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Hon. W. A. Young & atty Tierney:
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July 19th.

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H.O. No. 347935

Act of June 27, 1890.

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Cynthia Spratley
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Madison Spratley

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Application filed:

Nov. 12, 1892

Attorney:

H. L. Willis

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Division

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., May 26, 1893

No. Claim, 347935-

Cert. No.

Claimant, Cynthia Spradley

Soldier, Meritt

Co. H, 37 Reg't U.S.C.T.

Respectfully referred to the
Chief of Southern Division
for payment of
claim: the paper
being no longer re-
quired in this division

See Cert. No. 820905-

Meritt Spradley
Meritt

Frank C. Anderson
W. P. Anderson
Chief of Law Division

#347.935

Widow of
Madison Spratley
Co. H-37. U.S.C. T.

Information is requested as to the present
condition of the above designated case. If
more evidence is required please advise
me in regard to the same.



Very respectfully,

H. Binkford

To the Commissioner of Pensions.

This form Fee Contract is prescribed by the Commissioner of Pensions and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, July 8, 1884, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 4, 1884.

TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST TO CLAIMANT.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

Whereas, I, Cynthia Spratley widow of
Madison Spratley
late a Capt in Company "H" of the 87 Regiment of U.S.
Col Troop Volunteers, War of 18 61, having made application for pension under
the laws of the United States:

NOW, THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH. That for and in consideration of services done
and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my Agent, NATHAN BICKFORD,
of WASHINGTON, D. C., the fee of Twenty-five (25) dollars,
which shall include all amounts to be paid for any service in furtherance of said claim; and said
fee shall not be demanded by or payable to my said Agent in whole or in part, except in case of the
granting of my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions, and that the same shall be paid to him in
accordance with the provisions of Sections 4768 and 4769 R. S.

Cynthia Spratley
Signature of Claimant.

P. O. Address Berkley Norfolk Co. Va.

Two Witnesses' signatures.

A. H. Rogers
Alice Swinson

STATE OF Virginia, COUNTY OF City of Norfolk, ss:

Be it known, That on this, the 23 day of May, A. D. 1888, personally
appeared Cynthia Spratley, the above named, who, after having had
read over to her in the hearing and presence of the two attesting witnesses the contents of the foregoing
Articles of Agreement, voluntarily signed and acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed.

Thos. P. Wanon Notary Public
Official Signature.

[L. S.]

And now, to wit, this 28th day of May, A. D. 1888, I accept the
provisions contained in the foregoing Articles of Agreement, and will, to the best of my ability, endeavor
faithfully to represent the interest of the claimant in the premises. I hereby certify I have
received from the claimant above named the sum of 0 dollars, and no more; 0
dollars being for fee, and the sum of 0 dollars being for postage and
other expenses; and that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without additional cost to the
claimant, as required by law, in excess of the fee above named, the said agent making no charge therefor.

Witness my hand the year and day above written.

N. Bickford

Signature of Agent

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STATE OF Dist Columbia, COUNTY OF Dist Columbia, ss:

Personally came NATHAN BICKFORD, whom I know to be the person he
represents himself to be, and who, having signed the above acceptance of agreement, acknowledged the
same to be his free act and deed.

[L. S.]

Official Signature.

Approved for 0 Dollars and payable to
NATHAN BICKFORD, OF WASHINGTON, D. C., the recognized attorney.

Commissioner of Pensions.

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No. 347,935

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FOR PENSION.

Agreement as to Fees.

FILED BY

NATHAN BICKFORD,

Attorney for Claimant,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE TO CLAIMANT.

THIS CONTRACT IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE LAW, BUT NOT COMPULSORY.

READ THE FOLLOWING COPY OF THE STATUTE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled. * * *

Sec. 3. That section 4785 of the Revised Statutes is hereby re-enacted and amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 4785. No agent or attorney or other person shall demand or receive any other compensation for his services in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than such as the Commissioner of Pensions shall direct to be paid to him, not exceeding \$25; nor shall such agent, attorney, or other person demand or receive such compensation, in whole or in part, until such pension or bounty-land claim shall be allowed: *Provided*, That in all claims allowed since June 20, 1878, where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Pensions that the fee of \$10, or any part thereof, has not been paid, he shall cause the same to be deducted from the pension, and the pension agent to pay the same to the recognized attorney."

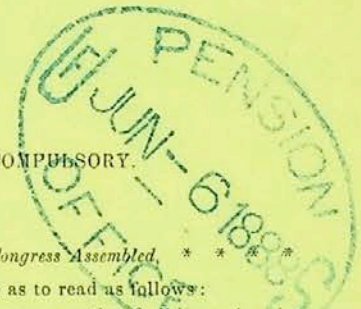
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And if in the adjudication of any claim for pension in which such articles of agreement have been or may hereafter be filed, it shall appear that the claimant had, prior to the execution thereof, paid to the attorney any sum for his services in such claim, and the amount so paid is not stipulated therein, then every such claim shall be adjudicated in the same manner as though no articles of agreement had been filed, deducting from the fee of \$10 allowed by law such sum as claimant shall show that he has paid to his said attorney.

Any agent, or attorney, or other person instrumental in prosecuting any claim for pension or bounty land, who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, or receive, or retain any greater compensation for his services or instrumentality in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than is herein provided, or for payment thereof at any other time or in any other manner than is herein provided, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of the pension or claim allowed and due such pensioner or claimant, or the land-warrant issued to any such claimant, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for every such offense be fined not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

APPROVED JULY 4, 1894.



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Division

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D., Oct 29, 1897

No. Claim,

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Cert. No.

Claimant,

Cynthia Sprattly

Soldier,

Madison Sprattly

Co. E,

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Respectfully

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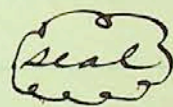
Power of Attorney

Know all men by these presents that
I Cynthia Spratley, Widow of Madison
Spratley Dec^d of Company B. 37. 20. 8. C. I.
of Berkeley Village Norfolk County ~~in~~ in
the state of Virginia have made,
constituted and appointed and by these
presents do constitute and appoint Wm
H. W. Wills Esq of Washington D. C.
my true and lawful Attorney irrevocable,
for me and in my name, place and stead,
hereby annulling and revoking all former
Powers of Attorney or authorizations whatever
in the premises to her claim for a pension
No 4.347.935 as the widow of Madison
Spratley that her claim has been filed some
10 or 11 months ago her said husband died
at Green Ridge Norfolk County state of
Virginia he ~~date~~ died in the month of
April 1868. and to and from time to
time furnish any further evidence nec-
essary or that may be demanded, giving
and granting to my said Attorney full
power and authority to do and perform
all and every act and thing whatsoever
 requisite and necessary to be done in and
about the premises. as fully to all intents
and purposes as I might or could do

if personally present at the doing thereof,
with full power of substitution and revocation,
and to receipt and sign all vouchers,
herely ratifying and confirming all that
my said attorneys may or shall lawfully
do or cause to be done by virtue here
of And I hereby request that any certifi-
cates or drafts in payment thereof be sent
to me in care of my said attorneys.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my
hand and seal this the 8th day of
September eighteen hundred and eighty
seven

Cynthia ^{her} Spratley



Witness

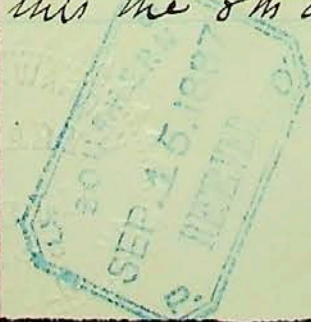
Geo. R. Wilson
T. A. Rogers

State of Virginia

City of Norfolk to wit-

I Tho. P. Warner a Notary Public for the
Corporation aforesaid in the state of Vir-
ginia do certify that Cynthia Spratley
whose name is signed to the writing above
bearing date the 8th of September 1887 has
acknowledged the same before me in my
Corporation aforesaid. Given under my hand
this the 8th day of September 1887.

Tho. P. Warner
Notary Public.



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Widow

No. 34 7936-
Name, Merritt Spradley
Co. A. 37 Reg't U.S.C. Inf.
P. O. Widow, Berkley, Va.
Enlisted June 12, 1864
Discharged Feb. 11, 1867
Incurrence of Disability _____, 18__

Department of the Interior, F.H.W.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25, 1888.

Chief Army and Navy Survivors' Division:

Please give the present post-office address of the following-named soldiers for use in above case.

W. J. Ferguson
Chief So. Div.

NAME.	COMPANY.	REGIMENT.	PRESENT P. O. ADDRESS.
Capt. Geo. A. Bailey	H. 37	U.S.C. Inf.	<u>Tok on file.</u>
1 st Lt. Horace E. Whitfield	"	"	<u>Dead.</u>
" Geo. W. Singer	"	"	<u>Tok on file.</u>
" Waldo F. Hayward	"	"	"
✓ " John B. Algate	"	"	<u>clerk C. Div. Pensioning Office</u> <u>1727-10th St. N. W. Washington D. C.</u>
✓ 2 nd Lt. Emmet Crawford	"	"	<u>Dead.</u>
" James E. Withington	"	"	<u>Tok on file.</u>
" Geo. A. Drake	"	"	"
Sgt. John Murphy	"	"	"
Pvt. James Smith	"	"	"
" John W. Robinson	"	"	"
" Lee Jones	"	"	"

Respectfully returned to Chief
information as far as known.

Frank A. Butler
Division with the desired

Chief Army and Navy Survivors' Division.

Nov 1, 1888.

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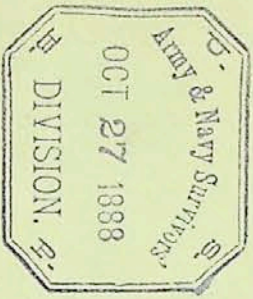
LIST OF

OFFICERS AND COMRADES.

"H. 37" Reg't M. & C. Co.

FOR USE IN CLAIM

Number No. 347935



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1. *Eliza Simpson*

Cynthia her Spratley
(Signature of claimant.)

2. *R. Dix Ames*
(Two persons who can write sign here as witnesses.)

Berkeley Norfolk Co. Va.
(Post-office address. Give town or city, county and State.)

State of *Virginia* County of *City of Norfolk*, ss:

BE IT KNOWN, that on this the *19th* day of *September* A. D. 188*7*, personally
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Thos P. Warden
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public

AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE.

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[L. S.]

COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL.

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Commissioner of Pensions.

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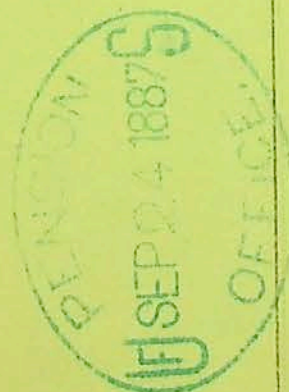
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W. H. WILLS & CO.,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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W. H. WILLS & CO.,

ATTY

Madison D. Smith
For
No. 37
Reg. U.S. Pat. & Tm. Off.
U.S. Pension

Agreement for Fees
Cyphus D. Jewell

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Portsmouth

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M. V. TIERNEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
604 and 606 Fifth St.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To the

Bureau of Pensions.

Application No.

347935

Certificate No.

NAME OF CLAIMANT:

Cynthia Stratley

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Madison Stratley

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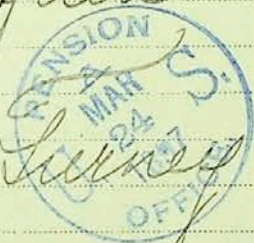
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INFORMATION DESIRED.

*Status of the above
indicated claim
is respectfully
requested
Power of
attorney here-
with filed*

M. V. Tierney



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E. E. R. Div.
E. E. R. Exr.

Madam No. 347.935 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Co. H. 37 Reg't. 1st U.S. Inf. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb 8, 1898

Address your reply to the Commissioner of
PENSIONS with return of this letter.

Madam:

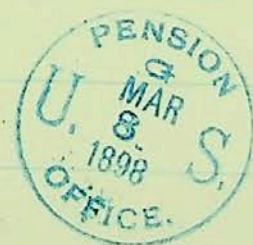
In response to the personal request of Hon William A. Young relative to the above cited claim for pension, you are advised that the records on file in the War Department fail to show that soldier served in Co. H. 37. U.S. Inf.

If possible the discharge certificate should be furnished if not the correct letter of the company and number of the regiment should be given, together with the names of commanding officers and dates of enlistment and discharge; also the correct name under

which soldier served and
enlisted

Very respectfully
A. C. Evans
Commissioner

Mrs Cynthia Spratley
No. 716. Queen St.
Portsmouth. Va



W O 347,935

DIV.

Washington, D. C.,

July 18 1900

Application No.

483899

Certificate No.

NAME OF APPLICANT:

Sydney Spradly

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Madison "Miss Meritt"

Co. H.

37

Reg't

U. S. C. & G.

INFORMATION DESIRED:

Prompt action is
asked in this
claim

J. T.

JAMES TANNER,

ATTORNEY.

Merrit Spradley

Private soldier enlisted
June 12, 1864, Wilson's Mass.
Ba. He was mustered
into service in Company
H. August 13, 1864 at
Point of Rocks Virginia.

Cynthia Spradley

Feb. 3 - 1903. f
Berkeley P. O.
Cal.



Cynthia Spradley
Wid.

Madison alias

Merritt Spradley

No. 453899

N. 37 W. T. C. S.

NO
247935

Abd

Filed by

James Tanner.

(3-248.)

CLAIM No. 347933

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

J. C. BLACK,
Commissioner.

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

_____, Examiner.

PAPERS NOT
BRIEFED.

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

Board of Rev. Division.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Feb. 27, 1892*

No Claim, *1.012.481, Inv.*

Cert. No. *347.935* *ibid.*

Claimant, *Cynthia Spradley*

Soldier, *Madison A. Merritt Spradley*

Co. *H.*, *37th Reg't U.S.C. Infy*

Respectfully referred to the *Acting*

Chief of the *D. & E. Division*

for special examination to

determine the questions of

identity, &c. &c. as set forth

in *let.* of Chief of Southern

Division *sent attached.*

E. W. G. Smith
Rev.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

MAR 5 1892

Special Exam'n Division.

Special Examination
Approved.

John B. Pearson

Chief of Division.

Southern

Division.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Feb 20*, 1892.

No. Claim, *347 935*

Cert. No.

Claimant *Cynthia Spradley*

Soldier, *Merritt Spradley*

Co. *H*, *34* Reg't *U.S. Vol. Inf.*

Respectfully referred to Chief
Board of Review, with a
view to submitting the
case for special ex-
amination to determine
the soldier's identity and whether
he is still living or dead.
An Invalid claim under
the new Law is pending
on account of the service
of the above named soldier.
The Adjutant General's
report fails to show that
two men served under the
same name in Co. "H", 34th
U.S. Inf. Should the death

Chief of *Southern* Division.

Henry E. E.

Division.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., _____, 18____

No. Claim, _____

Cert. No. _____

Claimant, _____

Soldier, _____

Co. _____, Reg't _____

Respectfully of the order by
satisfactorily established,
then the correct date
of claimant's marriage
should be ascertained as
her statements differ on this
point in her declarations.
The examination should be
extended to learn the army
origin and continuance of
the soldier's fatal disease,
and the correct date and
immediate cause of his
death inasmuch as the
claimant also has an
application pending under

Chief of ~~Division~~ Division.

Division.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., _____, 18____

No. Claim, _____

Cert. No. _____

Claimant, _____

Soldier, _____

Co. _____, Reg't _____

Respectfully the general law-
herewith. The case
should be thoroughly
investigated as a majority
of the witnesses testifying
sign by mark, and
their evidence as to dates
etc. is conflicting.

Order #46, complied
with. List of comrades
herewith.

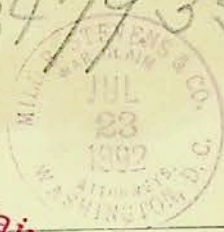
J. H. M. Schmidt

A. A. Chief of Southern Division.

Henry R. R.

Duplicate
(Assignment of Attorneyship Slip.)

OFFICE OF *See 347935*
Milo B. Stevens & Co.
WAR CLAIM
ATTORNEYS.



This claim is transferred to the schedule of claims in U.S. Pension Division.
The Commissioner of Pensions is hereby respectfully informed that the claim described below is one of the number included in the general assignment of pension claim business to MILO B. STEVENS AND Co., of
under date of *July 5* 189*2*
Henry A. Welch

Attorney of Record.

Claim of *Cynthia Spradley*
Widow of
Merrill Spradley
Late of Co. *H*
37 Regiment *U.S.C.*
for *Widow's Pension*
Act June 27 9*0* *#463,899*

(3-469.)

Bureau of Pensions.

Ad
Application No. *347933-*

Certificate No. _____

NAME OF SOLDIER,

Madison Spradley
Co. *A*, *97* Reg't *U.S.C.*

INFORMATION DESIRED.

Referred to
✓ Chief So. Div

✓
Andrew London

1st Depy Com^r



NATHAN BICKFORD,
CLAIMANTS' SOLICITOR,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Cynthia Spratley
widow of
Madison Spratley
Geo. No. 37th U. S. C. S.

Attention is called to
claimants affidavit
that the evidence filed
is the best obtainable
with the request that
the claim be made the
subject of Special
Examination.

Very respectfully
N. Bickford

1st DIVISION.—(To be filled by Ex'r.)

Invalid No. 349,935 Invalid Merritt Bradley

Filed 1890 June 12 1867 Service term'd by
1st ser. Co 37 Reg' Luxet from June 12 1867 to Feb 11 1867 M. O. ☒
Disability.
Ship (if Navy)..... Feb 11 1867 Desertion.
Death.

