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Catherine Germany
Widow of ~~St~~ Stephen Germany

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No. 180,649

South Carolina

Catharine Germany

Widow of **DEAD.**

Stephen Germany

Rank Private

Company "K"

Regiment 21st U.S.C.S.

Rate per month \$ 8.

Commencing 12th Jan'y. 1878

Ending

Certificate dated 9th April 1878

and sent 13th " 1878

Payable at the Orleans La. Agency.

E. B. Mantor Attorney.

Act 14th July, 1862.

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H. Walker Clerk.

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Death Jan'y 1878

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25th, 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 719,167, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that _____ was enrolled on the _____ day of _____, 186____, at _____ in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years or during the war, and mustered into service as a _____ on the _____ day of _____, 186____, at _____, in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. _____, of that Regiment, for the months of _____ 186____, he is reported. The information that the name "Stephen Germany" is not found on the Muster rolls of Co. "K" H. M. S. Col's Troops, on file in this Office.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas M. Vincent

Assistant Adjutant General.

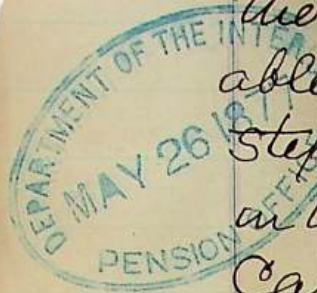
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The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

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State of South Carolina }
Charleston County }

Personally appeared before me Jacob
Williamson Notary Public in and
for the State of S.C., Catherine
Germany who being duly sworn
says that she is the widow of Stephen
Germany who was formerly and
before his death a member of Coth R
1st Reg^t U. S. C. I.

That she is unable to furnish the
certificate of marriage, as she never
had any, or of her former owner, or
in relation to the health of her hus-
band - because after the lapse of
so many years and the changes con-
sequent upon the war, she is unable
to find any one of the family alive,
or near Charleston, that she was
then in servitude and no record
or certificate of her marriage appears
ever to have been made or preserved.
She does not know where any member
of the Murray family to whom she
formerly belonged, can now be found.
They resided before the war at Sta-
tion No 26 above Summerville S.C.,
but they have since removed from
the



the State or have died as she is unable to find them. That her husband Stephen Germany was a stranger in this State and came from North Carolina, and was the property of the So. Ca Rail Road Company. That he enlisted and joined the U. S. Troops in 1863 about February, that he came down with them to Charleston and served faithfully at Morris and James Island, where he was taken sick, and died on the 20 or 21st day of May 1863 in the Hospital at Charleston. That she has the Muster Roll of Co H "21st Regt U. S. C. Infantry to prove this, that she has no other data to produce except a few letters, but can give proof by her fellow servants of the truth of her statements.

That she was purchased in a Brokers office (Mr Austen now dead) before the war, and she was carried away from Charleston, that the name of the preacher who married herself & Stephen, was Sifley a circuit minister residing at that time near Summerville So. Ca,

and that the only persons whom she can recollect as ~~present~~ at her wedding in 1861, were Dave Higgins, Isabella Meggett, and Simon Black - but she is unable to tell where they are to be found now. That she the said Catherine says that during the late rebellion she was loyal to the cause and government of the U.S., and that she at no time gave aid & comfort to the rebellion -

Loyalty

Catherine X Germany
mark

Witnesses
J. P. Rytherwood }
A. Duane }

South Carolina }
Charleston County }

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 21st day of May A.D. 1877 and I certify that I am acquainted with the parties whose names are subscribed to the foregoing affidavits and know them to be worthy of belief; that the contents of the said affidavits were read and explained to affiants before they signed their names and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the



the claim of Catherine Germany
for pension—

Jacob Wellman
Notary Public,
Charleston S. C.,
P. O. Box No 344.

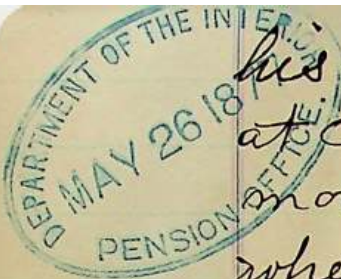


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South Carolina }
Charleston County }

Personally appeared before me
Jacob Wittenman, a Notary Public in
and for the State of South Carolina;
Henry Meggett who being duly
sworn makes oath - That he knows
Catherine Germany, who is the widow
of Stephen Germany formerly a soldier
of the United States, belonging to Co
"K" 21st Regt U.S.C.T. That the said
Stephen and Catherine were married
by a Methodist Circuit Minister
near the 26 mile Station on the So.
Car Rail Road, in the year 1861 (the
month not recollected). That he was
not present at the marriage but he
lived on the same plantation with
Stephen - that they lived together &
were so recognized as man and
wife, by all the neighbours and
persons around the plantation.
That they lived together at the plan-
tation until the time when Stephen
Germany came down to Charleston
in February 1865, and enlisted in
the service of the U.S. and continued
in the same up to the time of his



his being taken sick on James Island
at Fort Johnson, where he was re-
moved to the Hospital in Charleston
where he died on the 20th May 1868;

Witnesses

Isaiah Williams

Henry X. Meggett
snack

I have sworn to before me this 18th day of
May A.D. 1877 and subscribed
in my presence, the same having been
read over to the deponent before signing
and I certify that I believe him to be
a person worthy of belief - and that
I have no interest in the claim -



Jacob Wetlieman
Notary Public
Charleston S.C.
P.O. Box No 344

Cohabitation -

State of South Carolina,
Charleston County.

Personally appeared before me Jacob
Williamson a Notary Public in Char-
leston, South Carolina, Henry Meg-
gett who being duly sworn makes
oath, that he knows Catherine
Germany, and has known her for
many years before the late war up
to this time - that he knew Stephen
Germany also for some years before
the war, that he remembers the mar-
riage of Stephen & Catherine, but
was not present at it, that he was
a fellow servant and lived on the
plantation with them, and was
owned by Mr Isaac Murrey at
the time - that the precise time of
the marriage he does not recollect,
but he does remember the fact that
they were married - and that they
lived together as man and wife
and were so acknowledged and re-
cognized by the people on the plan-
tation and in the neighbourhood -
That when the United States troops
came along at the time of the war

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Stephen Germany came down with them to Charleston and enlisted in the 21st Regiment U. S. C. Troops - the recruits being at the Citadel in this city - that Catherine came on to the city afterwards, & followed her husband - and that after the time that the regiment in which Stephen had enlisted, left Charleston and went to James Island he never saw Stephen again - he knows of his death, having been informed at the time - that he died at the Hospital in this city - that he knows that Catherine Germany is his widow, that he sees her all the time and she is living here in Charleston -

Loyal

That he knew Catherine Germany during the late war and know that she was loyal at all times to the cause and government of the United States.

Henry ^{his} Elleggett
mark

In the presence of }
James G. Wilkie }
Isaiah Williams }

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on the sixth day of June A.D. 1877
and I certify that I am acquainted
with Henry Meggett who signed the
foregoing affidavit and know him
to be worthy of belief, that the contents
of the said affidavit was read over
and explained by me to the deponent
before he signed the same, and that
I have no interest direct or indirect
in the claim of Catherine Germany
for Pension —

Jacob Williman
Notary Public
Charleston County, S. C.



State of South Carolina }
Charleston County. }

Office of clerk Court, Common
Pleas for Charleston County —

I, John H. Ostendorff, Clerk of the
said Court, do hereby certify, that
Jacob Williman Esqr before whom
the foregoing affidavit was taken
and who has signed & sealed the

Prison Book

No 219.167

Catharine Germany
Arrested at

Stephan Germany
No 10.21 Regd MS 65

Accidental Smother
Off of David & John
Henry. Margaret & Ann
leaving of B. M. of Charles

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E. M. M. M. M.
M. M. M. M.

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REVISION OFFICE



I am a Notary public of this State
and appointed and commissioned
according to law in my office -
that according to the laws of this
State he is duly authorized to admin-
ister oaths - and take probate of dea-
th -
Witness my hand and the Seal
of the Court at Charleston this
fourteenth day of June 1877
E. C. P. 1878

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South Carolina }
Charleston County }

Before me Jacob Williamson
a Notary Public in the State of South
Carolina ^{appeared} David Higgins, who
being duly sworn makes oath,
That he has known Catherine
Germany since four or five years
before the war - that he knew the
late Stephen Germany for many
years before the war, that he lived
on the same plantation with him,
and worked with him at the time
when both were employed on the
South Carolina Rail Road - that
Stephen was owned by the said
Railroad Company, and that de-
ponent and Catherine were owned
by Isaac Murray who lived at
26 mile station, on a plantation
near by - that Deponent was pre-
sent at the marriage of Stephen
Germany and Catherine, which
took place at the plantation of Mr
Murray and about the year 1853
in the month of March - Deponent
further swears

Present

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Served
together
to enlistment

that the minister who married them was named Sibley, a circuit methodist preacher - and that they were married in a building, near the white peoples house on the plantation - that after the marriage they lived together as man and wife, and were so recognized by all the fellow servants on the plantation and others in the neighborhood, up to the time of his enlistment in the service of the United States - That Stephen came down to Charleston with some of the soldiers and enlisted in February 1865, and that Catherine & deponent came down afterwards about the month of march and they found Stephen on the Citadel Green - that he knows all these facts because he enlisted also, and was frequently with the parties, and he knows also that Catherine was in the habit of going to see her husband at the Citadel, & giving him some meals and clothing -

That he knew Catherine Germany during the late rebellion and knew

her at all times to be loyal to the
cause and government of the United
states -

That he has no interest di-
rect or indirect in the claim of Mrs
Catherine Germany for pension -

In the presence of
James G. Wilkie

Isaiah Williams

} David ^{his} Higgins
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on the sixth day of June A. D. 1877,
and I certify that I am acquainted
with David Higgins who signed
the foregoing affidavit & know him
to be worthy of belief - that the con-
tents of the said affidavit was
read over and explained by me to the
deponent before he signed the same -
and that I have no interest direct or
indirect in the claim of Catherine
Germany for Pension.

