 42nd. St. but that place  
 34 has been sold to a man named Kramer. I told the constable he might  
 35 find my uncle around that place and when I went in town to see the con-  
 36 stable about two weeks ago, he told me that he had been to Hayden's but  
 37 they said they knew him, but did not know where he was then. We thought  
 38 he might get the saloon to cash the check for him, but they said he had  
 39 not cashed it there. That is what the constable told me. My uncle  
 40 is now about 47 years old. He is medium heaght. Medium colored man  
 41 He has a very small head with a large nose and some of his upper front  
 42 teeth are gone. He is a very dissipated man . He has not lived ~~u~~  
 43 with his wife for some years. He has four children, three of them are  
 44 living here and cared for by my sisters. His wife works out and does  
 45 not live here. When he was at the house last March he told us that  
 46 he was living with a Mrs. Vick at 4223 Ludlow St. Mr. S.N. Hughes who is  
 47 collector for the Commonwealth Beneficial Assn. was here last Monday to  
 48 collect dues from us and he told us that he had seen my uncle the Satur-  
 49 day before at No. 2046 Lombard St., in the rear, living with a Mrs. Will-  
 50 iams. Mr. Hughes office is at 219 South 6th. St. He knows my said  
 51 uncle very well. No sir, my grandmother did not authorize my said un-  
 52 cle to recieve her pension letter or to endorse her check, so far as I had  
 53 any knowledge. I know that she had not yet opened the letter when he  
 54 snatched it and ran away with it before any one could interfere. I have  
 55 no interest in this claim. Have heard this deposition read. The  
 56 questions asked are fully understood and my answers are correctly record  
 57 ed.

*Howard Smith*

58 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th. day of May, 1917, and I  
 59 certify thi contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.



*Geo. D. Sidman*  
 Special Examiner.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 9, 1917.

Auditor for the  
Interior Department,  
Washington, D.C.



Sir:

You are requested to furnish me with a photostat of check No. 3807888, dated March 4, 1917, for the sum of \$60, to the order of Rebecca, widow of James Maulden, late of Co. K, 45th United States Colored Infantry, certificate No. 770,911, Group 3, act of April 19, 1908.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

GCS/jem

*Req for photo 7/11/17*





OFFICE OF  
AUDITOR FOR INTERIOR DEPARTMENT  
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON May 14, 1917.

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, I enclose  
herewith photostat of check number 3807888, dated March 4,  
1917, to the order of Rebecca Maulden, for sixty dollars.

Respectfully,

*Asen A. Price*

Auditor.

*RV*





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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

OFFICE OF THE DISBURSING CLERK

WASHINGTON May 4, 1917.

Chief, Law Division,  
Bureau of Pensions.

Sir:

I am handing you herewith letter from  
Rebecca Maulden, Ctf. No. 770911, for your consid-  
eration.

This letter refers to my check No. 3807888, for  
\$60, dated March 4, 1917, and drawn to the order of  
the above-named pensioner.

Very respectfully,

*Guy O. Taylor*  
Disbursing Clerk.



Case of Rebecca Maulden.

Cft. No. 770.911.

On this 18th day of May, 1917, at Haverford,  
county of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania. before me,  
George D. Sidman, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions,  
personally appeared Abbie Madden, who, being by me first  
duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her.  
during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension,  
deposes and says: P.O. 520 Old Lancaster Road. Haverford, Pa.  
6-5121

1 I am the wife of Joseph Madden, and Rebecca Maulden, this pensioner  
2 here present, is my grandmother- my own mother's mother. Richard Maul  
3 den, is her son and my uncle. I have known them all my life. I was  
4 not present on March 5th. last when the letter carrier delivered my said  
5 grandmother's pension check to her, but I was in the back part of the  
6 house. I heard the carrier knock at the door and I started to go, but  
7 my brother Howard also started, so I did not see my uncle Richard go  
8 to the door. I remember that my uncle Richard had come to our house  
9 No. 3947 Reno St. early in the morning and had been up stairs talking  
10 with my grandmother, but I did not hear the conversation and do not know  
11 that he told her he had gotten a home for her and was going to take her  
12 away, but she told me afterward what he had said to her. He had not  
13 been to our home for several months before that although we had three of  
14 his children with us at the time. I had no suspicion that he had  
15 come there in the morning for the purpose of getting grandmother's pension  
16 check, but I remember that after the letter carrier had delivered the  
17 check at the door and my grandmother had told me that Richard had  
18 snatched the letter from her and run away with it, I went out and ask-  
19 ed the letter carrier why he gave the check to my uncle and he said that  
20 he did not give it to my uncle, but had given it to my grandmother whom  
21 he knows well as we had lived in that street for a long time. I do not  
22 remember the name of the letter carrier, if I ever heard it, but he was  
23 always on that beat. When I learned how my uncle had run off with  
24 the check I went to the office of Mr. Kaestner, 4227 Lancaster Ave.  
25 and he advised me to have my uncle arrested. The next morning my bro-  
26 ther, Howard Smith, went around and swore out the warrant before the  
27 magistrate, but so far as I know it has never been served. I under-



stood that the constable had tried to find him but without success. Last Monday Mr. Hughes, who is collector for the Commonwealth Beneficial Assn. was here making collections and he told us that he had seen my uncle at the rear of No 2046 Lombard St. the Saturday before and that he was living there with a Mrs. Williams. I had not reported this to the constable, but expected to do so tomorrow. My uncle is 47 years old. He is a medium dark man and has a very small head and a roman nose. He has lost two of the upper front teeth which shows as he talks. I have here some of his writing on an old envelope which he gave me. This is a recipe for a cold that he wrote off for me and is his own handwriting. Yes sir, if you find my said uncle and he has forged my grandmother's name to her check I will help to prosecute him to the limit. He is a very dissipated man and used to frequent a saloon at 41st. and Market Sts. The constable said he could not find my uncle there. My husband wrote that letter which you show me and it is true. My brother and I are the only persons who had any knowledge of our uncle being here and stealing my grandmother's pension check. My grandmother makes her home with me and has done so for some years. She pays us her board out of the pension money she gets. Yes, I am interested in this pension but that would not make me falsely testify. I have heard this deposition read. The questions asked are fully understood and my answers are correctly recorded.

*Abbie Madden*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th. day, of May, 1917, and I certify the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*Geo. H. Sidman*  
Special Examiner.





Case of Rebecca Maulden.

Cft No. 770.911.

On this 19th day of May, , 1917, at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, , State of Pennsylvania. before me, George D. Sidman. , a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared John J. McDonald. , who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

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1 His age is 50 years. Occupation, city letter carrier.

2 Post office address, 1913 McKean St. Philadelphia, Pa.

3 I am a letter carrier in the West Philadelphia Station. I cover  
4 No. 3947 Reno Street as part of my beat. I am acquainted with Mrs.  
5 Rebecca Maulden, an old colored woman and pensioner who formerly lived  
6 at 3947 Reno Street, West Philadelphia, and have known her for several  
7 years. I am not personally acquainted with her son, Richard Maulden,

8 and do not know that I ever met him. I remember of delivering the  
9 pension letter to Mrs. Rebecca Maulden sometime last March, but did not

10 recall the date now. I remember that when I went to the house I  
11 and knocked at the door, a colored man, a stranger to me, came to the  
12 door followed by a woman who lives there named Abbie Madden. The man  
13 made as if he wanted me to deliver the letter to him, but I asked for

14 Mother Maulden, as I called her. In the meantime the man said to me.  
15 that he was the pensioner's son and that I should not deliver the letter  
16 to the woman there as they were not using her right. I replied that

17 I would not deliver it to any one but Mother and then when she came to  
18 the door I handed the letter into her own hands. She took the letter

19 but immediately the man who claimed to be her son snatched it from her  
20 and stepped back in the house. Mrs. Madden who stood in the entry,

21 asked me why I delivered the letter to that man, but I told her that I  
22 did not deliver to him, but that I had handed it directly to Mother. I  
23 then went on about my business and heard no more of the matter. I did

24 not see the man run out of the house and do not know what became of him.

25 I have heard no complaints from the family since that the son, or that  
26 man, whoever he was, had snatched the check away from the pensioner. Soon

27 after this event the family moved away from there and left no removal



28 address so I do not know where they went to. I have no interest in  
29 this matter. I have heard this deposition read. The questions asked  
30 are fully understood and my answers are correctly recorded.

31 *John J. McDonald*

32 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th. day of May, 1917, and I  
33 certify the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

34 *Geo. H. Sidman*  
35 Special Examiner.  
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Case of Rebecca Maulden.

CftNo. 770.911.

On this 21st day of May, 1917, at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania. before me, George D. Sidman, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared John E. Curran, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

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1 I am 49 years, Occupation, machinist.

2 Post office address, 49 South 45th. St. Philadelphia, Pa.

3 I do not know Rebecca Maulden, a government pensioner. I do  
4 not know Richard Maulden, a colored man, by name, but I might know him  
5 if I saw him. Yes, I do remember witnessing a pension check for a  
6 colored man named Dick Morgan, or some such name, as I now recall. I  
7 had known the man two or three years living on Ludlow St., between 41st  
8 and 42nd. St. I knew him by seeing him around Charles Kramer's place  
9 No. 4122 Market St. He is a hod carrier and sometime addicted to  
10 drinking. No, I do not know his mother or any thing about her. I  
11 remember that some two or three months ago I met this man in Kramer's  
12 saloon and he, Kramer, said to me you know Dick do you not? and I  
13 said I did. so he asked me to identify Dick by signing the pension  
14 check he had there. I do not remember the name of the pensioner  
15 on the check, but he said it was his mother's pension check which he  
16 said he was getting cashed for her. Yes, the check was signed but  
17 the signature was not witnessed, but I signed my name on the check  
18 and Dick signed his name to it also. Kramer afterward told me that  
19 he had sent it through the bank without two identification witnesses  
20 and that the bank had returned it to him for the signatures of two wit-  
21 nesses and I signed as one witness because I knew Dick and supposed  
22 it was all right. Yes, I have seen Dick several times lately, but  
23 I do not remember when I last saw him. I think it was about three  
24 weeks ago I met him on the street. He is a tall slim man, quite  
25 dark and always laughing. He has queer teeth that is noticed when  
26 he laughs. I do not know about his head, and now that you ask me  
27 I believe his head is quite small for a man of his size and build.



28 Oh yes, I know him intimately and can identify him anywhere.

29 Q. Please examine the photostat of check I now hand you and state if  
30 you recognize it as the check you signed for that man at Kramer's saloon  
31 some months ago?

32 A. Yes, that is a photograph of my signature and that is the check I  
33 I signed for Dick. Now, I remember the last time I saw Dick he  
34 told me he was living somewhere around South St. and I think about 23rd  
35 St. He was then working on some building operation on Haverford Ave.  
36 but I do not know who he works for. Yes, I remember that when  
37 signed my name to that check you have shown me Mr. Kramer asked me to  
38 do so. He said he had sent it to the bank without having the two  
39 identifying witnesses to same and he asked me to sign it because I knew  
40 Dick. No, Dick was not there when I witnessed the check, nor did  
41 I see his mother or any other woman in connection with the matter. The  
42 signature of the pensioner was on the check when I signed it. Dick  
43 must have come in afterward and signed his name to the check, but he  
44 did not sign it in my presence.

45 Q. Then you signed the check as a witness at the request of Charles  
46 Kramer, did you?

47 A. Yes, that is right. Dick was not there at the time. No, I have  
48 not heard about this matter since I signed the check. I have no in-  
49 terest in the check or in this case in any way. I simply signed  
50 my name to the check at the request of Charles Kramer because I knew  
51 Dick Maulden, if that is his correct name, and supposed it was all  
52 right. I have heard this deposition read. The questions asked  
53 are fully understood and my answers are correctly recorded.

54 Now I want to explain. I was in Kramer's when Dick came there with  
55 the check and asked Kramer to cash it for him. He told Kramer in my  
56 presence that it was his mother's pension check but she could not go and  
57 get it cashed, so he was doing it for her. Kramer took the check  
58 and cashed it for him in my presence. No, I did not witness the check  
59 then, but several days afterward Kramer told me that the check had been  
60 returned to him from the bank because two witnesses had not signed it.  
61 He knew that I was a witness to the cashing of the check so he, Kramer,  
62 asked me to sign it as a witness which I did. No, Maulden was

*John E. Chinn*



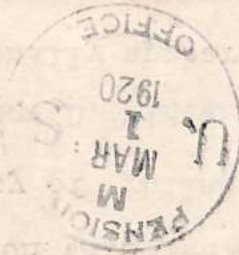


no doubt about this check being all right. I recognize the photo-  
 stat you now hand me as a picture of the check I cashed for Maulden.  
 That is my signature to the check. Yes, when I first sent the check  
 to the Hamilton Trust Co. those witnesses names were not on it. Yes,  
 I know John E. Curran and I know that is his signature. I do not  
 remember if Curran was there when I cashed the check or not. Now, I  
 have an idea that he was there when I cashed the check for Maulden. I  
 do not remember seeing Curran sign his name as a witness afterward.  
 It is my recollection that after the check was sent back to me for two  
 witnesses, which I did not know was required at first, I sent for Dick  
 Maulden and told him he must get two witnesses to the check and he did  
 so and then when I got the check back I sent it to the Trust Co. again  
 and as far as I knew that ended the matter. I remember that  
 shortly after I cashed the check some man whom I did not know came there  
 to my place inquiring about Maulden, but he did not tell me his busi-  
 ness and I did not know who he was. I do not know Maulden's address  
 now, nor do I know where he is employed at present. I have no inte-  
 est in this claim for pension. I have heard this deposition read.  
 The questions asked are fully understood and my answers are correctly  
 recorded.

*Chas. Kramer*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd. day of May 1917. and I  
 certify the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*Geo. D. Sidman*  
 Special Examiner.





Case of Rebecca Maulden.

Cft.No. 770.911.

On this 22nd day of May, 1917, at Philadelphia, Pa.  
county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania before me,  
George D. Sidman, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions,  
personally appeared Charles Kramer, who, being by me first  
duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him  
during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension,  
deposes and says:

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1 His age is 51 years. Occupation, saloon keeper.

2 Post office address, 4122 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

3 Q. Do you remember cashing a pension check for a colored man named  
4 Richard, or Dick Maulden, sometime in the early part of last March ?

5 A. Yes. I remember the man and the circumstances.

6 Q. State the circumstances under which you cashed the check?

7 A. I have known Dick Moulden a colored man and a hod carrier, about  
8 two and a half years. I do not know where he lives at present, but  
9 I could find that out. The last time I saw him he was working at

10 Chester as he told me. I remember that Dick Maulden came to my  
11 place with a pension check which he said was his mother's check that  
12 she had given to him to get cashed for her. I do not remember the  
13 amount know. No, I did not see his mother but the check was signed  
14 by his mother as he said, but I did not see the mother nor did I see  
15 her sign the check. I do not know his mother or anything about her,

16 but I do know a nephew of his named Charles, but I do not know his sir-  
17 name. Yes, I cashed the check for Dick Maulden and supposed it  
18 was all right. I deposited the check to my account in the Hamilton  
19 Trust Co. of West Philadelphia. I had endorsed the check but it

20 had not been witnessed and the check was sent back to me by the Trust  
21 Company to have it witnessed. I called upon Maulden to get it wit-  
22 nessed and he did so, but I do not now remember who the witnesses were.

23 I put it in my account at the Hamilton Trust Co. after I had gotten it.  
24 witnessed. I do not remember who was present when I cashed the check

25 for Maulden. I often cash checks for people I know. I knew Dick  
26 Maulden very well and had no hesitation in cashing the check for him.

27 I have always regarded Dick as an honest fellow and I certainly had



Case of Rebecca Maulden.

, No. 770,911.

Deposition of John E. Curran.

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1 not there at Kramer's when I signed my name to the check. I simply  
2 understood from what Karmer told me, that I was wanted to identify  
3 Dick Maulden, or witness the check as a matter of form. I did not  
4 know that I was certifying that the check had been endorsed in my pres-  
5 ence by the pensioner. I did see that the check had been signed  
6 above, but I did not read the printed statement above my signature and  
7 did not understand that I was certifying to anything of that kind. I  
8 know that Kramer had cashed the check for Maulden several days before  
9 and as I was a witness to that transaction I supposed it was all right  
10 for me to sign as I was requested to do. I am an innocent party to  
11 this transaction and that is all I can say. My last answers are cor-  
12 rectly recorded.

13 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st. day of May, 1917, and I  
14 certify the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

15 *Geo. D. Sidman*  
16 Special Examiner.  
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Criminal.

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S. E. D.

Cft. No. 770,911.

Claimant: Rebecca Maulden.

Soldier: James Maulden.

P. O. address: 520 Old Lancaster Ave.

City: Haverford, State: Penna.

Recommendation: Law Division.

George D. Sidman,  
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

May 31, 1917.

Respectfully referred  
to Chief Law Division for  
consideration.

Chief S. E. Division

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

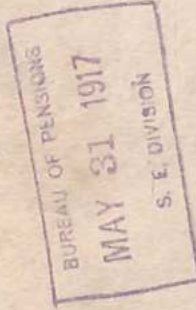
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ACTION.

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Commissioner.







OK 3,807,888.  $34/117 = 60.$

End By Rebecca Maulden  
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Hamilton Tr Co Phila  
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Asst Treas Phila  
Pd by Treas US 3/16/17

she would like you  
to look it up for <sup>her</sup> as  
soon as possible.  
her son told her chuck  
we got a warrant on the  
6<sup>th</sup> of March. it has not  
been served on him yet  
as they cannot find him  
would be oblige to you  
if you would look it up.

Rebecca Maulden x  
520. old Lancaster ave.  
Haverford. Pa.

\$ 4.16



No. 770.911 Apr 6.

Pension Certificate  
Of Rebecca Maulden

Mr. G. C. Taylor.  
Disbursing Clerk.

Dear Sir

Rebecca Maulden's check  
was stolen from her.  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March she  
would like to know whether  
it has been cashed and  
returned to Washington she  
never opened it no mark  
S. E. C.  
was made on it by her.





DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 16, 1917.



The Chief,

The Special Examination Division.