2d ser. Co....., Reg't....., from {....., 18-- } Service term'd by
to {....., 18-- } M. O.
Ship (if Navy)....., 18-- } Disability.
Desertion.
Death.

Date of invalid's death (if after service) allied Nov 15 1867

Did invalid apply for pension? yes

Was invalid a pensioner? no His Cert. No. ☒

Claim ~~NOT~~ made under act of June 27, 1890.

2d DIVISION.—(To be filled by Rev'r.)

Did invalid die of pensioned disability?.....

If not, cause of death.....

Number of minor children pensionable.....

Claim allowed....., 18-- Rates \$..... from....., 18--

\$..... from....., 18--

If pension terminates, date....., 18-- Cause:.....

3d DIVISION.—(To be filled by Cert. Div.)

Cert. No. Value of issue at date, \$.....

Dated....., 189 ..

4th DIVISION.—Rejection.—(To be filled by Ex'r.)

Date,....., 18-- Cause: Death cause not in line of duty.

Death cause since service. Service not legal. Not legal widow.

Unable to file necessary evidence. If other cause, state it

STATISTICS.

REBELLION SERVICE.—WIDOW.

Age at enlistment, _____
Service in months, _____
Age when pensioned, _____
Amount of 1st payment, _____
to _____ *4th, 189* , \$ _____
P. O. Address, _____
Date of death, _____
Age at death, _____

Soldier's identity and death
 not established - this data
 cannot be given.

NOTE.—This blank will be filled up by the parties designated. In giving service, cause of termination of service, nature of case, and cause of rejection strike out unnecessary words. If claim is made under act of June 27, 1890, strike out word "not" above, then forward slip to Finance Division. The word "invalid" refers to soldier or sailor throughout this slip. Send to A. & N. S. Div.

Geo B Raum

Commissioner.

Madison Spratley

Dec. 13. 86 With Orig 347.935 ^{old} _{can}

Merrill Spratley

Sept 2. 90 With Orig.

483 899²

must be Tom's claims Snell

Do. *Feb 26* DIV.
Washington, D. C., 189 *4*

Application No. *483,899.*

Certificate No.

NAME OF APPLICANT:

Cynthia Spradley

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Madison Spradley

Co. *H. 37*, Regt. *U.S.C.*

INFORMATION DESIRED:

*Given under act
June 27-1890. ap-
pears to be com-
plete. Early action
is required.*

JAMES TANNER,

ATTORNEY.

Bureau of Pensions.

Claim awaits
Correct Service
of Madison Sprattly
until that is
furnished. No
further steps can
be taken.

In Off No. 820902
Und Orig No 347935

Keep these Claims together
until Widow's is disposed of.

Yours
G. W.

Wid. orig. 347935
Claimants are requested to keep us whole in the matter
of postage.
Return this slip with your reply.

Office of W. H. WILLS & CO.,

Claim Attorneys.

P. O. Box 89, 421 4th STREET, N. W.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 27 1887.

Case of Cynthia Shattley

No. London of

Madison Shattley

"H" 37 U. S. C. T.

Respectfully referred
to the Hon. Commis-
sioner Pensions who
is requested to advise
us, as early as
practicable, of the
condition of the
above mentioned
claim to enable us
to respond thereto.

W. H. Wills & Co.

Norfolk, Va., Nov 16th 1887.

Messrs W. H. Wills & Co

Gents,

Please inform
me at your earliest convenience
whether or not any thing further has
been done with my claim, it has
now been nearly two months since
I have heard from you, your
early attention will very greatly oblige

Yours truly

Cynthia Spratley

Address me at-
Washington }
Berkley Va }

Orig. ind. No 347935

Claimants are requested to keep us whole in the matter of postage.
Return this slip with your reply.

Office of W. H. WILLS & CO.,

Claim Attorneys.

P. O. Box 89, 421 4th STREET, N. W.

Washington, D. C., Nov 19 1887.

Case of Mrs. Cynthia Spratley
No.

Widow Madison Spratley
Co H. 37th U. S. C. F.

Sir:
Please furnish us
as soon as possible
the status of the
claim cited above
and the evidence if
any to complete.

Very respectfully,
W. H. Wills & Co.

To the Hon

Commissioner of Pensions.

Berkley Va

Dec 19 1887

Dear Sir

yours of the 19th of Nov has bin
Received and I will say in reply to you
as you asked for Evidence I have none Except
my Self you will please send me a card of
information whether there be any more Evidence
Required I have given all Evidence I have
I would be glad to hear from you soon

Very Respectfully

Cynthia Sprutley

Widows
No. 347,935
Madison Sprattley
Co. H. 37th U. S. Inf.

Sir:

This claimant has been
repeatedly informed as to the
evidence ~~not~~ required but it has
not yet been received.

Please to give me present condition
of the case if any change ~~since~~

Very respectfully,

H. Rinkford

To the Commissioner of Pensions.

347.935 Widows

Madison Sprattley

H. 37¹⁵ U.S.C.T.

Information is requested as to the present condition of the above designated case. If more evidence is required please to advise me in regard to the same.

Filed Dec. 9. 86.

Very respectfully,

NATHAN BICKFORD.

To the Commissioner of Pensions.

Berkley

Adolph Co. 7^a

Jan 31st 87

Mr John C. Black

Commissioner,

Dear Sir,

I

simply write to know if
the following claim has
as yet been considered -

viz: Widow No 347,933 -

Madison Sprabley Co. P. M. H. -

37 Regt. U. S. C. Inf -

An early reply will much

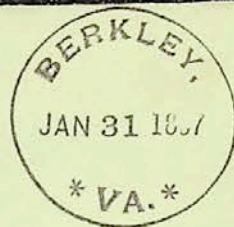
oblige you very Respectfully

Cynthia Sprabley

- P. O. as above -

Madison Spratley

Par H 37 W.S.C. Day.



At
Mr. Geo. C. Black, Commission,
Dept of the Interior
Pension Office
Washington D.C.

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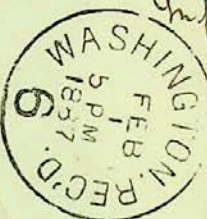
2. 347.936?

3. Spabley?

Madison Spabley?

X bo. 8? J. W. 37 the 8?

437-2108





Norfolk, Va. Feby 7th 1888.

Mr John C. Black
Commissioner of
Pensions }

Dear Sir,

Mrs Cynthia

Spratley of Berkley Norfolk County Va. whose
claim for pension is numbered 347.
935 and who is the widow of Madison
Spratley, employed Messrs W.H. Wills & Co
of Washington as her Attorneys and
she has a letter from that firm
in which they state Natha Bickford
of said City is at present the recognized
attorney for her in her case, She says
that she has never appointed Mr
Bickford her attorney and will
thank you to do her the favour

to inform her through me by what
authority, Mr Bickford claims to
be her attorney, enclosed you
will find stamp for answer

Yours very Respectfully

Direct to No 20
Cove Street

Thos. P. Warner
for Cynthia Spatter

#347. 935. Widow.
Cynthia Spratley
Madison Spratley.
H. 37. U. S. C. T.

Sir:—Referring to your communication
dated Jan'y 23. 58
in the above designated case, I have to
advise you that claimant has been informed
as to the evidence required but has not yet
responded with the same.

~~Please to advise me of any change in
condition of the case.~~

Claimts Address as
known to your Of-
fice requested.

Very respectfully,
NATHAN BICKFORD.

To the Commissioner of Pensions.

NATHAN BICKFORD,
SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS,
914 F Street, Washington, D. C.

347, 933-

Recd of
Madison Sprattley
H. U. S. C. T.

Attention is
called to my request
of Sept 1, '88 for ad-
dresses of persons named
for use in this case.

~~Truly yours,~~

N. Bickford

ON THIS

day of

A. D., 188 , personally appeared before me

in and for the said County, duly authorized to administer oaths

aged. years, whose Post Office address is

who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to said case as follows:

Berkley Va
Aug 29th 1888

Mr Nathan Brinkley

Dear Sir

Yours of the 14th inst is rec'd. In the Matter of Edie Wilsons affidavit it is no good. She swears that the Soldier came home disable & was wounded but where when & how she cannot tell. I have search the History of the 37th U.S.C. Infan and find that there were no Battle at Suffolk. Vt. which the 37 was engage in. I will endeavor to furnish you the officers & comrades. Commissioned Officers
George A. Bailey captain Discharged Aug 1864
Horace E. Whitfield first Lieutenant Promoted Capt Oct 19 1864
George W. Singer first Lieutenant aft Adjutant of Regiment - Jan 1st 1865. Waldo F. Hayward first Lieutenant resign Aug 19th 1865. John B. Algate first Lieutenant
Emmet Crawford second Lieutenant Transferred to com F.
James O. Withington second Lieutenant Promoted to first Lieutenant.

George A. Drake second Lieutenant Promoted to first Lieutenant & Transferred to company G. John Murphy first Sergeant

Privates. James Smith Enlisted July 28th 1864 Norfolk Va
John W. Roberson " " " 22 1864 " "
Lee Jones " " " May 18 1864 " "

I find that the name in the History is Aberrit Spradly instead of Madison Spradley. This is the best can do at present.

Truly Yours
Cynthia Spradley.

ARMY AND NAVY SURVIVORS' DIVISION.

APPLICATION No. 347,935-

CERTIFICATE No. x

William B. Sullivan
Mc 37 & 100 90

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb 1 '88

Respectfully referred to the COMMISSIONER
of PENSIONS to inquire the last known address
of the persons named for use in the above-
described claim.

If the addresses of these persons are
not known, please to give me one of
the same company ~~who were present in~~

NATHAN BICKFORD,

Claimant's Solicitor.

[SEAL.]

Witness my hand and seal, this

day of

, 188

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day, by the above-named affiant, and I certify that the foregoing
affidavit was read over to said affiant, and its contents fully explained before execution. I am nowise interested in
this claim nor am I concerned in its prosecution

See note No. 3 below.

Affiant's Signature.

If the affiant makes his mark, two persons must attest by signing
their names on the lines below.

Affiant further states that he has no pecuniary interest in this claim.

No. 347.936

Wid's Pen.
Madison Spratley
H. 37" U. S. C. Y.

Sir:

This claimant has been ^{re-}
~~fraternally~~ informed as to the
evidence now required, but it has not
yet been received.

Please give me present condition
of the case if any change since

except what has
been filed.

Please give ^{me} present
status of case.

June 27-91.

Very respectfully.

H. Rinkford

To the Commissioner of Pensions.

Claimants are requested to keep us whole in the matter
of postage.
Return this slip with your reply.

Office of W. H. WILLS & CO.,
Claim Attorneys.

P. O. Box 89, 421 4th STREET, N. W.
Washington, D. C. *Sept 10, 1887.*

Case of *347,935*
Power of Attorney

Cynthia Spratley

Madison Spratley
H. 37th U.S.C.T.

Widows Pension



Filed by
W. H. Wills & Co.,
Washington
D.C.

No. 347,935

Wid's Pen.

Madison Spratley
H. 34" U. S. C. & T.

Information is requested as to the present
condition of the above designated case. If
more evidence is required please advise
me in regard to the same.

Last evidence
filed Feb. 25/90.
with a request
for status of claim
but no response
received.



Aug. 1-90.

Very respectfully,

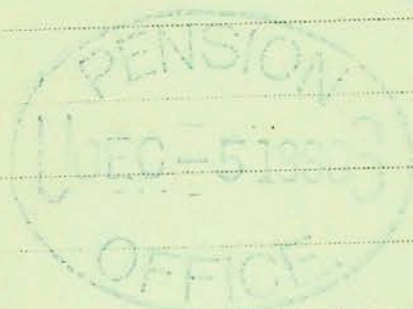
W. Rinkford

To the Commissioner of Pensions.

N^o 347935

Cynthia Spratt^{Widow}
Madison Spratt
Co. H. 37th U.S. G.

Information is requested as to the present
condition of the above designated case. If
more evidence is required please advise
me in regard to the same.



Very respectfully,

W. Binkford

To the Commissioner of Pensions.

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No. 347,935

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(3-459.)

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At Berkley, VA
Sept 2nd, 1892

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Cynthia Sprattley No. 347,935
To Cynthia Sprattley, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 2nd day of September, A. D. 1892, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Norfolk, County of Norfolk and State of VA, 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.

H. P. Maxwell
Special Examiner.

30 H. P. Maxwell Special
I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 2nd day of Sept, 1892,
and desire the examination to begin on the aforesaid
Teste H. P. Maxwell Cynthia Sprattley
Landon Jessep

Norfolk Va

October 4th 1892

Hon Green B. Rams
Comm'r of Pensions
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to return the papers,
and submit my report in the claim
No 347,935, of Cynthia Sprattley of Berkeley
Norfolk Co Va, alleged widow of Meritt
Sprattley late Private Co H, 37th U.S.C.T.

This
Claim was referred for investigation,
to determine legal widow^{hood} of claimant,
there being a claim filed by Meritt
Sprattley himself, see No 1012,484, with
this report.

Claimant acknowledged
service of the usual notice and waved
her rights but at my request she
was present during the taking of all
the testimony herewith, She is a woman

of good repute, and has evidently been led into making a claim for pension as the widow of Merritt Sprattley through a misapprehension that her husband, Madison Sprattley, had changed his name to Merritt Sprattley. To identify the claimant, Merritt Sprattley, as the soldier of record I had him appear before me in Norfolk and I took him to Berkley and confronted C. with him, when she promptly declared that she had never seen him before. She appears to be the widow of Madison Sprattley whose service is not definitely known but it is thought he belonged to the 1st U.S.C.. Her claim as the widow of Merritt Sprattley is submitted for rejection on the ground that soldier is yet living.

Very respectfully
H. P. Maxwell
Special Exr

DEPOSITION

Case of Cynthia Spratley, No. 347,934

On this 2^d day of September, 1892, at
Norfolk, County of Norfolk
 State of Va, before me, H. P. Maxwell, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Cynthia
Spratley, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of afore-
 said pension claim, deposes and says: I am about 70 years of
age, by occupation a housekeeper, Post
office address Berkley Norfolk Va

I am the claimant in the above
described pension claim, I claim pen-
sion as the dependent widow of
Meritt Spratley, decd, late of Co H.
37th U.S. C.

Q When and where were you married to
the Soldier Meritt Spratley, on whose
account you are claiming pension,
 A I belonged at the time of my marriage to
Soldier, to old man Jack Spratley
then residing between Wakefield and
Surry Co. Va. Wakefield Va was the now-
est post office to old man Jack
Spratley. My husband was first owned
by Peter Spratley, a cousin of my mother
at the death of Peter Spratley my husband
fell to his Peter Spratley, Son Meritt
Spratley, New Surry Co. Va. We were
married by our masters consent right
in my mother's house in August
nearly or quite twenty years before the
late war. I know I had a grown
daughter by my husband when the
war broke out. I had 11 children

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by my said husband between the time of our marriage and the first year of the late war, my last child was born the first year of the war. We lived together as husband and wife from the time of our marriage until my husband's enlistment. We were both at home with our masters, in Surry Co Va where my husband enlisted.

Q By whom can you prove your marriage to Merrill Spratley,

A By Frank Swell who saw us married is the only person known to me to be now living who was an eye witness to our marriage. He resides in Turkey Va. No Sir I did not see my husband during his service, but I saw him soon after he came out of the Army. He came to the house of his brother Osborn Spratley, now dead, they living on Green Ridge Nofock Co Va. I heard my husband was out there and I went to see him, and I found him very much broken in health, so that he was not able to help me, and he never got any better until he died the following year, in 1868. I was with him all the time after I went to see him at Green Ridge until he died. I was with him about a year before his death. I do not remember the date of his death, but it occurred in the Fall of the year, and I think it was in the Fall of 1868. My husband's brother Osborn Spratley is also dead.

Q By whom can you prove that the Soldier Merrill Spratley,

A Frank Swell & Henry Reed. The latter shrouded him and helped bury him

My husband is buried on the land of
Geo H. Wilson near Great Bridge Va.

Q Has your husband known by any other
name than Merrill Spratley,

A Before he went into the army he called
himself Merrill, but before the war
he was known as Matt Spratley.

Q By whom can you prove that your hus-
band served in Co H. 37th U.S.I.P.

A David Roach & Henry Reid. They were
in service with him.

Q What year & what time of year did your
husband leave home to join the army,

A He left home in December 1863, and he went
over on James River to the gunners.

Q About how old was your husband when
he left you to join the army,

A I can't say exactly, but we were about
the same age. I suppose he was thirty
years old at that time. He and I were not
more than 16 years old when we were
married. Neither of us had been previously
married. I have never had but one husband
and I have not cohabited with any man
as his wife since my husband's death.
No Sir I have never known of another colored
man of the name of Merrill Spratley.

I had three children under 16 when my
husband died, viz. for Rose & Lucy. I don't
know dates of birth. I understand the questions asked me
and my answers have been correctly reported.

Teste H. P. Maxwell

Landon J. Spratley
mark

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of September
1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

H. P. Maxwell

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Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Cynthia Sprattley, No. 3217, 9.3.91

On this 5th day of September, 1892, at
Norfolk, County of Norfolk
 State of VA, before me, H.P. Maxwell, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Frank
Sewell, 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 64 years of age, by

occupation a brick layer. Post office
 address Berkley Norfolk Co. Va.