Jacob Wiltman
Notary Public
Charleston County S. C.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
JUN 22 1877
PENSION OFFICE

State of South Carolina
Charleston County, S

Office Court of Common Pleas
and General Sessions.

I, John H. Ostendorff Clerk
of the said Court, do hereby certify,
that Jacob Williman Esq before whom
the foregoing affidavit was made (as
appears by his name in his own hand
writing attesting the same) was at
the date thereof a Notary Public for
the County aforesaid, who had been duly
appointed and qualified and had
signed the Roll of ~~Notaries~~ Kept in
this office - and according to the
Laws of this State the said Jacob
Williman is authorized to admin-
ister oaths, and take the probate
of deeds.

In testimony whereof, I
have hereunto set my hand, and
affixed the Seal of said Court, this
fourteenth day of June AD 1877.

John H. Ostendorff
C. C. P. & S.

David Higgins

WIDOW'S PENSION.

(ORIGINAL WITH INCREASE.)

New Orleans
180.649

Catherine Germany, widow of
Stephen Germany, { Rank, *Private*,
Company, *B*,
Regiment, *21st U.S. Col. Inf.*

Residence of claimant, *Charleston, S.C.*
Post Office, *Charleston, S.C.*
Attorney, *E. B. Hunter, Present.*
Fee, \$ *25*. Articles of agreement, having been filed, *May 30-1878*.
Rate of pension, \$ *8* per month, commencing *Jan. 12*, 18*75*; the date
of filing last material evidence, and two dollars per month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	{ Born,, 18 . }	Commencing	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
By last marriage.	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
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	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		

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

ADMITTED, *June 27*, 18*77*, *W. H. Moore*, Examiner.
APPROVED, *April 5*, 18*78*, *Christian*, Reviewer.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

Enlistment, *March 8*, 18*65*. Right accrued, *May 21*, 18*65*.
Muster into pensionable rank, *April 2*, 18*65*. Claim completed, *June 22*, 18*65*.
Discharge, *none*, 18 . Former marriage of soldier, *none*, 18 .
Death, *May 21*, 18*65*. Death of former wife, *none*, 18 .
Invalid app. filed, *none*, 18 . Claimant's marriage to soldier, *March*, 18*65*.
Invalid last paid to *none*, 18 .
Widow's app. filed, *Jan. 12*, 18*75*.

CAUSE OF DEATH, *Chronic Diarrhea* PLACE OF DEATH, *Hospital, Charleston*

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

No other claim filed.
Identity of claimant as widow of soldier
shown by post-quarter. See paper marked
"B."

The last evidence material to the claim
was filed Aug. 12-1875, relating to Mar-
riage of claimant to Soldier. Evidence
since filed, corroboratory.

See Special Agents report marked "A" filed March
27th, 1878, showing that claimant and soldier lived to-
gether as man and wife and so recognized each other
up to the time the soldier went into the army.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., *April 30th*, 18*75*.

(TRANSCRIPT FROM RECORDS.)

It appears from the records filed in this Office, that

Stephen Germany
Private Co. *K*, *21st* Reg't *U. S. C. T.* Vol.

was admitted to

Post Hospital, *Charleston S. C.*

May 13th, 186*5*, from _____ for treatment for

Ch. Sarcophora and died of that disease *May*
21st 1865. Name also appears as *Stephen*
Germany.

The 3rd + 4th S. C. Cds. Vols were consolidated March
14/1864 and designated the 21st U. S. C. T.

No record of *Stephen Germany* Priv. Co. *K* 4th U. S. C. T.

By order of the Surgeon General:

Vol. *820*

No. *5841*

Per

J. J. Woodruff
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army.
J. P. Keck (1875)

(NOTE.—This transcript should not be detached from the accompanying papers. If additional information is desired relative to the case, the papers should accompany the application therefor.)

21st Regiment at the Citadel
 Green in Charleston, that after
 his enlistment he was carried
 over to James Island or Morris
 Island & was taken sick there,
 and he was afterwards brought
 over to the Hospital in this City
 and died there. That Deponent lived
 on the adjoining Plantation to the one
 on which Catherine & Stephen lived,
 that he knew them both very well
 & for years since 1858, that he has
 no interest direct or indirect in the
 claim of Catherine Germany for
 Pension; and his residence is No
 16 Duncan Street, Charleston S. C.

Witnesses.

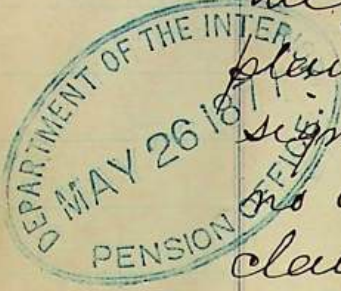
J. Pace

Isaac Williams

Henry X. Wells
 Clerk

South Carolina, 2
 Charleston County, 3

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on
 the 22^d May A.D. 1877, and I certify that
 I am acquainted with the parties whose
 names are subscribed to the foregoing
 affidavits, and know them to be
 worthy of belief. That the contents of
 the



the said affidavits were read and explained by me to affiants before they signed the same - and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the claim of Catherine Germany for Pension -



Jacob Willman

Notary Public

Charleston S.C.

P.O. Box 344

State of South Carolina,
Charleston County, 3

Office of Clerk of Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas.

I, John H. Ostendorff, Clerk of the said Court do hereby certify, that Jacob Willman before whom the foregoing affidavits were acknowledged is a Notary Public of this State, who has been duly appointed and qualified, & signed the Roll of Notaries kept in this office - That according to the Laws of the State the said Jacob Willman is authorized to administer oaths & to take probate of deeds &c, and that the signature and seal affixed as above are genuine -

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court at Charleston this 23^d day of May A.D. 1877.

Geo H Stendorff
Clerk Court S.D.S.P.



Pension Case

No 219.167

Barthram Germany.
Prison

of Stephen Germany
No. 21st Regt W.S.C.S.

Additional Evidence

[Handwritten signature]

Filed by
E.B. Menden
March, 20



[Faint handwritten notes in the top left corner, including "May 26 1877" and "Barthram Germany"]

State of South Carolina

Charleston County,



Personally appeared before me
Jacob Willman Notary Public in &
for the State of South Carolina,
Henry Willis who being duly sworn
says that he has been well acquainted
with Catherine Germany ^{from} for about
four years before the war (about the
year 1858) until the present time,
that he knows of the marriage be-
tween Catherine & Stephen Germany
at Olumays plantation near 26 mile
station on the So Ca Railroad - that
it was in the month of August
1861, that the marriage took place
and that he was present - that
the minister who performed the cere-
mony was Mr Sifley, a Methodist
Circuit Rider - that the Deponent
belonged to Mr John J. Olumay who
lived on the adjoining plantation,
that he knows that Stephen and
Catherine lived together as man
& wife & were so recognized by all
persons until the closing of the
war, when Stephen came down
to the City and joined the 21st
Regt

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tation

State of South Carolina }
 Charleston County. }

Personally appeared before me
 Jacob Williams, a Notary Public
 in & for South Carolina, Harriet
 Smiley who being duly sworn depo-
 ses that she has been acquainted
 with Catherine Germany for the
 last 6 years, that she and Catherine
 have been living together for that
 time - that she knows that she
 is a widow - and has so remained
 during all that time.

Witnesses.

Isiah Williams

J. Pace

Harriet & Smiley
 mark

South Carolina }
 Charleston County. } Sworn to and subscribed
 before me on the 22nd day of May A.D. 1877,
 and I certify that I am acquainted with the
 parties whose names are subscribed to the
 foregoing affidavits, and know them to be
 worthy of belief: that the contents of the said
 affidavits were read and explained by me
 to affiants before they signed the same, and
 that I have no interest direct or indirect in
 the claim of Catherine Germany for Pension -

Jacob Williams
 Notary Public
 Charleston, South Carolina
 P.O. Box No 344

P. M's letter -

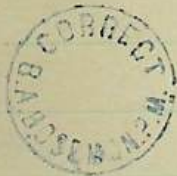
Identity -

State of South Carolina
Charleston County. 3

A
"B"

I B. A. Bosenon Post Master
at Charleston, South Carolina, do
hereby certify; that from the evidence
and information produced before me,
on which I found my belief; and from
persons whom I know to be of un-
doubted integrity, I believe that Cath-
erine Germany is the widow of the
late Stephen Germany formerly a mem-
ber of Co "K". 2nd Regiment U.S.C.S.,
and that the 2nd Regiment was my Regiment,
to which I belonged -
Given under my hand and
official Seal at Charleston S.C.,
this 11th day of June 1877.