Sir:

Herewith please find a photostat of check No. 3807,888, dated March 4, 1917, for the sum of \$60, to the order of Rebecca Maulden, of 3947 Reno street, Philadelphia, Pa., who is pensioned as the widow of James Maulden, late of Co. K, 45th United States Colored Infantry, certificate No. 770,911, together with a letter purporting to have been written by the pensioner in which her address is given as 520 Old Lancaster avenue, Haverford, Pa., and in which it is alleged that said voucher-check was stolen from her house by her son on March 5, 1917, without her having made her mark thereon, and that a warrant was issued for said son for said offense which could not be served by reason of the fact that he could not be located.

The widow's declaration was signed by mark. Her purported endorsement on the check is autographic. Richard Maulden, presumably the son above mentioned, acted as one of the witnesses to the voucher. The best available testimony should be taken to show the truth or falsity of the charge preferred. If it shall appear that the pensioner did not authorize the writing of her purported signature on said voucher-check or receive the avails thereof, the best available testimony should be taken to prove the identity of the person who forged her signature, to show whether the person who uttered the check knew at the time that he did so that the endorsement thereon was a forgery and what disposition was made of the avails, and also to show who procured the making of the false voucher on the check.

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The greatest care should be taken in taking the pensioner's deposition to ascertain as definitely as is possible whether, if she shall assert that she did not authorize the writing of her purported endorsement upon the check, she can be relied upon to testify to the facts within her knowledge, even if it shall appear, as is now alleged, that her son committed the forgery, since it has been the experience of the bureau in similar cases that mothers are extremely apt to so weaken their testimony when called as witnesses as to endanger the successful outcome of criminal proceedings and hence before recommending such proceedings, if, in fact, forgery was committed, It is desired to ascertain as definitely as is possible whether she will testify to the truth regardless of consequences.

Respectfully,

*H. Whitehead*

Chief, Law Division.

Examination approved:

*G. M. Saltzman*  
Commissioner.

GCS/jem

4 E. B.



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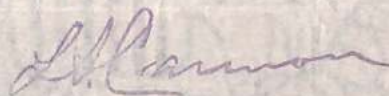
May 17, 1917.

Mr. G. D. Sidman,  
Special Examiner,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In the matter of case Ctf. No. 770,911, of Rebecca Maulden, widow of James Maulden, Co. K, 45 U. S. C. Inf., you will promptly comply with the requirements of the accompanying letter of the Law Division, dated May 16, 1917, and approved by the Honorable Commissioner, directing investigation touching alleged irregularity in the endorsing and cashing of pension check dated March 4, 1917, a photostat of which is enclosed.

Very respectfully,



Chief of Division.

MLD/cbn



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Department of the Interior.  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

If not called for in 15 days, return to

THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.



Returned to Mr. [unclear]  
Law Clerk [unclear]  
June 1920

Orig. voucher-check  
No. 3807888- Mar. 4/17  
\$60, Rebecca Mauldin,  
Cert. 770911.

Special notice.

I obtained and receipted  
for this check today, with  
the stipulation that under  
no circumstances is it to  
be turned over to any person  
not employed by the  
Pension Bureau and that it  
is to be returned, in person,  
to the Auditor for the Interior  
Dept. George [unclear]  
May 1920





BUREAU OF PENSIONS

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S. E. DIVISION

Chief S. E. Division,

Please note that immediate  
actions by Law Division is  
requested in this case.  
Reasons stated in summary

J. W. Sidman  
Apr 28 1917



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
PENSION BUREAU.

Washington, D.C., May 31, 1917.

I, G. M. SALTZGAEER, Commissioner of Pensions,  
do hereby certify that the accompanying pages number-  
ed 1 and 2 are true copies from the originals now on  
file in the Pension Bureau.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here-  
unto subscribed my name and  
caused the seal of the Pension  
Bureau to be affixed, on the  
day and year above written.

*G. M. Saltzgaer*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner of Pensions.



### PENSION ON CERTIFICATE

## SECTION 8

WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 4, 1917.

CHECK NUMBER

3807888

Treasurer of the United States

15-51 A

PAY : SIXTY

DOLLARS \$ 60.00

TO THE ORDER OF

REBECCA MAULDEN

PHILADELPHIA PA

770911

ACT APR

3947 RENO

GUY O. TAYLOR.

DISBURSING CLERK

62035

BY

CLERKS

IMPORTANT.

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"HIS X OR WITH THE NAME OF THE  
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PAYEE WRITTEN EXACTLY AS IS ON THE  
FACE OF THE CHECK.

*Rebecca Moulton*

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INDORSEMENT WAS MADE IN OUR PRESENCE BY THE PERSON KNOWN TO US TO BE THE HAVE NAMED IN THIS CHECK.

WILLIAM

WITNESS.

Chas. Sumner.

Purford Maulden

RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM  
The Treasurer of the United States

MAR 15 1917

Pay THE GREAT NATIONAL  
Full and complete  
STANDARD 13 1917  
RECEIVED  
JAN 10 1917

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ARMY.

Maulden, James

Pensioner. Rebecca

Relationship. *Widow*

Private, Co. K, 45<sup>th</sup> U. S. C. Infantry

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON

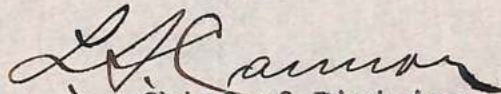
June 1, 1917.

Mr. G. D. Sidman,  
Special Examiner,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In the pension case of Rebecca Maulden, Ctf. No. 770,911, there is handed you herewith a letter from the Law Division of even date, together with certain other papers referred to therein, that you may comply with with the instructions contained in said letter.

Very respectfully,

  
Chief of Division.

LSC/HH



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 1, 1917

The Chief,

The Special Examination Division.

Sir:

Herewith please find original voucher-check No. 3807,888, dated March 4, 1917, for the sum of \$60, to the order of Rebecca Maulden, 3947 Reno street, Philadelphia, Pa., pensioned as the widow of James Maulden, late of Co. K, 45th United States Colored Infantry, certificate No. 770,911, together with a report of Special Examiner George D. Sidman relative thereto.

It is shown by the testimony obtained that at Philadelphia, Pa, on March 5, 1917, Richard Maulden, who has been living with a woman at 2046 Lombard street, Philadelphia, Pa., and who is a son of the pensioner, uttered said voucher-check with the knowledge that the purported endorsement of the pensioner thereon was a forgery, and that on March 13, 1917, at Philadelphia, Pa., he did knowingly and wilfully aid and assist in the making of a false voucher thereon.

On the 21st instant, a warrant was issued for the arrest of the accused. It is reported that he has fled. Mr. Sidman states that the papers should, if possible be returned to him not later than Monday, June 4, 1917, as the present grand jury at Philadelphia, will be in session until Wednesday, June 6, 1917.

Aabrief of the evidence obtained accompanies this letter.

It is desired that the papers be forwarded to the special examiner for use as above indicated.

The voucher-check was borrowed from the Auditor for the Interior Department with the express stipulation that it is not to be turned over to any person not em-



ployed by the Pension Bureau and is to be returned to the Auditor for the Interior Department as soon as is possible. The voucher-check should remain in the custody of the special examiner to the end that he may produce it as evidence, if necessary, and should be returned to the bureau if an indictment be returned against the accused and the case be disposed of by trial or by a plea of guilty during the present term of court. If, however, final action on the case is delayed, the voucher-check should be returned to the bureau to the end that it may be forwarded to the Auditor for the Interior Department and a certified copy thereof obtained.

There is, however, some doubt as to whether a certified copy of such a voucher-check can safely be offered in evidence, especially in a case like this where there are stamped endorsements over stamped endorsements which cannot readily be deciphered in a photographic copy.

It is not known under which particular statute the information is sworn out. The voucher-check was issued under the provisions of the act of August 17, 1912 (37 Stat. L., 313), which specifically provides, among other things, for the punishment of any person who shall resort to forgery of the endorsement of a pension check, who shall utter such a check with the knowledge that the endorsement thereon is forged, or who shall receive the avails thereof by personating the pensioner.

In the case of Pooler v. United States (127 F.R., 509), there is a discussion as to whether, if there is a special statute directly applicable to the offense charged the accused may be tried under any general statute relating to such classes of offenses.



It is, of course, within the province of the United States Attorney to determine under which particular law he will proceed in this case, and the foregoing suggestion is made in the hope that it may prove of some service to the United States Attorney in determining his course of action.

Respectfully,

*E. E. Eason*  
Actg Chief, Law Division .

GCS/jem.



C.A.P.  
United States



of America.

Treasury Department,

June 12, 1917.

Pursuant to Section 882 of the Revised Statutes  
I hereby certify that the annexed is a true copy of check No.  
3807888, drawn March 4, 1917, by Guy O. Taylor, Disbursing Clerk,  
Bureau of Pensions, in favor of Rebecca Maulden, certificate No.  
770911, for \$60.00.

in this Department.



In witness whereof, I have hereto set my  
hand, and caused the seal of the Treasury  
Department to be affixed, on the day and  
year first above written.

*B. A. Norton*

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 16, 1917.

The United States Attorney,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.

U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

File No. 1818  
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Answered

Acknowledged

Sir:

Relative to the case of the United States v. Richard Maulden, indicted June 5, 1917, for violations of the act of August 17, 1912 (37 Stat. L., 313), and of the act of July 7, 1898 (30 Stat. L., 718), in connection with voucher-check No. 3807888, dated March 4, 1917, to the order of Rebecca Maulden, pensioned as the widow of James Maulden, late of Co. K, 45th United States Colored Infantry, under certificate No. 770,911, I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of said voucher-check.

It will be observed that there are two sets of stamped endorsements thereon, and that the original endorsement of the Girard National Bank was on March 5, 1917, as can readily be seen by the use of a magnifying glass. This date is important in that it establishes the date upon which the accused uttered the check, knowing the same to bear the forged endorsement of his mother. The endorsement can, however, be much more readily deciphered on the original check, and the question presented for your consideration is whether you will elect to use the certified copy as evidence or procure the production of the original by means of a subpoena duces tecum, directing the Auditor for the Interior Department, Washington, D. C., or some employee of his office to be designated to appear in his stead, to bring the same to Philadelphia.



So far as is known to this bureau it has not been judicially determined whether a voucher-check, which is on file in the office of the Auditor for the Interior Department, the legal custodian of such checks, is a Government record within the purview of section 882, Revised Statutes, making certified copies of Government records equally admissible with the original as evidence.

In a number of instances such certified copies have been used. In each instance conviction was had, and so far as is known to this bureau the issue as to the admissibility of such certified copies was not raised and decided.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. C. Tiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Acting Commissioner.

GCS/jem.



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*Rebecca Maulden*

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WITNESSES  
*John C. ...*  
49-5-45-11

*Rebecca Maulden*

*John C. ...*

PAY THE GRAND NATIONAL BANK

PHILADELPHIA, PA. UNDEPOSITED  
MAR 13 1917

HAMILTON TRUST CO.

RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM

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MAR 15 1917

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DEPOSITION *a*Case of *James Maulden*, No. *346411*

On this *25* day of *Oct*, 1892, at  
*West Chester*, County of *Christi*  
 State of *Pa*, before me, *W R Rags*, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *James Maulden*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: *I am 67 years old nearly.*

*I was born in 1825. P. O. Adams, Westtown, Co. and State as given. Occupation laborer. I am the same and identical claimant in this claim for pension. I enlisted in Co. H. 40 Pa. Vol. Inf., in the fall of 1864, & discharged in the Spring or Summer of 1865. I was born near here, and have always made this Co. my home. I enlisted here under Captain Christman. Wm P. Martin was Capt. Dr. Sgt. then Evans Simmons took his place at the latter part of our service. He lives at Media, Pa. don't know his business. They both know me, but I was serving under Dr. Sgt. Martin more than any other Dr. Sgt.*

*I have never served in any other military or naval organization than that given. I was a farmer at enlistment, & was in the employ of Jas. Tinsley, a school teacher then, and now of Media, Pa. a farmer there. I was with him 3 or 4 years, and he knows me well, as we grew up together. He was the only and last man I worked for prior to enlistment.*

*I claim pension for Union and wounds, and capture on left side, though I didn't claim for capture in my former declaration made in the Spring of 1880 before Atty. Winkle, Christi County, now living here. My said claim was*



rejected on the ground of no disability. That was the first application I have ever made. After rejection I again applied under the old law under George Bancroft, Washington, D.C. but that was rejected also on the same ground. I don't remember that a Special Examiner ever handled my claim until now. I again made application before John Thierwright, Wilmington, Del. & to Mark H. who is now my attorney in the case. The reason I did not make application before 1880 is, I didn't know that in order to be pensioner until about that year.

I didn't claim for any other disease than Scum, which I contracted while near Ft. Harrison, Va, in the Spring of 1865 just before leaving there enroute for Lee. I think Scum was caused by exposure and improper food and too much salt food. Many men had it, and our opportunities for bathing were few. That is the only disease contracted while in the service. I do think that I was ruptured while in the service. I felt the lump in my left groin shortly after getting out but had no knowledge of such a thing until I went before the Board at Wilmington, Del. It is growing on me. I have never worn a truss; but I experience pain all up my belly and my walk is interfered with. I suffered with a small touch of gonorrhea once since the war but never in a few days. didn't bother me. I knew it was that disease, because I felt pain in urinating; I went to a drug store here & was cured readily in 3 days or so. I have never suffered from Syphilis, or other venereal diseases than gonorrhea. I was stripped naked when examined for our muster, I was pronounced a sound man. I never to be a stout good wrestler in my day. I have never disappointed much. Lost him or not at times since the war, but I can



easily control my appetite, and have indulged ~~not~~  
much of late years. During service while  
near Petersburg, Va, after Lee surrendered  
our Surgeon treated me for Scum and ex-  
cused me from duty, & extracted several  
teeth for me. & has it had then. Ever  
since then I have felt bad effects from  
Scum, bad taste, loss of teeth, sore gums, &  
sore scar on my left leg, which doesn't  
trouble me now, nor has the leg given  
me any trouble since discharge. Intemperance  
has. Once in awhile my scalp bristles out and  
falls irritably, though my hair remains good.  
Ever Castile soap for my head. I have lost  
one half of my teeth, and nearly all have gone.  
My gums have broken out and bled from  
time to time and have little taste. That is the  
only result I have felt, though I have a small  
tumor, large as a hard egg on the right side  
of my back under the right Scapula, and  
makes a ridge upon surface under the skin.  
The tumor has been growing for 10 years  
or longer. Comes from bad blood. Our Right  
Surgeon treated me for 4 months before we were  
advised to Texas. I don't remember his name.  
He gave me internal treatment without good  
results, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Surgt Geo. B. Tucker told me not  
to take it. & has since heard his P.O. address.  
I can only now upon what my 2<sup>nd</sup> Surgt know  
about me than any other two men. Our Surg.  
excused me from all duty while at Petersburg.  
and did no further duty on account of ordination  
of both legs the remainder of my service.  
I have suffered with pain in my back ever since,  
and have also suffered with rheumatism since M.O.  
At discharge I came to W. Chester. Bought a  
place here & worked for self. An intimate  
acquaintance & for whom I worked after the  
war was Mr. Hooks, farmer, for 2 or 3 years.



I didn't employ any particular doctor in those days, but bought medicines at drug stores. I also suffered with Ch dyspepsia, since the war I have never suffered, or braced with any other disabilities than those above mentioned.

W. E. L. Palmer treated my tumor and back, during the season of 1885, not for anything else. He is the only doctor that has treated me at any time.

I can prove continuance of results of surgery by my comrades as given.

App. I applied under Oct. June 27. 90, by atty McGinn of Phila, and that was also injected.

If I am to be allowed another chance I don't want to go before the Chester Board again.

This Board didn't examine me at all, they said you took an oath enough. Why my new claim was injected some years ago I rather go before the Wilmington, Del. Board than any other.

Old Dr. Cooper (dead) at times gave me my office treated my blood a year or so after discharge. He died 40 years ago here. He was an herb doctor, and left no record. I have bought blood purifiers from time to time, but I declare, don't know what they were. Old Dr. McClary gave me a prescription once. I went to get him, but he has forgotten me. Graves was my druggist at the time.

This matter all correct and I am satisfied. If I were to be hung today I have to say I have told the whole truth. My answers are correctly recorded.

James Moulden

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of Oct 1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. R. Page



DEPOSITION 13Case of James Maulden, No. 346411

On this 25 day of Oct, 1892, at  
N. Chester, County of Chester  
 State of Pa, before me, W. R. P. Jr.,  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Joseph S. Evans,  
 who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says I am 61 years old. P. O.

address as given. Occupation: Druggist and  
Minister of the Gospel. I was Chaplain of the  
124th Pa. Inf. I have known claimant for  
35 years last past, and he has been a fair  
to good citizen, these many years here.  
He has been a near neighbor to some of  
my immediate relations for years but  
have never known him closer as a bed,  
a vicine man, in fact not to be as  
close. For 15 years or more he has  
traded at my store. my boys run it,  
and from time to time have purchased  
medicines of us for himself, but I  
cannot specify what they were or  
for what purposes needed. I do not  
know the nature of his ailment,  
but know they were for his own use.  
I know of no other members of his  
immediate <sup>family</sup> and of members of  
any kind. His wife I know and she  
is a healthy woman, and laundress  
at Westtown boarding school.  
I indistinctly remember that he has  
purchased from different druggists  
and alterations, C. Sarsaparilla and like  
preparations. I have no personal knowledge  
of the sickness of his alleged family.



What I know of the man I can readily vouch for his veracity and whom he has so long considered, we have always looked upon him as one of our reliable colored men.

I believe his assertions & consider him truthful.

Heretofore, and years ago, he was, from owner, addicted to use of liquor, his small place shipped from him, and now he is quite abstemious.

But for several years last past he has been quite straight; he is a near neighbor to us now.

I taught school in this Co. before the war and knew him then, and so far as I know he was a healthy sound man. I have never considered Claimant a mean dissipated man by any means and I know whereof I speak because I have known him well, and he has been in the employ of our family for some time off and on.

I do not think his present ailments are due to vicious habits, but from the character of the man they may be due more to exposure incident to his military career. I own this store, but am legitimately a minister of the Baptist Church. I understand your questions, & my answers are correct.

Jos. S. Evans

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of Oct, 1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. R. Page

Special Examiner



## DEPOSITION

Case of James Maulden, No. 346411

On this 25 day of Oct, 1892 at  
N. Hester, County of Chester  
 State of Pa, before me, W. R. Rice, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared John J.  
Ingram, who, being by me first duly <sup>affirmed</sup> sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am 71 years old, P. O. address  
Ukrine, Pa. above given. Occupation, retired farmer.