I have
 known the claimant Cynthia Sprattley
 from her childhood. We were play
 children together in Surry Co. Va.
 I belonged to Dr. Albert Edwards and
 she belonged to old man Jack Sprattley, &
 after his death, to his son Stich Sprat-
ley. I have known her intimately from
 her childhood, and I was present
 at the wedding when she married
Madison Sprattley who belonged to
Peter Sprattley and subsequent to Peter Sprat-
ley's death, he belonged to Marrett or S.
Meridith Sprattley, the son of Peter Sprattley.
 I left home early in the late war, and
 when I left home, Cl and Madison
Sprattley stayed behind, and were
 then living together as husband
 and wife, and they had number
 of children as the fruit of their union.
 I never saw Madison Sprattley, Cl's
 late husband, after I left home, in
 the early part of 1862. I have never
 known or heard that Cl has ever
 had any other husband than Madison
Sprattley.

Q Have you ever known a colored man
of the name of Merritt Spratley,
A Yes Sir. He lives in Terry Co Va, and
is of another family, and is not
related to this Clairmont. This man
Merritt Spratley was a free man of
Color and is about my age. His hus-
band's name was not Merritt, but
was Madison Spratley, of this I am pos-
itive.

I am not interested. I have been
correctly reported him.

F. Z. Smith
Deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of Sept.,
1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

H. P. Maxwell
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of *Leopoldina Sprattley*, No. *347,935*

On this *3rd* day of *September*, 1892, at
Norfolk, County of *Norfolk*
 State of *Va*, before me, *H. P. Maxwell*, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Joseph*
Jamison, 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 53 years of age. My*
occupation a farmer. Post office ad-
dress Berkley Norfolk Co Va.

I have known
 the *Ct Leopoldina Sprattley* since in the
 year 1867. I was a member of *Co A*
37th U.S. Inf., during the late war, and
 I know a man by the name of *Meritt*
Sprattley of said Regt, but he did not
 belong in my Company.

What relation was the Meritt Sprattley
of the 37th U.S. Inf. to this claimant?
I have understood that he was her
husband, but of this I have no per-
sonal knowledge of that fact. I never
saw them together nor do I know what
cause of Meritt Sprattley further than
I have heard that he was wounded
and that he died from his wounds.
I have no personal knowledge of his
death. I was not present when his
husband was said to have been buried
and of my own knowledge do not
know that she ever had a husband.

If I have signed statements in con-
flict with this they are incorrect,
and I now repudiate them.

I understand

The questions asked me, and my answers
therein have been correctly reported herein.

Test H. P. Maxwells

David Roach

Joseph ^{son of} Jamison
McFarland

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of Sept.,
1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

H. P. Maxwells

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Cynthia Spratley, No. 347,935

On this 5th day of September, 1892, at
No. 10, County of No. 10
 State of Pa, before me, H. P. Maxwell, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared David
Roach, 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 57 years of age, by
occupation a laborer, Post office ad-
dress Berkley No. 10 Cove,

I have known
the C. Cynthia Spratley for about
12 or 15 years last past, and I have
known her as the widow of Merritt
Spratley, whom I knew well as a mem-
ber of Co. H. 37th U. S. C. T. He enlisted
at Wilson's Wharf Pa in June 1864.
He was a black man and stood about
five feet six or seven inches in height
and I should say, was near 30 years
old when he enlisted, I do not know
what said soldier was married, but
when I got acquainted with this C.
I was told by her that the Merritt
Spratley I knew was her husband,
I have only her statement for this
and the statement I signed for use
in her claim, wherein I stated that
she was the widow of Merritt Sprat-
ley of Co. H. 37th U. S. C. T. I did so under
the apprehension that she was truly
his wife and I made it upon her
statement, I am not interested. I have
been correctly reported.

David Roach

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of Sept,
1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

H. P. Maxwell
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Cynthia Sprattley, No. 3417, 935

On this 14th day of October, 1892, at
Berkley, County of Norfolk
 State of Va, before me, H.P. Maxwell, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Cynthia
Sprattley, 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 70 years of age. My
 occupation a housekeeper, Post office
 address Berkley Norfolk Co Va.

I am the
 claimant in the above described pen-
 sion claim, I am now confronted
 by and with Merritt Sprattley who
 is said to have served in Co H. 37th N.S.
 Co T. and on whose account I claimed
 pension as his widow, but I have
 never seen this man to my knowl-
 edge, until this minute. This man
 Merritt Sprattley now present was
 not my husband. My husband
 was Madison Sprattley, who I was
 told changed his name after
 his enlistment ^{to Merritt Sprattley}, and that is the way
 I came to claim pension as the
 widow of Merritt Sprattley, I now
 relinquish my claim for pension
 as the widow of Merritt Sprattley
 of Co H. 37th N.S. I.C.P. I understand
 the questions asked me, and my
 answers thereto have been truthfully
 reported here.

Teste H.P. Maxwell Cynthia Sprattley
James M. Thwaitt her
deponent

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Deponent.

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of October,
1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

H. P. Maxwell

Special Examiner.

CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION

Case of Cynthia Sprattley, No. 347,935

On this 4th day of Oct, 1892 at
Burley, County of Norfolk
 State of Ida, before me, H.P. Maxwell, a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Cynthia Sprattley, 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. Neither

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. I will

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

A. Nathan Bickford Washington
W. B. Henry A. Wells Washington D.C.
James Tanner of Washington D.C.

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.

None

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.

None

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.

None

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

A.

No sir

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

A.

No sir

Test. H. P. Maxwell
James M. Shreveatt

her
Cynthia S. Shattley
Malk Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of October, 1892
and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

H. P. Maxwell

Special Examiner.

S. E. D.

No. 347, 935

Name: *Emma A. Spaulding*P. O. address: *Bentley*County: *Wayne* State: *Pa*Recommendation: *Refused*

REFERENCE.

Special Examiner.

*W. P. Maxwell**Ref. & May 1892
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RECOMMENDATION.*Ref 31*
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Reviewer.

Approved:

Chief Board of Review.

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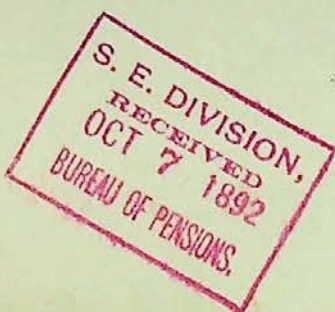
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irrevocable, for *me* and in *my* name, place and stead, hereby annulling and revoking all former Powers of Attorney or authorizations whatever in the premises, to *procure*
my claim for Pension under Act June
27-1890. # 485899.

A circular blue ink postmark from Princeton, N.J. The text "PRINCETON N.J." is curved along the top inner edge, and "U.S. OFFICE" is curved along the bottom inner edge. In the center, the date "JUN 2 1903" is stamped in a bold, sans-serif font.

By hand and seal this *First*
of hundred and *three*
her
Cynthia + Spratly SEAL.
Signature of Claimant.
mark

1.

2.

Signature of Claimant MUST be attested by Two witnesses

State of Virginia, County of Norfolk, ss:

BE IT KNOWN, that on this Twisk day of June
in the year nineteen hundred and thue before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public
in and for said County and State, personally appeared Cynthia
Spratley, to me well known to be the identical person who executed
the foregoing Letter of Attorney, and the same having been first fully read over to her and the
contents thereof duly explained, acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and that I have
no interest present or prospective in the claim.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of
office, the day and year last above written.

Chas A. Horner
Notary Public
P.O. Berkeley, Virginia
my commission expires Dec 10 1903

[SEAL.]

NOTE.—This should be acknowledged before a Clerk of Court, Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace. If before an
officer having no official seal, then the Clerk of the County Court must add his certificate of official character.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

No. 347,933-8X
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Clairing of

Cynthia Spratley
Madison Spratley
Alvin Spratley
H. A. Spratley

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RECORD DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Briefed by

J. B. F.

Claim No.

Wich. Orig. 3447,935

Certificate No.

Claimant

Soldier

Madison Spratley

Service

C. U. S. C. Cav.

Additional Service

No Claim, New Records

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No Claim, Old Records

REMARKS:

Records corrected.
 not identical with
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 Merritt Spratley.

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Act of June 27, 1890.
DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

To be executed before a Clerk of Court, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace or any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes: one who has and uses a seal preferred.

STATE OF Virginia, COUNTY OF Norfolk SS:

On this 1st day of January, A. D., 1899, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Cynthia Spratley, aged 83 years, a resident

of Berkley, County of Norfolk, State of Virginia, who being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration

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

That she is the widow of Madison Spratley, who was

enrolled under the name of Madison Spratley, Soldier's or Sailor's true Name here.

at Wilson's wharf on the 12th day of June, 1864, Enrolled or commissioned. Name he enlisted and served under.

as a private in Co. "D", 37th Regt. U. S. C., Here state Rank, Company and Regiment, if in the Military Service, or Vessel, if in the Navy.

and served at least ninety days during the War of the Rebellion, in the service of the United States and was honorably discharged on the 12th day of June, 1865, and who died at

Greenidge, Va on the 7th day of June, 1866,

That she was married under the name of Cynthia Hamline to said soldier

at Surrey County Va on the 35th day of June, 1835, Former Name of Claimant here.

by consent of parents; that there was no legal barrier to the marriage;

that she had not been previously married; that the soldier had not been previously married.

If there was a prior marriage of either, the date and place of death or divorce of former consort or consorts should be stated.

That she has not remarried since the death of said soldier. That she is without other means of support than her daily labor.

That the said soldier left the following-named children now under sixteen years of age, to wit:

born 18 ;

born 18 ;

born 18 .

If the soldier left no children, the claimant should so state.

That she has not heretofore applied for pension. #347,935 - General Laws

as widow of above named soldier If prior application has been made, the number thereof, the service on which it was based, and the name of the soldier should be stated.

She hereby appoints

J. B. CRALLE & CO.,

OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,

her true and lawful attorneys, to prosecute her claim.

That her Postoffice address is Berkley County of Norfolk

State of Virginia

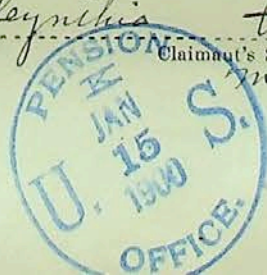
ATTEST: Willis Poyner Cynthia Spratley Claimant's Signature.

J. B. Horner mark

Two persons who write, sign here.

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Also personally appeared Willis Poyner, residing
at Berkley Va, and Jane Bece, residing
at Berkley Va, persons whom I certify to be respectable and en-
titled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw
Cynthia Spratley, the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing
declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance
with her of 6 years, and 12 years respectively, that she is the identical
person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Willis Poyner
D B Homer
If either witness signs by mark, two persons who write sign here.

Willis Poyner
Jane Bece
Signature of witnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of January, A. D., 1899,
and I do hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained
to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words
erased, and the words
added; and that
I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

W. A. Homer
Signature.
Notary Public
Official Character

To be executed before some officer of a Court of Record having custody of a seal, a Notary
Public, Justice of the Peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.
If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term
of office must be certified by the proper State, County, or City Officer under his official seal, unless
such a certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

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

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890

WIDOW'S

PENSION

Cynthia Spratley
Widow of Madison Spratley
Late Private in Co. D Reg't
of 1st S. C. Cavalry

Mar 347,935



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Pension Attorneys,
CRALLE BUILDING,
108 C Street, N. W.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

not Jan 19, 1900

Declaration for Widow's Pension.

ACTS OF MAY 9, 1900. AND JUNE 27, 1890,

This paper may be executed before a Notary Public, a Justice of the Peace, or any other officer authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes. The Certificate of the Prothonotary or Clerk of the Court need NOT be attached hereto; but will be procured, if at all, when called for by the Commissioner of Pensions.

State of Virginia, County of Norfolk, ss.

On the date hereinafter mentioned, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public
within and for the County and State aforesaid, Cynthia Spratley aged about 40 years, a resident
of the Town of Berkley County of Norfolk State of Virginia who, being duly sworn
according to law, declares that she is the widow of Merritt Spratley who enlisted under the name of
not certain at not certain on the not certain day of
A. D. 18 in Co "H" 37th Regt US Col Inf and served at least
Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in the military service; or vessel, if in Navy.

ninety days in the late war of the Rebellion, who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED and died

one year about after the war

State date of death. The cause of death need not be stated.

That she was married under the name of Cynthia Spratley to said Merritt Spratley
in Summers before the Norfolk Rebellion Jack Spratley in Curry
County, Virginia, there being no legal barrier to such marriage.

Said Merritt Spratley was never married before the above and
state it here and how dissolved. If there was no former marriage of either, so state.

said Cynthia Spratley has never been married
before or since the above Merritt Spratley
That she has not remarried since the death of the said Merritt Spratley. That she is without
Name of Soldier or Seaman.

sufficient means of support other than her daily labor, that her actual net income from sources apart from her daily labor does not exceed \$250 per annum
That the names and dates of birth of all the children now living under sixteen years of age of the soldier (or sailor) are as follows:

That there are three born children living 18
The youngest is now about 36 years
of age born 18

That once prior application for pension has been filed Dec 1886 and Nov. 1892
#Claim 347935 Co "H" 37th Regt US Col Inf
(Be careful to fill this part correctly; if a prior application has been filed, give the number of the claim, and state by whom filed.)

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the
Acts of MAY 9, 1900, and June 27, 1890. She hereby appoints with power of substitution, MILO B. STEVENS & CO., of

their successors or legal representatives, her true and lawful attorneys to prosecute her claim and receive a fee of Ten Dollars. That her post office
address Mahone ave, Berkley, Norfolk County,

County of Norfolk State of Virginia
Miss or Mrs Cynthia Spratley
S. B. Harner Signature of Claimant.

Two witnesses who can write, sign here.

FROM OTHER SIDE.

Also personally appeared Missouri Skinner, Berkeley Va
and Jane Bell, residing at Mr Berkeley Va persons whom
S B Horner or Berkeley Va
I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Cynthia Spradley
the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration, that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant,
and an acquaintance with her of 14 years and 10 or 12 years, respectively, that she is the
identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.
Witness to Jane Bell's Signature Missouri Skinner
S B Horner Jane Bell
Signature of Witnesses.
S B Horner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of June A. D. 1900; and I hereby certify that the

contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before

swearing, including the words

erased, and the words

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

Charles Horner
Notary Public
Official Signature.
Official Character.

[L.S.]

The Acts of MAY 9, 1900, and June 27, 1890, require in widow's case:

1. That the soldier served at least NINETY DAYS in the war of the Rebellion and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED.
2. Proof of soldier's death (death cause need not have been due to Army service).
3. That widow "is without means of support other than her daily labor, and an actual net income, not exceeding \$230 per year."
4. That widow was married to soldier prior to June 27, 1890, date of the Act.
5. That all pensions under the Act commence from date of receipt of application in Pension Bureau.

WIDOW'S CLAIM.

Acts of May 9, 1900, and June 27, 1890.

Claimant Cynthia Spradley
Soldier William Spradley
Service Co. H 37th Regt
U.S. C. Inf 3rd
Address No 347, 930

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MIL0 B. STEVENS & CO.,
SOLICITORS OF CLAIMS AND PATENTS.

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of *Virginia*, County of *Norfolk*, ss:

In the matter of *Cynthia Spradly, Widow of Madison E. Merritt Spradly*
Company H. 37th U.S.C. Infy.

ON THIS *19* day of *November*, A. D. 18*92*, personally appeared
 before me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized
 to administer oaths *Cynthia Spradly* aged *57* years, a resident of
Berkley in the County of *Norfolk* and State of
Virginia well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and

who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

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

That she is the Legal and Lawful Widow of the said Madison E. Merritt Spradly, late of Company H. 37th Regt. U.S.C. Infy, and that neither her self nor the said Madison E. Merritt Spradly were previously married. Before they were married to each other. And further declare, that she has remained the Widow of the said Madison E. Merritt Spradly since his death, to the present day. And that she is without other means of support than by her own daily Labor.

Her Post-office address is *Berkley Norfolk County State of Virginia.*

Attesting
 my hand and seal.

W. W. Simonton

Jeremiah Cuffey

James Brooks

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

Cynthia X Spradly
 her mark

[Signature of Affiants.]

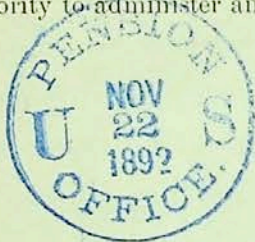
STATE OF Virginia, COUNTY OF Warren, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named ^{applicant} affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said ^{applicant} affiant, including the words _____ erased, and the words _____ added, and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant personally known to me and that she is a credible person.

[L. S.]

E. T. Lindsey
[Official Signature.]
Notary Public
[Official Character.]

NOTE.—This may be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or any officer who has authority to administer an oath.



see 347983
No 483599
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Caroline Spradley
Widow of Murritt Spradley
Co. H. 37th Reg't Va. Inf.

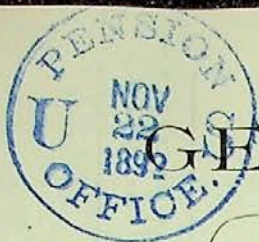
AFFIDAVIT OF

Cynthia Spradley
Claimant

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JAMES TANNER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

LOAN AND TRUST CO. BUILDING,
WASHINGTON, D. C.



GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Virginia, County of Norfolk, ss:

In the matter of Mrs Cynthia Spradly, Widow of Madison E. Merritt Spradly
of Company H, 3^d Regt. U. S. C. Infy. Vols.