B. A. Bosenon
Postmaster.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
JUN 22 1877
PENSION OFFICE

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State of South Carolina, }
County of Charleston, }

Personally appeared before me, R.C. Richmond, Clerk of Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas of the State and County aforesaid, David Higgins, of this State and County, and Simon Black, of this State and County, aforesaid, who are known by me as credible and worthy persons, and whose oaths are entitled to full credit, who, after being sworn, depose and saith that they were the slaves of Isaac Murray formerly of Colleton County, in this State. That they are well acquainted with Catharine Germany, wife of Stephen Germany, late Private in Co. K, 21st Regiment, U.S.C.V., and who died in Regimental Hospital at Charleston, South Carolina, of Diarrhea, May 21st, 1865. And they further saith that they were at the marriage of the said Catharine, whose maiden name was Catharine Brown, with the said Stephen Germany, and that they were married by the Reverend Siple, after the order of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in the month of March, Eighteen Hundred and fifty-five, further that the said Stephen Germany was owned by the South Carolina Rail Company, and that affiants and the said Catharine Germany lived upon the same plantation, and under the same roof, And do know that the said Catharine and Stephen Germany lived as became man and wife, and was only separated as soldiers are from their family, by his joining the aforesaid regiment, and that the said Catharine Germany was also owned by Isaac Murray, as was these deponents. And they further saith that the said Catharine Germany is now the widow of the said Stephen Germany, late private, Co. "K", 21st Regiment, U.S.C.V., and further that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said

Frederick

Latharine Germany for bounty, back pay, or pension, against the United States Government whatever, as the widow of the said Stephen Germany, late Private in Co. "K", 21st Regiment, United States Flood Troops.

Witness to signatures

(Sgd.) Samuel L. Bennett

(Sgd.) Robt. Ahern.

(Signed.) David ^{his} Higgins.

(Signed.) Simon ^{his} Black.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of January, 1872, and I certify that the contents of this affidavit was carefully read and explained to affiants before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Latharine Germany, Widow of Stephen Germany, late Private in Co. "K", 21st Regiment, U. S. C. T.

(Signed.) A. C. Richmond,
C. C. P. & G. S.

Seal of the
Clerk of the Court
of Common Pleas and
General Sessions, of
Charleston Co.,
S. C.

Treasury Department,
Second Auditor's Office,
June 12th, 1877.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original affidavit on file in this office.

R. French
Auditor,
By J. C. Amice

618475.
J. H. B. J. '76.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., July 1st, 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 219,167, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that Stephen Germany was enrolled on the 8th day of March, 1865, at Charleston, S. C. in Co. "K", 21st Regiment of U. S. C. I. Volunteers, to serve 3 years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private (Ret.) on the 2nd day of April, 1865, at Charleston, S. C., in Co. "K", 21st Regiment of U. S. C. I. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "K", of that Regiment, for the months of May and June, 1865, he is reported "Died at Post Hosp't Charleston, S. C., May 21st, 1865, (of Chronic Diarrhea) and is accounted for on Muster Out Roll of Co."

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas H. Vincent

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Wm. J. Armstrong

Mar - & Cohabitation of

State of South Carolina
County of Charleston

Personally

appeared before me A C Richmond
Clerk of Court of General Sessions and
and Common Pleas - of the State and
County aforesaid - Isabella Meggett
of the State and County aforesaid - and
David Higgins of the County and State
aforesaid - who are known to me as
credible and worthy persons - and whose
oaths are entitled to full credit, who
after being duly sworn depose and
swear that they were the slaves - of
Isaac Murray - formerly of Colleton
County in this State. That they are
well acquainted with Catharine -
Germany wife of Stephen Germany -
late private in Co. K. 3rd Regiment
U.S.C.T. - And who died in Regimental
Hospital at Charleston South Carolina
of Diphtheria - May 21st 1865 - And
they further swear that they were at
the marriage of the said Catharine, whose
maiden name was - Catharine Brown
with the said Stephen Germany - and
that they were married by the Reverend
Sibley after the order of the Methodist
Episcopal Church South - in the Month

of March 1855 - further that the said
Stephen Germany - was owned by the South
Carolina Rail Road Company - and
that affiants, and the said Catharine
Germany - lived upon the same plantation
under the same roof - and do know that
the said Catharine and Stephen Germany
lived as became man and wife - and
was only separated as soldiers are
from their family by his joining the
aforesaid Regiment, and that the said
Catharine Germany was also owned
by Isaac Murray - as was these deponent
and they further swear that the said
Catharine is now the widow of the
said Stephen Germany - late Private
Co K - 35th Regiment U S C T. - and
further that they have no interest
direct or indirect in the claim of
the said Catharine Germany for
Bounty, back pay, or Pension against
the U S Government - whatever
as the widow of the said Stephen
Germany late Private Co K - 35th
Regiment U. S. C. T. -

Witnesses' signatures
Jacob Williamson
Alfred Allen

her
Isabella J Meggett
mark
David Higgins
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this twenty fourth day of March 1871
and I certify that the content of this
affidavit was carefully read and
explained to affiant before signing
and that I have no interest direct
or indirect in the claim of the
said Catharine Germany widow
of Stephen Germany late private Co
K - 35th Regiment U.S.C.T.

A. C. Richmond
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WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR PENSION.

State of South Carolina }
County of Charleston } ss.

ON THIS fifteenth day of May, 1875, personally appeared before me, a
.....of a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid.....
min Germany a resident of Charleston in the County of
Charleston and State of South Carolina aged 48 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 Stephen Germany who was
a Private in Company K commanded by Captain R. S. S. S.
in the 21st Regiment of W. S. L. S. in the War of 1861; that
her maiden name was Catharine Brown and that she was married
to said Stephen Germany on or about the 15th day of August
1856, at twenty six mile station in the County of Charleston
and State of South Carolina by Parson Siffley and
that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage, and that the said Parson was a Pres-
byterian minister whom she has known since and that she was married in slavery

SHE FURTHER DECLARES that said Stephen Germany her
husband, died in the service of the United States as aforesaid at Charleston
in the State of South Carolina on or about the twenty first day of
May, 1865, of Dysentery contracted while in
the service and in the War Department. She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of
said Stephen Germany 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 Mr. F. Doolley
of Charleston S. C. as her lawful Attorney, with
power of substitution, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive her pension cer-
tificates, The following the name 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 she deceased
left no children

My Post Office address is Charleston S. C. N. 113 Queen St.

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

E. J. Miller
P. Flynn
Catharine Germany
(Signature of Claimant.)

ALSO PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Richard Kennedy
and William Cole residents of Charleston
County, and State of South Carolina to me well known as credible persons, who being
duly sworn, declare, that they were present and saw said Catharine Germany

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.

Witness-
Robert Vandoren
James Landon
Richard Kennedy
William Cole
Signatures of Witnesses



Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 17th day of May, 1890 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.

Jaco & Williams
(Official Signature)
Blk of H. W. C. 27-50

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Note.—If there is any record evidence of the marriage, insert—except that of which a true copy is hereto 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.

Mrs. Catharine Germany
Widow of Stephen Germany
Co., 46th 2nd Regt.
W. I. Conf. Europe Vols.

FILED BY
M. J. Doyle
Charleston
S. C.
Printed and sold by W. H. Moore, 484 11th Street, Washington, D. C.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION AND INCREASE.

(Under the Act of July 14, 1862, and supplementary act of July 25, 1866.)

State of South Carolina }
COUNTY OF Charleston } SS.

On this.....day of January, A. D. 1875, personally appeared before me, a clerk of a Court of record in and for the county and State aforesaid, Catharine Germany a resident of Charleston, in the county of Charleston, and State of South Carolina aged as she thinks forty four 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 Stephen Germany, who was a Private in company B, commanded by Captain Sylvia, in the 91st regiment of U.S.C. Troops in the war of 1861; that her maiden name was Catharine Brown, and that she was married to said Stephen Germany on or about the 10th day of June, A. D. 1856, at 26 miles Station in the county of Charleston, and State of South Carolina, by Rev Mr. Letcher a white clergyman, and that there is no record evidence of marriage. as she knows

She further declares that said Stephen Germany, her husband, died in the service of the United States, as aforesaid, at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, on or about the 21st day of May, A. D. 1865 of disease.

She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said Stephen Germany, and that she has no children ~~the following named children~~ of her deceased husband, under sixteen years of age, who are now living, the dates of whose births are, as given below, to wit:

.....	born.....	18.....	living at.....
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.....	born.....	18.....	living at.....
.....	born.....	18.....	living at.....

She further declares that she has not abandoned the support of any one of the children above named, nor permitted any one of the same to be adopted by any person or persons; that they are the only legitimate children of herself and the deceased; and that she has not in any manner been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States.

My Post Office address is Charleston S.C.

And she hereby constitutes and appoints E. B. Martin of Wash D.C. her Attorney, to present and prosecute this claim, and authorize to receive and receipt for any certificate, draft, check or vouchers that may be issued for the same to

FOR

WIDOW'S PENSION & INCREASE.

(Under the act of July 14, 1862, and supplementary act of July 25, 1866.)

CLAIM OF

William Henry
Truett of Stephens
University, Wash. D. C.
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of February 1881,
A. D. 1881; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above were made known and explained to the appli-
cant and witnesses before signing; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of August 1900

Signatures of Witnesses.

indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

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 the said applicant as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized in the community in which they resided; and they further declare that they know the fact that she has not remarried, but is still a widow, and that she has not abandoned the support of any one of the said children, and that her statement in reference to the same is true to their personal knowledge, and that they have no interest, direct or

State of Utah to me well known as credible persons, who, being duly sworn, declare that they were present and saw said Barthelme Bennett

resident of Chesapeake, county and

Also personally appeared, Richard Kennedy and Charles

Signature of Claimant.

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her order, and to do any other act or thing necessary or that she might do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby commanding all former authority that may have been given for the above specified purpose.