I have known Jas. Maulden, colored, ever since  
1850, when I lived at Westtown, this County.  
and have known him well ever since.  
I am an uncle to Mrs. John Ingram.  
I know of nothing against Claimant  
as far as his character goes, he is  
shiftless & rather lazy, and like many  
of his class not inclined to reap his  
seed up, and in that way he let slip  
a piece of property that he owned.  
I have lived in town since 1865.  
I have never known Claimant to be  
a chronic drinker, he cannot be  
charged as a habitual drinker of  
intoxicants, and always considered  
him a fairly respectable colored  
man, as I can say, born that way.  
He worked for me many years &  
and before the war at his insti-  
ment he was a sound healthy man,  
and free from any ailment.  
Since 1865 I have seen him quite often  
in town, and to all appearance he has  
conducted himself all right.  
I know of no disability in him. When  
meeting with him have joked him, and



but have not taken personal observation  
of his disability, if he has any.  
I supposed and supposed from  
effects of Quercy, that in fact  
he cures him.

I only accept his statement.  
He has been in my employ at times  
for upwards of 15 years, but not  
since 1865. At all these years I  
have never heard anything against  
his character. And what I know of  
him & his whole history, I think he  
is justly entitled to pension.

I am not prepared to say that the Board  
of Surgeons here are in any way prej-  
udiced against men of Color  
my answers are correctly recorded  
and your questions understood.

John F. Ingram  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of Oct  
1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. R. Page  
Special Examiner



## CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION *J*Case of *James Handley*, No. *346411*

On this *25* day of *Oct*, 18*97*, at  
*West Chester*, County of *Ches*  
 State of *Pa*, before me, *W R Faye*, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *James Handley*  
 \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

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

A. *no.*

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

A. *yes*

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

A. *Atty John Winwright*  
*Wilmington. Del.*

*He got my case reopened and is now prosecuting it to an end.*

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

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A. nothing that I know of.  
all moral.

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

A. not a cent.

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

A. Three Comrades I would mention as sometimes.  
I have no one in particular as my doctors are not living.  
I have no more to offer, and am willing to  
rest my case on the testimony of the men  
mentioned who have heretofore testified  
in my behalf.

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

A. No, but I have not been dealt fairly with  
by our Board here. Atty McEwen has not  
done justice by me. He wanted me  
to pay a doctor at Phoenixville Pa \$10.

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

A. No.

James Maulden

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of Oct, 1892

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

W. R. Page

Special Examiner.



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Faint

S. E. D.

On No. 346.4411.

Name: James Mauldin.  
P. O. address: Mottown.  
County: Chester, State: Pa.  
Recommendation: Rejection.

W. H. Page

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

Dec. 14, 1892  
Respectfully referred to the  
Chief Board of Review for  
consideration

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Acting Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION. 1903

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Reviewer.

Approved:

Chief Board of Review.

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Chief S. E. Division

Examination:

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No. *346.411.*

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DEPOSITION *HP*Case of *James Maulden*, No. *346.411*

On this *9* day of *Nov*, 18*92*, at  
*Media*, County of *Delaware*  
 State of *Pa*, before me, *W R Page*, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Eran*  
*Simpson*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: *I am 52 years old. T. O.*

*address as above given. Occupation Farmer.*  
*I enlisted and served as Supt Co K-45 N.Y.C.T.*  
*in August 1864, and discharged in August 1865.*  
*I have known claimant ever since 1865 when*  
*he boarded with my mother at Bridgeport, Pa*  
*in 1865. At enlistment he was an unmarried*  
*man, and carried a load as a laborer before the*  
*war. I met him then again having for years*  
*lost track of him, until I saw him a merchant*  
*at Camp M. Penn. Phila. Pa. And while there he*  
*complained of having pain from rheumatism*  
*and said he suffered too much pain in his legs*  
*when he came to drill, in fact at enlistment*  
*he was not a fit subject for the service, and*  
*at his age, at least 20 years younger than my senior.*  
*And there is no mistake in my judgment but*  
*that he really suffered with rheumatism prior*  
*to his enlistment in 1864. I know from my*  
*own personal knowledge too that Dr. Hallock*  
*formerly of Bridgeport, Pa. now dead, gave*  
*him medical treatment for rheumatism*  
*in his joints while boarding with mother.*  
*I can say more that he was one of our very*  
*poorst marchers on account of malice*  
*in his legs, and when enroute to Brownsville,*  
*Texas, and other places, I had him to hunt*  
*a straggler for three days at a time.*



To say the truth he was of no earthly account as a Soldier, was devoid of all ambition, and too stupid to drill him a Soldier. While at Edinburg. Texas, on the Rio Grande river in July 1865, Scrofula was prevailing among our men. Some called it Curu, which I think is the correct term. The last Soldier from Co. if not more from the company. The disease was peculiar. Would take on quies in the leg, and if the disease extended up to the vitals as a rule the patient was a poor fellow. I know Clint was lying sick with Curu in the hospital at Edinburg. To our Chief Camp, and I visited him with others sick, and one of Mother's other personal friends Jas. Wilson was in hospital on the Island, and he died with other ailments. Clint was in the general hospital Edinburg for five or more weeks. I was Ord. Surgt at that time, from Feb 1864 to M. O. and I carried Clint on the rolls absent sick. Our Surgeon ordered Clint to hospital. When he joined the Company from hospital he was unfit for all duty on account of Curu and results. I saw his gums swollen and teeth loose, like a horse with glanders, and his general system was affected. I have seen that demonstrated in other cases. He grew weaker from Curu, & at must have been wholly unfit for, and did no further duty upon his return from hospital. I have only seen Clint four times since the war. The last time was this spring in this matter at Medina. From the way he has complained all these years I am satisfied from <sup>what</sup> he has said that he has

Wm. Dimmons

Deponent.

Good

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of Nov, 1892 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. R. Page.

Special Examiner.



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

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RETURN TO:

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Commissioner of Pensions,

WASHINGTON,

Law Division.

D. C.

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and Date of Delivery.



30-921, 12-7  
**REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT.**

Form No. 1548.

**APR 12 1904**

Received from the Postmaster at

*National Sol. Home, Va.*

(Delivering office.)

Registered {Letter  
Parcel} No.

**76146**

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

Addressed to

*James Maulden.*

(Name of addressee.)

Date

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(Date of delivery.)

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# REGISTRY RETURN

RECEIPT.

Form No. 1548.

APR 12 1904

Received from the Postmaster at

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

(Delivering office.)

Registered {Letter} {Parcel} No.

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

Addressed to

*Rebecca Maulden*

(Name of addressee.)

Date *3/13/14*, 190

(Date of delivery.)

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

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

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Inv. Cert. No. 921,027

Rebecca Maulden

Wife of

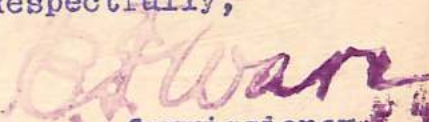
James Maulden

Notices mailed ap 9/04

Notices received, Claimant,  
ap 13/04, & Pensioner,  
May 9/04.

Hon. Secretary of the Interior,  
I have the honor to request  
information as to whether an  
appeal has been filed in the  
above claim.

Respectfully,

  
Commissioner

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions.

Respectfully returned,  
with the information that no  
appeal has been filed, \_\_\_\_\_,  
in above cited claim.

  
Assistant Secretary.

JUN 18 1904, 190 .



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3-1647.

# Act of Feb. 6, 1907.

Cert. 921.027.

Name, James Maulden.

Application filed March 8, 1907.

Service, R. 45 U.S.C. Inf.

Age 80 years.

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Under Act of June 27, 1890.

(3-217a.)

INCREASE.

Claim to .....

No. 921,027.

Jessie Maulden

P. O., Westtown.

County, Chester

State, Pa

Application filed, Sept. 1, 1897

State Service, K. 45 U.S.C.T.

~~Wainwright~~ H. Wainwright at  
Wainwright at West Chester  
Chester to Pa. by N.S. Wells

Disability, .....

Att'y. filed  
Attorney, John Wainwright

P. O., Wilmington

County, ....., State, Del



Wid Ctf 770,911.

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voucher thereon. Please draw on receipt, or on December 1, 1917, and take such further action as the facts require, including the question as to recommending reclamation on the voucher-check.



*Adh. April, 17, 1908*  
*No. Claim 1018,519*  
*Rebecca Maulden*  
Name of Claimant.  
*Widow of*  
*James Maulden*  
Name of Soldier.  
*"K" Co. 45 Regt. W.S.C.T.*

Wilmington, Del., *April 30* 1914  
Hon. Commissioner of Pensions, Washing-  
ton, D. C.

Sir :

Please give me the present status of  
this claim.

*We are anxious to work for  
its progress and completion*



Very respectfully,

*John Cunningham & Co.*

Claimant's Attornies.



*Widow*  
*Dec. 1 - 1917*  
*Dec. 1, 1918*  
Wid Ctf [redacted], 1911,  
Rebecca,  
widow of  
James Maulden,  
K, 45th U.S.C.Inf.

JEM

Law Division,

June 6, 1917.

Correspondence Files:

Awaits results of proceedings instituted against Richard Maulden in the United States Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania under an information charging him with having violated the provisions of the act of August 17, 1912, and of the act of July 7, 1898, in forging the purported endorsement of his mother, the pensioner, to the voucher-check dated March 4, 1917, with having uttered the same with the knowledge that the purported endorsement thereon was a forgery, and with having aided and assisted in the making of a false



Case

770. 911

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~~with report~~, without report, ~~without papers~~, was ~~mailed at~~  
(Strike out words not required.)

transferred to US Atty. per receipt  
hereto attached. June 2/917.

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ m.

Geo. D. Sidman

Special Examiner.

On submitting a case or a formal report to the Bureau, the Special Examiner will properly fill this blank and inclose it with his daily report in which credit is claimed.



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Ex'r.

DEPENDENT.

K/45

No.

1018579

Act of ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.

Rebecca Maulden

#3947 Reno St.

Philadelphia Pa.

Widow

James Maulden

Service K 45" U.S. &amp; Inf

Died Nov. ? 1913 - Hampton Va.  
No other claim. than

Inv. Ctf. 921027 o-d age

Dec 12, 1913

J. H. W.

Clerk.

Application filed: Dec. 6-1913

Attorney: Harry S. Kaestner

P. O. Philadelphia  
Pa.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for , 19



ad. Apl. 19. 1908.

No. ~~Claim 1,018.519.~~

Rebecca Maulden

Widow of Name of Claimant.

James Maulden

Name of Soldier.

K Co. 45 Regt. W.S.C.T.

Wilmington, Del. Oct. 6. 1914

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

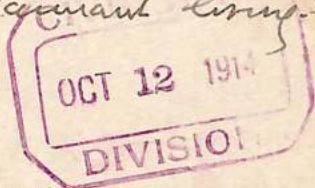
Sir: AD 770-911

Please give me the present status of this claim. we are anxious to work for its progress and completion.

We filed this Claim about Jan. 13. 1914.

Recd. Record Card & Number of Case dated Jan. 17. 1914  
Filed testimony about Jan. 21. 1914.

We have recd. no word from it since receipt. for testimony about Jan 21. 1914.  
Is the Claimant living?



Very respectfully,

John Hanning & Co

Claimant's Attornies.



PENSIONER DROPPED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

MAR 29 1921

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Certificate No.

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Class

May - Wid.

Pensioner

Rebecca Maulden

Soldier

Service

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the name of  
the above-described pensioner who was last  
paid at \$ 30, to MAR 4 1921

has this day been dropped from the roll be-  
cause of death, Mar. 18, 1921

REBECCA MAULDEN

BRYN MAWR PA

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ACT APR

714 BROOK ST

Very respectfully,

*Wm. M. Smith*

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.



## DEPOSITION

Case of James Maulden, No. 346411

On this 9 day of Mar, 1893, at  
Merida, County of Delaware  
 State of Pa, before me, St. R. Page, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Ernie  
Simmons, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: (Continued)

injured more or less from Scoury results,  
 ever since the war, that is by pains.  
 His chief complaint has been in his legs,  
 and sore mouth. Very soon after the war  
 I saw him in Sept 1867, when I went to  
 M. Church to attend the Emancipation  
 Jubilee, I met him there, and he was then  
 physically unable for the performance  
 of all labor, and he made the casual re-  
 mark to me that had it not been for  
 the Scoury that he contracted while in  
 prison in Texas, he would be about as  
 good a man as he was when living at  
 Bridgeport in the 50's.

I remember he could not eat any solid food  
 while sick with Scoury.

I never saw his bare legs, or other parts of  
 his person, & can't say that he had any  
 eruptions upon his body.

Clint was a stupid old Capt Jacob Comrod,  
 jabbed me leg for Clint, in his cell, while on  
 drill, and he wouldn't bleed so as to soak his  
 pants through. I saw the blood stains,  
 and saw the Capt when he struck Clint's leg  
 with the sword.

He has never been an evil and not dissipated  
 man, never to except you may say, only fool.



a drink occasionally. I believe that includes the only disability in him during my acquaintance with him, which has been more or less limited since the war.

I am an affiant for him, but he is not one for me, as I am an applicant under the new law, and was rejected. I know Wm P. Martin quite well. For a while he was Supt of Co. F, but became obstreperous and dissipated and was reduced to the ranks. I doubt if you could find him worthy of belief in this claim.

In Mich 1864 he with a few other men of Co. F, was transferred as Sharpshooters into another organization, and did not rejoin our Co. until July 1865 in time for mustering out.

There is no man of our Co. F, now living that knew Claimant as well as I did, for as long a time, and my aged mother sitting by can bear me out in all that I have stated about Claimant both prior to and since the war.

His disability and all that he claims for, may be due to the ~~brain~~ convulsion that he had, or his general rheumatic condition, which, as I stated above did really exist in him prior to the war. I am not related, or interested.

Your questions are understood and my answers correctly recorded.

Ernest Simmons

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of Mar., 1865, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. R. Page

Special Examiner.



## DEPOSITION

Case of James Maulden, No. 346.411

On this 25 day of Oct, 1892, at  
W. Chester, County of Chester  
 State of Pa., before me, W. R. Page, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Samuel W.  
Smith,

who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am 48 years old. P. O.

adamp City as priv. Occupation Butcher.  
Enlistment in Co. F. 45 Pa. V. Inf. in Aug  
1864, and discharged in Nov. 1865.

I was born in this Co. and have lived here  
 about all of my life time. I knew Clint  
 prior to enlistment, and I knew of no  
 disability in him before he enlisted.

He was a great wrestler. He passed  
 a rigid inspection here in a military state  
 for muster. While in camp at Santiago

Texas, during the Summer of 1865. I had a  
 sunstroke, and went to our Surgeon daily  
 for awhile, and then at sick call I  
 met Claimant, and he told me that  
 he suffered with Denny, but I know  
 nothing about it myself.

I have seen him each and every year  
 & sometimes weekly since muste-  
 nt, and he has always been complaining  
 of not feeling well. ~~Whether~~ <sup>may be</sup> due to  
 old age and rheumatism; He complains  
 of that ailment and often goes about  
 with a cane.

I have never known Clint to use much  
 liquor, nor has he bad habits.

I think he has lost about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of his  
 time since the war on account of the



alleged disabilities. but I have not seen his legs.

I know his former application has been rejected.

I am an applicant under the new law. Maulden is not an affiant for me. I have not been approached before by him in this claim. I can't be reached or brought up.

I have no knowledge of his capture. I remember while on the Texas I was acting Supt of the rear guard and Maulden was then a straggler and afflicted with pain and rheumatism in his legs.

at M.O. he was quite an invalid and was hard for him to walk, and went about in a very feeble way.

I remember some one assisted him in Phila when in camp, and at 31<sup>st</sup> and Chestnut Sts, when he came home on the train.

I have never seen his exposed legs since the war.

I was an Affiant in his old claim. I am not related nor interested (Christ being present makes questioning.) Your questions are understood and my answers correctly recorded.

Samuel W. Smith

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. R. Page.

Special Examiner.



DEPOSITION *J*Case of *James Maulden*, No. *346411*

On this *25.* day of *Oct.*, 18*92*, at  
*H. Chester*, County of *Chester*  
 State of *Pa*, before me, *W. R. Page*, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *John*  
*Sturm*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: *I am 49 years old, P.O. ad.*

*disch. as above firm. Occupation laborer. I enlisted*  
*in August 1861 in Co. H. 45th Pa. Vol. Inf. 2d*  
*discharged in 1865. I first knew Claimant*  
*at enlistment, and appeared to be a sound*  
*man in those days and have known him*  
*ever since. I have often seen <sup>him</sup> when under*  
*the influence of liquor, drank up his*  
*little home here givin him by his old*  
*father. Don't know as he has been givin*  
*to run after women. He has been a man*  
*who could for drink about all these years.*  
*He has not been a quarrelsome man.*

*While in front here for mustered out he*  
*suffered somewhat and was feeling bad,*  
*but don't know what ailed him, but*  
*he acted as though <sup>was</sup> broken down, thin*  
*and puny, had the diarrhea, & went*  
*about with a cane. I don't know as a*  
*fact that he suffered with Scum at any*  
*time. I did, and am not think of it yet.*  
*I never saw his exposed legs or body in*  
*service.*

*I have seen him off and on each year since*  
*1865 and he has always complained of this*  
*Scum and soul trouble.*

*I am convinced that his present ailment*  
*must have been contracted during his*



military service, as he is not & has not  
 been the same man that he was  
 prior to his enlistment. I know  
 of no other trouble in him.

I have no knowledge of his capture.  
 He has complained of having gen-  
 eral shyness ever since 1865.  
 I was detailed into the Pioneer Corps very  
 soon after reaching the front, and  
 did no duty aside from that with  
 Co. H and didn't see him till then  
 nor 3 times a week during service.

I recognize my signature to my afft.  
 He complained of Ch. diarrhoea while  
 in the service, and cannot swear that  
 he contracted Scurvy, but knew he  
 worked lame at discharge.

He was put off duty for some cause.  
 Your questions are understood and  
 my answers correctly recorded.

John Steer

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Oct  
 1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. R. Page

Special Examiner.