ON THIS 19 day of November, A. D. 1892, personally appeared
before me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized
to administer oaths Frank Sewell aged 64 years, a resident of
Burkley in the County of Norfolk and State of
Virginia well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and

who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he has been well and intimately acquainted with Mrs Cynthia Spradly
for 50. years and also well acquainted with the said Madison E. Merritt
Spradly of company H, 3^d Regt. U. S. C. Infy. Vols. and that he know from
his own personal knowledge that neither the said Cynthia Spradly, the present
applicant, and the said Madison E. Merritt Spradly, were never previously
married, before they ^{were} married to each other. And further say, that he has
lived near neighbor to the said Cynthia Spradly, continuously from the
death of her husband, Madison E. Merritt Spradly, to the present day,
and know from his own personal knowledge, that she has remained
the Widow of the said soldier, i. e. Madison E. Merritt Spradly, from his
death to the present time. And further say that he is well ac-
quainted with all of her circumstances, and know from his own
knowledge that she does not own any real nor personal estate, nor has
she any income whatever, and that she is feeble, and old, and unable
to perform manual labor for a support, and that she is dependent upon
Charity for support, and that she resides in Burkley, Norfolk County, Virginia

His Post-office address is Burkley, in Norfolk County, State of Virginia.

W. W. Schenck

Jeremiah Coffey

James Brooks

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

Frank X Sewell
Notary

[Signature of Affiants.]

STATE OF Virginia, COUNTY OF Warren, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____, erased, and the words _____ added, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant personally known to me and that he is credible person.

[L. S.]

E. Lindsey
[Official Signature.]

Notary Public
[Official Character.]

NOTE.—This may be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or any officer who has authority to administer an oath.

No 483899

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Capital & Bonds
Madison & Worth
Co. 437, Reg'd N. C. Bldg.

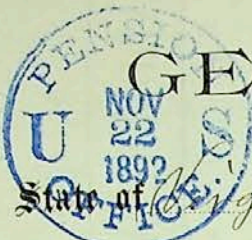
AFFIDAVIT OF

Frank Sewell

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
LOAN AND TRUST CO. BUILDING,
WASHINGTON, D. C.



GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of *Virginia*, County of *Norfolk*, ss:

In the matter of *Cynthia Spradly, Widow of Madison E. Merritt Spradly, of Company H, 37th Regt. U. S. C, 8th Infy Vols.*

ON THIS *19* day of *November*, A. D. 18*92*, personally appeared before me a Notary Public, *Jeremiah Cuffey* in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths, *Jeremiah Cuffey* aged *45* years, a resident of *Burkley, P. O. Box "110"* in the County of *Norfolk* and State of *Virginia* well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and

who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he has been well and intimate acquainted with the said Cynthia Spradly for 110 years, and also well acquainted with Madison E. Merritt Spradly, her husband, in his lifetime. The husband of the said Cynthia Spradly, E. Merritt Spradly, and know from his own personal knowledge and observation that neither the said Cynthia Spradly, nor the said Madison E. Merritt Spradly had been previously married before they were married to each other, and further say that he has lived continuously near neighbor to the said Cynthia Spradly from the death of the said Madison E. Merritt Spradly to the present day, and that he know from his own personal knowledge and daily observation that she has remained the Widow of the said Madison E. Merritt Spradly from his death to the present day, and he further say, that he is well acquainted with all of her circumstances, and know that she does not own any Real or personal estate whatever, or other income. And that she has no means of support, and that she is old, and unable to perform manual labor for a support, and that she is dependent upon Charity, for support.

His Post-office address is *Box "110, Burkley, County of Norfolk State of Virginia"*

attesting
witnesses

Jeremiah Cuffey

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

[Signature of Affiants.]

STATE OF Virginia, COUNTY OF Windsor, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____ erased, and the words _____ added, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant personally known to me and that _____ credible person.

[L. S.]

E. T. Lindsey
[Official Signature.]

Notary Public
[Official Character.]

NOTE.—This may be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or any officer who has authority to administer an oath.

No. 483599

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Arthur Horrell
Marshall & Wright
Co. D. 37, Reg't 1st C. Inf.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Germana Cuffey

FILED BY

JAMES TANNER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

LOAN AND TRUST CO. BUILDING,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

So. Div.
H. L. R.

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Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., January 23, 1888.

Sir:

My claim, No. 347935, has been filed in this Office by Cynthia Sprattley, as widow of Madison Sprattley ^{Spradley} Merritt, who was a Private in Co. H, 37th Reg't, U. S. C. Inf. Vols., and is alleged to have died April, 1868. Will you please to furnish

WITH THE RETURN OF THIS CIRCULAR, a copy of such evidence as may be in your possession relative to the soldier's marriage to the claimant, date and cause of his death, her continuous widowhood, the names of all claimants for bounty, and the last known post-office address of the one whose claim was allowed.

Very respectfully,

John C. Black.

Commissioner.

The SECOND AUDITOR,

Treasury Department.

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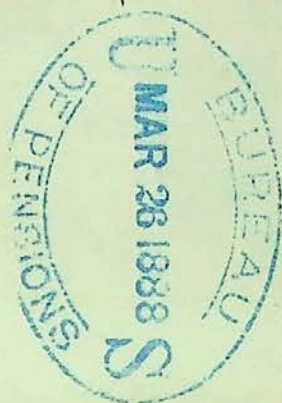
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Treasury Department,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

Washington, D. C.,

March 22, 1888



Respectfully returned To the
Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,
In the case of Madison Smyth
or Merritt, Bradley, late Private,
Co. "H" 37th M. I. C., no claim having
been filed, the desired information
cannot be furnished.

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W. Caldwell
Actg Auditor
By J.E.S.

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No. 347, 980 }

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State of Virginia }
County of Norfolk. } ss.

In the Matter of Merritt Spradley, deceased - late private
in Company H. 37th Regiment, U.S.C. Infly, Wals. in
the late war, 1861. Personally appeared before me a
Clerk of the County Court, a Court of Record, in and for
aforesaid County and State, Joseph Jamison aged
46, years, Resident of Burkley Norfolk County Virginia,
And David Roach, aged 53 years, Resident of Burkley
Norfolk County Virginia, And Henry Reid, aged
49 years, Resident of Burkley Norfolk County Vir-
ginia, who I believe to be reputable and entitled to
credit, and who being by me duly sworn according
to law, doth on oath say in relation to aforesaid case
as follows, to wit:

That they were well acquainted with Merritt Sprad-
ley, dec. late private in Company H. 37th Regiment
U.S.C. Infly Wals. in the late war, 1861, and that they
know from their own personal knowledge and observ-
ation, that while the said Merritt Spradley was enga-
ged in battle with the enemy at Deep-bottom Virginia
between the 28th day of September 1864, and the first of
October 1864, the said Merritt Spradley was struck on
the right side over the second rib, with a piece of bullet
-ll from the enemy, producing a wound about the size of
the palm of the hand, and for which he was treated at the
Hospital at Point of Rocks by Dr. D W Hardy, said Merritt
Spradley was discharged from the said service at

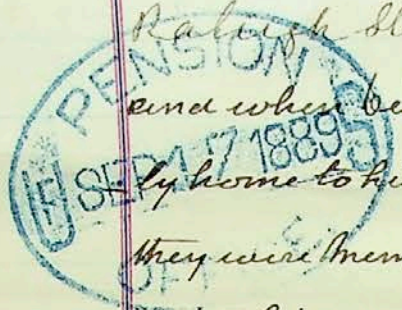
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Raleigh State of North Carolina February 11th 1867

and when discharged as aforesaid he went immediately home to his Family in Norfolk County Virginia. That they were members of the said Regiment at the same time with him, and saw him when he received the said wound. And further say that they lived near neighbors to the said Merritt Spradley from discharge to the day of his death, saw him daily, and know from their own personal knowledge and observation that he never recovered from the said wound, and that it became an obstinate running ulcer, resisting all medical treatment. And that his whole system affected and diseased from the said wound. That he was treated for the said wound by Dr Lefsee, of Norfolk County, from his discharge from the said service for about two months, continuously. After that he was not able to employ a Physician, therefore he had to treat himself the best he could, with the assistance of his Family and friends, his system became exhausted from the effects of the said injuries, and which was the immediate cause of his death on the fifteenth day of November 1868, in Norfolk County Virginia. he left a wife named Cynthia, and five children, and that they know from their own personal knowledge and every days observation, that Cynthia, his widow, has remained a widow since the death of her said husband. Merritt Spradley to the present time, and that she has not remarried, nor lived with any man as his wife since the death of her said husband.

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Merritt Spradley, to the present time. And they further declare that they have never said, nor knowingly signed their names to any paper or Affidavit to the effect that that the said Merritt Spradley died on the fifteenth day of October 1866, but, that he was discharged from the said service on the eleventh day of February 1867. That this was a mistake made by the writer. Nor, did they say that the said Merritt Spradley was treated by Dr. Lefselee for the said disease in 1885, this was a mistake in the writer, it should have been written, that Dr Lefselee died in May 1885. They declare that the above statement are the true facts in in the matter, and they further declare that they have no interest direct or indirect in this claim, nor concerned in its prosecution, and they further say as follows That he, Joseph Simson was a private in company A, 37 Regt. U.S.C Inftry in the late war, 1861.

And he, David Roach, was a private in company D, 37th Regiment, U.S.C Inftry in 1861.

and he, Henry Reid was a near neighbor and attended and waited on him day and night during his illness.

Signed by mark

Joseph ^{his} Jamieson

Seal

in presence of

David Roach

Seal

L.B. Edwards

Henry ^{his} Reid

Seal

Richard Hargerson

attesting
witnesses

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 15th day of August AD 1889 and I hereby Certify that the foregoing Affidavit was read over to said Affiants and

No 347935.

Additional Evidence

In the Claims of

Prof Cynthia Spradley.

Widow of

Merritt Spradley decd.

Late Priv. Co. H. 3rd Regt.

U.S.C. 24th Mo.

Attendants of

Joseph Gimson

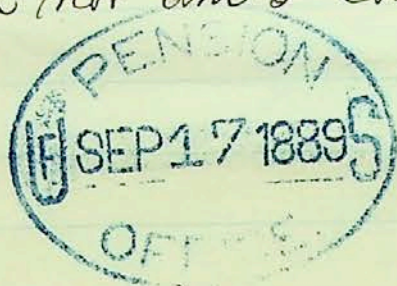
David Roach

Henry Reid.

its contents fully explained, before execution
and that I am now interested in this
claim nor am I concerned in its prosecution

Wm H. Barnes

Atty. Gen. Morfess Co. Ch. 10.



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Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

December 13 1889.

Respectfully requested of the ADJUTANT

GENERAL U. S. A. a report from the records of his

Office as to the presence or absence, on or about

August September and October, 1864,

of Joseph Jamison, private
Co. A and David Beach,

private Co. "A"

of 37 Regt. U. S. C. Vol. Inf.

and the station, at that date, of the Com-

mand and Regiments

California

Claim No. 347935

Wm. H. Spaulding

of Co. H. 37 Regt. U. S. C. Vol. Inf.

General J. H. Brown

Commissioner.

War Department,

Record and Pension Division,

Washington, DEC 17 1889

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

The rolls show that

Joseph Jamison
David Beach

mentioned in the preceding endorsement were present
during the period named in that endorsement except
as follows:

Joseph Jamison was absent



During the period named the station of the company
and regiment was as follows:

Aug 21/64 Wilson's Michigan
Sep 20 " in the field in
Oct 21 " near St. Lawrence Pa.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

75 accounts

Captain and Asst Surgeon, U. S. Army.

State of Virginia }
County of Norfolk } ss.

In the Matter of Merritt Spradley, ^{de} late private
Company H. 37th Regiment, U. S. C. Infy. in the late
war 1861. Personally appeared before me, a Clerk of the
County Court, a Court of Record in and for aforesaid
County and State, Peter Spradley, aged 40 years,
Resident of Berkley Norfolk County State of Virginia,
who I believe to be reputable and entitled to credit
and who being by me duly sworn according to law,
doth on oath declare in relation to aforesaid case as
follows. That he was well acquainted with the
said Merritt Spradley, ^{de} late private in Company
H. 37th Regiment, U. S. C. Infy. in the late war 1861,
acquainted with him all of his life. and that he know
from his own personal knowledge that the said Merritt
Spradley came home from the said service on the 13th
day of February 1867, he was then sick, and had a very
bad wound on the right side, over the second rib,
which he said was caused by a piece of burn shell
from the enemy while in battle between the 28th of
September and the first of October, 1864, at Deep-bottom
Virginia. After he arrived home he was treated for the
said wound by Dr. Lefell of Norfolk County, continu-
ously for about two months, the said wound resisted
all medical treatment, and run into a running ulcer,
his whole system became diseased, his breathing affected,
he was not able to take the least exercise nor perform any
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kind of labor whatever, he lingered on with disease contin-
-uously from his discharge from said service to his death, the
15th day of November 1868. That his knowledge of these facts are
derived from his own personal knowledge and observation
of the same, That he lived next door neighbor to him and waited
on him all a long day and night from his discharge from the said
service to the day of his death, and that he know that the imm-
ediate Cause of his death was the said wound and its effe-
cts was the immediate Cause of his death. And he further
declare that he has never stated that the soldier died on
the 15th day of October 1867, he was discharged on the eleven-
th day of February 1867, nor that he was treated by Dr
Lefsell for the said disease in 1885, it should have
been written that Dr Lefsell died in May 1885, these
were mistakes made by the writer. He declares that this
is a true and correct statement of the case. and he
further declare that he has no interest direct or indirect
in this claim, nor concerned in its prosecution.

Signed by Mark

In presence of
L. B. Edwards

Richard Ferguson

Peter ^{his} Spratley
mark

Seal

attesting
witnesses.

death from
disease

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th
Day of August A.D. 1889, and I here by certify that
the foregoing affidavit was read over to said
Affiant, and its contents fully explained before
execution. and that I am nowise interested in this
claim nor am I concerned in its prosecution.

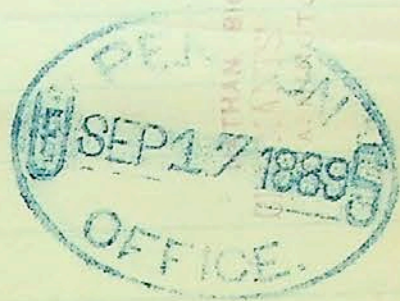
Wm H. Barnes
Dpty. Clerk Norfolk Co. Ct. Va.

N^o 347.935.

Additional Evidence

In the Claim of
Myrtice Spradley
Widow of
Meritt Spradley, Decd.
Late priv. Co. H. 37. Regt. U. S.
— C. Inf. 4. 02

Affidavit of
Peter Spradley.



GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Virginia, County of City of Norfolk ss.

In the matter of Cynthia Spratley's Claim for Pension for her husband Madison Spratley No 347 935

ON THIS 26th day of April A. D. 1888, personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid City, duly authorized to administer oaths Peter Spratley aged 39 years, whose Post Office address is Berkley Virginia

who, being duly sworn declared in relation to said case as follows: I am the son of Madison Spratley and know the fact that he received a
Note—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

wound in the late war of the States and I believe and have always understood that he died from this wound he died in November 1866 Cynthia Spratley is my mother and I know that she is the widow of Madison Spratley my father and that she has not remarried since my father's death.

and he further declares that he has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution

W. H. Green
Thos M Wilkins
If affiant sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

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Peter x Spratley
(Signature of Affiant)
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant , and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , including the words.....*County*.....erased, and the words.....*city added*.....and acquainted.....*him*.....with its contents before.....*he*.....executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that.....*he is a*.....credible person.

Thos P. Wannen
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public
(Official Character.)

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this.....day of.....188

Clerk of the.....

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, or NOTARY PUBLIC, with a seal. Herefore a JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, who has no certificate on the file in the Pension Office, CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

AFFIDAVIT OF

Peter Spratley

Richard Spratley
Co. H. 37th U.S. Inf.

Filed by
W. H. WILLS & CO.,
Washington, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Virginia, County of City of Norfolk ss.,

In the matter of Cynthia Spralley claim for a pension
for her husband Madison Spralley N^o 347,935

ON THIS 26th day of April A. D., 1888, personally appeared before me a

Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

Frank Sewell aged 57 years, who a Post Office address is Burley Virginia

who, being duly sworn declared in relation to said case as follows: I know Madison Spralley

NOTE—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the

the soldier well, we grew up together, I know
that he was in the war of the states and that
he was wounded while in the U. S. Service and
I have always understood that he died from
the wound received while in said service, he
died in November 1866. I know Cynthia Spralley
well and know her to be the widow of Madison
Spralley the soldier and that she has not remar-
ried since his death

and I further declares that I have no interest in said case and am not
concerned in its prosecution

W. H. Brown
Thos M Wilkins

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

Frank Sewell

[Signature of Affiant]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words.....County.....erased, and the words.....City.....added.....and acquainted.....him.....with its contents before.....he.....executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that.....he is a.....credible person.

Thos P. Warner
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public
(Official Character.)

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this.....day of.....188

Clerk of the.....

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, or NOTARY PUBLIC, with a seal. If before a JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, who has no certificate on the file in the Pension Office, CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

William of
Proctor & Co.
Co. H 3rd Regt
AFFIDAVIT OF

Thos P. Warner

Filed by

W. H. WILLS & CO.

Washington, D. C.