At her claim for Pension has been lawfully
 as she thinks it has been wrongfully withheld

by her former attorney

Adelaine Jefferyson

Signature of Claimant

EXHIBIT S

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this 9 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston,
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. O'Neal, Master
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared James Bailey,
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 48 years that he resides at 24 Cumming St., Charleston,
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 he knew Catherine Germany when she was Catherine Brown
 she then lived at Eddy's Row. That was before the war. She
 then belonged to Mr. Seabrook. She was not sold then. Affiant
 does not know when she was sold. Affiant did not see her
 again until 1870. Affiant had lived at Fort Mott and came to
 Charleston in 1870, and met her, she was then a widow. Affiant
 has seen her very often since she has been unmarried during
 the time since affiant has been back, nor has she lived with
 a man or borne children.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

[JURAT OVER.]

(S) James Bailey

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

[Signature]

Special Agent

EXHIBIT R

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this 9 day of March, 1878, at
Charleston, County of Charleston
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Harriet Finley
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her age is 58 years that she resides at Cor. Broad & Pitt Sts Charleston
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 she has known Mrs. Germany for seven years, affiant can
 say that it has been since 1871. The way in which she fixes the
 date is by the fact that Yellow fever was in Charleston so bad
 that year. Affiant has kept house with Mrs. Germany until very recently,
 she knows that Mrs. Germany has not been married in that time,
 nor lived with any man nor borne children. She has understood
 that Mrs. Germany was a widow, and she has remained so.

and she further declares that she has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

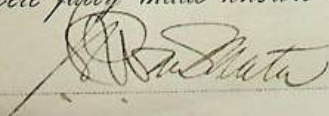
Harriet Finley
 mark

[JURAT OVER.]

(R)

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.



Special Agent

EXHIBIT J

CASE OF

, No.

On this day of March 22, 1878, at
 County of Colleton
State of South Carolina, before me,
a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared
 , who being by me duly sworn according to law,
declares that age is years, that he resides at Nightsville
County of Colleton , State of South Carolina, and that

Catherine and Stephen were never recog-
nized as being legally married.
I presume they recognized each other
as man and wife as was customary
in ante-bellum times. I am certain
they were never married by any official.
They lived together before the War.
They were not married in my Father's
house (Isaac Murray). Catherine had
three children by a white man before
she had Stephen. She had these
children before my Father bought her
from the Broker (Robert Austin) of
Charleston S.C.

and further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of for a pension; and further saith not.

[JURAT OVER.]

J J

H Hamilton Murray
Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
day of _____, 187 , and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

Special Agent.

S S D.

No 249 169

REPORT IN CASE.

Name:

William Penning

P. O. Address:

66 Swanham St, Charleston

County:

State: S.C.

Recommendation:

[Signature]
Special Agent.

REFERENCE.

March 27, 1878.
Case referred to C. L.
Whipple of this Div
for his action
Robert L. Stanton
Chief of S. S. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

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Chief of

Div.

ACTION.

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Investigation:

[Signature]

Chief of S. S. Division.

Approved:

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EXHIBIT 0

CASE OF

, No.

On this 11 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Catherine Conyers
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her age is 48 years that she resides at 80 Schmidt St., Charleston
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 she is the widow of Catherine Germany. Affiant first remembers
 her on Edisto Island. Her name was then Catherine Brown. Affiant's
 name at that time was Catherine Seabrook. Affiant did not know
 Germany before his marriage with her sister Catherine. Her first
 became acquainted with him at Charleston. Stephen and Catherine visited
 affiant. They were then married. That was before the war, not before
 Charleston was taken, but before the war. Stephen and Catherine then lived
 in the country. Affiant first knew that Stephen visited through her cousin
 his wife. After he visited Catherine Germany came to the city and to
 affiant's house. Affiant remembers that Mrs. Germany came in crying and
 said that her husband was dead. Affiant has seen Mrs. Germany
 very frequently during all the time that has elapsed since then
 she has remained unmarried, nor has she lived with a man or
 borne children since the death of her husband. When Mrs. Germany
 first came to affiant's house she introduced Stephen as her husband.

and she further declares that she has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

Catherine Conyers

Mark

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

[Signature]

Special Agent

EXHIBIT *P*

CASE OF

, No.

On this *20* day of *March*, 18*78*, at
near Ironsides Mill Station, County of *Colleton*
 State of *S.C.*, before me, *R. Van Meter*
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Catherine Brown*
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that *she* age is *she can't tell* years, that *she* resides at *St. George P.O. 26 m. S.*
 County of *Colleton*, State of *S.C.*, and that
she was a slave of *Isaac Murray*, affiant was
 a field hand. *She* remembers "Catherine" before *she* was
 married. *She* remembers that *they* - Catherine & Stephen
 went to Mr. Murray and afterwards they lived together
 as man and wife. Affiant does not know who married them,
 but they were married and lived together before and up to the
 time when he enlisted. As to the two children "Bella" and "Harry"
 Affiant says that they came to the place at the same time
 that Catherine did. Affiant has heard them call her "ma".
 Affiant never saw the father of the children. *She* states
 that Catherine did not live with any man before her
 marriage with Stephen. Affiant is not related to Catherine
 Langley. This is all *she* knows about them. Affiant has
 never seen Catherine since *she* went to Charleston.

and *she* further declares that *she* has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of *Catherine Germany* for a pension; and further saith not.

Catherine *her* *Brown*

[JURAT OVER.]

(P)

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Affiant.

Special Agent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of March 1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

Wm. J. [Signature]

EXHIBIT Q

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this 9 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston
 State of S.C., before me, J. M. S. S. S.
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared James B. Jones
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 37 years that he resides at 22 Milledge St., Charleston
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 he has known Mrs. Catherine Germany some seven years, since
 1870. He was introduced to her by her nephew James Brown, now
 dead. Brown and affiant were friends. They were trying to
 get up a Society, and were looking for a place for it to meet in,
 that is how he came to meet Mrs. Germany, and the fact that
 the Society was organized in 1870 is that by which he fixes the
 date. Affiant has lived near her, and knows that she has
 not married since with a man nor borne children in that
 time.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

James B. Jones

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

W. B. State

Special Agent

Nov 25, 1865.

Bro. Maj. S. W. Saxton.

I sent the note recd from
Lieut. Philb. to the Regt at Hilton Head, and
you will perceive Surgⁿ Hawks has made
memorandum upon it. But it appears he has
made reference to the wrong person. The bearer
of this is the person to whom the original
note from Lieut Philb applies. I presume
the cases are similar, and you will please
give this widow such information as
shall be in your power, with reference
to recovery of wages or bounty.

Respectfully

G. Pillsbury,

(N) Agt of Bureau.

Certified Copies

Fort Johnson S. C.,
May 26th 1865-

Mr Pillsbury

My dear Sir,

If you can do any
thing for this poor woman, do so and
oblige me. her husband, Stephen
Germany, a member of my Company
died yesterday.

Nicholas Mils
1 Lieut comdg Co K
21 Reg U. S. C. T.

Nov^r 25th 1865

Brev Major S. W. Saxton

I sent the note received
from Lieut Mils to the Reg^t at Hilton
Head - and you will perceive that
Surgeon Hawks has made memo-
randa upon it. x x x x x x

You will please give this widow such
information as shall be in your
power with reference to recovery of wages
or Bounty -

Respectfully
G. Pillsbury
Agt of Bureau

The above are true copies of letters in the pos-
session of Catherine Germany made by me -
June 15th 1879 -
Geo. W. Pillsbury
Notary Public

Copy of Deed



(M) Fort Johnson S. C.
May 26 1865

Mr Pillsbury

My dear Sir

If you can

do something for this poor woman
do so and oblige me her husband
a member of my Company died yesterday

William says, Co. B. died
at Fort Johnson, May 22 at 11 o'clock
His back pay, due, and pension
the widow, can be got by applying
Sanford, on Gen Sargent's staff

(M)

Very truly
Yours

S. C. F.

EXHIBIT *H*

CASE OF

, No.

On this *9th* day of *March*, 18*78*, at
Charleston, County of *Charleston*
State of _____, before me, *J. R. New Motor*
a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *David Higgins*
, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
declares that his age is *37 or 38* years, that he resides at *King Street near No. 1000, Charleston*
County of *Charleston*, State of *South Carolina*, and that

he was the slave of *Isaac Murray*. Was born on *Murray's Place*.
His father and mother lived there. They are dead. That he knows
Catherine Germany, that he knew her when she was owned by *Mr.*
Murray. Her name was *Catherine Brown*. Affiant remembers that
Stephen Germany came to see *Catherine*. Affiant worked on the
rail road with *Stephen*. *Stephen* was owned by the railroad - the
South Carolina rail road - Affiant was not owned by the rail road.
He states as to how he came to work on the rail road that *Mr.*
Murray hired him out, - after died & with his hands. *Germany*
was a mulatto - a stout man. Affiant remembers that *Germany* got
married to *Catherine* one Sunday. That it was before the war. Affiant
thinks so because the war was not thought about then. It was a
long time before the war, affiant does not mean that it was
before *Charleston* was taken. He did not hear any talk about the
war then. Affiant heard the war talked about long before *Stephen*
married. *Mr. Siffley* married them. *Mr. Siffley* was a white man,
he used to ride the circuit, and was in the habit of stopping at
Mr. Murray's. Affiant was present when *Stephen* and *Catherine* were
married. *Isabella Missett* was there. Two other colored women were there
one named *Flora* and one named *Charlotte*, both are dead. The "boss"
and "Missis" were present but they are dead. People from that neighborhood

have told affiant that they were dead. Affiant can remember the name. Mrs. Gorman was a Samstress in the house, she was married in Mr. Munro's house. Affiant's duties were to attend to the horses, sometimes to work in the field. Affiant was home when Stephen enlisted. Stephen had always been in good health so far as affiant knows. Affiant did not see him go away. The way that affiant knew was that Mrs. Gorman told him that Stephen had sent word that he was going in the army. Affiant never saw Stephen again. On the 17 of March, affiant can't tell the year, after Charleston was taken, affiant enlisted in 104 U.S.C.T. Affiant did not see Mrs. Gorman again until after he came out of the army. Affiant was discharged at Hilton Head. He saw Mrs. Gorman after he came to Charleston. She told affiant that her husband was dead. Affiant has lived in Charleston ever since. She has seen her occasionally - not very often - but backwards and forwards from 1 to her residence. Affiant can say positively that she has never lived with a man, or remarried in that time. She has never had any children to affiant's knowledge. Many of the people who knew William and Stephen after their names are dead. A man by the name of Mingo knew them, also Monday, he is dead; also Caesar - Affiant thinks Caesar is dead. Affiant don't know when Mingo is.