DEPOSITION yCase of James Maulden, No. 346411

On this 25 day of Oct, 1892, at  
W. Chester, County of Cheser  
 State of Pa, before me, W. R. Page, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Joseph  
Myers, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am 52 years old, P. O.

address City as given. Occupation farmer and  
 laborer. Enlisted in Aug 1864 in Co. G,  
 45 Pa. V. Inf, and discharged in the Fall  
 of 1865. Enlisted from this place,  
 but I lived in that place, Co. Pa. and have  
 been here three years last August.  
 I first became acquainted with Chas  
 Harrison the summer while at Ft. Harrison  
 in the fall of 1864. He then and there  
 complained of having Chs diarrhoea, which  
 fact I know fromocular demonstration.  
 I hardly think he has recovered from that dis-  
 ease. In the spring he contracted Dementia  
 & that was while on the breast works of  
 Ft. Harrison, that was in the spring of 65.  
 Our surgeon called the disease Dementia. I saw  
 it and judge of the disease in that way.  
 I saw his legs exposed during the service,  
 and one of his legs, the one, and don't recall  
 which leg, was more or less marked with  
 raw sores, like unto those that grow  
 in the abrasions. I can't state that he  
 was sent to a hospital. I often saw him  
 go to sick call, whether it was for diarrhoea  
 or Dementia I don't know, and was excused  
 from duty on account of Chs diarrhoea. and  
 in part Dementia. I know his legs troubled



him off and on while out on the said after-  
 Lee, and Cluit came into Camp at Hatch's  
 Run a straggler with Mr C. Cook Ham-  
 Johnson. His whereabouts I do not know.  
 Cluit and I were M. O. together. At that  
 time in Camp Cadwallader he was not  
 sick or well. I didn't see him by after  
 leaving M. Harrison, nor until 11  
 years ago, but since then he has been  
 complaining of not feeling well, but  
 I cannot describe any particular  
 disability about him. I know of  
 no other diseases in Claimant  
 during our military service than  
 those I have mentioned.

I am pursuing under the new law  
 for the same diseases at \$6.

I am not related, nor interested.  
 Last night is the first time he has  
 ever approached me in this claim.  
 I have never asked him for an  
 affidavit for use in my claim.  
 I have no knowledge of his rupture.  
 During the time I have known him these  
 18 years he - Cluit, has been disabled  
 physically to do hard labor on account  
 of age and alleged disability, and he has  
 lost 1/2 time during that period.  
 I have understood your questions and my  
 answers are correctly recorded.

Joseph Myers

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of Oct,  
 1892 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. R. Rags.

Special Examiner.



DEPOSITION *76*Case of *James Mauldin*, No. *346411*

On this *25* day of *Oct*, 18*92*, at  
*N. Chester*, County of *Ches*,  
 State of *Pa*, before me, *W. R. Ryan*, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Joseph*  
*Boyer*.

who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: *I am 40 years old. P. V. Adams*

*as above given. Occupation hostler at the hotel.*  
*I knew Claimant prior to his enlistment,*  
*and he was considered then a sound man*  
*He has led a wild life, and has used*  
*liquor to some extent, but I have*  
*never seen him when wholly under*  
*its influence. He was not a fighting*  
*character. I saw him there as*  
*his near neighbor the day after he*  
*returned wounded out; he came in*  
*the night time. I then saw him in*  
*his own house lying upon a lounge*  
*complaining of suffering with pain in*  
*legs, which he showed to me that very*  
*day in company with Mother, now dead,*  
*and his legs looked as if salt had been*  
*rubbed on his legs and left there.*  
*I didn't see any eruptions, but the*  
*lower part of his legs up to his knees*  
*seemed looked shriveled up and*  
*thin in flesh, and bandages of flannel*  
*were wrapped about his legs.*  
*I have never heard him complain of*  
*having rheumatism until of late years,*  
*4 am how. but he often spoke of his legs*  
*having no strength in them.*  
*On Dec his teeth were all loose and he*



could not eat solid food for some time, and could not hold food about in their pockets by his fingers. I saw him do it, and blood came from his gums. He has complained of a sore mouth more or less ever since. Not long ago he was at my house with a sore mouth.

I have never heard that he suffered with mercurial disease.

I am positive that he has suffered with disease of mouth and loss of enamel teeth on account of mercury. I saw him not long ago pick a tooth out of his gums.

He has never been confined to bed under a doctor's care since Dr. Hood (dead) gave him treatment, but he has often been to consult with different ones. I know of no regular doctor attending Chitt. I am his nephew, but disinterested. I am not sure whether Dr. Cooper, now dead treated Chitt long or not. In fact he was too poor to employ a doctor.

I have understood the questions and my answers are correctly recorded.

Joseph Boyce

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of Oct, 1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. R. Page

Special Examiner



DEPOSITION 2

Case of Jamr Maulden, No. 346.411

On this 7 day of Mar, 1892, at  
Media, County of Delaware,  
 State of Pa, before me, W. H. Page, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Samuel  
C. S. Cain, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am 65 years old. I. O. address

at above given. Occupation Chromatist. I served in Co  
H. 55 Regt 7. I. for 2 1/2 years. I have known Jas.  
Maulden for upwards of 60 years. Prior to his  
enlistment I considered him a sober, upright,  
rapid looking man, and free from any physical  
debility. I left this County in 1863, and I saw  
him during the summer of his enlistment.  
He and I were raised together, but are not related.

After ~~my~~ my discharge at Boston, I returned  
 to W. Chester my old home. At that time he was  
 complaining & expressed himself as if he felt  
 something growing in his stomach and he  
 complained of not being able to work, but he did  
 work some at setting fences in 1865 & 66. He was  
 not considered a lazy man, nor did he pick up his  
 place when he lived. One Marshall May, of W. Chester,  
 Pa. got Claimant to sign a paper in borrowed money  
 to build a new stable, and in away May got the wife to  
 sign the document away leaving him out of all the  
 property he had.

I have no personal knowledge of the existence of any  
 special disease in him during the time I lived  
 in W. Chester, up to 5 years ago last August.  
 But I remember of seeing him going about  
 with an enlarged stomach which he could  
 not keep his pants buttoned. This was nine  
 years ago. That includes what was termed



a form of indigestion. That includes the only disability I can recall in Claimant. I have seen him when intoxicated. I haven't seen him for some time. I have never observed his gums or teeth, as any disability from Scurvy. I can only state facts from hearsay.

I have known him to labor at different times off and on since 1866, almost  $\frac{1}{2}$  time, as I thought he was physically unable to do labor on account of his general debility due to his exposure while in the service.

I never gave an affidavit for use in this claim. Ego. That is my signature.

I had forgotten the initials of that document, but I cannot testify as to any bone fever or alleged Scurvy.

Your questions are understood and my answers correctly recorded.

Said to  
Good.

Samuel E. D. Cain  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 day of Mar, 1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. R. Carr.  
Special Examiner.



# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At West Chester, Pa  
Oct 25, 1892

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of James Maulden No. 346411  
To James Maulden, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 25 day of Oct, A. D. 1892, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at West Chester, County of Christ and State of Pa, and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all material witnesses will be heard.

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

W. R. Byr  
Special Examiner.

I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 25 day of Oct, 1892,  
and desire the examination to begin on the Oct 25

James Maulden  
Claimant



Cluit: James Mauldin.  
Prr Co. K. 45 U.S.C.  
P.O: Matttown, Chester Co. Pa.  
Basis: Scurry (bony form)  
Filed Feb 2. 1880. Rejected & reopened.

Philadelphia, Pa, Dec. 10. 1892.

Sir;

I have the honor to return all the papers and submit my report, in the above cited claim for pension under the old law. Claim was also filed under Act June 27/90, & both claims were rejected on the ground that no pensionable disability from cause alleged or any other cause, were found to exist. The case was ~~opened up~~ upon the merits of the present atty in the case.

I have exhausted all the available, & worth anything source of information bearing upon this case, and am forced to believe from all the facts known to me, the case is without merit, and is not admissible, for the reason that, it is not shown as a fact that his alleged disability is an due to his military service, after an exhaustive examination of witnesses delegated by Claimant, it not satisfactorily shown that he has been physically



disabled since discharge on account of  
 Scurvy & results, thus bringing no record, or  
 treatment of same during service.

Furthermore, he suffered with rheuma-  
 tism prior to enlistment, while living  
 at Bridgeport, Montgomery Co Pa, and  
 has suffered with it, more or less, ever  
 since. The abrasion referred to, by Com.  
 Myers, which effected Clute's cure, while  
 in hospital, is attending sick call, was not  
 due to Scurvy proper, but to a puncture  
 by a sword in the hands of his Officer.

The several examinations by the Master  
 Chester, Pa. Board show that Clute does  
 not suffer with any results of Scurvy.

Upon a personal interview with the Pres-  
 id. Sec. of said Board, I am more convinced  
 the claim is not well grounded. The pri-  
 vate opinions of said gentlemen, & of those  
 to me convinces me also, that the action  
 taken by their Board was just.

Clute's habits have not been very good, &  
 as a rule, his career has aggravated his  
 present condition.

1st Wm P. Martin, is unreliable & dissipated,  
 so his testimony is not submitted. For a  
 long time he was on detached service, a Sharp-  
 shooter, & I can have very little knowledge of the



actual existence of Leury. Jno. Peterson,  
Bny F. Curry, Chas. H. Furman, have no personal  
knowledge of the points in question, nor  
does Chitt care to refer further to comrades  
of the list. Capt. Thos. E. Thompson lives in  
Chicago. Ills. Claim was referred for ex-  
amination to determine whether Leury  
originated in the service, and continuously  
ever since discharge. The hntofor apts,  
are for the most part unreliable, and I can  
now only with safety recommend two or three  
deponents, viz; Sgt. Grace Simmons, Myers, and  
neighbor Saul E. Cain, who are at home in  
their dispositions. I have either seen, or  
personally communicated with men of the  
50th U.S.C., who should know Claimant, if  
any one does, and not a man can swear to  
origin, when differentiated from the pain  
which has characterized Chitt ever since he  
contracted rheumatism back in the '50's.  
His mouth & teeth are as good today as most  
men are of his age & experience & experience,  
and I am not prepared to believe, at this late  
day, that an old negro of Chitt's age & ways,  
not now manifesting a symptom of Leury,  
did suffer with it as alleged to that  
extent having it a pensionable disability.  
We know he is a rheumatic, has been for  
many years. Of no symptoms of Leury



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remain in his mouth, when else can it be  
found in a colored man, if not in the mouth  
I am not prejudiced against Claimant, but I  
cannot see wherein he has a just case.  
I have had occasions to deal with him in  
other claims, and understand him pretty well.  
His system in general is in a fair condi-  
tion for one in his station in life. He at-  
tempted to argue that his leg had given him  
trouble when the Scurvy left its impression, but  
in sifting it down, J. J. Simmons disposes  
of it as the location of the sword  
wound. The research is only superficial.  
We must consider too that Phil is poor, and  
his habits have made him so, and this is his  
final desperate attempt to be pensioned.  
Joseph Boyce is related, rather young to well  
remember facts in 1865. Thos. Townsend is dead.  
Giles S. Bailey was not acceptable; nor Jno. Allen,  
Isaac Winters not seen, as he is unreliable.  
Sam'l Williams is dead.

Respectfully,

W. R. Page.

Special Examiner

The

Commission of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.,





Dishursing Clerk.

Pension Office.

Washington, D. C.



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Department of the Interior,

BUREAU PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C.

Jan. 13, 1890

No. 346411

Name, James Maulden

Co. "A", 45 Reg't U.S.C.T.

Date of filing, March 2, 1880

Date of rejection, March 1, 1884

CAUSE OF REJECTION.

no record and inability  
to furnish list of an officer or  
surgeon as to existence in service  
or treatment since discharge

ABSTRACT OF TESTIMONY TO REOPEN.

Comrades & neighbors testify  
to cond. in service and at & since  
discharge. Claim has never  
been before the Bd of Review  
"Material"

Recommend that Claim be

**RE-OPENED.**

Dep Com. & inquiry pending

Practice

E. H. Miller

, Examiner.

, Chief of Div.

Reopening — approved

JAN 14 1890

FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

William Smith



INVALID. (Series

Cert. No. **921027**Name, *James Moulden*Rank, *1st Lieut. Col. Inf.*; Service, *Co. 1st Regt.*Original Roll: *1st Regt.*

Agency, {

Transf'd *July 3, 1893* to *D.C.*" *July 3, 1893* to *D.C.*

Issued

*Dec. 8*

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Mailed

*" 14*

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Rate and Period, \$ *8*, from *May 15, 1893*

Deductions:

Disability:

Issued

*Dec. 14, 1893*

Mailed

*" 19, 1893*Rate and Period, \$ *10*, from *Mar. 16, 1893*

Deductions:

Disability:

*support by manual*Issued, *May 24, 1901*Mailed *" 29, 1901*Rate and Period, \$ *12*, from *Nov 7, 1900*

Deductions:

Disability:

Issued

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Mailed

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Rate and Period, \$

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Deductions:

Disability:

## INDORSEMENTS.

*Nov 18, 1894, Chairman*  
*James Moulden, D.C.*  
*Jan. 5, 1899, D.A. pen. ctf. &c.*  
*Surname cor. from "Moulden"*  
*Auditor advised. - D.C.*  
*Dec. 10, 1899, made pay*  
*of Mar. 3, 1899.*  
*June 25, 1904*  
*for last pay*



DODGE.

Under Act of June 27, 1890.

(3-217a.)

INCREASE.

Claim to .....

No. 921027

James Moulden

P. O., Westtown.

County, Chester

State, Pa

Application filed June 1, 1890

State Service, N 45 U.S. Inf.

Oct 9 1900 Max Oxford  
Chester Co Pa atty notif. Sfs

Disability, .....

Attorney, Jno. Mainwright

Att. P. O., Wilmington  
filed County, State, Del.

(186-100m.)

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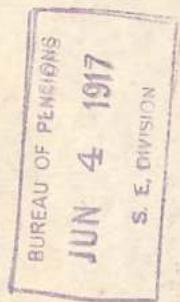


U. S. v. Richard Mauden.

June 2, 1917.

Received of Geo. W. Sidman, Examiner,  
papers in above case, certificate W. W. 911.

Ernest Henry,  
Asst U. S. Attorney,  
Phila. Pa.





DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Philadelphia, June 5, 1917.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:-

I have the honor to report that Richard Maulden was this day indicted by the Grand Jury here for the forgery of pension check of his mother, Rebecca Maulden, Cft. 770.911, which check bears date March 4, 1917 and numbered 3.807.888, for \$60.

Complying with instructions in Law Division letter of 1st. inst.

\* I have the honor to return herewith the original voucher check as above described. It is probable the said check will be again called for when the case comes to trial. The forger has not yet been apprehended, although I have three times furnished the U.S. Marshal's office with information as to where he may be found almost any evening. I deem it probable that before the man is caught I will have to get on the job myself, which fact, I have no doubt, would be entirely satisfactory to the Marshal's office, because the man lives in a tough negro neighborhood.

Very respectfully,

*G. W. D. Sidman*  
Special Examiner.





No.

George D. Sidman.

*Special Examiner.*

Dated

Philadelphia,

June 5, 1917.

BRIEF.

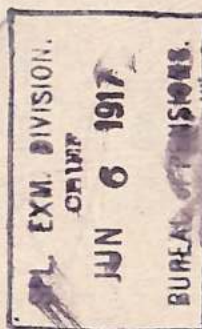
Reports that Richard Maulden was this day indicted by the Grand Jury for forgery of pension check of his mother, Rebecca Maulden.

Also, returns herewith original voucher check sent him for use before the Grand Jury.

No. of Inclosures,

Respectfully referred  
to Chief Law Division for  
consideration.

*M. L. L. L.*  
Chief S. E. Division.





December 15, 1917.

Chief of the  
Special Examination Division.

Sir:

Responding to a letter from Special Examiner George D. Sidman, of the 12th instant, relative to the case of the United States vs Richard Maulden, charged with having violated the provisions of the act of August 17, 1912, and the act of July 7, 1898, in connection with the voucher-check, dated March 4, 1917, under the claim of his mother, Rebecca Maulden, widow of James Maulden, late of Co. K, 45th U.S.C.I., Cert. No. 770911, I have to state that the voucher-check dated on the 4th instant was mailed to the pensioner at #520 Old Lancaster Ave., Haverford, Pa., which was her address when Mr. Sidman took her deposition, and that no information has reached the Bureau that her address has been changed.

If Mr. Sidman should obtain reliable information concerning the whereabouts of the accused, the same should be promptly reported to the U.S. Marshal at Philadelphia, as the accused was indicted on June 3, 1917, and it is clearly within the province of the Marshal and without that of the Special Examiner to actually make the arrest. If the Marshal shall fail to act upon any reliable information which may be furnished to him, that fact should be promptly reported to the Bureau, to the end that the matter may be taken up with the Department of Justice.

Respectfully,

Law Clerk.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Philadelphia, December 12, 1917.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:-

For my official information in connection with case Cft. 770.911, Rebecca Maulden, widow of James Maulden, Co.K, 45th. U.S. C. Inf. , I have the honor to request the post office address of the pensioner at her last payment on December 4, 1917. Also, as to what action was taken with reference to her voucher check for March 4, 1917, which her son, Rimhard Maulden, took from her and after forging her name collected the money and decamped. This matter was made the subject of a criminal investigation by me and in compliance with instructions of Law Division I made complaint against the man and tried to have him arrested, but the Marshal reported that he could not be found. Maulden was subsequently indicted by the Grand Jury, but in spite of the fact that I told the Marshal where the man could be found he has not been apprehended. The pensioner has removed from the address when I made the investigation and left no forwarding address. I think if I can now find the pensioner I may be able to locate the son, however with present conditions in the Marshal's office, it looks very much as if I may have to arrest the man myself, although I have had a bench warrant issued for him.

Very respectfully,

*Geo. D. Sidman*  
Special Examiner.

*Dec. 14/17  
520 Old Lancaster Pk.  
Haverford, Pa.*



No.

George D. Sidman.

*Special Examiner.*

*Dated*

Philadelphia,

December 12, 1917.

**BRIEF.**

Requests address of Rebecca Maulden, widow of James Maulden, Co.K, 45th. U.S.C.Inf. Cft. 770.911, in the payment for December 4, 1917.

Also, as to what action was taken on forged check for her payment on March 4, 1917.

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Respectfully referred  
to Chief Law Division for  
consideration.

*M. Dawkins*  
Acting Chief S. E. Division.  
*J.E.R.*

No. of Inclosures,



520 Old Lancaster Ave  
Haverford  
Dec 4, 1917



Department of Justice.