And Mrs Margaret Brown, aged 71 years, Resident of Berkley
Norfolk County State of Virginia, her Post Office address is Berkley, Norfolk
County State of Virginia, persons who I believe to be Reputable, and entitled
to credit. And who being by me duly sworn according to law, both
on oath say in relation to aforesaid case as follows, To wit:

That they have been well and intimately acquainted with Cynthia
Spradly, the above named applicant, who made and signed the above dec-
laration in their presence, for the last fifty nine years. And were also well
acquainted with the said Madison Spradly, alias, Merritt Spradly, for
about sixty five years. That they lived near neighbors to the said Cy-
nthia Spradly all the time, and also to the said Soldier up to his
leaving home to go in the U. S. service some time in the summer 1864,

And they further say, that when the said Soldier was discharged from
the United States service in 1866 he came home to his wife, Cynthia
Spradly, at Norfolk County Virginia, and remained with her to the
day his death, the 15th day of November 1867, and that they were then
living near neighbors to the family, and present at the death of the
soldier, and they further say, that they were present at the marriage
of the said Cynthia Spradly, and the said Madison Spradly, alias, Merritt
Spradly, in 1836, in Surry County State of Virginia, and that they
lived and cohabited together as man and wife, and was so recog-
nized by all who knew them, to the day of his death. And further
that the said Soldier left surviving him five children, and
their names and births are as follows, Jae, was born on the
18th day of November 1854, and died on the 25th day November
1868. Edmond, was born on the 2nd day of June 1855, and
died on the 18th day of August 1868. Rose was born on the
15th day of December, 1853. Peter, was born on the 19th day
December 1849, and Lucy, was born on the 30th day of
May, 1861.

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May 1861, the above named children are all the children the said
 Soldier left surviving him either by whole or half blood, Peter, Rose,
 and Lucey, are now living with Cynthia, their Mother, in Burckley
 Norfolk County, State of Virginia, and they further say, that they were
 present at the Births, of all of the above named children,
 and they further declare that they have no interest in this cla-
 im whatever nor concern in its prosecution, nor related
 to the applicants

Signia by mark

In presence of

attesting witnesses, L. B. Edwards
 Job P. Manning.

Joanah ^{her} Sprattley Seal
 mark
 Margarale ^{her} Brown Seal
 mark

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 18th day of Feby.
 A.D. 1860, and hereby certify that the contents of the above
 affidavits were fully made known and explained to the Applica-
 nt and witnesses before swearing, and that I am disinterested in
 this claim,

Wm. H. Garner
 Depy. Clerk of the Co. Ct. Va.

No. Claim, 347, 9351

Additional Evidence
 in Claim of Cynthia Spradly
 - Widow of
 Merritt Spradly, Prisoner, 14, 348,
 C 70023

Affidavits of
 Cynthia Spradly (affiant)
 and Margarale Brown
 and Joanah Sprattley,

NATHAN BICKFORD,
 CLAIMANTS' SOLICITOR
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

I, Frank Sewell a resident of Berkley
in the County of Norfolk and State of Virginia, of lawful age,
on oath depose and say in relation to the pension claim of Cynthia Spratley widow
of Madison Spratley late of Co. 26 Reg't 37 Vols., as follows:
I knew Madison Spratley the soldier well we were
boys together, I know that he was married to Cynthia
Spratley in Sunny County Virginia, they were married
by the Master of Cynthia Spratley as slaves were usually
married; but I do not remember the date of their mar-
riage. Cynthia and Madison Spratley were owned by two
Spratley families who were Cousins, and have always been
known as Cynthia Spratley and Madison Spratley, they
have never been called by any other name. I know
that Madison Spratley is dead and is buried in Norfolk
County Virginia, he never had any other wife and Cynthia
Spratley has not remained since the death of her husband
they were both born and raised in Sunny County Virginia
shortly after the war they moved to Norfolk County
Va. where Madison Spratley died and where Cynthia
Spratley still resides, they never lived in any other
state or out of the Counties named above

I further state that I have no pecuniary interest in this claim, and that my post office address is
Berkley Norfolk County Virginia.

If the affiant makes his mark, two persons who can write must attest by
signing their names on the lines below.

1 J B Watters

Frank Sewell
Affiant's Signature.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day, by the above named affiant; and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was read over to said affiant, and its contents fully explained before execution. I am nowise interested in this claim nor am I concerned in its prosecution

See note No. 3 below.

WITNESS my hand and seal, this 21st day of June, 1888.

Thos. P. Wannen
Official signature.

Notary Public.
Official title.

[SEAL.]

NOTES.

1. This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before an officer having no seal, then the Clerk of the County Court must add his certificate of official character in the form below, and not on a separate slip of paper, unless the officer has a certificate of official character on file in the PENSION OFFICE.

2. If sworn to before a Deputy Clerk of Court, he must sign as deputy, if so authorized by law, and not for in the name of the Clerk. Every witness must sign his or her name, no matter how poorly he may write it, or how long it may take him to do it.

3. But if the witness signs by X mark, the officer administering the oath should first carefully read and explain the affidavit, and satisfy himself that its contents are understood and add the following additional certificate in writing: "I further certify that I carefully explained the affidavit to witness before execution, and am satisfied from examination of the witness that he fully understands the same."

I, _____, Clerk of _____ Court in afore-said County and State, do certify that _____ Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was, at the time of so doing, a justice of the peace in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit and that his signature thereto is genuine.

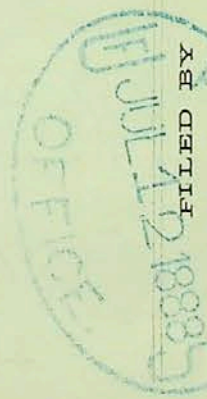
WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 188 _____.

[SEAL.]

Clerk of the _____ Court.

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NATHAN BICKFORD,
Pension & Claim Attorney,
914 F STREET,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

I, Joanna Spratley a resident of _____
in the County of Norfolk and State of Virginia, of lawful age,
on oath depose and say in relation to the pension claim of Cynthia Spratley widow
of Madison Spratley late of Co. He Reg't 37 Vols., as follows:
W.S. colored Troops I know Madison Spratley well my
husband was the brother of Madison Spratley and I know
that they were married by the owner of Cynthia Spratley
as slaves were usually married, but what month or year
I have no recollection they were married in Surry County
Virginia and lived together as husband and wife as long
as the soldier Madison Spratley lived, I know the
fact that Cynthia Spratley has never remarried since
the death of her husband nor lived with any one
as her husband, They both belonged to Spratleys who
were Cousins, ~~her~~ husband ^{her} master is still living, they took the name of
their master and have never been known by any
other name, they moved from Surry County soon
after the war where they resided until the death of the
soldier and where Cynthia Spratley still resides neither
ever lived in any other counties, I do not know
the date of Madison Spratley the soldier's ^{death} but I know
he died and was buried in Norfolk County Virginia
and

I further state that I have no pecuniary interest in this claim, and that my post office address is
Berkley Norfolk County Virginia

If the affiant makes his mark, two persons who can write must attest by
signing their names on the lines below.

1. W. A. Spier
2. Ed Spieding

Joanna ^{her} X Spratley
Affiant's Signature.
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day, by the above named affiant; and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was read over to said affiant, and its contents fully explained before execution. I am nowise interested in this claim nor am I concerned in its prosecution *and I further certify that*

See note No. 3 below.

Carefully explained the affidavit to witness before execution and am satisfied from examination of the witness that she fully understands the same

WITNESS my hand and seal, this *19th* day of *June*, 188*8*.

Thos. P. Wanner

Official signature.

Notary Public.

Official title.

[SEAL.] 0

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1. This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before an officer having no seal, then the Clerk of the County Court must add his certificate of official character in the form below, and not on a separate slip of paper, unless the officer has a certificate of official character on file in the PENSION OFFICE.
2. If sworn to before a Deputy Clerk of Court, he must sign as deputy, if so authorized by law, and not for in the name of the Clerk. Every witness must sign his or her name, no matter how poorly he may write it, or how long it may take him to do it.
3. But if the witness signs by X mark, the officer administering the oath should first carefully read and explain the affidavit, and satisfy himself that its contents are understood and add the following additional certificate in writing: "I further certify that I carefully explained the affidavit to witness before execution, and am satisfied from examination of the witness that he fully understands the same."

I, _____, Clerk of _____ Court in afore-said County and State, do certify that _____ Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was, at the time of so doing, a justice of the peace in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit and that his signature thereto is genuine.

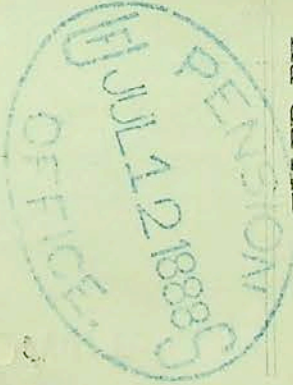
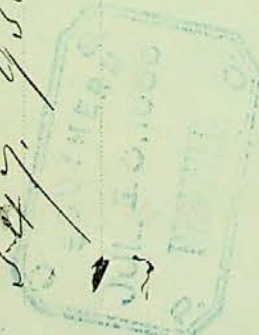
WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 188 _____.

[SEAL.]

Clerk of the _____ Court.

De Dir

July 7, 1888



FILED BY

NATHAN BICKFORD,

Pension & Claim Attorney,

914 F STREET,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Virginia
County of Norfolk

SS.

In the matter of The claim of Cynthia Spradly, Widow of Madison E. Spradly, Private Co. H. 3rd Regt. U.S. Infantry Wels

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County
and State, Margaret Brown, aged 50 years
and Frank Sewell, aged 60 years
citizen of the Town of Berkley, County of Norfolk, State of
Post Office Address.

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

That they were born and raised in Surry County, Virginia, and that they
have been well acquainted with Madison E. Spradly all of his life,
and also, well acquainted with said Madison E. Spradly all of
his life, and that they know from their own personal knowledge and
observation, that the said Cynthia Spradly and the said Madison E. Spradly
were married, after the manner of slaves at that day, by their owners,
John Spradly in Surry County, Virginia, on or about the middle of August
1861, and that they lived and cohabited together as man and wife, and was
so recognized by all who knew them. They remained together up to the day
he enlisted in the United States Service, sometime in June 1864, and some
time in the February 1866. The said Madison E. Spradly returned
home from the service, to his wife, Cynthia, at Norfolk County, Virginia.
When he arrived home, he was in a very bad state of health, and had a
very bad wound on his right side, caused as he said, by a piece of gun shell
while in battle at Deep Bottom, Virginia. The said wound run into
a running sore, and finally caused his death, about the middle of November
1867, at Norfolk County, Virginia. That the above stated facts, are made from their
own personal knowledge and observations, except how he received the wound
in the right side aforesaid. That they lived near neighbors to both of them, and
were present at their marriage, and at his death, and have lived near neigh-
-bors to Cynthia Spradly from the time her said husband came home from the
service, aforesaid, to the present day, and see her almost daily, and know
that she has remained the widow of the said soldier since his death to
the present day, and that she has no means of support, save by her daily
labor and

They further declare that they have no interest in said case, and are not concerned in
its prosecution.

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Charles Bruce
Harry Willard

Signature
of
Affiants.

Margaret her
Brown
Frank mark
Sewell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiants, and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me; that they ^{are} a creditable persons and so reputed in the community in which they reside

Witness my hand and official seal this 10 day of March 1891

Sign here

ADD SEAL HERE.

Paul L. Cunniff
Notary Public

NOTE.—Should this be sworn to before any other officer than a CLERK OF COURT then the proper CLERK OF COURT must add his certificate of character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

STATE OF....., COUNTY OF....., ss.

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

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

Clerk of the.....



If a Notary Public (or Justice of the Peace) will put his signature and seal impress (if he has one) on a sheet of paper, and a Clerk of Court will certify that they are genuine, stating when his commission was dated and when it will expire, he can execute papers to be used in ONE DEPARTMENT ONLY during his term of office without authentication by Clerk of Court. Such Certificate for each Department where many authentications are required, will save much expense.

Several papers executed before one N. P. or J. P. on the same date need Co. Clerk's Certificate, on one only, if all are to be used in one case.

Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places, as near as you can remember, and if of your own personal knowledge and observation, and state how you know what you say to be true.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

Myrtle Spradley, Widow of Madison, Meritt Spradley, etc.

FOR

Pension

AFFIDAVIT OF

Margaret Brown

Frank Seville

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James Tanner Wash.
ATTORNEY AND SOLICITOR, N.C.

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[illegible]

All pension to terminate _____, 18____, date of _____

Name M. V. Tierney Fee \$ Agent to pay
P. O. City Articles filed , 18

Submitted for Zischner Oct 20 1897 Duganne, Examiner.

Approved for reflexion on the 19th moment that the records of the death resulted from

Def't: fail to show that the evidence proved as alleged - due to

H. T. M. Caulish

June 2, 1898, Legal Reviewer. _____, 18 _____, Medical Reviewer.

_____, *Re-Reviewer.* _____, *Medical Referee.*

Enlisted	18	Invalid application filed <u>none</u>	18
Mustered	18	Invalid last paid to <u>—</u>	18
Discharged	18	Former marriage of soldier <u>—</u>	18
Died <u>Nov 15</u>	18 <u>67</u>	Death of former wife <u>—</u>	18
Declaration filed <u>Dec 13</u>	18 <u>86</u>	Claimant's marriage to soldier <u>Slave</u>	18

Markes (Over)

Rev W. A. Young

HISTORY OF ATTORNEYSHIPS:

1st appointment, 18	Name and P. O.
By	Recognized, or why not
2d appointment, 18	Name and P. O.
By	Recognized, or why not
3d appointment, 18	Name and P. O.
By	Recognized, or why not

*Rejection:
 Soldier did not serve as alleged.
 Err.*

WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR PENSION. 11

State of Virginia
County of Surry } ss.

ON THIS 11th day of November, 1886, personally appeared before me, a
Spty. Clem of a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid Cynthia
Sprattley a resident of Berkley in the County of
Surry and State of Virginia aged about 55-60 years, who being
duly sworn, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the Pension provided by the Act of Congress approved
July 14, 1862. That she is the widow of Madison Sprattley who was
a Private in Company H. commanded by Geo. A. Barclay
in the 22nd Regiment of U. S. Colored Troops in the War of 1861; that
her maiden name was Cynthia Hamilton and that she was married
to said Madison Sprattley on or about the 1st day of Aug. about
1852, at residence of John Sprattley in the County of Surry
and State of Virginia by her master John Sprattley and
that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage. she was married in
slavery and lived with husband, Madison Sprattley
up to his death

SHE FURTHER DECLARES that said Madison Sprattley her
husband, died at Green Ridge, Surry Co. Va. in the State of
Virginia on or about the 1st day of Aug. 1866
of from effect of wound

She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of
said Madison Sprattley and that she has not in any manner been engaged
in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints Northam
Bickford of Washington D.C. as her lawful Attorney, with
power of substitution, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim. The following is the
name, date of birth, and place of residence of all the children of her deceased husband who were under
sixteen years of age at the time of his death Rose Sprattley, about
five years old - born in Surry Co Va
resides now in Berkley Va

My Post Office address is Berkley Va.

If mark is made, two witnesses who write sign here.

M. L. Barnes
M. E. Barnes

Cynthia Sprattley
(Signature of Claimant.)

ALSO PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Cornelius Smith
and James H. Higgins residents of Surry
County, and State of Virginia to me well known as credible persons, who being
duly sworn, declare, that they were present and saw said Cynthia Sprattley

sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said
applicant, and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and know
that said deceased recognized said applicant as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the com-
munity in which they resided; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Attest.

H. D. Wicks

H. D. Wicks

Signatures of Witnesses

James H. Higgins
Cornelius Smith

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 11th day of November 1886; and
I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. And that the contents
of the above were made known and explained to applicant and witnesses before signing.

[SEAL.]

Wm. H. Barnes
(Official Signature.)
Asst. Clk. Insp. Co. C.

NOTE.—If there is any record evidence of the marriage, insert—*except that of which a true copy is hereunto annexed*, and append a certified copy of the record accordingly. The cause of death must be specified in the second clause of the declaration. The declaration and evidence of identity, must be made before a Court of Record, or before some officer of such a Court duly authorized to administer oaths, and having custody of its seal, which must be attached.

WIDOW'S CLAIM

FOR

PENSION.

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Mr. _____

Widow of _____

Co. M.D. 64 Regt. _____

Vols. _____

FILED BY

NATHAN BICKFORD,
CLAIMANTS SOLICITOR,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT,

State of Virginia, County of Norfolk, ss:

In the matter of Lynethia Spradley Widow of Madison E. Spradley
Co. H. 37th Regt U.S.C. Trs.

ON THIS 23rd day of February, A. D. 1894, personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Lynethia Spradley aged 43 years, a resident of Berkley in the County of Norfolk and State of Virginia whom I believe well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

I am the lawful Widow of Madison E. Spradley, Co. H. 37th Regt U.S.C. Trs. who enlisted in said Company and Regiment on the 12th day of June 1864, at Wilcox wharf, in Va. and I have shown that I was the lawful Widow of the Soldier by competent witnesses, and that I had remained his Widow since his death. There is no other person or witness now living that I know of, who can testify in regard to my marriage to the Soldier. Therefore I have offered, except the members of my own family, Mr. Slith Spradley, they reside in Surry County, Va. and they are so prejudiced against the freedom of their slaves that they refuse to testify to the fact of my marriage to the Soldier. Therefore it is not in my power to furnish better proof of my marriage other than the testimony of my neighbors and acquaintances who were present at my marriage. I have also proved the date and death of the Soldier by my neighbors who were present at his death. Further evidence I am unable to produce in the case. And I further declare that I do not own nor have I ever owned any property real or personal, and that I have no income from any source what ever, from bonds, stocks, or any investments whatsoever, and no person who are legally bound to aid or to support me. I have no means of support other than by my own daily labor, and I further certify that the above statements was written by J. A. H. Armstrong in my presence, and only from oral statements made to him on this 23rd day of February, 1894, at his Office 257, Bank St. Norfolk, Va. and in making this above statement H. Post-office address is did not use, and I was not prompted by written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person and not attached as an exhibit to this testimony. My Post-Office address is Berkley, Norfolk County, State of Virginia.

Chas. A. Price

B. Griffin

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

Lynethia Spradley

[Signature of affiants.]