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Mark & Higgins
Mark

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of Carlton Germany for a Pension; and further saith not
Walter ^{his} Higgins
Mark Affiant.

Subscribed and subscribed before me this 9 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made
known to the affiant before signing.

R. A. Mott

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT K

CASE OF

, No.

On this 20 day of March, 1878, at
 Twenty Six M. Station, County of Colleton
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Michael Lemon and
 Sarah Ann Moor ^{respectively about 35 and 37} who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that ^{their ages are} years, that they reside at 26 M. Station
 County of Colleton, State of S.C., and that
 they were the slaves of Isaac Murray who is now dead.
 They live on his plantation. They both remember Stephen
 and Catherine Germany.

Michael Lemon for himself says that he worked on the railroad
 with him Stephen. Affiant remembers that they were married before Stephen
 enlisted. He was not present at the marriage but heard that
 they were married by a Mr. Lefay, or some such name. Affiant
 knew Catherine before she was married. She was a "house servant
 or seamstress or something or other". Affiant does not know whether
 she had children before she was married. She did not, as affiant
 knows of, live with any man before she was married to Stephen.
 There were a boy and a girl in the house named Bella & Henry.
 Affiant does not know whether they were her children or not.
 Affiant knows that she, Catherine, and Stephen Germany live together
 as man and wife, recognize each other as such, and were
 so recognized by those around them. After Stephen enlisted Catherine
 went to Charleston, since which time Affiant has not seen her.
 Sarah Ann Moor, for herself, says that she knows that Stephen
 and Catherine live together as man and wife, and were recognized
 as such by those who knew them, before, and up to the time when,
 Stephen went into the army. Affiant was not present at the
 marriage. Affiant did not know of "Bella" and "Henry". Affiant
 knew Catherine before she was married to Stephen. She had no husband
 before she married Stephen. Affiant was not present at the marriage.
 Affiant has not seen Catherine since she went to Charleston.

and they further declares that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

Michael L. Lemon

Sarah Ann Moor

Affiant.

[JURAT OVER.]

(K)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.
Special Agent.

State of South Carolina }
County of Charleston }

Personally appeared before me Jacob William Clerk
of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for the
County of Charleston and State of South Carolina
William Cole . and Richard Kennedy
of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn
according to law, declare that they were well acquainted
with Stephen Germany (late Private in Company K
21st Regiment of U. S. C. Troops, who died in the hos-
pital in the City of Charleston County and State aforesaid
on or about the 15th day of August 21st day of May, A.D.
1865 of the disease called Dysentery which he contracted
while in the service of the United States, also that they
are well acquainted with Catharine Germany, whom they
know to be the wife of the said Stephen Germany be-
cause they saw them married some few years before
the war at the 26 mile Station in Charleston County by
a Circuit parson named Siffley) and they further know
that the said Stephen Germany died leaving no chil-
dren by Catharine Germany, whose maiden name was Brown,
and that they testify from their own personal knowledge
having been acquainted with them for over 25 years; and in the
service with the said Stephen Germany, and have no interest in this claim.
Sworn to before me this 17th day of May
A.D. 1875, and further certify that the
contents of the above declaration
were fully made known and ex-
plained to them.

his
William Cole

mark
Richard Kennedy
mark

Near
there

Archibald

Wm. Germany
Wm. Cole

plained to them before swearing, including the words
"18th day of August" erased, and that I have no interest
in the prosecution of this claim.

Jacob Wetmore
Clerk of Court of C. P. & G. S.



EXHIBIT D

CASE OF

, No.

On this 11 day of March, 1878, at Charleston, County of Charleston, State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter, a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared William C. Cole, and Richard Kennedy, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that ^{Cole that he is 33 years old, Kennedy unknown} ~~that their ages~~ years that they reside at Cole, 7 Cooper Street, Kennedy, 5 Orange St. County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that they were members of Company K, 21st U.S.C.T. That they became acquainted with Stephen Germany in that company. Affiants were tent mates. Germany's tent was not more than three or four tents from affiants. Affiants saw him before he was uniformed, but did not become acquainted with him before he was assigned to their company, which took place at Citadel Prison, Charleston. Affiants were assigned two or three weeks before Germany was. Germany was a mulatto, he was rather a stout man. When affiants first knew him he was well, and did his duty, until he was taken sick. The way by which affiants know that he was taken sick, was that he fell out at Sick Call. They had Sick Call every morning. Affiant Cole remembers that he saw Germany going to the doctor. Affiants do not know what the disease was. Affiant Cole states that Germany was weak, and he heard that the disease was dysentery, but he does not know from personal knowledge. The way that affiants know that Germany died, was that his wife brought the news to James Island. W. Johnson is on James Island. Affiants became acquainted with Mrs. Germany on James Island. Affiants did not know either Stephen or Catherine Germany before the times stated in this affidavit. Neither of them saw Stephen and Catherine married. That they remember swearing to an affidavit May 17, in 1875 that is they went before Mr. Williamson. They did not knowingly swear that they were present at the marriage. They did not have any knowledge of the parties prior to 1865. Cole for himself says that he can write his name, but cannot read writing. Affiants have seen her frequently since 1868. Sometimes weekly, sometimes oftener, she has remained unmarried since that date. She has not lived with any man nor borne children during affiants' acquaintance with her. ^{Cole makes no qualification of his statement that Germany was rather light skinned man, but brown,} and they further declares that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

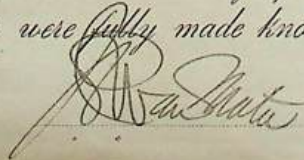
Richard Kennedy

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

R. A. Mott

Special Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

R. M. Bates

Special Agent

EXHIBIT I

CASE OF

, No.

On this 20 day of March, 1878, at
 20 Mile Station, County of Polkton
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Owen Martin
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared - George Elmore,
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 65 years, that he resides at 26 Mile Station
 County of Polkton, State of S.C., and that
 he was a slave of Isaac Murray who is dead. That he remembers
 Catherine and Stephen Germany. He, affiant, brought Catherine from
 the Depot after Mr. Murray had bought her at Charleston. He bought
 three mulatto children at the same time. Their names were "Bella"
 Henry and "Jim". Affiant does not know whether they were Catherine's
 children or not. They were a white man's children. Catherine never
 lived with any man before her marriage to Stephen. After her marriage
 with Stephen she lived with him until he went to the war. What
 was not present at the marriage. The marriage, however, as affiant
 believes took place prior to the time that Stephen enlisted as they
 were recognized each other ^{as husband and wife} before that time. Affiant thinks that some
 of Mr. Murray's sons were absent at the war. The war was
 going on a long time before it got him. Affiant has not seen
 Catherine since she left for Charleston.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

George Elmore

mark

Affiant.

[JURAT OVER.]

(I)

Special Agent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of March 1878, and I certify that the contents were truly made known to affiant before signing.

Wm. H. Smith

EXHIBIT J

CASE OF

, No.

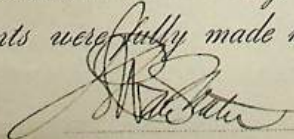
On this 12 day of March, 1878, at Charleston, County of Charleston, State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Henry Willis, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that his age is 48 years that he resides at 6 Duane St., Charleston County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that he knows Catherine Germany. He knew Stephen Germany, Affiant worked on the rail road with him, Affiant was hired by his own Elijah Powell. Germany was a mulatto, stout, had straight or nearly straight hair. Affiant knew him at the time of his marriage with Catherine Brown. Affiant never heard Mrs. Germany called Mrs. Huggatt. Affiant knows that Stephen and Catherine were married before the war, ^{about the time it began.} Affiant knows that it was before the war because he and Germany worked on the road after he was married during the war. Affiant was present at the wedding, a Methodist minister married them. Affiant does not know his name. Affiant is sure that they were married in the house that Catherine lived in not in Mr. Murray house. Mr. Murray and Mrs. Murray were not present. "Celi" was present. Cass also. Mike also. Affiant does not know their last names. Does not know whether Henry or Isabella Huggatt were present. They were only children at the time. Dave Higgins was present. Stephen and Affiant came to Charleston together when Stephen enlisted. His wife did not come. Affiant does not know how she came to know that he enlisted. Affiant saw him enlist at Citadel Green. He was then married. Affiant has seen Mrs. Germany off and on ever since she has been in the city. She has never remarried nor lived with any man since the war. Affiant found out Stephen was dead by driving a hospital ambulance, Affiant did not take him to the hospital. Affiant does not know certainly whether Isabella and Henry are Mrs. Germany's children or not. (Affiant was married to Isabella's "one") Affiant thought they were from the fact that they lived with her. He thought "Jim" was for the same reason. Jim is deceased. Does not know what Jim's last name was. Affiant never saw the father of the children. Affiant knew Mrs. Germany who was a slave some a short time before she married Stephen. She did not live with any man as her husband then. They were in which Aff. came to the off. Affiant further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Catherine Germany, ^{that Henry and Isabella were Mrs. Germany's children is as above stated.} for a pension; and further saith not.