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,

EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

POST OFFICE BUILDING,

PHILADELPHIA.

June 18, 1917

FILE NO. 1818

Commissioner of Pensions,

Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I acknowledge your letter of the 18th instant relative to the case of United States vs. Richard Maulden. I note your reference to the use of the certified copy of the check under section 882 Revised Statutes, which certificate and copy I acknowledge, and permit me to say that in my opinion such is admissible in evidence, and the only question may be whether the endorsements on the back can be deciphered or whether it will be necessary to subpoena the check itself.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain

Yours very truly,

*Edward Henry*

Ass't United States Attorney

EH/NGS.



# Law Division

June 16, 1917.

The United States Attorney,

Philadelphia,  
Pa.

As far as is known to this Bureau it has not been determined whether a voucher-check, which is on file in the office of the Auditor for the Interior Department, the legal custodian of such checks, is a Government record within the purview of section 552, Revised Statutes, making certified copies of Government records equally admissible with the original as evidence.

Relative to the case of the United States v. Richard Maulden, indicted June 5, 1917, for violations of the act of August 17, 1912 (37 Stat. L., 313), and of the act of July 7, 1898 (30 Stat. L., 718), in connection with voucher-check No. 3807888, dated March 4, 1917, to the order of Rebecca Maulden, pensioned as the widow of James Maulden, late of Co. K, 45th United States Colored Infantry, under certificate No. 770,911, I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of said voucher-check.

It will be observed that there are two sets of stamped endorsements thereon, and that the original endorsement of the Girard National Bank was on March 5, 1917, as can readily be seen by the use of a magnifying glass. This date is important in that it establishes the date upon which the accused uttered the check, knowing the same to bear the forged endorsement of his mother. The endorsement can, however, be much more readily deciphered on the original check, and the question presented for your consideration is whether you will elect to use the certified copy as evidence or procure the production of the original by means of a subpoena duces tecum, directing the Auditor for the Interior Department, Washington, D. C., or some employee of his office to be designated to appear in his stead, to bring the same to Philadelphia.



# Law Division

So far as is known to this bureau it has not been judicially determined whether a voucher-check, which is on file in the office of the Auditor for the Interior Department, the legal custodian of such checks, is a Government record within the purview of section 882, Revised Statutes, making certified copies of Government records equally admissible with the original as evidence.

In a number of instances such certified copies have been used. In each instance conviction was had, and so far as is known to this bureau the issue as to the admissibility of such certified copies was not raised and decided.

Respectfully,

GCS/jem.

Acting Commissioner.



RECEIPT FOR CHECK WITHDRAWN.

*Returned  
6/17/17*  
3/4/17  
(Date.)

3807888  
(Number.)

Payee

*Rebecca Mandlen*

\$ *60.00*

Cashed by

Date passed

Drawn by Guy O. Taylor, Symbol No. 62035.

Purpose for which withdrawn

*Issued Mr. G. Stewart*

*5/31*

, 1917.

Received by

*True*



*John J. McDonald*  
3/11/17

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF THE EASTERN  
DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

United States		Violations of the
v.		Act of August 17, 1912
Richard Maulden,		(37 Stat.L., 313), and
Rear, 2046 Lombard street,		Act of July 7, 1898
Philadelphia, Pa.		(30 Stat., L., 718).

History of the Case.

Rebecca Maulden, a venerable pensioner of the United States, resided at 3947 Reno street, Philadelphia, Pa., on March 5, 1917. The Disbursing Clerk of the Bureau of Pensions had, in accordance with the practice in such matters, previously drawn his voucher-check, No. 3807888, for the sum of \$60, to the order of said pensioner, dated on March 4, 1917, which fell upon a Sunday, and had mailed said voucher-check in sufficient time to be delivered in Philadelphia on March 5, 1917.

The said voucher-check and the envelope in which it was contained was taken by John J. McDonald, a letter carrier at the West Philadelphia Station, to 3947 Reno street. When he arrived at the house a colored man, who was a stranger to the carrier, asked the carrier to deliver the letter to him, which the carrier refused to do, asking for the pensioner. This man made



some remark to the carrier that he should not deliver the voucher-check to Abbie Madden, with whom the pensioner was then residing, and the carrier thereupon advised him that he would not deliver it to any other person than the pensioner herself; that she then came to the door and the carrier handed her the envelope containing the voucher-check and immediately thereafter the man to the carrier unknown snatched the voucher-check from the pensioner and stepped back into the house.

Having thus illegally gained possession of the voucher-check, the accused took the same to the saloon of Charles Kramer, at 4122 Market street, Philadelphia, and there represented that he desired to have his mother's pension check cashed, the same then bearing the purported autographic endorsement of the pensioner. Mr. Kramer cashed the same for the accused.

It is, accordingly charged that, at Philadelphia, Pa., on March 5, 1917, the accused did knowingly and feloniously utter said pension check bearing the purported endorsement of the person to whose order it was drawn, with the knowledge that said endorsement was a forgery, this in direct violation of the provisions of the act of August 17, 1912, supra.

Mr. Kramer was not familiar with the proceedings in the preparation of voucher-checks and did not know that it was necessary that two witnesses sign the voucher thereon. He accordingly deposited the voucher-check



without such witnesses and it was returned to him with check marks indicating wherein it had not been properly endorsed and witnessed. The accused thereupon acted as a witness to the voucher and John E. Curran, a patron of Mr. Kramer's establishment, acted as the other witness, each signing a false statement that we, the undersigned, certify that the above endorsement was made in our presence by the person known to us to be the payee named in this check, when as they then and there well knew Rebecca Maulden, the pensioner named in said check, did not sign the same in their presence, and as Richard Maulden then and there well knew that what purported to be the endorsement of the pensioner, his mother, thereon was a forgery.

It is accordingly charged that at Philadelphia, Pa., on March 13, 1917, the accused did knowingly and wilfully make and aided and assisted in the making of a false voucher concerning the payment of a pension in direct violation of the provisions of the act of July 7, 1898, supra.

No evidence has been obtained, nor does there appear to be any reason to believe that John E. Curran, the other witness to said voucher, was aware of the fact that the purported endorsement of the pensioner thereon was forged, nor that he understood the purport of the paper which he signed. It is not suggested that he was in any way benefitted by the illegal acts committed by the accused and for this reason it is not



deemed expedient to recommend his prosecution, but on the contrary it is suggested that he be used as a witness by the Government to establish the offenses committed by the real culprit.

When the accused obtained the money on said voucher-check he converted it to his own use and did not go to see his mother, the pensioner. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest before a justice of the peace and he is reported to have fled.

#### The Evidence.

Herewith will be found a certified copy of the record of the allowance of a pension to Rebecca, widow of James Maulden, late of Co. K, 45th United States Colored Infantry, under certificate No. 770,911 (Exhibit "A").

1. John J. McDonald, letter carrier, West Philadelphia Station, post office address 1913 McKean street, Philadelphia, Pa., testified that his route included 3947 Reno street, West Philadelphia, Pa., and that he has been personally acquainted with Rebecca Maulden, a pensioner, who resided at that place, for a number of years, and remembers delivering a pension letter to her in March, 1917. Witness went to the house and knocked at the door. A colored man, a stranger to witness, came to the door, followed by a woman who lived at the house named Abbie Madden. The man wanted witness to deliver the letter to him, but witness asked for Mother Maulden, the pensioner, as witness called her. The man told wit-



ness that he was the pensioner's son and that witness should not deliver the letter to the woman there, meaning Abbie Madden, because she was not using the pensioner right, and witness thereupon replied that he would not deliver the letter to any person but the pensioner and when the pensioner came to the door witness handed the letter to her in her own hands, and immediately thereafter the man who claimed to be the pensioner's son snatched it from her and stepped back into the house. Mrs. Madden who stood in the entry asked why he had delivered the letter to that man, and witness stated that he had not delivered it to him, but handed it direct to Mother Maulden. Witness did not see this man run out of the house and does not know what became of him.

2. Rebeca Maulden, 520 Old Lancaster Road, Haverford, Pa., testified that she is pensioned as the widow of James Maulden, at \$20 per month, and will exhibit her pension certificate bearing No. 770,911. Witness has a son named Richard Maulden, who has been separated from his family for several years, and who is a very dissipated person. On the morning in March, 1917, upon which witness's pension check was due, her son Richard came to the house where she was residing with her grandchildren at 3947 Reno street, West Philadelphia. She had not previously seen him for a number of months and did not know where he was living. He stated



that he had gotten a home for witness and was going to take her there to live with him, making the same statement to witness's granddaughter, Abbie Madden. Witness knew that her said son had no such home for her and did not say that she would go with him. He had previously taken witness away on one occasion and when the authorities came and took his children away from him and turned witness out and witness had to come to live with her granddaughter, Abbie Madden, with whom she has ever since resided. Richard remained at the house until the letter carrier came with the pension check and when witness opened the door for the carrier Richard came from behind witness and when the letter carrier had delivered the check to witness Richard snatched the letter from her and ran out of the door with it and she has never seen him since. Witness did not open the letter containing the check. Witness did not tell Richard that he might have the letter, nor did she give him authority to receive the letter or to make any use of the check, nor did she at the time realize that her said son wanted to get hold of the check. She did not tell him that he might endorse her check or collect the money. In fact, he said nothing about the pension money on the occasion of his visit. Witness's grandson, Howard Smith, swore out a warrant for Richard's arrest at a magistrate's office on Lancaster avenue, Philadelphia, but the constable was unable to find him.



3. Howard Smith, 520 Old Lancaster Road, Haverford, Pa., testified that he is a grandson of the pensioner, Rebeca Maulden, and the nephew of Richard Maulden, the accused. On March 5, 1917, witness's said uncle came to the house early in the morning and was around there some time. When the letter carrier came to the door, Uncle Richard rushed past witness and got to the door first, witness being just behind him. The pensioner then came to the door and the carrier handed her the pension letter. She had hardly gotten it into her hand when Uncle Richard snatched it from her and ran out of the door. Witness has never seen his said uncle since. Witness went to a magistrate's office at 3947 Lancaster avenue and swore out a warrant for his uncle's arrest, but the constable reported that he could not find the man. Witness's said uncle is about 47 years of age, medium height, a medium colored negro with a very small head and a large nose. Some of his front teeth are gone. He is a very dissipated man and is separated from his family, his four children being cared for by witness's sisters.

4. Abbie Madden, 520 Old Lancaster Road, Haverford, Pa., testified that she is a granddaughter of the pensioner, Rebecca Maulden, and a niece of Richard Maulden, and was in the back part of the house when the letter carrier came there on March 5, 1917, and rapped



on the door. Witness and her brother Howard started to go to the door. Early that morning witness's Uncle Richard had come to the house at 3947 Reno street, and had gone upstairs and was talking with grandmother. Witness did not hear their conversation. Witness had no suspicion as to her uncle's object in coming to the house on that occasion. Witness's uncle is a very dissipated man, who used to frequent a saloon at 41st & Market sts. Pensioner has made her home with witness for some years and pays her board out of her pension money.

5. Charles Kramer, Saloon-keeper, 4122 Market st., Philadelphia, Pa., identifies his endorsement on the voucher-check, No. 3807888, to the order of Rebeca Maulden, dated March 4, 1917, for the sum of \$60. Witness testified that he had known Dick Moulden, a colored hod-carrier for about 2½ years. On one occasion Dick came to witness's place with a pension check which he said was his mother's and that she had given it to him to get cashed. He said that the check had been signed by his mother, but witness did not see the mother nor did he see her son sign the check. In fact, witness does not know the mother. Witness cashed the check for Dick supposing it to be all right and deposited it in the Hamilton Trust Co., of West Philadelphia, after he had endorsed it. The check was sent back to witness by the trust company to have it witnessed.



Witness called upon Maulden to get the check witnessed and he did so and witness again deposited the check to his account in the Hamilton Trust Company. Witness knew Dick Maulden very well and had no hesitation in cashing the check for him as he always regarded him as an honest fellow. Witness does not remember whether John E. Curran, the other witness to the voucher, was present when the check was cashed, nor does witness remember seeing Curran sign his name to the voucher thereon. When the check was sent back to witness, witness did not know just what was required so he sent for Dick Maulden and told him to get two witnesses to the check and he did so and witness sent it back to the trust company.

6. John E. Curran, 49 South 45th street, Philadelphia, Pa., testified that he does not know Rebecca Maulden, a Government pensioner, or Richard Maulden, a colored man, by name, though he might know him if he saw him. Witness remembers witnessing a pension check for a Dick Morgan, or a man having some such name, who lived on Ludlow street, between 41st and 42d streets. He is a hod-carrier and sometimes addicted to drinking and frequents Charles Kramer's place, at 4122 Market st., Witness knows nothing about this man's mother. Witness does, however, recall having met Dick in Kramer's saloon and Kramer saying to witness: You know Dick, do you not, and witness said that he did, and Mr. Kramer then asked



witness to identify Dick by signing a pension check which he had there. Dick said it was his mother's pension check which he was getting cashed for her. The check was signed but the signature was not witnessed, so witness signed his name and Dick also signed his name thereto. Witness identifies as genuine his signature as a witness to the voucher on the back of the voucher-check, which is offered in evidence as "Exhibit B". Witness did not see Dick's mother or any other woman in connection with this matter. Dick was not present when witness signed it, he simply signed the voucher at the request of Charles Kramer, because witness supposed it was all right. Witness was in Kramer's saloon when Dick came there and got the check cashed. Dick told Kramer in witness's presence that it was his mother's pension check, but she could not go out to get it cashed so he was doing it for her. Kramer got the money and cashed it for Dick in witness's presence and it was afterwards when Kramer told witness that the check had been returned because not properly witnessed that witness signed the voucher thereon, and witness did not know that in doing so he was certifying that said check had been endorsed in his presence by the pensioner nor did he read the printed statement in the voucher.



7-. Special Examiner Sidman, C/o Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., who may usually be found in the Post Office Building, Philadelphia, Pa., will testify as to his official connection with the Bureau of Pensions and identify voucher-check, Exhibit "B" as having been issued to the order of Rebecca Maulden, a pensioner of the United States, by the Disbursing Clerk of the Bureau of Pensions.

From the foregoing it is believed to be shown beyond a reasonable doubt that the accused deliberately stole the voucher-check above mentioned from his mother and subsequently uttered said check well knowing the purported endorsement of his mother thereon to be a forgery. There has been no evidence from any person who was present when the pensioner's endorsement thereon was forged.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF  
AUDITOR FOR INTERIOR DEPARTMENT  
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

June 8, 1917.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of paid pension check No. 3807888, drawn March 4, 1917, by Guy O. Taylor, Disbursing Clerk, in favor of Rebecca Maulden, for \$60.00, which was loaned your office May 31, 1917 (Mr. G. C. Stewart, Law Division).

Respectfully,

*Alfred A. Price*

Auditor *b*

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OFFICE OF  
AUDITOR FOR INTERIOR DEPARTMENT  
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

June 15, 1917.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 7th instant, (Mr. G. C. Stewart, Law Division) I am enclosing herewith certified copy of check No. 3807888, drawn March 4, 1917, by Guy O. Taylor, Disbursing Clerk, Bureau of Pensions, in favor of Rebecca Maulden, for \$60.00.

Respectfully,

*Asen A. Price*

Auditor

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CRIMINAL FILE.

Defendant: Maulden, Richard  
2046 Lombard St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

District:  
Eastern of Penna.

Offense:  
Act August 17 1912,  
and July 7 1898. Uttering  
voucher check with knowledge  
that indorsement was forged, and  
making false jurat thereon.

Papers to Attorney General:

Warrant issued May 21 1917.

Indicted: June 5 1917

Convicted:

Sentence:..

Acquitted:

Papers returned: Feb. 27/20



INTERIOR  
PENSIONS



OBJECT FOR WHICH DRAWN  
PENSION ON CERTIFICATE

SECTION 8

WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 4, 1917.

CHECK NUMBER

3807888

15-51

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Treasurer of the United States

PAY SIXTY

DOLLARS \$ 60.00

TO THE ORDER OF

REBECCA MAULDEN

PHILADELPHIA PA

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ACT APR

3947 RENO

GUY O. TAYLOR.

DISBURSING CLERK

62035

BY

*W. Adreon*

CLERK

IMPORTANT.

THIS CHECK IS VOID IN CASE OF THE PAYEE'S DEATH, REENLISTMENT, OR REMARRIAGE IF A WIDOW, PRIOR TO THE DATE OF ITS ISSUE.

IT IS PAYABLE ONLY WHEN PERSONALLY INDORSED IN JUNK, BY THE PAYEE IN THE PRESENCE OF TWO RESPONSIBLE PERSONS WHO CAN WRITE AND WHO SHALL ACT AS ATTESTING AND IDENTIFYING WITNESSES. SIGNATURES BY MARK SHOULD READ THUS:

HIS OR HER

MARK WITH THE NAME OF THE

PAYEE WRITTEN EXACTLY AS IT IS ON THE FACE OF THE CHECK.

*Rebecca Maulden*  
SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INDORSEMENT WAS MADE IN OUR PRESENCE BY THE PERSON KNOWN TO US TO BE THE PAYEE NAMED IN THIS CHECK.

WITNESSES

*Richard Maulden*  
49-5-45-11

*John. Warner*

*Memo. Under stamp and indorsements not shown, orig. check.*

MARCH 5 1917

RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM



[PUBLIC—No. 271.]

[H. R. 18985.]

An Act Making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes, namely:

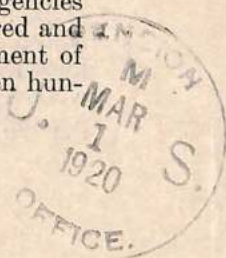
For Army and Navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, Army nurses, and all other pensioners who are now borne on the rolls, or who may hereafter be placed thereon, under the provisions of any and all Acts of Congress, one hundred and sixty-four million five hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the appropriation aforesaid for Navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same shall be sufficient for that purpose: *Provided further*, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

For fees and expenses of examining surgeons, pensions, for services rendered within the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen, two hundred thousand dollars.

For salaries of eighteen agents for the payment of pensions, at the rate of four thousand dollars per annum each, during the first seven months of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen, forty-two thousand dollars.