STATE OF Virginia, COUNTY OF Norfolk, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant—, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant—, including the words—erased, and the words—added, and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is not personally known to me and that she is apparently a credible person.

[L. S.]

Laurence D. Waring
[Official Signature]
Notary Public

[Official Character.]

NOTE.—This may be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or any officer who has authority to administer an oath.

No. 483.299

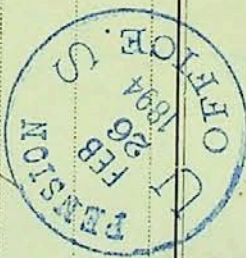
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Cynthia Spradley
Widow of Madison A. Spradley
Co. H 34th, Regt. U.S.C. 34th Div.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Cynthia Spradley



347-935

FILED BY

JAMES TANNER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
LOAN AND TRUST CO. BUILDING,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of *Virginia*

County of *Norfolk*

ss:

In the matter of the application for pension of *Synthia Spradley*. Widow of *Madison ^{Esq} Merrit Spradley*. Co. H. 37th Regt U. S. C. infy. V. S.

ON THIS *5th* day of *September*, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and *ninety four*, personally appeared before me, ^{deputy} *Clisk of the Court*

in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths,

Frank Suell, aged *64* years, a resident of *Berkley*.

in the County of *Norfolk* and State of *Virginia*. *Silvery St* no. *10* to the house

whose Postoffice address is *the same* and *Peter Spradley*

, aged *44* years, a resident of *Berkley*. *3rd Street* no. *10* to the house

in the County of *Norfolk* and State of *Virginia*.

whose Postoffice address is *the same*.

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the

aforesaid case as follows: *we have known and intimately acquainted with Mrs Cynthia Spradley, widow of Madison ^{Esq} Merrit Spradley, all of our lives, and lived near neighbors to her all the time to the present time, and we were well acquainted with Madison ^{Esq} Merrit Spradley, and we know from our personal knowledge and observation that they were married after the custom of Slaves by their owners in Surry County, V. S. and that they lived and cohabited together as man and wife up to his enlistment in the U. S. Service aforesaid, and to the day of his death, and that there ^{was} not at any time any divorce, or separation of them in any description until death, and that Cynthia Spradley has remained the Widow of Madison ^{Esq} Merrit Spradley to the present day, and further say, that we are acquainted with all of Mrs Cynthia Spradley's circumstances, and we know that she does not own any real estate nor personal property, and that she has no income from any source whatever, and has no means of support other than by her daily labor.*

and we further declare that we have no interest direct or indirect, in this case, nor concerned in its prosecution.

And we further certify that the above statement was written by J. A. H. Armistead in our presence, and only from oral statements made to him on this 5th day of September 1894, at his Office "257 Bank St City of Norfolk, Va" and in making this above statement, ^{we did not use} we were not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement, or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person and not attached as an exhibit to this testimony.

Merritt
Madison
Widowhood

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

M. E. Barnes
E. B. Lyles

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

Peter's mark
Frank's mark
Smalley
Snell

[Signatures of affiants.]

State of *Virginia*, County of *Cherokee*, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiants, and I certify that I read said affidavit to the said affiants, including the words

erased, and the words *"we did not use" "was,"* added, and acquainted them with its contents before *they* executed the same. I further certify

that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant

are personally known to me and that *they* *appear to be* credible person.

[I. S.]

M. E. Barnes

[Official Signature.]

Dpty. Clerk Chas. W. Co. Cl. Va.

[Official Character.]

NOTE.—This may be sworn to before a Clerk of Court, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or any officer who has the right to administer an oath.

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Dr. Smith Dic.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF
Spencer's mark
Madison's mark

Co. H. 3rd Regt. U.S.C. Infantry

No. 483 599

AFFIDAVIT OF

Frank Snell

Peter Smalley



FILED BY

JAMES TANNER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WIDOW'S PENSION. 347935

Claimant Cynthia Sprattley Soldier Madison Sprattley
716. Queen St Rank Priv, Co. E regt
P. O. Portsmouth
County Norfolk, State Va Regiment 1st US Col Caval
Rate, \$8 per month, commencing 18, and \$2 per month additional for each child, as follows.

None	{ Born, -----, 18 . }	Commencing -----, 18 .
	{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }	
	{ Born, -----, 18 . }	Commencing -----, 18 .
	{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }	
	{ Born, -----, 18 . }	Commencing -----, 18 .
	{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }	
	{ Born, -----, 18 . }	Commencing -----, 18 .
	{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }	
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{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }		
{ Born, -----, 18 . }	Commencing -----, 18 .	
{ Sixteen, -----, 18 . }		

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

All pension to terminate -----, 189--, date of -----

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name M. V. Limney Fee \$ ----- Agent to pay.
P. O. Washington, DC Articles Filed -----, 189--

APPROVALS:

Submitted for ref, Oct 30, 1897 Longman, Examiner.

Approved for rejection on the grounds that the records of war Dept.

fail to show that soldier served as accepted

June 2, 18998. H. M. Mearns, Legal Reviewer.

The soldier was ----- pensioned at \$ ----- per month for -----

Enlisted -----, 18 . Soldier's app'n filed None, 18 .

honorably disch'd -----, 18 . Clt's app'n under other laws -----, 18 .

Re-enlisted -----, 18 . Former marriage of -----, 18 .

honorably disch'd -----, 18 . Death of former -----, 18 .

Died Nov 15, 1897 Clt's marriage to soldier Slave, 18 .

Declaration filed Sept 2, 1890 Clt ----- remarried -----, 18 .

Claimant is ----- without other means of support than her daily labor.

Marks (over) Hon W. A. Young
Dec 5 - 1897

regiment, on the ground that
soldier's name is not borne on the
Rolls of War Dept. Exr.

Rejection, on the ground that
soldier's name is not borne on the
Rolls of War Dept. Exp.

Letter of refection in this case have
not been written because it is
believed clear, if repected at all, must
be repected on ground that ~~the~~ alleged
Soldier Madison Sprattley is not shown
to have been in U.S. mil. Service -
old law claim is pending.
J.C.W.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant Lyntia Spradley Soldier Madison Spradley alias
Berkley Merritt Spradley
 P. O. Berkley Rank Priv, Co. 4th
 County Norfolk, State Va Regiment 2nd U.S. Col. Inf.
 Rate, \$8 per month, commencing _____, 18____, and \$2 per month additional for each child, as follows:

	{ Born, _____, 18 ____ }	{ Commencing _____, 18 ____ }
	{ Sixteen, _____, 18 ____ }	
<u>None under</u>	{ Born, _____, 18 ____ }	{ Commencing _____, 18 ____ }
	{ Sixteen, _____, 18 ____ }	
<u>1 byrs.</u>	{ Born, _____, 18 ____ }	{ Commencing _____, 18 ____ }
	{ Sixteen, _____, 18 ____ }	
	{ Born, _____, 18 ____ }	{ Commencing _____, 18 ____ }
	{ Sixteen, _____, 18 ____ }	
	{ Born, _____, 18 ____ }	{ Commencing _____, 18 ____ }
	{ Sixteen, _____, 18 ____ }	
	{ Born, _____, 18 ____ }	{ Commencing _____, 18 ____ }
	{ Sixteen, _____, 18 ____ }	
	{ Born, _____, 18 ____ }	{ Commencing _____, 18 ____ }
	{ Sixteen, _____, 18 ____ }	

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

All pension to terminate _____, 189____, date of _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name Henry A. Welch Fee \$ _____ Agent to pay.
 P. O. City Articles Filed _____, 189____

APPROVALS:

Submitted for Spec Examination, Feb 20, 1892, L. G. Hulme Examiner.Approved for Rep. Oct. 8, 1892, H. P. Mayhew, Spl. H. I.

Rejection - The Soldier is living and an applicant for pension
Oct. 31, 1892, E. B. McHenry, Legal Reviewer.

The soldier was not pensioned at \$ _____ per month for _____Enlisted June 12, 1864, Soldier's app'n filed March 3, 1891.was honorably disch'd Feb 11, 1867, Clt's app'n under other laws Dec 13, 1886.Re-enlisted no, 18 ____ Former marriage of none, 18 ____honorably disch'd ✓, 18 ____ Death of former ✓, 18 ____Died Nov 15, 1867, Clt's marriage to soldier Aug 15, 1836.Declarations filed Sept 2, 1890, & March 20, 1891. Clt not remarried _____, 18 ____

Claimant is _____ without other means of support than her daily labor.

Claimant signs by mark - no m.c.

Index Widows, Claim No. 34935

{ Madison Spradley alias Co H. Regt 159th U.S. Inf.
Merritt Spradley

ARRANGE PAPERS IN INVALID CLAIMS—1. Declaration; 2. Soldier's statements as to origin; 3. A. G.;

4. S. G.; 5. Cert. of Dis. Let history as to origin, continuance, &c., follow in regular order.

IN WIDOWS' AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES' CLAIMS—Let evidence of soldier's death, marriage, dependence, &c., follow evidence of origin and continuance of fatal disease.

o 6-113

NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1 to 8	Lynthia Spradley Berkeley, Va.	Dec 13, 1888. Sep 7, 1890. Feb 20, 1891. July 12, 1888. Feb 17, 1888. Dec 27, 1890.	Declaration and supplemental statements.
9 & 10	Merritt Spradley, Army Co H, Va.	Mar 3, 1891. Feb 16, 1892.	Soldier's declaration and supplemental statement.
11	Als., & report	Aug 12, 1891,	military & medical history of soldier
12	Report	Mar 26, 1888.	2d auditor.
13	Joint afft Joseph Jamison, David Rouch & Henry Reid. Berkeley, Va.	Sept 17, 1889.	Origin, continuance, date & cause death, widowhood clmt.
14	Als.	Dec 18, 1889.	verify comrades.
15	Peter Spradley Berkeley, Va.	Sept 17, 1889.	condition at discharge, continuance, date and cause of death.
16	Do	—	date & cause of death and widowhood.
17	Frank Sewell, Berkeley, Va.	July 10, 1888.	Do
18	Joanna Spradley and Margaret Brown, Berkeley, Va.	—	Death soldier and marriage clmt.
19	Frank Sewell, Berkeley, Va.	July 12, 1888.	Mqg, only mqr widowhood.
20	Joanna Spradley Berkeley, Va.	Do	mqr, cohabitation and widowhood.
21	Margaret Brown and Frank Sewell. Berkeley, Va.	Apr 23, 1891.	Death soldier, marriage, widowhood and dependence.

Widow's
DECLARATION FOR ~~INVALID~~ PENSION.

ACT OF JUNE, 27, 1890.

To be executed before a Court of Record or some Officer thereof having custody of its Seal, or a Notary Public, or a Justice of the Peace, whose Official Signature shall be verified by his own Official Seal, if he has one, or by the proper Clerk, under Seal.

State of *Va.*, County of *Norfolk*, ss:

On this *27* day of *Aug.*, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety,

personally appeared before me, a *Notary Public*

within and for the county and State aforesaid *Cynthia Spratley*

aged *59* years, a resident of the *town* of *Berkeley*, county of

Norfolk, State of *Va.*, who, being duly sworn according to law,

declares that she is the ~~identical~~ *widow of Merrill Spratley* who was enrolled on the

day of *186*, in *Co. H 37 U.S.C.T.*
Here state rank, company, and regiment in military service, or

as a private
vessel, if in the Navy.

in the service of the United States in the War of the Rebellion, and served at least ninety days, and was

honorably discharged ~~at~~ *and died soon after the war* on the

day of *1865*. That he is ~~without other means of~~ *unable to earn a support*

support than her own manual labor.
by manual labor by reason of

Here name the diseases or injuries from which disabled.

No children now under sixteen.

No former marriage.

That she and soldier were married

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief per-

about 15 years before the war by her former husband John Spratley
~~manent~~; that he has ~~now~~ *now-dead* applied for pension under application No. *1*; that he is a

~~pensioner under Certificate No.~~

If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given; if not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

She hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, HENRY A. WELCH,

of WASHINGTON, D. C., ~~his~~ true and lawful attorney to prosecute ~~his~~ claim, and to receive

therefor a fee of ten dollars; that ~~his~~ post-office address is *Berkeley*

county of *Norfolk*, State of *Va.*

Cynthia Spratley
Claimant's signature. *mark*

Attest: 1. *W. M. Scherler*

George Jordan

2.

Two witnesses who can write sign here.

Also personally appeared W. W. Silvester, residing at Buckley, Va.,
and Thomas Truegood, residing at Buckley, Va., persons whom I
certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and
saw Cynthia Spratley, the claimant, sign his name (make his mark) to
the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their
acquaintance with her for 4 years and 20 years, respectively, that she is the identical
person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Witnesses to mark:

1. W. W. Silvester

2. George Jordan

W. W. Silvester

Thomas Truegood
Signatures of witnesses.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 27 day of Aug, A. D.

1890, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully
made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the
words.....erased and the words.....
.....added, and that I have no interest,
direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

E. T. Lindsey
Signature

Notary Public
Official character.

NOTES.

The act of June 27, 1890, requires, in case of a soldier:

- (1) An honorable discharge (but the certificate need not be filed unless called for).
- (2) A minimum service of ninety days.
- (3) A permanent physical disability not due to vicious habits. (It need not have originated in the service.)
- (4) The rates under the act are graded from \$6 to \$12, proportioned to the degree of inability to earn a support, and are not affected by the rank held.
- (5) A pensioner under prior laws may apply under this one, or a pensioner under this one may apply under other laws, but he cannot draw more than one pension for the same period.

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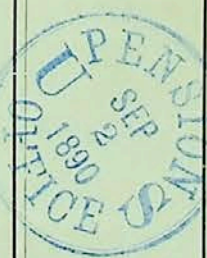
ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

W. W. Silvester
SOLDIER'S APPLICATION.

Name Cynthia Spratley
Soldier W. W. Silvester
Co. H. 37 U. S. C. G.

ADDRESS:

Buckley,
Woolfolk Co.
Va.



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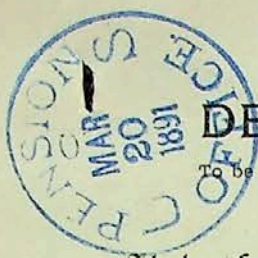
HENRY A. WELCH,

Attorney,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date of execution Aug 27, 1890.

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.
DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

To be executed before a Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or any officer competent to administer oaths.

State of Virginia, City of Norfolk, ss:

On this 10th day of March, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, personally appeared before me,
a Notary Public within and for the City and State
aforesaid Cynthia Spradly, aged 59 years, a resident of
the Town of Berkley, county of Norfolk, State of
Virginia, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow
of Madison Spradly, alias Merritt Spradly, who enlisted under the name of Merritt Spradly
at Wilson's Landing, Virginia, on the 12th day of June
A. D. 1864, in Company H, 37th Regiment U. S. C. Infantry Vols
(Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in Military service, or vessel, if in Navy.)

and served at least ninety days in the late War of the Rebellion, who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED
at Raleigh, North Carolina, and died in Norfolk County Va. on 15th November 1867.
(The cause of death need not be stated.)

That she was married under the name of Cynthia Spradly, to said
Madison, alias Merritt Spradly, on the 15th day of August
1836, by her owners, John Spradly, at Curry County State of Virginia
there being no legal barrier to said marriage. That neither she, or her said husband
(If there was a former marriage of claimant or her husband, state it here and
were never married before they married each other
how dissolved.)

That she has not remarried since the death of the said Madison, alias Merritt Spradly.
(Name of soldier or sailor.)

That she is without other means of support than her daily labor. That names and dates of birth of all the
children now living under sixteen years of age of the soldier are as follows: none under 16 now

Peter, born 19th December 1849, Edward, born 2nd June, 1855, died 1868.
Rose, born 10th December, 1863, George, born 18th November, 1854, died 1868.
July, born 30th May, 1866, the first three are living, 18

That she has heretofore applied for pension and the number of her former application is 483899, now
pending under act of Congress approved July 14th 1862. That she makes this
(Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly.)

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

She hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, James Tanner
of Washington, State of D. C.,
her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS as prescribed by law. That
her post-office address is Berkley, County of
Norfolk, State of Virginia.

Cynthia Spradly
(Claimant's signature.)

1 Charles A. Bruce

2 Nathan Willard
(Two witnesses who write sign here.)

Also personally appeared Margaret Brown, aged 50 years, residing at Town of Berkley, Norfolk Co., Va. and Frank Sewell, aged 60 years, residing at Town of Berkley, Norfolk County Va., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Mrs. Cynthia Spradly, the above named claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance with her of all of their lives years and years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Charles Bruce
Matth J. Williams

Margaret ^{her} Brown
Frank Sewell

(Signatures of witnesses.)

Additional statement of the above named
Witnesses found on paper marked (A) herewith
filed

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of March

A. D. 18 91, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words

erased, and the words

added; and

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

Law P. Cawny

(Signature.)

Notary Public

(Official character.)

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

1. That the soldier served at least NINETY DAYS in the War of the Rebellion and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED.
2. Proof of soldier's death (death cause need not have been due to Army service).
3. That widow is "without other means of support than her daily labor."
4. That widow was married to soldier prior to June 27, 1890, date of the Act.
5. That all pensions under this act commence from date of receipt of application (executed after the passage of act) in Pension Bureau.

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

WIDOW'S CLAIM.

CLAIMANT.

Cynthia Spradly

SOLDIER.

Re: Merritt Spradly
Madison Co. 37th Regt. U.S.C. Infy.

SERVICE.

Vol.

ADDRESS:

Berkley, Norfolk County
State of Virginia.

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DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

To be Executed Before Any Officer Duly Authorized to Administer Oaths, but must have a seal affixed to this Declaration.