[JURAT OVER.]

(J) Henry X Willis
Mark

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.



Special Agent

EXHIBIT A

CASE OF

No.

On this 7 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston,
 State of South Carolina, before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Catharine Germany
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her ^{is unknown.} age, is years, that she resides at 66 Beau-fain St., Charleston,
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 she was born on Edisto Island. Her owner until she was seven
 was John Labrook, now dead. He put her in a "public Office" to
 be sold by Mr. Austin, a broker. Mr. Austin died about two years ago.
 Austin sold Affiant to Isaac Murray, a farmer, residing near 26 mile
 Station, about 26 miles from Charleston. That affair ^{with} ~~was~~ and was
 owned by Murray until her marriage. Affiant has heard that Murray, who
 was old when he bought Affiant, is dead, and his place broken up. Affiant
 was bought as a seamstress, which was her occupation. She was owned by
 Mr. Murray when she married Stephen Germany. Germany, Affiant's husband, was
 a stout man, he was a muleteer, not very tall. Germany was born in North
 Carolina. He was sent her to be sold, and was bought by the South
 Carolina rail road company. He was a track walker, or a railroad hand
 when Affiant married him. Affiant and Stephen Germany were married five
 years before the war commenced. Affiant has no writing or paper to show
 that date. She guesses at it. She was married at the time the war commenced.
 At that time Affiant and her husband would say "it is five years since we
 were married." Affiant and Germany were married by a circuit rider named
 Spley. Spley always stopped at Mr. Murray's when he came into the neighborhood.
 He happened to be stopping there at the time of Affiant's marriage.
 Affiant's owner did not keep a book in which he wrote down the marriages
 of his slaves. Affiant's fellow servants were present when she was married.
 Dave Higgins was present. Labella Meggett and Henry Meggett were also

present. Isabella and Henry are sister and brother. Simon Black was also present. These four live in the city. Affiant was married on Sunday; it was in the summer time. Affiant cannot remember anyone else who was present. Affiant was a house servant. She was not much acquainted with the field hands. "Eli" and "Tom" were fellow servants at the time. Affiant does not remember their other names. Affiant remained at Mr. Murray's after she was married. She lived there until the war and Charleston was taken. Her husband was off on the railroad during the week but would come home Saturday nights. Affiant never had any child by her husband Stephen Emory. She never has married nor had a child since her husband's death. She has been too sickly to marry. After Charleston was taken the cars came to 26 miles station for wood, that is the way her husband came to go to the war. He told affiant that he was going, and that he would come back after affiant. Affiant's husband was never sick, to her knowledge before he enlisted. She was a very stout man. He told affiant that he was going to enlist, but she tried to get him not to do so. But he went, and sent a man to tell affiant that he had gone but would come back for her. He sent the word by Henry Muggitt. Affiant remained at 26 miles station three weeks, and as she did not see him, and as Mr. Murray stated that he would kill affiant's husband should he return for her, affiant started on the Yankee train - a wood train - on Sunday for Charleston. She found her husband at Citadel Inn. He was a soldier. After two or three weeks the regiment went away on a Sunday. Affiant did not hear from them for two or three months. Affiant heard that the regiment, or rather a part of it, was at Mount Pleasant. She was uneasy about him and went to Mount Pleasant and inquired when Company K, in which her husband served, was stationed. It was not at Mount Pleasant. She was informed that it was at Fort Johnson. When affiant got

back from Mount Pleasant she learned from Fort Johnson that her husband was sick in the City of Charleston. Affiant went to the hospital corner of St. Philip and Calhoun Sts. - It had been an orphan home, to inquire about her husband. She returned from the Mt. Pleasant Monday. She went to the hospital Tuesday but it was so late that she could not get in. The bookkeeper was not present. She was told to come back Wednesday morning. Affiant did so, and looked through the hospital but did not find him. They looked over the records and told her that her husband died Saturday at eight o'clock, and was buried Sunday morning. The Captain at Ft. Johnson to whom, after her husband's death affiant went, for being told her that her husband died from diarrhoea, from drinking bad water.

and ~~of~~ further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim for a Pension; and further saith not
Catharine ^{her} Germany Affiant.
Mark

Subscribed to and subscribed before me this 7 day of March 1878, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known to the affiant before signing. And that her age appears to be about fifty five years.

[Signature]

Special Agent.

"A"

Frank Johnson James Island SC
May th 26 65 -

in Memory of the Death of
Mr Stephen Gammon
who departed this life on Sunday
Morning May th 21 1865

A Member of
Co K th 21 Regt of U S C Troops
the husband of Mrs Catherine
Gammon

this will show the
name of his tent mate
Frank Culster & Syas Black
I communicated to Mr Pillsbury
with a note

EXHIBIT C

CASE OF

No.

On this 8 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Isabella Meggett
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her age is ^{unknown to her} years that she resides at 66 Bluffman St., (Charleston),
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 she is the sister of Henry Meggett, and is younger than he. That she does not know
 when she was born. That she does not remember to have seen her parents. That she was owned by
 Isaac Murray, that is her earliest recollection, but she has heard them say that they bought affiant
 and her brother, who were house servants. Affiant remembers Mrs. Germany. When affiant first knew
 her her name was Catherine Brown. She was a seamstress. Affiant used to see her every day. Affiant
 was a little girl at the time Germany came to see her, but affiant remembers him well. He was
 a stout mulatto man - a fine looking man. That was before the war. "Before they fought any at all."
 Affiant was present at the marriage. Mr. Siffly or Sibly married them. Affiant had often seen Mr.
 Siffly at the house. He was a white man. Mr. Murray was present. It was in Mrs. Murray's
 house, Mr. Murray was also there. Affiant does not remember that there were any other white people except
 the preacher. There were some colored people present. Affiant remembers two colored women "Flora" and
 "Charlotte" who are dead. Affiant believes that Owen Higgins was present. She can't remember certainly what others
 colored men - it was so long ago. After that Stephens and Catherine lived together in their house across from
 Mrs. Murray. Affiant does not remember when Stephens enlisted. She was not on the spot, but she saw him
 afterwards at Citadel. Even before he had put on soldier's clothes. The way in which she came to see him was
 that she went with Mrs. Germany. Again affiant saw him - she was with Mrs. Germany - when he was about to go
 away. He appeared to be in good health then. Affiant was living in the same house with Mrs. Germany. She often
 heard Mrs. Germany say she was worried about her husband, and could not hear from him. Affiant did not go
 to tell. Pleasant with her. Affiant went with her the second time she went to the hospital. Affiant helped
 her to look for him. After that they looked over the book and told her that he was dead buried.
 Affiant continued to live with Mrs. Germany up to within about four years. She had known her
 so long, and she had been so sickly, that affiant tried to do all she could for her. During the
 time that affiant was with her Mrs. Germany did not marry or live with any man. Affiant
 has been back about 6 months, and has lived with Mrs. Germany. Affiant went back to the
 White Station directly after the war, but did not remain long. Mrs. Murray was very sick but she
 and Mr. Murray were living at that time. She did shortly after. Affiant can say anything about them
 or the place at this date.

and she further declares that she has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Meggett for a pension; and further saith not.

Isabella ^{her} Meggett

(mark)

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing. And that the affiant appears to me to be about forty five years of age.

J. B. Smith

Special Agent

EXHIBIT D

CASE OF

No.

On this 8 day of March, 1878, at Charleston, County of Charleston, State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Henry Meggett, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that his ^{unknown to him} age is years that he resides at 70 Beaufain St., Charleston, County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that he belongs to Isaac Murray, of 26 mile Station. That is his earliest recollection. Affiant does not know when he was born. That while at Mr. Murray he knew Catherine Brown before she was married to Stephen Germany. Affiant was a fellow servant of hers. Affiant remembers when she was married. Affiant was not present at the marriage; he was on the plantation—he was not grown then. Affiant was so small that he can't state the year, but it was before the war. Affiant had never heard anything of the war when she was married. Person Jeffly, was on the place at the time—he was a circuit rider—and Affiant heard that he married Catherine Brown and Stephen Germany. Can't remember who told him that Jeffly married the parties. Jeffly was in the habit of stopping at Murray's. Affiant knew Germany before he was married to Catherine Brown—that is Affiant knew his face when he used to come to visit Catherine. Affiant has heard him and persons who worked with him say that he was owned by the rail road company. (Charleston & Columbia rail road.) Affiant knows that Germany used to stop on the place when he was at home after his marriage. Affiant has seen him there many a time. Affiant can't remember how long he lived with Catherine Brown before the war, Affiant can say that it was a good while. When the Yankees took Charleston they came to 26 mile station for wood. Affiant was present when Germany went away. He can't state the day, but he was present and Germany gave him a message to take to his wife. The message was that the Yankees had recruited him (Germany) and that he was going to Charleston, but would come back for her the first chance he could get. Affiant did not see Germany go. He left the station before the train left. Affiant took the message to Mrs. Germany. Affiant was on the place when Mrs. Germany left, he can't tell how many weeks after. Affiant next saw her at Charleston. He came down about three weeks after she did. He saw the army, and Germany at the Citadel. That was the last place he saw him. Affiant has not known Germany for all the time since Germany enlisted. Affiant has been out of the city some four years. But Affiant has understood that she has never remarried since the death of her husband. Affiant has never heard by word of mouth any more, since that time. Affiant has not heard back to 26 mile station, but some of the soldiers, he says, told him that the place was broken up, and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Catherine Germany.

for a pension; and further saith not.

Henry Meggett.

Mark

Affiant.

[JURAT OVER.]