For salary of one disbursing clerk for the payment of pensions, to be selected and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, at the rate of four thousand dollars per annum, during the last five months of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen, one thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents; and from and after the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirteen, there shall be one disbursing clerk in the Bureau of Pensions to be appointed as aforesaid and who shall receive a salary at the rate of four thousand dollars per annum; and section forty-seven hundred and seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes of the United States authorizing the appointment of agents for the payment of pensions, and section forty-seven hundred and eighty of the Revised Statutes of the United States, authorizing the establishment of agencies by the President of the United States are hereby repealed to take effect from and after the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and the existing pension agencies are abolished from and after said date.

For clerk hire, and other services, at eighteen pension agencies during the first seven months of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen and in the office of the disbursing clerk for the payment of pensions during the last five months of the fiscal year nineteen hun-





dred and thirteen and including not exceeding ten thousand dollars for expenses of consolidating and removing records and equipment of pension agencies, three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That estimates in detail shall be submitted for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fourteen and annually thereafter for clerks and others employed in the office of the disbursing clerk for the payment of pensions and the amounts to be paid to each.

For rent of pension agency at New York, New York, during the first seven months of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen, two thousand four hundred and seventy-nine dollars and seventeen cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

For stationery and other necessary expenses, twenty-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized in the payment of pensions to arrange the pensioners in three groups as he may think proper, and may from time to time change any pensioner or class of pensioners from one group to another as he may deem convenient for the transaction of the public business.

The pensioners in the first group shall be paid their quarterly pensions on January fourth, April fourth, July fourth, and October fourth of each year; the pensioners in the second group shall be paid their quarterly pensions on February fourth, May fourth, August fourth, and November fourth of each year; the pensioners in the third group shall be paid their quarterly pensions on March fourth, June fourth, September fourth, and December fourth of each year.

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to cause payments of pension to be made for the fractional parts of a quarter which may be made necessary by the transfer of a pensioner from one group to another.

SEC. 3. That not later than January first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, pensions shall be paid by checks drawn, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, in such form as to protect the United States against loss, without separate vouchers or receipts, and payable by the proper assistant treasurer or designated depository, except in the case of any pensioner in which the law authorizes the pension to be paid to some person other than the pensioner, or in which the Secretary of the Interior may consider a voucher necessary for the protection of the Government. Such checks shall be transmitted by mail to the payee thereof at his last known address.

That postmasters, delivery clerks, letter carriers, and all other postal employees are prohibited from delivering any such mail to any person whomsoever, if the addressee has died or removed, or in the case of a widow believed by the postal employee intrusted with the delivery of such mail to have remarried; and the postmaster in every such case shall forthwith return such mail with a statement of the reasons for so doing, and if because of death or remarriage, the date thereof, if known. Checks returned as herein provided on account of the death or remarriage of the pensioner shall be canceled.

SEC. 4. That whoever shall forge the indorsement of the person to whose order any pension check shall be drawn, or whoever with the knowledge that such indorsement is forged shall utter such check, or whoever, by falsely personating such person, shall receive from any person, firm, corporation, or officer or employee of the United States



the whole or any portion of the amount represented by such check, shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned not more than five years or both.

SEC. 5. That in case of sickness or unavoidable absence of the disbursing clerk for the payment of pensions from his office, the Commissioner of Pensions may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, authorize the chief clerk of his office or some other clerk employed therein to temporarily act as such disbursing clerk for payment of pensions.

With the approval of the Commissioner of Pensions and the Secretary of the Interior, the disbursing clerk for the payment of pensions may designate and authorize the necessary number of clerks to sign the name of the disbursing clerk for the payment of pensions to official checks.

The disbursing clerk shall give bond with good and sufficient surety for such amount and in such form as the Secretary of the Interior may approve, and such bond shall be held to cover and apply to the acts of the persons authorized to act in his place.

SEC. 6. That nothing in this Act shall be construed as amending or repealing that portion of the sundry civil appropriation Act for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and eighty-three (Statutes at Large, volume twenty-two, page three hundred and twenty-two) concerning the payment of pensions due inmates of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Approved, August 17, 1912.





[PUBLIC—No. 189.]

An Act to amend section forty-seven hundred and forty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

*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.

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*See 5/11/17*

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF THE EASTERN  
DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

United States		Violations of the
v.		Act of August 17, 1912
Richard Maulden,		(37 Stat.L., 313), and
Rear, 2046 Lombard street,		Act of July 7, 1898
Philadelphia, Pa.		(30 Stat., L., 718).

History of the Case.

Rebecca Maulden, a venerable pensioner of the United States, resided at 3947 Reno street, Philadelphia, Pa., on March 5, 1917. The Disbursing Clerk of the Bureau of Pensions had, in accordance with the practice in such matters, previously drawn his voucher-check, No. 3807888, for the sum of \$60, to the order of said pensioner, dated on March 4, 1917, which fell upon a Sunday, and had mailed said voucher-check in sufficient time to be delivered in Philadelphia on March 5, 1917.

The said voucher-check and the envelope in which it was contained was taken by John J. McDonald, a letter carrier at the West Philadelphia Station, to 3947 Reno street. When he arrived at the house a colored man, who was a stranger to the carrier, asked the carrier to deliver the letter to him, which the carrier refused to do, asking for the pensioner. This man made



some remark to the carrier that he should not deliver the voucher-check to Abbie Madden, with whom the pensioner was then residing, and the carrier thereupon advised him that he would not deliver it to any other person than the pensioner herself; that she then came to the door and the carrier handed her the envelope containing the voucher-check and immediately thereafter the man to the carrier unknown snatched the voucher-check from the pensioner and stepped back into the house.

Having thus illegally gained possession of the voucher-check, the accused took the same to the saloon of Charles Kramer, at 4122 Market street, Philadelphia, and there represented that he desired to have his mother's pension check cashed, the same then bearing the purported autographic endorsement of the pensioner. Mr. Kramer cashed the same for the accused.

It is, accordingly charged that, at Philadelphia, Pa., on March 5, 1917, the accused did knowingly and feloniously utter said pension check bearing the purported endorsement of the person to whose order it was drawn, with the knowledge that said endorsement was a forgery, this in direct violation of the provisions of the act of August 17, 1912, *supra*.

Mr. Kramer was not familiar with the proceedings in the preparation of voucher-checks and did not know that it was necessary that two witnesses sign the voucher thereon. He accordingly deposited the voucher-check



without such witnesses and it was returned to him with check marks indicating wherein it had not been properly endorsed and witnessed. The accused thereupon acted as a witness to the voucher and John E. Curran, a patron of Mr. Kramer's establishment, acted as the other witness, each signing a false statement that we, the undersigned, certify that the above endorsement was made in our presence by the person known to us to be the payee named in this check, when as they then and there well knew Rebecca Maulden, the pensioner named in said check, did not sign the same in their presence, and as Richard Maulden then and there well knew that what purported to be the endorsement of the pensioner, his mother, thereon was a forgery.

It is accordingly charged that at Philadelphia, Pa., on March 13, 1917, the accused did knowingly and wilfully make and aided and assisted in the making of a false voucher concerning the payment of a pension in direct violation of the provisions of the act of July 7, 1898, supra.

No evidence has been obtained, nor does there appear to be any reason to believe that John E. Curran, the other witness to said voucher, was aware of the fact that the purported endorsement of the pensioner thereon was forged, nor that he understood the purport of the paper which he signed. It is not suggested that he was in any way benefitted by the illegal acts committed by the accused and for this reason it is not



deemed expedient to recommend his prosecution, but on the contrary it is suggested that he be used as a witness by the Government to establish the offenses committed by the real culprit.

When the accused obtained the money on said voucher-check he converted it to his own use and did not go to see his mother, the pensioner. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest before a justice of the peace and he is reported to have fled.

#### The Evidence.

Herewith will be found a certified copy of the record of the allowance of a pension to Rebecca, widow of James Maulden, late of Co. K, 45th United States Colored Infantry, under certificate No. 770,911 (Exhibit "A").

1. John J. McDonald, letter carrier, West Philadelphia Station, post office address 1913 McKean street, Philadelphia, Pa., testified that his route included 3947 Reno street, West Philadelphia, Pa., and that he has been personally acquainted with Rebecca Maulden, a pensioner, who resided at that place, for a number of years, and remembers delivering a pension letter to her in March, 1917. Witness went to the house and knocked at the door. A colored man, a stranger to witness, came to the door, followed by a woman who lived at the house named Abbie Madden. The man wanted witness to deliver the letter to him, but witness asked for Mother Maulden, the pensioner, as witness called her. The man told wit-



ness that he was the pensioner's son and that witness should not deliver the letter to the woman there, meaning Abbie Madden, because she was not using the pensioner right, and witness thereupon replied that he would not deliver the letter to any person but the pensioner and when the pensioner came to the door witness handed the letter to her in her own hands, and immediately thereafter the man who claimed to be the pensioner's son snatched it from her and stepped bak into the house. Mrs. Madden who stood in the entry asked why he had delivered the letter to that man, and witness stated that he had not delivered it to him, but handed it direct to Mother Maulden. Witness did not see this man run out of the house and does not know what became of him.

2. Rebeca Maulden, 520 Old Lancaster Road, Haverford, Pa., testified that she is pensioned as the widow of James Maulden, at \$20 per month, and will exhibit her pension certificate bearing No. 770,911. Witness has a son named Richard Maulden, who has been separated from his family for several years, and who is a very dissipated person. On the morning in March, 1917, upon which wintness's pension check was due, her son Richard came to the house where she was residing with her grandchildren at 3947 Reno street, West Philadelphia. She had not previously seen him for a number of months and did not know where he was living. He stated



that he had gotten a home for witness and was going to take her there to live with him, making the same statement to witness's granddaughter, Abbie Madden. Witness knew that her said son had no such home for her and did not say that she would go with him. He had previously taken witness away on one occasion and the authorities came and took his children away from him and turned witness out and witness had to come to live with her granddaughter, Abbie Madden, with whom she has ever since resided. Richard remained at the house until the letter carrier came with the pension check and when witness opened the door for the carrier Richard came from behind witness and when the letter carrier had delivered the check to witness Richard snatched the letter from her and ran out of the door with it and she has never seen him since. Witness did not open the letter containing the check. Witness did not tell Richard that he might have the letter, nor did she give him authority to receive the letter or to make any use of the check, nor did she at the time realize that her said son wanted to get hold of the check. She did not tell him that he might endorse her check or collect the money. In fact, he said nothing about the pension money on the occasion of his visit. Witness's grandson, Howard Smith, swore out a warrant for Richard's arrest at a magistrate's office on Lancaster avenue, Philadelphia, but the constable was unable to find him.



3. Howard Smith, 520 Old Lancaster Road, Haverford, Pa., testified that he is a grandson of the pensioner, Rebeca Maulden, and the nephew of Richard Maulden, the accused. On March 5, 1917, witness's said uncle came to the house early in the morning and was around there some time. When the letter carrier came to the door, Uncle Richard rushed past witness and got to the door first, witness being just behind him. The pensioner then came to the door and the carrier handed her the pension letter. She had hardly gotten it into her hand when Uncle Richard snatched it from her and ran out of the door. Witness has never seen his said uncle since. Witness went to a magistrate's office at 3947 Lancaster avenue and swore out a warrant for his uncle's arrest, but the constable reported that he could not find the man. Witness's said uncle is about 47 years of age, medium height, a medium colored negro with a very small head and a large nose. Some of his front teeth are gone. He is a very dissipated man and is separated from his family, his four children being cared for by witness's sisters.

4. Abbie Madden, 520 Old Lancaster Road, Haverford, Pa., testified that she is a granddaughter of the pensioner, Rebecca Maulden, and a niece of Richard Maulden, and was in the back part of the house when the letter carrier came there on March 5, 1917, and rapped



on the door. Witness and her brother Howard started to go to the door. Early that morning witness's Uncle Richard had come to the house at 3947 Reno street, and had gone upstairs and was talking with grandmother. Witness did not hear their conversation. Witness had no suspicion as to her uncle's object in coming to the house on that occasion. Witness's uncle is a very dissipated man, who used to frequent a saloon at 41st & Market sts. Pensioner has made her home with witness for some years and pays her board out of her pension money.

5. Charles Kramer, Saloon-keeper, 4122 Market st., Philadelphia, Pa., identifies his endorsement on the voucher-check, No. 3807888, to the order of Rebecca Maulden, dated March 4, 1917, for the sum of \$60. Witness testified that he had known Dick Moulden, a colored hod-carrier for about 2½ years. On one occasion Dick came to witness's place with a pension check which he said was his mother's and that she had given it to him to get cashed. He said that the check had been signed by his mother, but witness did not see the mother nor did he see her son sign the check. In fact, witness does not know the mother. Witness cashed the check for Dick supposing it to be all right and deposited it in the Hamilton Trust Co., of West Philadelphia, after he had endorsed it. The check was sent back to witness by the trust company to have it witnessed.



Witness called upon Maulden to get the check witnessed and he did so and witness again deposited the check to his account in the Hamilton Trust Company. Witness knew Dick Maulden very well and had no hesitation in cashing the check for him as he always regarded him as an honest fellow. Witness does not remember whether John E. Curran, the other witness to the voucher, was present when the check was cashed, nor does witness remember seeing Curran sign his name to the voucher thereon. When the check was sent back to witness, witness did not know just what was required so he sent for Dick Maulden and told him to get two witnesses to the check and he did so and witness sent it back to the trust company.

6. John E. Curran, 49 South 45th street, Philadelphia, Pa., testified that he does not know Rebecca Maulden, a Government pensioner, or Richard Maulden, a colored man, by name, though he might know him if he saw him. Witness remembers witnessing a pension check for a Dick Morgan, or a man having some such name, who lived on Ludlow street, between 41st and 42d streets. He is a hod-carrier and sometimes addicted to drinking and frequents Charles Kramer's place, at 4122 Market st., Witness knows nothing about this man's mother. Witness does, however, recall having met Dick in Kramer's saloon and Kramer saying to witness: "You know Dick, do you not," and witness said that he did, and Mr. Kramer then asked



witness to identify Dick by signing a pension check which he had there. Dick said it was his mother's pension check which he was getting cashed for her. The check was signed but the signature was not witnessed, so witness signed his name and Dick also signed his name thereto. Witness identifies as genuine his signature as a witness to the voucher on the back of the voucher-check, which is offered in evidence as "Exhibit "B". Witness did not see Dick's mother or any other woman in connection with this matter. Dick was not present when witness signed it, he simply signed the voucher at the request of Charles Kramer, because witness supposed it was all right. Witness was in Kramer's saloon when Dick came there and got the check cashed. Dick told Kramer in witness's presence that it was his mother's pension check, but she could not go out to get it cashed so he was doing it for her. Kramer got the money and cashed it for Dick in witness's presence and it was afterwards when Kramer told witness that the check had been returned because not properly witnessed that witness signed the voucher thereon, and witness did not know that in doing so he was certifying that said check had been endorsed in his presence by the pensioner nor did he read the printed statement in the voucher.



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Oct. 17, '03 - Clt. advised  
of Pen. allegations & 30  
days to rebut - S.E.

Oct. 17, '03 - Pen. for  
corroborative evi. of his  
allegations - also advised  
of Clt's allegations &  
30 days to file evi. S.E.

Dec. 5/03 P.M. Westtown  
for Cred. of Sunday and  
Armstrong - S.E.

Dec 7, '03 - Clt. for exact  
date of separation - to ex-  
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ments as to circumstances  
of Sep - & advised of  
Pen. allegations - also  
whether non-support  
& drink only cause of Sep.  
& whether he ever abused  
Clt. - 30 days - S.E.

Dec. 7, '03 - Pen. advised  
of Clt's allegations & 30  
days to reply & file  
additional evi. - S.E.

Dec. 7, '03 - Gov. of So.  
Branch for Cred. of Pen.  
witnesses

See inside

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ACT MARCH 3, 1899.

*Deserted Wife.*

Class of Claim: \_\_\_\_\_

Invalid Certificate No. 921027

Soldier: James Maulden

P. O. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Put. Service: K 45 1150 S

Claimant: Rebecca Maulden

719 June st

P. O. Address: Phila Pa

Application Filed: Sept 9, 1903

All papers relating to Claims under Act of  
March 3, 1899, MUST be kept in this jacket.

One-half of pension made pay-  
able under Act of Mar. 3, 1899.

June 25, 1904  
AGJ Exr. Law Div.

Law Division Card No. 6417

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Sept. 16/03 - P.A. D.L. to suspend  
from mech. 4. 1899 & for ad.  
of Pensioner S.E.

Auditor advised - S.E.

Gov. of So. Branch to sus-  
pend 1/2 of Pen. in his  
possession & if soldier  
is an inmate & date  
of entry - S.E.

30-day notice to Pen. at  
So. Branch - S.E.

To William M. & Richard  
Gover for Causes of Dep. S.E.

To Clt's atty that he cannot  
be recognized as atty of  
record in claims - S.E.

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State of Virginia;

Elizabeth City County, to-wit:

On the 1st day of September, 1904,  
personally appeared before me, James  
Mulden, who being duly sworn, deposes,  
and saith as follows:-

I hereby certify that - instead of my  
deserting my wife, Rebecca Mulden, she  
has deserted me, and I have reason to  
believe and doth believe that - should  
she the said, Rebecca Mulden, receive  
half of my pension, <sup>which</sup> she claims that -  
she would use it - for a person not -  
entitled to same, as she has not -  
been a true wife to me since the  
Civil War, from which service I re -  
ceive my pension.

James Mulden (Seal)

State of Virginia, County of Elizabeth City, to-wit:

I, H. H. HOLT, Clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do  
certify that L. E. Smith whose signature is attached to the foregoing

certificate is, and was at the time of the signing the same, a Justice of the Peace  
in and for the said county duly commissioned and qualified and authorized, by virtue of his office to take  
acknowledgments and administer oaths; I further certify, that I am well acquainted with the hand-  
writing of the said Justice of the Peace and verily  
believe his signature to the foregoing proof or acknowledgment to be genuine,  
and that his attestation is in due form of law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the  
said court this 1st day of September 1904, and in  
the 129<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

No tax  
Pension  
K.K.K.

K.K.K.

Clerk.

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K. 45 U.S.C. 284

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SEP 2 1904  
OFFICE

State of Virginia,  
Elizabeth City County, to-wit: September 1904.  
personally appeared before me, James  
Madden, who being duly sworn, deposes  
and says as follows:-

I hereby certify that instead of my  
deposing my wife, Rebecca Madden, she  
has deposed me, and I have reason to  
believe and doth believe that should  
she say, Rebecca Madden, receive  
half of my pension, <sup>which</sup> she claims that  
she would use it for a person not  
entitled to same, so she has not  
been a true wife to me since she  
left her, from which service I re-  
ceive my pension.