State of Virginia, County of Norfolk, ss:

On this 31 day of October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety Two personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, Cynthia Spratley aged 54 years, a resident of the Deeply County of Norfolk, State of Va, who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Madison Spratley, who enlisted under the name of Madison Spratley at Surry Co. Va on the 14 day of March, A. D. 1862, in Co "H" 34th Wset Here state rank, Co., and Regt. if in military service, or vessel, if in the Navy

and served at least ninety days in the late war of the Rebellion, who was honorably discharged and died at Green Ridge, Norfolk Co. Va The cause of death need not be stated.

That she was married under the name of Cynthia Spratley to said Madison Spratley on the 14 day of March, 1862, by Zachariah Spratley, at Surry Co. Va, there being no legal barrier to said marriage.

If there was a former marriage of claimant or her husband, state it here and how dissolved.

That she has not remarried since the death of the said Madison Spratley Name of Soldier or Sailor.

That she is without other means of support than her daily labor; that names and dates of births of all the children now living under sixteen years of age of the soldier are as follows:

born....., 18.....	born....., 18.....
born....., 18.....	born....., 18.....
born....., 18.....	born....., 18.....

That she has heretofore applied for pension and the number of her application is

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Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly.

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of June 27, 1890.

She hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation

W. H. WILLS, OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,

her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim and hereby agrees to pay a fee of \$10 on allowance of claim. That her P. O. address is Berkley

County of Norfolk State of Virginia

Cynthia Spratley
Claimants Signature.

Attest:

C. M. Parsons
B. T. Parsons

Also personally appeared Charles Parsons, residing at Hickory Va
 and B. T. Parsons residing at Hickory Va, persons whom I
 certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, say that they were
 present and saw Cynthia Spratley, the claimant, sign her name (make her mark)
 to the foregoing declaration, that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of
 said claimant and an acquaintance with her for 30 years and 30 years,
 respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no
 interest in the prosecution of this claim.

C. M. Parsons
B. T. Parsons
 Signatures of Witnesses.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 31 day of October A. D. 1892
 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known
 and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing; including the words.....
Constitutional.....erased and the words.....
Condition.....added, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect,
 in the prosecution of this claim.

[SEAL.]

Warren Jordan
 Signature.
Justice of the Peace
 Official Character.

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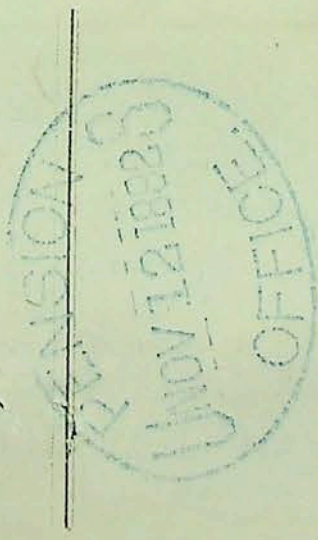
- The act of June 27, 1890, requires, in widow's case:
 (1) That the soldier served at least ninety days in the war of the rebellion and was honorably discharged.
 (2) Proof of soldier's death (death cause need not have been due to Army service).
 (3) That widow is "without other means of support than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

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 ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

Widow's Claim.

Claimant Cynthia Spratley
 Soldier Marion Spratley
 Service No 37 Vol 10

ADDRESS:
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W. H. WILLS,
 Attorney and Solicitor of Claims
 AND PATENTS,
 WASHINGTON, D. C.
 Date of Execution Oct 31/92

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Virginia, COUNTY OF Norfolk SS:

In the matter of.....

ON THIS 21st day of February, A. D. 1898, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, duly authorized to administer oaths Cynthia Spralley, aged 79 years, a resident of Berkley in the County of Norfolk and State of Va, whose Post-Office address is 716 Queen street Ptts mouth Va and aged years, a resident of in the County of and State of whose Post-Office address is

and who, being duly sworn, declares each for himself, in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

That his husband Madison Spralley served in company A 37 W. & C. T. That he was sometimes called Meritt Spralley. That he enlisted about June 1864. He was discharged in the year 1866. That he enlisted at Wilkes Wharf, Virginia. That W. Goff was Colonel of the regiment. That George Bailey was Captain of Co. A 37 W. & C. T. with unto Whitfield and Singer. That his proper name was Meritt Spralley yet he was often called Madison then Meritt.

further declare that ha no interest in said case and not concerned in its prosecution.

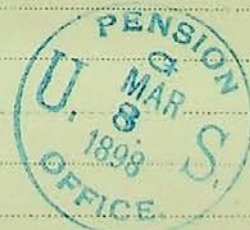
1. Edwin Hingo

2. Mary Epps

If affiant sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here as witnesses thereto.

Cynthia X Spralley
Affiant's signature

Affiant's signature.



State of Virginia, County of Stafford, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of February, A. D. 1898,

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above affidavit was fully made known, explained and read over to the above affiant before swearing, including the words

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erased, and the words

added: that affiant is well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit as witness, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Geo. A. Melvin

Official signature.

Notary Public

Official character.

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC OR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If executed before an officer not using a seal, his official character should be certified to by a Clerk of Court, unless there is on file in the Pension Bureau a general certificate, covering his present term, and if said certificate has been filed, he should state so opposite his signature.

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Additional Evidence.

Claim No. 347,935
Cynthia Spratley
Madison (Mrs) Merritt Spratley
Late 37th Regt U. S. C. I. vols.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Filed by

M. V. TIERNEY,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Maloney & McCurdy, Pcs., 965 1/2 E St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Virginia } SS.
County of City of Norfolk

In the matter of of Cynthia Spratley's Claim No 347
935

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid City
and State, Cynthia Spratley, aged 60 years
and , aged years
citizen of the Town of Berkley, County of Norfolk, State of
Virginia, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who,

being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

Residence
My
I was born in Surry County Virginia where I
lived until the war between the states was over,
and soon after the war, moved to Norfolk County
Virginia where I have resided ever since. My Post-
office address at the time I became acquainted with
my husband and the same at the time I married
him, we were raised together from children,
We were married in Surry County Va. we were
married by my old master John Spratley as
slaves were usually married, I never belonged to
but two men John Spratley and his son Peter Stith
Spratley, I have never been known by any other
name I never had any other husband, and
have not married since the soldier's death
my husband My husband left his master
Merret Spratley and went to Isle of White County
Va. where he enlisted but I cannot give the
precise date, we had eleven children
all of whom are dead but three and the
youngest of these is over twenty years old I do
not know their ages and have no means of
telling as no record was kept my husband
was born in Surry County Virginia and
after the war we moved to Norfolk County
Virginia where he died.

I further declare that no interest in said case, and not concerned in
its prosecution.

1 PA Rogers
2 L. J. Oliver

Signature
of
Affiants.

Cynthia Spratley
mark

NOTE.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark (+), two persons who can write must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.

The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me; that she is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which she resides

Witness my hand and official seal this 2nd day of June 1888

Sign here... *Thos P Warren Notary Public*

ADD SEAL HERE.

NOTE.—Should this be sworn to before any other officer than a CLERK OF COURT, then the proper CLERK OF COURT must add his certificate of character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

STATE OF....., COUNTY OF....., ss.

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

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

Clerk of the.....



If a Notary Public (or Justice of the Peace) will put his signature and seal impress (if he has one) on a sheet of paper, and a Clerk of Court will certify that they are genuine, stating when his commission was dated and when it will expire, he can execute papers to be used in ONE DEPARTMENT ONLY during his term of office without authentication by Clerk of Court. Such Certificate for each Department where many authentications are required, will save much expense.

Several papers executed before one N. P. or J. P. on the same date need Co. Clerk's Certificate, on one only, if all are to be used in one case.

Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places, as near as you can remember, and if of your own personal knowledge and observation, and state how you know what you say to be true.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

Madison Matley
Co H. 37th U.S.C.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF

FILED BY

AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIMANT.

Before executing this affidavit the claimant is requested to read carefully the instructions, and conform thereto in every particular, so far as the facts will allow.

State of Virginia County of City of Norfolk SS:

In the pension claim of Madison Spratley, late of
Co. 26, Reg't, 37 Vols., personally came before me Cynthia Spratley
in and for the aforesaid City and State, the claimant before named, who being duly sworn, declares that she is the
claimant in the above entitled claim, that her post office address is Beekley
County of Norfolk, State of Virginia and that she cannot furnish the
evidence of of the exact date of the soldier's death or
to show the cause of his death

for the following reasons: The physician who attended him in his
last illness is dead and we had no family
record; but he died the year after the war with
the states and in the fall of that year, there
is no public record of his death, I can only
make oath which I do that the doctor who attended
him (Dr. Lassell who is dead) told me that his death
was caused by a wound he received in his side
while in service of the United States

Give names of all Officers, Surgeons or Doctors since discharge, who would be able to testify as to living, or if they could be found, and state, as to each one, why his evidence cannot be obtained.

If the affiant makes his mark, two persons who can write must attest by signing their names on the lines below.

1 J. L. Seneca
2 Wm E. C. Teagle

Cynthia ^{her} Spratley
Affiant's Signature.
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day, by the above named affiant; and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was read over to said affiant, and its contents fully explained before execution. I am nowise interested in this claim nor am I concerned in its prosecution. *and I further certify that I carefully explained the affidavit to witness before execution and am satisfied from examination of the witness that she fully understands the same.* See note No. 3 below.

WITNESS my hand and seal, this 2^d day of July, 1888.

Thos W. Warden
Official signature.

Notary Public
Official title.

[SEAL.]

NOTES.

1. This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before an officer having no seal, then the Clerk of the County Court must add his certificate of official character in the form below, and not on a separate slip of paper, unless the officer has a certificate of official character on file in the PENSION OFFICE.

2. If sworn to before a Deputy Clerk of Court, he must sign as deputy, if so authorized by law, and not for in the name of the Clerk. Every witness must sign his or her name, no matter how poorly he may write it, or how long it may take him to do it.

3. But if the witness signs by X mark, the officer administering the oath should first carefully read and explain the affidavit, and satisfy himself that its contents are understood and add the following additional certificate in writing: "I further certify that I carefully explained the affidavit to witness before execution, and am satisfied from examination of the witness that he fully understands the same."

I, _____, Clerk of _____ Court in afore-said County and State, do certify that _____ Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was, at the time of so doing, a justice of the peace in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit and that his signature thereto is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 1888.

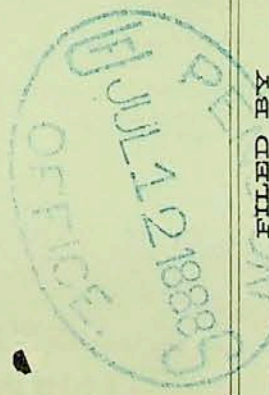
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Clerk of the _____ Court.

Pension Claim of

*Widow of
Thomas Spratly
Co. H 37 1st U.S.C.T.
Am. Widow Pension*

Affidavit of Claimant.



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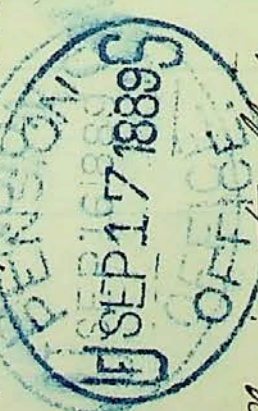
NATHAN BICKFORD,
Pension Claim Attorney,
914 F STREET,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

State of Virginia }
City of Norfolk. } ss

In the matter of Merritt Spratty deceased. late private of
Company H. 37th Regiment United States Colored Infantry
Volunteers, in the late war, 1861. Personally appeared
before me a Notary Public in and for aforesaid City
and State. Mrs. Cynthia Spratty, who I believe to be reput-
-able and entitled to full credit and who being by me duly
sworn according to law, Doth on oath Declare that she is the
lawful widow of the said Merritt Spratty, and that she has
Continued the widow of the said Merritt Spratty since his
death. That the said Merritt enlisted in Company H,
37th Regiment United States Colored Infantry Volunteers
at Wilsons Wharf on the James River in the State of Virginia
on the 12th day of June, 1864. His right name when at
home was Madison Spratley. his owners was opposed to
his enlisting in the service, and he left home unbeknown
to them. and to evade his owners he enlisted under the
name of Merritt Spratley. That when the papers in the
Case now on file was made out, the name Madison
there in written, was a mistake made by the writers.
the above was the cause of his enlisting under the name
of Merritt Spratley. That the names Merritt, and Madison
as written are the same person. And she further say
that ^{she} is an applicant for pension on account of her said
husband being wounded in the right side with a piece
of bomb shell at Deep bottom Virginia in battle,
between the 28th of September and the first of October 1864, and

N^o 347.935
Cynthia Spralley
Widow of

Madison Spralley
Co. 76. 37th Regt. U.S.C. Infy.
No. 47.935



Claimants affidavit

Claim of
Mrs Cynthia Spralley
Widow of

Madison Spralley, s/o.
Co. H, 37th Regt. U.S.C. Infy.
No. 47.935

affidavit of
Mrs Cynthia Spralley
Claimant.

NATHAN BICKFORD
CLAIMANTS' SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

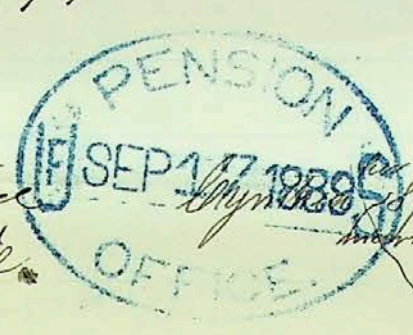
NATHAN BICKFORD.
CLAIMANTS' SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

and which was the cause of his death. And that the N^o of her claim on file is 347935.

Signed by mark
in presence of

J. A. W. Armitage
A. P. Aydelotte.

attesting
witnesses.



Cynthia Spralley Seal
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before this 1st day of April A.D. 1889, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing Affidavit were fully made known and explained to Mrs Cynthia Spralley before swearing, and that I have no interest whatever in this claim, nor concerned in its prosecution. The word she was added before swearing.

Testimony made &c



State of Virginia
County of Norfolk } SS

in the Claim of Mrs Cynthia Spradly, et al 347.585, as the Widow of Meritt Spradly, alias Madison Spradly, et al, late private in Company H, 37th Regiment U. S. C. Troops, Nels. in the late war, 1861. Personally came before me a Deputy Clerk of the County Court, a Court of Record in and for aforesaid County and State, Mrs Cynthia Spradly, Resident in Berkley, County of Norfolk State of Virginia, and who I believe to be reputable and entitled to full credit, and who being by me duly sworn according to law, both on oath say, that she reside as above stated, and her Post Office address is Berkley, Norfolk County State of Virginia, and that in relation to her said Claim for Pension, she declares as follows:

That it is not in her power to furnish the testimony of the Commissaries and Officers, nor of the Surgeon of the 37th Regiment U. S. C. Troops, Nels. in her case, for the reason that they are out of her reach and knowledge. That she has used every means in her power to obtain their testimony that she has written several letters to them, marked to be returned in fifteen days if not delivered, the said letters was mailed to their addresses at places reported to her to be their places of residence, and that she has failed to receive any answer whatever, said testimony being entirely out of her reach and knowledge. She has furnished such and the only testimony that be in her power, to wit: The testimony of the Soldiers Comrades in the service And also the testimony of his neighbors.

And she further say that the Physician that attended the said Soldier after he was discharged from the said service, was Dr Telford, of Norfolk, and that he died at the City of Norfolk in May, 1885. therefore, it is not in her power to furnish his testimony in ^{the} case.

And she further say, that there is no public record of the death of the said Soldier, and that she has furnished the testimony of those who were present at his death, and who shrouded and assisted in the burying of him. This is all she can do. And she further say that she was married to the said Soldier on the 15th day of August in the year 1836, in Surry County State of Virginia by the consent of her former owners, Mr John Spradly, And that she lived and cohabited with the said Moritt Spradly as his Wife to the day of his death, the 15th day of November 1867, in Norfolk County State of Virginia. And that the said Soldier left surviving him five Children, and their names and dates of their births are as follows. To wit: Joe, was born on the 18th day of November 1854, and died on the 25th day of November 1868. Edmond, was born on the 2nd day of June 1855. And died on the 18th day of August 1868. Rose, was born on the 15th day of December 1853. Peter, was born on the 19th day of December 1849. Lucy, was born on the 30th day of May 1861. Peter, Rose, and Lucy, are now living with their ^{mother} in Berkley Norfolk County State of Virginia, ^{with whom} they have lived continuously from their Births to the present time. The above named Children are all the Children the said Soldier left surviving him at his death either by whole or half blood.

Signed by Mark

In presence of

Cynthia ^{her} Spradly
mark

Attesting Witnesses, L B Edwards

Robt P. Manning.

Also personally appeared before me, Mrs Joannah Spradley, aged 68, years, Resident of Norfolk County State of Virginia. Post Office, Senterville Norfolk County Va.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Virginia

County of Norfolk

In the matter of Synthia Spratley widow of Madison Spratley late of Co

Personally came before me, a a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County and State, Synthia Spratley, aged, _____ years and _____, aged, _____ years citizen of the Town of _____, County of _____, State of _____

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

That she cannot furnish record evidence showing date and cause of her husband's death that she is entirely dependant on the testimony of his comrades friends, neighbors &c. to prove her claim, that both she and her friends were ignorant and unlettered and had to trust to memory and to date from some holiday or other event to arrive at dates, that there was no health officer in the county where her husband died, that she is confident that he died on the 15th day of December 1866. and the reason she is so positive is that, he died in the same year he returned home 10 days before Christmas day, that when he returned home he was very sick with cold and lung disease or Consumption and never saw a well day until he died, she states she can give no better evidence of the date of marriage or the birth of children than has already been given here before and prays her claim be referred to the special Jurors of this District to inquire into the truthfulness of her allegations and to determine the same

further declare that _____ no interest in case, and _____ not concerned in its prosecution.