(D)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing. The affiant appears to me to be between twenty five and thirty years
of age,

[Signature]

Special Agent

EXHIBIT E

CASE OF

, No.

On this 12 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston,
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Union Black
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 29 years that he resides at Mary St., Charleston
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 he remembers making an affidavit in this case some years
 ago. A man by the name of David Higgins made it with
 him. Affidant belonged to James Nettles a son of Joseph Nettles whose
 place was adjoining Mr. Murray's. Affidant knew Stephen Germany
 who was owned by the rail road company. Knew his wife before she
 was married. Her name was Catherine, she had three children before
 she married Stephen - one girl and two boys. The girl was named
 Susan, the boys, oldest Henry, next "Jim". Catherine was bought in
 town, she had no husband at that time. The children were
 mulatto children. Catherine and Stephen were married before the
 war. They were married by a Methodist preacher, who
 preached at New Hope, Brookhill and Cypress camp grounds churches.
 Affidant remembers when they visited Stephen. They told affidavit
 about it. Affidant's brother told him, Higgins told him too. Higgins was
 so affidavit believes present at the marriage. He lived on the plantation. Affidant
 was not present at the marriage. He heard the wedding latter about
 latter before and after it. Affidant has seen Mrs. Germany (father)
 often with the exception of one or two years since 1867, when he came
 down from the country. Mrs. Germany has not been married nor
 lived with a man as her husband since affidavit has been in the city,
 to the best of his knowledge. Stephen was married to Catherine before
 he visited.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

Union Black

[JURAT OVER.]

(E)

March

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

Wm. H. Hester

Special Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

R. H. Bates

Special Agent

EXHIBIT *G*

CASE OF

, No.

On this 12 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Elizabeth Bowles
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her age is ^{unknown} years that she resides at No 23 Mary Charleston
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 she was owned by Joseph Pettis who lived near
 Isaac Murray, at 26 Mile Station. Affiant remembers that
 Mr. Murray bought Mrs. Germany. Affiant only knew her
 as Catherine this cant think of her other name. At the
 time Mr. Murray bought her she had three children. She had no
 husband at the time, nor until she was married to Stephen
 so far as affiant knows. Affiant used to nurse her sometimes
 when she was sick both before and after she was married.
 She had the asthma. She was married before the war. Affiant
 does not know who married her and Stephen. Affiant was
 sick at the time. Affiant believes that Stephen belonged
 to the railroad company. Affiant could not tell how long before
 the war the marriage took place, but it was before the war.
 As Mr. Murray and Mrs. Murray are dead. Affiant has
 not seen Mrs. Germany since she came to the city. Affiant
 does not know that she has had a child since her
 marriage to Stephen. She has not to affiant's recollection
 Germany was a light man "yellow brown" man. "Not very
 tall, but stout thick body" Affiant does not know anything
 about Stephen's whereabouts or death. She has only heard
 that he is dead.

and she further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

Elizabeth *X* Bowles

[JURAT OVER.]

G

mark

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

John Martin

Special Agent

EXHIBIT B

CASE OF

No.

On this 13 day of March, 1878, at
 Round O, County of Colleton
 State of S.C., before me, J. P. Warrall, Jr.,
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared John L. Lilly,
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 38 years that he resides at Round O, P.O. Jacksonville
 County of Colleton, State of S.C., and that
 he is a minister of the Methodist Church. That Affiant
 was on the Summerville Circuit in 1863 and 1864, which
 included 26 Mile Station. That he was not on that
 Circuit prior to that time, nor has he been on it since
 that time. Affiant was in the habit of stopping at Mr.
 Isaac Murray. Affiant cannot recollect that he married
 Stephen Germany and Catherine Brown. He cannot remember
 the fact of having performed any marriage Ceremony at
 Mr. Murray. Affiant has no record of the marriages
 of the colored people of those days. Affiant may have
 performed the Ceremony, but he has no recollection of it nor
 memoranda by which to refresh his memory. Affiant
 has consulted his wife but she is not able to remember
 the event. Mrs. Murray is dead, and to the best of
 Affiant's recollection Mr. Murray is also.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany, for a pension; and further saith not.

[JURAT OVER.]

(B)

J. L. Lilly

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant, before
signing.

[Signature]
Walter

Special Agent

not find them. The colored people have been
migrating since the war, and many have changed
their names, which makes it difficult to follow them.
At the close of the war comparatively few had "titles", as
they say, or surnames.

Jacob Williamson who wrote some of the testimony, is a
former clerk of the court, and the Postmaster at Charleston
informed me that he is a reliable man. That he did not
copy faithfully the letters of him self. Williamson has the
appearance of being an honest man, and seems to under-
stand the weakness of some of the colored people in the
direction of untruthfulness, and he informed me that he had
refused to prosecute many claims on that account.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Watson, St. Paul.

I received this morning the statement marked exhibit
7, this morning
Nov. 25, 1898

J. M. Watson

"Henry" & "Jim". I remember that the Meggitts were Mulattoes, and that their names were Henry and Isabella. They are the persons referred to. I went to Mrs. Germany and asked why she had practiced this deception. She said that the parties were not related to her. All so swore. (See exhibit F). If they are her children they are hers by a white father. Her complexion is brown. Henry and Isabella are light - particularly Isabella - and have straight hair. They were purchased when children with Catherine for house servants, and from that the people may have called them hers. I could not find any one who ever knew of Catherine living with any man before she married Stephen.

Exhibit "A" is the affidavit of the claimant. She is a member of the Baptist Church. No claim should be placed on the filing at the date of her marriage. The colored people in the interior, who were in Savitade, knew very little about the commencement of the war. She told me that disease had weakened her memory. She is in evident bad health. This may be considered as a probability, as to whether she has or has not married. She appears to be about 55 or 58 years old. The Office will notice that if she was married by Mr. Sibley it must have been in 1863, or 1864, when he was on that Circuit. She did not know when he lived, (as she said) and did not seem anxious that I should see him. She predicted that Mr. Sibley would not remember the matter. I regret that I have not been able, thus far, to produce

more conclusive evidence as to who married the parties, if they were married. If it were before 1863, it was not by Mr. Lefley. But every body on the plantation said that they had lived together as man and wife, and so recognized each other, up to the time when Stephen went into the army. The paper attached to her affidavit, and three marked "M." and "N" were found in her possession. She requested their return to her.

Exhibit "B" is the affidavit of Rev. J. L. Lefley. I gave him all the data that I thought would bring the facts to his mind. He said that he did so much of that business during the times of slavery, that he could not remember individual cases.

Exhibit "C" is the testimony of Isabella Meggett. She is very intelligent naturally, but I consider her a very artful woman. She professes to be very grateful to Mrs. Germany for the latter's care. The witness is a member of the Baptist Church.

Exhibit "D" is the testimony of Henry Meggett. He obeys the orders of his sister.

Exhibit "E" is the affidavit of Simon Black. He was not present at the wedding (see affidavit of the defendant) nor the slave of Isaac Murray, as stated in the affidavit of May 1, 1872 (copy from no auditor). Simon was probably good natured enough to testify so at that time, but he is not by any means a bad or vicious man, and had some knowledge of the facts. It is a weakness

of many of the colored people to distort past circumstances for present purposes.

Exhibit "F," is a joint affidavit of the claimant and Henry and Isabella, as to relationship.

Exhibit "G" is the testimony of Elizabeth Bowles, about 60 years old, who said that she could not remember very well on account of "the neuralgy in my head."

Exhibit "H," is that of "Dave" Higgins, one of the original witnesses. I think Dave would be willing to take the heavy for fact, to please every body. He called Mr. Lefley a "carnal rider" and a "carnal preacher". Dave is a Butcher.

Exhibit "I" is the affidavit of "Mingo" referred to in Higgins' affidavit. Mingo is an old colored man who was found near the old place. He is naturally intelligent and his countenance indicates that he is honest and truthful.

Exhibit "J" is the testimony of Henry Willis an original witness. I know place no confidence whatever in his words if he were interested. He has very little moral sensibility in my judgment. "Mike" was not present at the wedding. Willis fixes a different place for the wedding.

Exhibit "K" is the affidavit of the "Mike" referred to in the preceding affidavit, and of Sarah Ann Wood. Michael lives on the site of the old Munnay house. I went to the house of "Chie" - Chie Aiken - but she was away on a plantation somewhere at work. These people

were field hands.
Exhibit "A" is the joint affidavit of Cole and Kennedy. They were surprised when I informed them that they had sworn that they were present at the marriage. Cole is the more intelligent and conscientious of the two.

Exhibits "M" & "N" are two papers found in Mrs. Germany's possession. I do not consider them very important for the purpose of showing identity as they contained no name. But they are produced as that dated May 26, 1865, was badly copied.

Exhibit "O" is the testimony of Catherine Gnyros. She appears to be truthful, but does not seem much in the habit of paying visits.

Exhibit "P" is the affidavit of Catherine Brown whom I found at Twenty Six. She was a former slave of Murrays.

Exhibit "Q" is that of James B. Jones, a clever little man who pronounces his words with measured precision. He is well calculated to get up a story.

Exhibit "R" is the testimony of Harriet Smiley an original witness.

Exhibit "S" is that of James Bailey, a grave colored man who has doubtless stated the truth.

The defendant has a ~~private~~ "company" note - one of the decorated specimens ^{of the company} in which Germany saved.

I took a list of thirteen non-commissioned officers but could

214, 167

Catharine Germany

Wid Stephen Germany
Entered March 9, 1865.
Died May 21, 1865.

Charlotte, N. C.

March 28, 1878.

Hon. J. A. Beuther,
Commissioner of Pensions

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the accompanying
within in the above case.