James Madden (Deaf)

State of Virginia,  
Elizabeth City County, to-wit:  
J. C. Smith, a Justice of the Peace  
of the County aforesaid, do certify that  
James Madden has required the free-  
ing writing before in my County  
aforesaid.  
Given my hand this 1st day of Sept, 1904.  
J. C. Smith

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James

Order from the court



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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Recd of 66th St

REBECCA MAULDEN,

~~N.E. COR. GREENWAY & SHIELDS.~~

921027

JULY 22 1907

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

5227 Arch Street  
1/2

CASE OF

James

IS AN INMATE OF SO. BRANCH, N.H.D. VS.

PO. K. 45 U.S.C. Inf.

I am the lawful wife of  
James Maulden who  
has deserted me. I  
receive one half of his  
pension under certificate  
No. 921027 dated July  
1907.

Rebecca <sup>her</sup> ~~Maulden~~  
mark

Witness.

Arnold Y B

5227 - Arch Street

I certify I have this day personally  
the above named pensioner and  
certified she is the pensioner that  
represents herself to be.

July 8, 1911

Special



June 7/17.

The orig. voucher-check  
was by me handed  
to Mr. Ray, Law Clerk,  
Auditor for Interior Dep.,  
this morning. He stated  
that he would furnish  
a certified photo.

All of the force of  
the Pension division  
was out on account  
of the Confederate  
Vets' parade and  
hence I could not  
withdraw my receipt  
for the voucher-check.

Geo. C. Stewart



Department of Justice.

OFFICE OF

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,

EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

330 POST OFFICE BUILDING,

9TH AND MARKET STREETS,

PHILADELPHIA.

BELL TELEPHONE, WALNUT 2213

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"UNITED STATES ATTORNEY"  
AND REFER TO  
FILE NUMBER

1818

February 27, 1920.

Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to advise you that in June 1917, there was referred to this office the matter of the alleged violation of the Pension Laws by one Richard Maulden, and an indictment as of 54 March 1917 was found against him. He, however, was never arrested and his whereabouts remain unknown. The Attorney General in a desire to clear the dockets of all cases in which prosecutions are not likely to be had, directed the entry of a Nol Pros, and this action was taken to-day.

The papers belonging to the files of your office are herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

*Francis Fisher Kane*  
United States Attorney.



MKM/MEF



*Receipt of these papers a/c'd. to  
Dir. Atty. by circular. JP. 3/5/20*



WASHINGTON, D.C.

Room of 66th St.

REBECCA MAULDEN,

~~N.E. COR. GREENWAY & SHIELDS.~~

921027

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pension under Certificate  
No. 921027 dated July 22,  
1907.

Rebecca F. Maulden  
mark

Witness.

Wm. Y. Smith

5227 - Arch Street

I certify I have this day personally interviewed  
the above named pensioner and I am  
satisfied she is the person that she  
represents herself to be.

July 8, 1911

W. S. Baldwin  
Special Examiner



LAW DIVISION.

*W.H.M.*

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C. September 9, 1904.

Mr. James Maulden,

Southern Branch, National Home, D. V. S.,

National Soldiers' Home, Va.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your affidavit of recent date, which you file in the claim of your wife, Rebecca Maulden, under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one half your pension, as of Company K, 45 United States Colored Volunteer Infantry, certificate number 921,027, and in which you state that you did not desert your wife, but that on the contrary she deserted you, and you are advised that this claim was admitted under the third proviso of the Act above cited, on the ground that you were an inmate of a branch of the National Home, D. V. S., that she was your lawful wife, and a woman of good moral character and in necessitous circumstances. Desertion did not enter as a factor in this claim, and could not have been considered as such under the declaration filed by the beneficiary September 9, 1903, as the date of the alleged desertion was May, 1903, a period of less than six months before the declaration was executed.



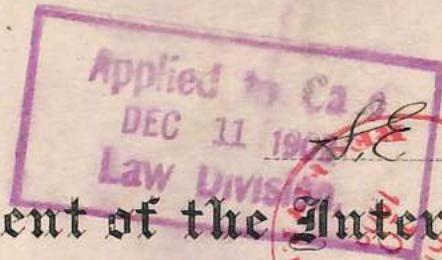
You were advised of the filing of this claim, and were given every opportunity to furnish such evidence as you might desire in defense of your pension, and the evidence which you did file in no way affected the wife's claim, and the same was accordingly admitted, and the United States Pension Agent was, under date of June 25, 1904, directed to make payment of one half your pension to the beneficiary.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.



3-402.  
(Old No. 3-083.)



Ex'r

Law

Div.

No. 921077

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5 1903

Sir:

To aid in the settlement of the above-entitled claim for pension,  
kindly advise this Bureau as to the standing in the community and  
general reputation for truth of Edward G. Smedley

James E. Armstrong

Please return this letter, with your reply below, in the inclosed  
envelope.

Very respectfully,

The Postmaster,

Westtown  
Pa.

C. F. Ware

Commissioner.

Dec - 8<sup>th</sup>, 1903

Sir:

In reply to the above inquiry you are informed that The  
standing in the community and general  
reputation for truth of Edward G. Smedley  
and James E. Armstrong are of the very best.

Kittie C. Taylor

The Commissioner of Pensions.

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Act of March 3rd, 1899.

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

Law

Div.

*S.E.*, Ex'r.

*J.M.D.*  
Ctf. No. 921027

-James Maulden,

K, 45 U.S.C.V.I.

Rebecca Maulden,

# Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13, 1904., 190

SIR:

In the above-entitled claim, *in - in - law* Mr. William D. Smith, whose

P. O. address was 719 June St., Philadelphia, Pa.

[Give street and number]

testified before George Clement, a Notary Public

in Philadelphia county, Pa., on Feb. 5, 1904, 190

that the pensioner has been to all intents and purposes in desertion of the claimant ever since about Sept., 1902; before that for a long time he failed to contribute toward her support; she left her home at Westtown, Pa., because he had gone and she could not stay there in the woods and support herself, so she went to her daughter's house in Philadelphia, Pa., and remained there, they supporting her while there; that the pensioner came to affiant's house and stayed there because he had no other place apparently to go, but while the pensioner and claimant were at intervals in the same house, he did not speak to the claimant, while she did at times make an effort to make up their troubles; that the claimant sued him for support, and he promised the court that he would contribute toward her support, but he failed to keep his promise.

(Deposition should NOT be taken. Return this inquiry endorsed with statement indicating affiant's knowledge of matters above set forth.)

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

The claimant's name and address is Rebecca Maulden, 719 June St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The attorney's,

Very respectfully,



The Chief of the  
Special Examination Division.

Chief Law Division.



Philadelphia, Pa. March 19, 1904

THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

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

William D. Smith, the witness referred to herein, and that his replies indicated full knowledge of the facts stated in his affidavit.

I further certify that his reputation for veracity is fair.

His wife is a daughter of Rebecca Maulden.

Rodney Chipp,  
Special Examiner.

Witness states that soldier and his wife lived together as man and wife in his house for more than one year. That they paid no board. That he left in May 1903. when he got his pension that month and he has not been back since, and has not sent her any money. That she has not written him, nor has he written her. States that he allowed soldier to remain without paying board for his wife, or himself because he promised to pay. Has heard of his being in the neighborhood since but has not seen him and is sure he has not been to see his wife, and has not given her any money, or paid anything toward her support since May 1903. and for some time before.

Soldier's wife has lived with him since May 1903. is too old to work and has no money, no means of support. She brought suit for support prior to May 1903. Soldier promised to support her but did not contribute. They did speak to each other up to May 1903. and did sleep together, but have not been in same house since that date.

Div.

Law

No. 921077

James Maulden  
45-46 St. C. V. J.  
Rebecca Maulden

Name of witness:

William D. Smith

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, 1904

Respectfully referred to Mr.

Rodney Chipp, Special

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

By direction of the Commissioner:

M. A. Stewart,  
Chief, S. E. Division.

1904

Respectfully returned to the Chief of the

Division.

Chief, S. E. Division.

Case 304 on.



Act of March 3rd, 1899.

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

Law

Div.

Ex'r.

Ctf. No. 921027

-James Maulden,

K, 45 U.S.C.V.I.

Rebecca Maulden,

# Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13, 1904., 190

SIR:

In the above-entitled claim, Annie G. Smith, whose

P. O. address was 719 June St., Philadelphia, Pa.

[Give street and number]

testified before George Clement, a Notary Public

in Philadelphia county, Pa., on Feb. 5, 1904, 190

that the pensioner has been to all intents and purposes in desertion of the claimant ever since about Sept., 1902; before that for a long

time he failed to contribute toward her support; she left her home at Westtown, Pa., because he had gone and she could not stay there in the woods and support herself, so she went to her daughter's house in Philadelphia, Pa., and remained there, they supporting her while there; that the pensioner came to affiant's house and stayed there because he had no other place apparently to go, but while the pensioner and claimant were at intervals in the same house, he did not speak to the claimant, while she did at times make an effort to make up their troubles; that the claimant sued him for support, and he promised the court that he would contribute toward her support, but he failed to keep his promise.

(Deposition should NOT be taken. Return this inquiry endorsed with statement indicating affiant's knowledge of matters above set forth.)

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

The claimant's name and address is Rebecca Maulden, 719 June St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The attorney's,

Very respectfully,



The Chief of the  
Special Examination Division.

Chief Law Division.



Philadelphia, Pa. March 19, 1904. 190

THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

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

Annie G. Smith, the witness referred to herein, and that h

replies indicated full knowledge of the facts stated in h affidavit.

I further certify that h~~er~~ reputation for veracity is said to be good.

Witness is a daughter.

*Rodney Chipp*  
Special Examiner.

Witness states that soldier and his wife lived in her house for over a year prior to May 1903. That they spoke to each other but did not sleep together. That no board was paid by soldier for his wife or himself. That they allowed him to remain and boarded him on his promise to pay. That he took his "pension papers" in May 1903. and did not return, and has not been there since. That neither has written the other, and that he has not sent any money to his wife or to pay for her board. She brought suit against him about March 1903. and as he promised to support her she did not have him "locked up", but he has not contributed anything toward her support since, nor for a long time prior.

Her mother is old, and unable to work, and has no money or means of support. Is entirely dependent upon witness.

Understands that soldier is in the Soldiers Home in Va. That he is good for nothing.

Div.

No. 921027

*Jankus Maulden*  
1245 N. W. C. V. S.

*Rebecca Maulden*

Name of witness

*Annie G. Smith*

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, FEB 17 1904, 190

Respectfully referred to Mr.

*Rodney Chipp*  
Special Examiner at Philadelphia - Pa.  
who will interview the witness and report on h credibility. No deposition should be taken unless it appears that the affidavit sets forth matters not within the witness' personal knowledge, but if taken, it should be made on the usual deposition-blank and attached hereto; and should show what the witness personally knows of the facts, h means of knowledge, and any improper practice in connection with the preparation of the affidavit.  
By direction of the Commissioner:

Chief, S. E. Division.

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Respectfully returned to the Chief of the

Division.

Chief, S. E. Division.

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Law Div. Act of March 3, 1899.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, JUN 23 1904, 190

Ctf. No. 921027

Soldier, James Maulden

Service, K 45 U.S.C.V.I.

Respectfully referred to  
Chief of South Div.  
with the request that a thorough  
search be made of the files for  
evidence relating to above-named  
claim under the Act of March 3,  
1899.

~~Please~~ endorse below whether  
or not any evidence has been  
found.

*S. M. Lundy*  
Chief of Law Division.

Chief of Law Division:

Files have been searched and

no evidence found.



Chief South Division.



December 12<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Respectfully returned  
to Honorable B. F. Ware, Commissioner  
of Pensions, Washington D. C. with  
the information that Wm. T.  
De Vaughn, a member of this Branch  
re admitted Oct. 15-1903, and  
David Woodward also a member  
admitted August 8, 1897, were reported  
by their respective company commanders  
to be men of reliability and  
truthfulness, as far as they know.

Yours Truly,  
Governor.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.



Edelsheim  
H. E. L. B. L.  
LAW DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

December 7, 1903.



Act of March 3, 1899.

LAW DIVISION.

L.B.L.

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.,

December 7, 1903.

Governor of Southern Branch N. H. D. V. S.,  
National Soldiers Home, Virginia.

Sir:

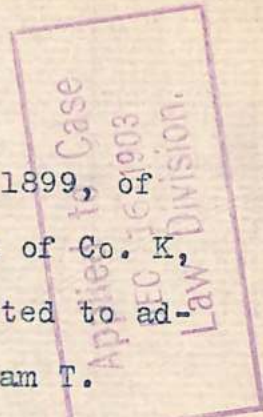
Relative to the claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Rebecca Maulden as the deserted wife of James Maulden of Co. K, 45th U. S. C. V. I., Ctf. No. 921,027, you are requested to advise this Bureau of the reputation for truth of William T. Devaughn and David Woodyard who appear to be inmates of the Home under your command.

An early reply with the information desired will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

*O. F. Ware*

Commissioner.





After.....days, return to

*James Mendenhall*  
*see name on card*

Applied to Case  
MAY 20 1904  
LAW DIVISION



To the Commissioner of Pension  
Washington  
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National Soldier's Home on  
May 13th 1904

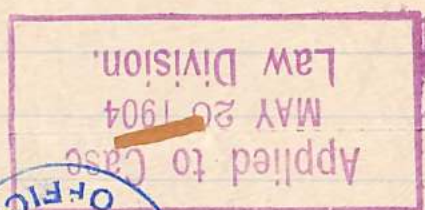
Dear Sir

Your last letter has been  
Received but I did not get it  
until the 9th of this month  
I send you a copy of the  
Letter I received from the  
man I rented the house from  
before and you will see that  
my wife made a misstatement  
I reference to the 6 month period  
of the execution of her declaration  
I am waiting for her to have  
one half of my pension until  
September and after that,  
Am I not certain I can show  
cause why she is not entitled  
to the same at which time I



Shall go home and settled  
things, as I shall be home  
30 days hoping this nice  
meet with your approval.  
I am yours truly

James M. Menden  
not yet home va  
to etc





Act of March 3, 1899  
MAY 18 1904  
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Westtown Pa  
December 17<sup>th</sup> 1903

Friend James Maulden

Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> at hand  
I cannot give you the date of the  
Month in which your son Richard  
rented the house of me, but it was  
in February 1895.

I am glad to learn that you  
are in good health, I will close  
wishing you a merry Christmas.

Yours Respectfully  
Henry F. Pierce.



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MAY 20 1904  
Law Division.



LAW DIVISION.

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Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

B.E.S.

*W*

Washington, D. C., September 16, 1903.

Mrs. Rebecca Maulden,

719 June St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Referring to your claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one-half the pension granted James Maulden, Co. K., 45th U. S. C. Vol. Inf., Ctf. No. 921,027, you are advised that it is necessary for you to file your own sworn statement showing all the facts and circumstances leading up to and causing the alleged desertion of you by the pensioner, and this statement should be supported by the testimony of two witnesses having personal knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

You should also furnish a certified transcript of the proper public records, showing your marriage to the soldier in 1851. If no record was made, you should so state under oath, and the evidence now on file will be considered.

You should also furnish the evidence of two witnesses in support of your allegations that you are in necessitous circumstances





*Act of March 3rd, 1899.*

LAW DIVISION.

*W.D.* *St.*

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

B.E.S.

Washington, D. C., February 13, 1904.

Mrs. Rebecca Maulden,  
719 June St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Referring to your claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one-half the pension granted James Maulden, Co. K., 45th U. S. C. Vol. Inf., Ctf. No. 921,027, you are advised that it appears from your affidavit of February 2, 1904, that you at one time sued the pensioner for separate maintenance and support. If this be a fact, you are required to file in this Bureau without unnecessary delay, a certified transcript of the court records showing such action for separate maintenance, and what disposition was made of the same, for which purpose fifteen days from the receipt of this letter will be allowed you.

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,

*J. L. Davenport*  
Acting Commissioner



LAW DIVISION.

S. C.

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

B.E.S.

Washington, D. C., February 12, 1904.

Mrs. Rebecca Maulden,  
719 June St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Referring to your claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one-half the pension granted James Maulden, Co. K., 45th U. S. C. Vol. Inf., Ctf. No. 921,027, you are advised that it appears from your affidavit of February 2, 1904, that you at one time sued the pensioner for separate maintenance and support. If this be a fact, you are required to file in this Bureau without unnecessary delay, a certified transcript of the court records showing such action for separate maintenance, and what disposition was made of the same, for which purpose fifteen days from the receipt of this letter will be allowed you.

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

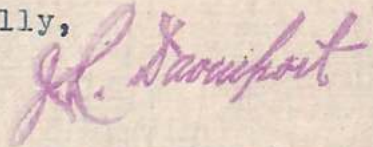


and that you are not possessed of any property, real, personal, or mixed, that you have no money or income, and that your only means of support is your earnings from your daily labor.

Thirty days from the receipt of this letter will be allowed you in which to comply with the requirements herein.

It may be proper to add that John Wainwright can not be recognized as your attorney for the reason that he acted as notary public in the execution of your declaration and of the affidavits in your claim.

Very respectfully,



Acting Commissioner.





[Form No. 28]

SOUTHERN BRANCH, NATIONAL HOME FOR D.V.S.

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JUN 29 1903

1901.

TO THE HON. COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR:

I have the honor to report that

late *James M. Auden*  
*K* Co. *45* Reg't *uscola*

Pensioner, Certificate No. *921027* was *Admitted to*

this Branch on the *29* day of *June 1903*

, and to request that his name be transferred from the rolls of the

*Philadelphia* Agency to the rolls of the  
*Washington* Agency at

Very Respectfully,

*O. A. Beeson*

Treasurer.



LAW DIVISION.

*S.E.*

B.E.S.

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C., September 16, 1903.

Mr. John Wainwright,  
Wilmington, Del.

Sir:

You are hereby advised in accordance with the Rules of Practice of this Bureau, that you can not be recognized as the attorney of record for Mrs. Rebecca <sup>u</sup>Malden in her claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one-half the pension granted James <sup>u</sup>Malden, Co. K., 45th U. S. C. Vol. Inf., Ctf. No. 921,027, for the reason that you acted as notary public in the execution of her declaration and the affidavits in her claim.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.



LAW DIVISION.