1 W. T. Loring
2 J. B. Loring

Signature
of
Affiants

Synthia Spratley
ma

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Virginia

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further declare that _____ no interest in case, and _____ not concerned in its prosecution.

1 W. T. Dwyer
2 S. C. Carey

Signature
of
Affiants

Synthia ^{Wm} Spratley
ma

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution ; and that said affiant is personally known to me ; that she is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which she resides

Witness my hand and official seal this 28th day of September 1891

Sign here

ADD SEAL HERE.

W. R. Drury N.P.
Certificate on file

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____, ss.

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

Witness my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____ 189

Clerk of the _____

{ L. S. }

No. 347.935
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

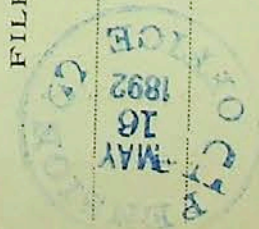
Cynthia Chatley
Widow of

FOR

Madison Chatley
Rev. W. 3 yth Ch. D.C. 4.

AFFIDAVIT OF

FILED BY



U. S. Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, OCT 27 1897

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions,

with the information that the record
of Modison
Hawley or similar
names has not been
found and will be
looked up



By Authority of the Secretary of War:

Z. L. Andrews
Colonel, U. S. Army, Chief of Office.
Per [Signature]

Compensation
3-464
Div. E. E. D. Ext.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Oct 25, 1897.

Respectfully returned to
the Chief of Record
and Pension Office
War Department
requesting that a
further search be
made for the within
named articles
served for "E"
1. Will V. Car and
if found a fuel
oil lantern and
one coal history
be given.
Modison 3479 35
Washington, D. C.
Oct 26 1897

Other in post.
Acting Commissioner.

RECORDED
1516805
OCT 27 1897
WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, FEB 1 1893, 1893.

Respectfully returned to Conr
Lucas

with the information that name
Madison Spradley
not been found
on rolls of Co. E. 37
Regt 245 C Inf or
Co. E. 1 Regt 245 C
Inf or any other
Co of either Regt



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Stearns

Colonel, U. S. Army, Chief of Office.

Per m.

(323)

No. 6 (3-161) W.M.
DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. Jan 31, 1893.

Respectfully returned to the Record
and Pension Division, New York.
must requesting a full military
and medical history and full
dental description by the follow-
ing named officers:

1. "Madison" Spradley
Co. E. 37 Regt. M.D. Co. 245
and

"Madison" Spradley or Spradley
Co. E. 1 Regt. M.D. Co. 245.

Of these soldiers are not found
on rolls of Co. E. 37. Their names should
all companies of said regiments.
This information is needed

(over)

Commissioner.

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(6-4-93)

W.M. Jan 14-93

for the purpose of identifi-
cation.

The officers named in the
inclosed report is now
living and drawing a
pension under the name
of "Hermit Spradley" and
the official examination re-
port in his case shows
that he was also called
"Madison" Spradley in
Regiment 245 1 Regt
M.D. Co. 245. One of the
reasons is perhaps the
husband of the widow
in the closed mentioned
below:

Widow No. 347935
Madison Spradley
Co. E. 37 Regt 245 C
Inf
Green Mountain
Commissioner.

Enc. **Treasury Department,**
THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

April 7th, 1894.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir: In reply to your letter of *April 3rd*, in case of

Merritt Sprattley Certificate *\$20.902.*
S.C. Agency, *Set June 27, 1890* Roll,

you are informed that the records of this Office show payment to have

been made at *65* per month

from March 3, 1891
to December 4, 1893.

Letter herewith returned.

Respectfully, yours,

Sam'l Blackwelder

Auditor.

3-399.

Southern Div.
Ed Ex'r.
Washington Agency.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *April 3*, 189*4*

Hon Third Auditor

US Treasury

Washington DC

SIR:

Please furnish a report as to payment of Certificate No. *820902*
of *Murritt Sprattley* of *Co H. 37. US 6 Inf*
who is alleged to have *died* on the _____ day
of _____, 18*66* The information is desired for use in
the claim of the *Soldiers widow* No. *347.935-*

Very respectfully,

Spur Lockman
Commissioner.

REPORT.

Payment made to include _____, 18____, with _____
increase. The payment was discontinued on the _____ day
of _____, 18____, because of the _____

_____, 189____

NOTE.—If any change in amount of pension originally allowed, please so state.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I, Cynthia Spratley
Here state full name and if the soldier is dead, state
Widow of Merrif Spratley
relationship of Claimant to him; also his name in full.
late Private of Company 26 37 Regiment
USC Portsmouth
Rank of Soldier. Vols. of Portsmouth in the County
716 Queen St
State Claimant's Post Office address.
of Pa and State of Pa

have made, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents, do make, constitute and appoint

M. V. TIERNEY, of Washington, D. C.

my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name, place and stead, hereby annulling and revoking all former Powers of Attorney or authorizations whatever in the premises, to prosecute before any Department or the Courts, or Committees of Congress of the United States, until final completion, for me my claim for

Reunion under all laws #347935
and Widow completing Soldiers Claim
(Here state the nature of the claim, its number, if known, or approximate date of filing. If you are now represented by any Attorney, give your reasons for desiring to revoke his authority, whether by reason of his having abandoned the claim or neglected its prosecution, or by reason of his suspension or debarment from practice; or if he is deceased, state such fact.)
that appeared to be pending at
date of his death # 820,9021
and a claim of her own as his widow had by Will
and to all Washington DC

and to, from time to time, furnish any further evidence necessary or that may be demanded, giving and granting to my said attorney full power and authority to present and verify any petition or replication, and to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite or necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do if personally present at the doing thereof, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney or his substitute may or shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18 day of

March, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven

Two persons who can write MUST sign here in all cases.

1. William Wright

Cynthia X Spradley
(Claimant's Signature)

2. Mary Epps

[L. S.]

State of Virginia County of Norfolk ss:

BE IT KNOWN, That on this 18th day of March in the year eighteen hundred and ninety seven before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared Cynthia Spradley to me well known to be the identical person who executed the foregoing Letter of Attorney, and the same having been first fully read over to her and the contents thereof duly explained, acknowledged the same to be her own act and deed, and that I have no interest, present or prospective, in the claim.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, the day and year last above written.

Geo A Mulvaney
Official Signature.

Notary Public
Official Character.

[L. S.]

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

Witness my hand seal of office this _____ day of _____, 18 _____

[L. S.]

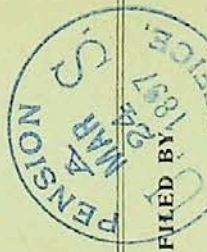
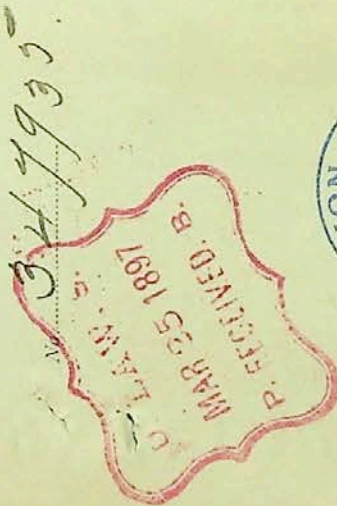
Clerk of the _____

NOTE.—This should be executed before the CLERK OF COURT a NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, an official having a seal preferred.

Power of Attorney.

CLAIM OF

Cynthia Spradley
Madison Spradley
Merritt "No. 37"
Co. H "37" U.S.C. Vols.
FOR



M. V. TIERNEY,

Attorney at Law,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

J. Wm H. Barnes Deputy Clerk of the
County Court of Topeka County. do hereby
Certify that I have examined the Land and
Property Books of this Office, and do not
find any property charged to Cynthia
Spratley.

Given under my hand and
the Seal of said Court. This 10th
day of September A.D. 1895-
Wm H. Barnes D.C.

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483.899

Central Library

and of

Robert M. Smith

to J. H. H. H.



West by

James James

Black St.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

I, Charles Flora a resident of Norfolk Co Va
in the County of Norfolk and State of Virginia, aged 46 years
on oath depose and say in relation to the pension claim of Synthia Spratley
Widow of Madison Spratley late of Co. _____, Reg't _____, Vols., as follows

Affiants must not fail to state how they know or knew of the facts and circumstances in regard to which they testify.

That he was a member of Co B 36th Reg
U S Col Infy That he was discharged
on the 28th day of October 1866, and returned
home to his mother and father who were
living at Green Ridge Norfolk Co Va, and
he arrived home on December 1866.
That Madison Spratley the soldier aforesaid
was then dead and buried, having died a
short time before his arrival, a few days before
his knowledge is derived from having
returned home as aforesaid and to the
same neighborhood where Madison Spratley
lived and died, he was informed of said
fact by his father and mother and visited
his grave and viewed it and it was pointed
out to him as said soldiers grave, in
answer to enquiry made by him concerning said
Madison Spratley That he has known his widow
to present time and recognizes her as being his
wife and know she has not remarried and is
now dependant on her own exertions for support
having no other income

I further state that I have no pecuniary interest in this claim, and that my post office address is

If the affiant signs by mark, two persons who can write must attest by
signing their names on the lines below.

1 W. F. Denny
2 S. B. Denny

Charles Flora
(Affiant's Signature.)

State of *Virginia* *County of Norfolk* : 55

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day, by the above-named affiant; and I certify that I read the foregoing affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I am in no wise interested in this claim nor am I concerned in its prosecution.

Witness my hand and seal, this *8th* day of *August*, 189*1*.

[SEAL]

H. R. Drury N.P.
Official Signature.
Certificate on file
Official Title.

NOTE—This can be sworn to before any officer qualified to administer oaths; but if before a JUSTICE or NOTARY who has no seal, then a CLERK OF COUNTY COURT, City or County Clerk, must add his certificate of character hereon, if he has no certificate on file in Pension Office, if one on file another will not be required with this affidavit.

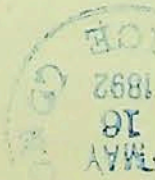
I, _____, Clerk of the _____ Court in and for the aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____ Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was, at the time of so doing, a _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 189*1*.

[SEAL]

Clerk of the _____ Court.

No. *347933*
Legantine Spatter
Widow of
Macdoni Spatter
Rev. W. 34th 26.4.6.4.



FILED BY
NATHAN BICKFORD,
Claimant's Solicitor,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

State of Virginia } S.S.
City of Norfolk }

In the matter of the claim of Cynthia Spradly, widow of Merrit Spradly, dec'd. late Co. H 3rd Regt. U.S.C. Inf. in the late war 1861. J. R. Bagnall, a Notary Public for the Corporation of the City of Norfolk and State aforesaid, on this the 20th day of Nov. 1890 A.D., do hereby certify that I have a very large family bible before me, claimed by Mrs. Cynthia Spradly to be her family bible. The said bible appears to be very old, and much worn, several of the first pages of the said bible are missed, particularly the page containing the date of publication of the said book. Hence, the date when said bible was published is not known. I have carefully examined the said bible and find recorded therein the births of the following named children of Merrit Spradly dec'd. soldier to wit: George was born on the 18 day of Nov. 1854, and died on the 2nd day of Nov. 1868, Rose, born on the 15th day of December, 1863, and is now living,

Edward, born on the 2nd day of June,
1855, and died on the 18th day of Aug.
1868, Peter, was born on the 19th
day of Dec., 1849, and is now
living, Lucy, was born on the
30th day of May, 1861, and is now
living, and further certify that
I have no interest direct or indi-
rect nor concerned in its prose-
cution.

Robt Bagnall Jr.,
W. P. for Norfolk, City

L. S.

No. 347,935

Leontine Chautey
Widow of

Marion Chautey
Dec. 26. 37th - 26. 1. 6. 21.

Certified Copy of
Family Record

AR

NATHAN BICKFORD,
CLAIMANTS' SOLICITOR,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL
MAR 23 215582
WAR DEPARTMENT

Portsmouth, Va
March 21. 99

Orinthia Spadley

Requires certain papers
relative to her claim
for pension as widow
of Merrett Spadley, &
H. 37. 1. 2. C. 2. war of
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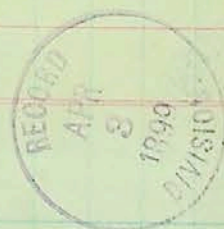
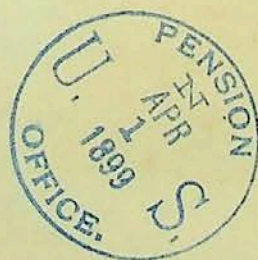
1st Endorsement.

War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, March 29th, 1899.

Respectfully referred to
the Commissioner of pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Thomas Ward

Assistant Adjutant General.



md. 347935

No.

Cynthia Sprarley

Claimant's Name

also Madison Sprarley

Soldier's Name

Co.

Reg't

Vols

CHARACTER OF CLAIM

189

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

Dear Sir:

Papers.

ATTORNEYS ROOM

JAN 12 1896

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

We are, sir,
your obedient servants,
J. B. CRALLE & CO.

Southern Div.

C.L. No. Ex'r.

Mich. Orig. No. 347935

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 12, 1900.

Maclisau-Sprattley
Alleged
Co. No. 37, Reg't. N.C. Vol. Inf.

Maclisau:

In reply to your letter of recent date you are informed that the Merritt Sprattley who enlisted and was discharged under dates given by you, and an account of whose service you claim pension as his widow ~~was~~ ^{is} alive and a pensioner.

There ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~no other person bearing the name of~~ ^{of the War Dep show that no other} Sprattley, or similar name, ~~whose name is~~ ^{is} borne on the rolls of any Company of the 37. Regiment N.C. Infantry.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. ...

Mrs. Leggettia Sprattley

716 Queen St.

Portsmouth

Va.

Draft of letter to
Cleiman,

Feb'y 10-12, 1902

Southern Div.

C L W, Ex'r.

Will Orig No. 347935

Madison Spatterly

allied H. 37, W.C. Val Def.

Under Act of June 27, 1890.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

The above title should be indorsed on every paper relating to this claim.

Washington, D. C., Feb'y 12, 1900.

Gentlemen:

You are informed that the application for _____ pension under the act of June 27, 1890, filed by you in behalf of Cynthia Spatterly, Jan'y 15, 1900, has been found to be a duplicate of the claim described above, filed Sept. 2nd, 1890, and which was rejected June 2, 1898, on the ground that the records of the War Department fail to show that the soldier served as alleged.

The allegation in the declaration filed by you that soldier served in Co. "D." ^{7th W.C.D.} does not justify further proceedings, since the report from the War Department shows that the name of this alleged soldier is not borne on the rolls of any Company of said ~~7th W.C.D.~~ ^{Reg't}.

Very respectfully,

Messrs. J. B. Gralle & Co.
City.

Commissioner.

Copy of letter to
J. A. K. & Co.,
Attorneys,

May 10-12, 1900.

Serve - in substance -
to Servus & Co. June 27, 1900

100 Reg 347935- *aban* DIV.

Washington, D. C. *Apr. 10* 190 *3*

Application No. *483899*

Certificate No.

NAME OF APPLICANT:

Cynthia Spradly

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Madison Spradly *alias*

Merrill
Co. *H.* 37 Reg't. *U. S. C.*

INFORMATION DESIRED.

Prompt action is respectfully asked in this claim.

JAMES TANNER,

ATTORNEY.

NOTICE TO ATTORNEY.

The attached slip is returned to you with the information that as no evidence has been filed for over a period of three years in said claim, it will not be revived upon such call unless a new and valid power of attorney shall be filed.

E. F. Ware,

Commissioner.

May 9-1903

July 9/03 - 90 City Council
 Order and Council of Registration

[3-218 a]
 Ex't
 No. 488, 899
 34935
 Act of June 27, 1890.
 7/21

Jan 21/91 A.S. 11
 Md. Arch 28-91
 Va. Letter to
 W. Va. (Henry A. Proctor)
 city,

To J. B. Crable & Co. Atty.
 Claim filed by them a duplicate.
 Copy within, Feb 12, 1900, 14.
 To claimant name furnished by
 her in that a claim about and
 a premium. Copy. Feb 12, 1900 H.
 To Stearns & Co. Atty. same
 as first above. June 27, 1900. H.

Attorney Starnel notified that
 he will not be recognized unless new power
 of attorney filed.

May 9 1903. Alb

Carolina & Spradley
 Abertley, N. York Co. Va.

~~Marshall~~ ~~Spencer~~
 Died at 61 N. 8. C. Can

No other claim.

12/24, 1890
 Numerical No. 397466
 Clerk.

Application filed: Sept 2, 1890

Attorney: Starnel & Alcott
 James Starnel Atty.
 P. O.

N. C. Cullen (1) death (2) Insurance
 S. C. (5) former insurance (4)
 Fla. Can, wife (5) fruits (16)
 Ga. 2 children (7) de-
 Ala. Henderson,
 Missy 11/91. Ret'd att. report asking
 La. Whittier two children around
 Tex. Under name name & de
 Ky. 14/91. To which att. for com-
 service - stating arrived during 4 or
 Tenn. Application for patent in Raleigh
 Missouri no H. 3948 wife & child
 Ark. Aug 31/93 A.S.
 D. C. Att for insurance
 U.S.C.T. W. H. Proctor

To those of my 3 to chief,
 Hon. A. S. A. Young & atty.
 Henry; "Name not borne."
 July 11/96. A.S. F.A.S.