*S.E.*

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

B.E.S.

Washington, D. C., September 16, 1903.

Mrs. Rebecca <sup>u</sup>Malden,  
^

719 June St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Referring to your claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one-half the pension granted James <sup>u</sup>Malden, Co. K., 45th U. S. C. Vol. Inf., Ctf. No. 921,027, you are advised that it is necessary for you to file your own sworn statement showing all the facts and circumstances leading up to and causing the alleged desertion of you by the pensioner, and this statement should be supported by the testimony of two witnesses having personal knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

You should also furnish a certified transcript of the proper public records, showing your marriage to the soldier in 1851. If no record was made, you should so state under oath, and the evidence now on file will be considered.

You should also furnish the evidence of two witnesses in support of your allegations that you are in necessitous circumstances



and that you are not possessed of any property, real, personal, or mixed, that you have no money or income, and that your only means of support is your earnings from your daily labor.

Thirty days from the receipt of this letter will be allowed you in which to comply with the requirements herein.

It may be proper to add that John Wainwright can not be recognized as your attorney for the reason that he acted as notary public in the execution of your declaration and of the affidavits in your claim.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.



LAW DIVISION.

S.E.

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

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Washington, D. C., October 17, 1903.

Mr. James Maulden,  
Southern Branch, N. H. D. V. S.,  
National Soldiers' Home, Va.

Sir:

Referring to the claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Rebecca Maulden for half the pension granted you as of Co. K, 45th U. S. C. Vol. Inf., Ctf. No. 921,027, you are advised that your unsupported affidavit of recent date cannot be accepted as sufficient to establish the allegations contained therein, namely, that you did not desert the claimant, but that on the contrary she deserted you by leaving you in the fall of 1902, and going to live with your daughter in West Philadelphia. It is therefore necessary for you to file the testimony of two or more witnesses showing all the facts and circumstances leading up to and causing the separation. If it be a fact that your wife left you while living in a home which you had rented and properly maintained for her support, you should file your affidavit to that effect, and also the affidavit of the landlord, showing that you had rented suitable premises for yourself and



wife, and that you continued to live there for a period after the claimant left you.

You should also file your own sworn statement, supported by the testimony of two or more witnesses, showing that your conduct toward the claimant was not such as to oblige her to leave you. Also, if it be a fact that your daughter and son entered into an agreement to support your wife, you should file satisfactory evidence showing the terms of said agreement, with whom the same was made and for what consideration, and whether you were a party thereto.

You are further advised that the claimant has filed the testimony of two witnesses reported credible, tending to show that you have been more or less neglectful of your wife and children almost from the time of your marriage, that you are addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, and often left your wife and family, obliging her to maintain by her labor the support of herself and children.

In response to your request to have your wife's claim sent to the field for special examination, you are advised that the evidence does not warrant such action at this time.

Thirty days from this date will be allowed you in which to file such evidence in your defense and in rebuttal of your wife's allegations as you may see fit, and if at the expira-



tion of that time, no evidence is filed, you will be deemed to have abandoned the further defense of your pension, and action will be taken accordingly.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.



LAW DIVISION.

S.E. *SE*

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, 1904.

Mrs. Rebecca Maulden,  
719 June St .,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Referring to your claim, under the Act of March 3, 1899, for half the pension granted James Maulden, of Co. K, 45th U.S.C.V.I., Ctf. #921,027, you are advised that under date of Dec. 7, 1903, you were notified of the requirements necessary to complete your claim. No evidence having been filed, you are now advised that if at the expiration of fifteen days from the receipt of this letter the requirements therein indicated have not been complied with, you will be deemed to have abandoned the further prosecution of your claim, and action will be taken accordingly.

All evidence must be under oath, and the witnesses testifying in your behalf should state their ages, post-office addresses (giving street and number, if any), and how they know the facts to which they testify; and the officer administering the oaths should certify in his own handwriting, if he can consistently do so, as to their credibility.

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.



LAW DIVISION.

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Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.,

December 7, 1903.

Governor of Southern Branch N. H. D. V. S.,  
National Soldiers Home, Virginia.

Sir:

Relative to the claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Rebecca Maulden as the deserted wife of James Maulden of Co. K, 45th U. S. C. V. I., Ctf. No. 921,027, you are requested to advise this Bureau of the reputation for truth of William T. Devaughn and David Woodyard who appear to be inmates of the Home under your command.

An early reply with the information desired will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.



LAW DIVISION.

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Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C., December 7, 1903.

Mr. James Maulden,  
Southern Branch, N. H. D. V. S.,  
National Soldiers Home, Virginia.

Sir:

Referring to the claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Rebecca Maulden for half the pension granted you as of Co. K, 45th U. S. C. V. I., Ctf. No. 921,027, you are advised that the claimant has filed her own sworn statement, supported by the testimony of several witnesses reported credible, tending to show that she did leave you while residing at West Town, Pennsylvania, but that she was obliged to do so by reason of your failure for over eight years prior to properly provide for her support. She admits that you paid the house rent, but that you never contributed any thing towards a support for herself, and that she was obliged to make her own living by manual labor; that nearly all your pension and earnings were ~~entirely~~ used in debauchery and in the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.



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She denies that any agreement was entered into between her children whereby they were to provide for her for the rest of her life, but alleges that they are now supporting her out of charity and filial love. You will be allowed thirty days from the receipt of this letter within which to file such further evidence as you may deem necessary in the defense of your pension.

All evidence must be under oath, and the witnesses testifying in your behalf should state their ages, post office addresses (giving street and number) and their means of knowledge of the facts to which they testify, and their credibility should be certified as far as possible by the officer administering the oath and in his own handwriting.

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Inasmuch as Richard and William M. Gover reside in Wilmington, Delaware, and the separation appears to have occurred in Westtown, Pa., it is desired to know how said witnesses have personal knowledge of the facts to which they testify, relating to the separation between you and the pensioner.

Thirty days from this date will be allowed you in which to file such further evidence in the prosecution of your claim, and in rebuttal of the allegations of the pensioner, as you may desire, and if at the expiration of that time, no evidence is filed, you will be deemed to have abandoned the further prosecution of your claim, and action will be taken accordingly.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.



LAW DIVISION.

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Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

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Washington, D. C., October 17, 1903.

Mrs. Rebecca Maulden,  
719 June St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Referring to your claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, as the deserted wife of James Maulden, of Co. K, 45th U. S. C. Vol. Inf., Ctf. No. 921,027, you are advised that the pensioner has filed his sworn statement, in which he denies having deserted you some eight years ago, but alleges that you and he were living together as man and wife until the fall of 1902, when you left him to live with a daughter in West Philadelphia, Pa. He alleges that at the time you left him, you and he were living together in Westtown, Pa., in a house rented with his money, and that he continued to live on the same premises until he was taken ill and was obliged to enter the Soldiers' Home. He also alleges that your son and daughter have agreed to take care of you as long as you live. It appears from allegations made by you that the pensioner deserted you about eight years ago and disappeared about one year ago, while the pensioner alleges that you left him, as



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Rebecca Maulden

Apr 9/04.

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James Maulden,  
J.R.D.

Age. Sept /51, ✓

Prior Cet. no. ✓

Prior Sold. no ✓

Dis. no ✓

Desert. <sup>1 yr.</sup> Synago. ✓

Char. ✓

Need. ✓

Ass. Recd.

Prop. no. ✓

Inc. no. Day Lab. ✓

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Atty.

ADJUDGMENT.  
PENSIONER AN INMATE OF A BRANCH OF THE  
NATIONAL HOME, D. V. S., AND HIS LAWFUL WIFE  
BEING A WOMAN OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER  
AND IN NECESSITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

June 29/03



LAW DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C., February 10, 1904.

*J. R. D.*  
B. E. S.

Mrs. Rebecca Maulden,  
719 June Street,  
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It is necessary for you to file your own sworn statement explaining the conflicting statements above, and you should also state in your affidavit whether or not you and the pensioner lived in the relation of man and wife from the time that he returned and remained at your daughter's home, 719 June Street, until about May, 1903, when



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Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

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Washington, D. C., October 17, 1903.

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719 June St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Very respectfully,

*B. F. Ware*

Commissioner.





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be certified as far as possible by the officer administering the oaths and in his own handwriting.

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.



LAW DIVISION.

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Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C., December 7, 1903.

Mrs. Rebecca Maulden,  
719 June Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Madam:

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It is necessary for you to file your own sworn statement explaining the conflicting statements above and you should also state in your affidavit whether or not you and the pensioner lived in the relation of man and wife during the time that he



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returned and remained at your daughter's home, 719 June Street, until about May, 1903, when it appears he left your daughter's place and returned to the Soldiers Home. You should also advise the Bureau of the exact date of the last separation between you and the pensioner.

The pensioner has filed his sworn statement in which he denies that he is addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors to excess or that he did not properly provide for you.

You should also state under oath whether the only reason for your leaving the pensioner was that he appropriated all his pension and earnings for intoxicating liquors, or whether, in addition to his non-support, he in any way abused you or mistreated you.

Any statement that you may make should be supported, as far as possible, by the testimony of two or more credible, disinterested witnesses having personal knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

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The requirements indicated above should be fully complied with within <sup>15</sup>~~thirty~~ days from the receipt of this letter.

All evidence should be under oath, and the witnesses testifying in your behalf should state their ages, post office addresses (giving street and number) and their means of knowledge of the facts to which they testify, and their credibility should



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Act of March 3, 1899

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

B.E.S.

Washington, D. C., February 10, 1904.

Mr. James Maulden,

Southern Branch, N.H.D.V.S.,

National Soldiers Home, Va.

Sir:

Referring to the claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Rebecca Maulden for one-half the pension granted you as of Co. K., 45th U. S. C. Vol. Inf., Ctf. No. 921,027, you are advised that it appears from evidence in the claim that you went to Philadelphia in the fall of 1902, remained there during the winter until some time in May, 1903, when you left to become an inmate of the Soldiers Home. You are requested to advise the Bureau of the exact dates of your arrival and departure from your son-in-law's home, and also whether, during the time you lived there, you and the claimant resumed the relations of man and wife and occupied the same room; also whether there were any disagreeable relations between you and the claimant at the time of your departure in May, 1903, and if so, you should fully set forth the causes of the separation.



You are also at liberty to file any further evidence that you may desire in opposition to your wife's claim for one-half of your pension, for which purpose fifteen days from the receipt of this letter will be allowed you.

All evidence must be under oath, and the witnesses testifying in your behalf should give their ages and post office addresses with street and number, if any, and their means of knowledge of the facts to which they testify; and their credibility should be certified by the officer administering the oaths, if he can consistently do so, in his own hand-writing.

Please return this letter with your reply, if any.

Very respectfully,

*B. F. Ware*  
Commissioner.



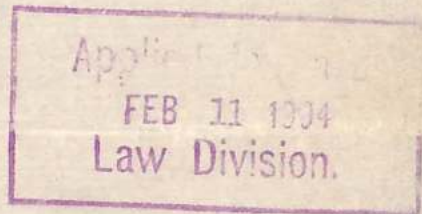
LAW DIVISION.

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Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan. 23, 1904.



Mrs. Rebecca Maulden,  
719 June St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.


Madam:

Referring to your claim, under the Act of March 3, 1899, for half the pension granted James Maulden, of Co. K, 45th U.S.C.V.I., Ctf. #921,027, you are advised that under date of Dec. 7, 1903, you were notified of the requirements necessary to complete your claim. No evidence having been filed, you are now advised that if at the expiration of fifteen days from the receipt of this letter the requirements therein indicated have not been complied with, you will be deemed to have abandoned the further prosecution of your claim, and action will be taken accordingly.

All evidence must be under oath, and the witnesses testifying in your behalf should state their ages, post-office addresses (giving street and number, if any), and how they know the facts to which they testify; and the officer administering the oaths should certify in his own handwriting, if he can consistently do so, as to their credibility.

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,

  
Commissioner.



She was working  
every day and getting  
a dollar a day and  
did not need any  
thing I gave  
and her children  
to her from me  
and said they could  
take better care of  
her than I could  
and they have her yet  
I did not leave her  
if she left me  
and I don't see why  
I should support her  
now, I will get those  
witnesses as soon  
as my head gets better

I have this dyspepsia  
yet but I will be  
soon

Yours James M. [unclear]





Department of the Interior,

Ex'r.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

OLD WAR AND NAVY DIVISION.

No.

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Dec 10 1903

Dear Sir

I received your letter  
and as to those

witnesses you spoke  
about in your letter

I can get them at  
any time you need

them. I can prove  
that she has not been  
a wife to me as to  
the support I did not  
have to do more than  
pay the rent



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Law Division.



107.  
ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

3-402.

Certificate No. 921027. Department of the Interior,  
Name, Maulden James BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

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

SIR:

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

Very respectfully,

McKay Grand  
Commissioner.

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

Answer. Rebecca Maulden Rebecca Govers

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

Answer. Rev William Tenery West Linn Chester County Pa

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. in Church of West Linn

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. David Maulden 1852 John Maulden 1856  
Ann J. Maulden 1861 Richard H. Maulden  
1867

Date of reply, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1898, James Maulden  
(Signature.)



State of Virginia } ss  
County of Elizabeth } ss

Personally came before me  
a Notary Public in and for the  
County of Elizabeth, duly authorized  
to administer oaths. William T  
Sevaughn aged 67, R.O. address  
Nat. Sal. House Va, and  
David Woodyard aged 66,  
R.O. address Nat. Sal. House Va,  
who being duly sworn  
testify as follows, to wit:  
We are personally acquainted  
with James Maule late  
Co. K, 45<sup>th</sup> U.S. C. Vol. Infy., Cert.  
No. 921,027 and have known  
him, Sevaughn 30 years, and  
Woodyard 15 years. Sevaughn  
worked with him, both knew  
him intimately and testify  
from personal knowledge,  
both state that he has always  
been a man of good  
industrious, temperate  
habits, that he was never  
what they would call a drinking  
man, though like other  
men he would take an





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ACT OF MARCH 3, 1899.



# Department of the Interior,

UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the order  
dated Sept 16/1903, to suspend payment of one-half the  
pension of James Maulden, certificate  
No. 921027 pending the adjudication of a claim filed under  
the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1899.

Very respectfully,

United States Pension Agent.

(For Law Division.)



NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, SOUTHERN BRANCH.

LOCAL MANAGER :

GOVERNOR:

COLONEL WM. THOMPSON.

MAJOR B. A. BEESON, TREASURER.

CAPTAIN JOHN H. GIFFORD, QUARTERMASTER.

MAJOR JOHN A. JOHNSTON, SURGEON.

COLONEL CHARLES CANDY, COM'Y OF SUBSISTENCE.

REV. JOS. H. BRADLEY, D. D., CHAPLAIN.

P. O. : NATIONAL SOLDIERS' HOME, ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

September 19th, 1903.

Honorable E. F. Ware,

Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

In response to yours of September 16th, 1903, I have the honor to state

there is no amount of suspended pension in the case of James Maulden,

Company E 45th Regiment U. S. C. V. Infantry, certificate number 921027.

Very respectfully,

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Treasurer.



it appears he left your daughter's place and returned to the Soldiers Home. You should also advise the Bureau of the exact date of the last separation between you and the pensioner.

The pensioner has filed his sworn statement in which he denies that he is addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors to excess, or that he did not properly provide for you.

You should also state under oath whether the only reason for your leaving the pensioner was that he appropriated all his pension and earnings for intoxicating liquors, or whether, in addition to his non-support, he in any way abused you or mistreated you.

Any statement that you may make should be supported, as far as possible, by the testimony of two or more credible, disinterested witnesses having personal knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

You were notified of the above requirements December 7, 1903, and January 23, 1904, but no response has thus far been made. If, at the expiration of fifteen days from the receipt of this letter, the requirements indicated have not been complied with, you will be deemed to have abandoned the further prosecution of your claim, and action will be taken accordingly.

All evidence must be under oath, and the witnesses testifying in your behalf should state their ages, post office addresses (giving street and number) and their means of knowledge of the facts to



Act of March 3, 1899

LAW DIVISION

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*J.M.D.*

*B.E.S.*

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C., February 10, 1904.

Mr. William D. Smith,  
719 June St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Rebecca Maulden for one-half the pension granted James Maulden, Co. K., 45th U. S. C. Vol. Inf., Ctf. No. 921,027, you are advised that it appears from the affidavit executed by you November 3, 1903, that the said James Maulden came to your house and was there the whole of last winter until last May, but he failed to support claimant while he was there; that he left in May and you do not know where he went, and that he has not been seen at your house since.

You are requested to file a statement showing the exact date that the pensioner came to your home and when he left in May, 1903, also showing whether, during the time he lived with you, he co-habited with the above claimant, and whether there were any disagreeable relations between them at the time of his leaving.



An early reply with the return of this letter, which may be transmitted in the enclosed penalty envelope without the payment of postage, will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

*B. F. Ware*  
Commissioner.

(Encl.)



Act of March 3, 1899.

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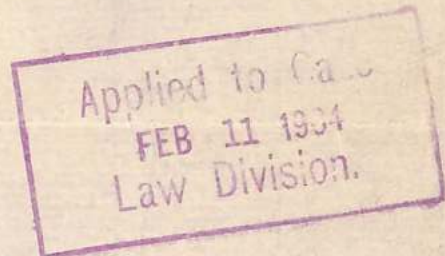
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Washington, D. C.

December 7, 1903.



Mrs. Rebecca Maulden,  
719 June Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



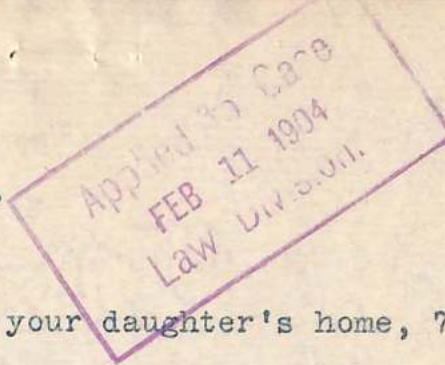
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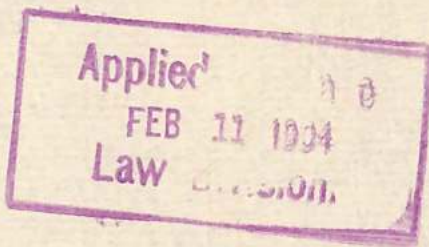
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*R. F. Ware*

Commissioner.





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Commissioner.