It will be noticed that the hospital record gives the
soldier's name as "Sammy" and as "Gummy". Most of
the colored people pronounce the name as if it were spelled
Gummy - giving the G a hard sound. It is in that way
that they refer to the claimant.

I saw all of the original witnesses - Isabella Meggett, Henry
Meggett, "Dave" Higgins, Union Black, Henry Willis, Richard
Kennedy, W. C. Cole, and Harriet Lively - whose testimony
appears

The claimant was a seamstress and house servant and was
undoubtedly superior to field hands. She is in feeble health
from Asthma from which she has long suffered. She
lives with Isabella Meggett, a seamstress and mantua maker.
Henry Meggett is a shoemaker and lives near them.

I endeavored to make the witnesses give all the particulars
as to the facts so that if they told what was untrue the in-
consistency would be apparent. It was for that reason that they describe Gummy

I learned from the Presiding Elder at Charleston that
the Rev. Mr. Lively, who is alleged to have performed the
marriage ceremony, was living, and resided at a locality

known as Pounds, about 16 miles from Jacksonboro.
As he was a circuit preacher I addressed him a
letter before leaving Charleston, thinking that he might
be about when I called. I found him at home,
however, but he could not remember the facts.

I visited the place called 26 mile station, to satisfy
myself as to the death of Mr. Murray who was alleged
to have owned the parties. I found that Murray and
his wife had died, and that his house had been
burned. The colored man called "Mike", by Henry Willis
and the neighbors, lives on the site of the old residence. His
testimony appears. All the colored people told the same
story as to the claimant and Germany living together as
man and wife, but they were all filed hands, and were
not present at the wedding.

Mr. Hamilton Murray, a son of Isaac Murray, lives about
2 or 4 miles from Summerville, S.C. He was not home.
I drove to his place three times, stopping over one day
to see him, but he had not returned up to the time that
I left. I left a list of questions with his wife requesting
a statement of the facts, and made arrangements to have it
then forwarded to this place, but it has not been received up to
the hour of writing this report. I was anxious to present
other testimony than that of colored people in view of
the testimony of Mr. Lefley.

On finding Simon Black (Ex. E) he mentioned that
the claimant had had three children before marrying Stephen,
that they were mulattoes, and that their names were "Bella"

See Exhibit I
Mar 1077

Store

Ex'r.

NO 219.167

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

Catharine Germany
Charleston S.C.
Wid. of.

Stephen Germany.
Rt. Co. "K", 2^d U. S. C. T.S.

Died at Charleston S.C.
May 21/65.

No other claim.

Jan 13, 1875. Watterman
Clerk.

Application filed: Jan'y. 12th, 1875.

Attorney: E. B. Manton

P. O.

Present.

Date.

16.4.15 to Septs.

June 4. 75.

16 to N. G. with correct
service & "Gammey" & "Gammey"

July 19. 75.

Letter to atty. for
plank red. or affi. of
former owner as to mar-
riage and ident. fr. a
U.S. gov. officer.

Nov. 2. 75.

Letter to churk. for
ident. of p.m. with rev.
col. or any U.S. officer
& testi. of any of the fam.
of former owner as to
marriage. Letter to
M. T. Doolley that E. B.
Mentor of this city is now
atty & the marsh get his
written correct.

July 24. 76.

Letter to atty. for mar-
& identity evi. as above.

May 5. 77. Condition to desk.

See ship record.

May 29. 77. Letter to

& copy identity name

U.S. officer & for info

National date

Ex'r.



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

Catharine Germany
1113 Queen St Charleston S.C.
Wid. of.

Stephen Germany
Pt. Co. K, 21. U. S. C.

Died at Charleston S.C.

May 21/65. of Diarrhea,

other claim.

Dep of 219.16

, 187

Clerk.

Application filed: Sept. 3^d, 1875.

Attorney: Mr. T. Dooley

P. O. Charleston

S.C.

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PENSIONER DROPPED.

U. S. Pension Agency,

Knoxville, Tenn.

FEB 28 1901 190

Certificate No. 180649

Class General Law Widow.

Pensioner Catharine Germany

Soldier Stephen

Service pri Col 212 sc Jr

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions:

APR 3 1901

SIR: I have the honor to report that the

above-named pensioner who was last paid

at \$ 12, to 14 Nov, 1898.

has been dropped because of death

Date Died Nov 12 1898 ✓

Very respectfully,

J. J. Wilder.

Pension Agent.

NOTE—Every name dropped to be thus reported at once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death when known.

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Charleston S.C.

November 18th 1879.

Hon I. C. Bentley
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D. C.

I. Catharine Germany. Pensioner
under Certificate No 180,549. Widow
of Stephen Germany. Late Private
Co K. 21st Regt U S C. I. Herby apply
for the arrears of Pension due me.
in accordance with an Act of Congress
approved January 25th 1879. My Post
office address is No 28 Mayyck Street
Care of Samuel E. Bennett. Fire Proof
Building Charleston City. S.C. who.
I hereby appoint my Attorney to present
and prosecute this claim. And to do any
act or thing necessary or that I might
do. if personally present. with full
power of Substitution and revocation
hereby Countermanding all former
Authority. That may have been given for
the above specified purpose.

Witness to Mark

Jas Francis
James H. Hogan

Catharine ^{my} Germany
Widow of ^{late} Stephen Germany
Co K. 21st Regt U. S. C. I.

over

State of South Carolina
Charleston County-

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public
Catherine Germany who is known by me to be
the person she described herself to be and at
the same time exhibited to me her pension Certifi-
cate No. 180.649 Given at the Department of the
Interior on the 9th day of April 1878 commencing
the 12th day of January 1875 and signed A. Bell
Secretary of the Interior. Countersigned J. A. Bently
Commissioner of Pensions.

Given under my Hand and Seal this 18th day of
November A. D. 1879.

A. B. Philippy (LS)
Notary Public

NOT.

Certificate of Notary on
filed Nov 12 1879 in
Pension Department.



Know

CERTIFICATE No. 180649

ACTS OF JANUARY 25 AND MARCH 4, 1879.

BRIEF FOR ARREARS OF Widow's PENSION.

Name Catharine Germany; widow of
Soldier Stephen Germany Rank Priv
Company K
Regiment 21 U. S. C. I.
P. O. Address Care Pen County Know State Tenn
Date of soldier's discharge _____, 18____
Date the soldier died May 21, 1865; while in service.
Soldier was pensioned from _____, 18____
Widow pensioned from Jan'y 12, 1875;

Arrears of Pension due at the rate of \$ 8 per month, from May 22, 1865
to Jan'y 11, 1875, when it terminates.

THE SUM OF TWO DOLLARS PER MONTH ADDITIONAL WILL BE ALLOWED FOR EACH CHILD, AS FOLLOWS:

_____ commencing _____, 18____; ending _____, 18____.
_____ commencing _____, 18____; ending _____, 18____.
_____ commencing _____, 18____; ending _____, 18____.
_____ commencing _____, 18____; ending _____, 18____.
_____ commencing _____, 18____; ending _____, 18____.
_____ commencing _____, 18____; ending _____, 18____.
_____ commencing _____, 18____; ending _____, 18____.

Date Jan'y 10, 1880.

S. M. Chandler
Examiner.

APPROVED FOR ISSUE:

S. M. Chandler
Reviewer.

No.

ARREARS OF PENSION.



WIDOWS, ETC.



ACTS OF JANUARY 25 AND MARCH 4, 1879.

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Catherine Germany
Widow of ~~St~~ Stephen Germany

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No. 180,649

South Carolina

Catharine Germany

Widow of **DEAD.**

Stephen Germany

Rank Private

Company "K"

Regiment 21st U.S.C.S.

Rate per month \$ 8.

Commencing 12th Jan'y. 1878

Ending _____

Certificate dated 9th April 1878

and sent 13th " 1878

Payable at the Orleans La. Agency.

E. B. Mantor Attorney.

Act 14th July, 1862.

Book _____ Vol. _____ Page _____

H. Walker Clerk.

May 22
January 11
January 17
January 22

I ROPPI

Feb 28 1878
Death Jan'y 1878

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25th, 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 719,167, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that _____ was enrolled on the _____ day of _____, 186____, at _____ in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years or during the war, and mustered into service as a _____ on the _____ day of _____, 186____, at _____, in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. _____, of that Regiment, for the months of _____ 186____, he is reported _____ The information that the name "Stephen Germany" is not found on the Muster rolls of Co. "K" H. M. S. Col's Troops, on file in this Office.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas M. Vincent

Assistant Adjutant General.

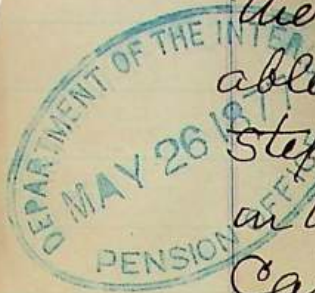
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The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

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State of South Carolina }
Charleston County }

Personally appeared before me Jacob
Williamson Notary Public in and
for the State of S.C., Catherine
Germany who being duly sworn
says that she is the widow of Stephen
Germany who was formerly and
before his death a member of Coth K
1st Reg^t U. S. C. I.

That she is unable to furnish the
certificate of marriage, as she never
had any, or of her former owner, or
in relation to the health of her hus-
band - because after the lapse of
so many years and the changes con-
sequent upon the war, she is unable
to find any one of the family alive,
or near Charleston, that she was
then in servitude and no record
or certificate of her marriage appears
ever to have been made or preserved.
She does not know where any member
of the Murray family to whom she
formerly belonged, can now be found.
They resided before the war at Sta-
tion No 26 above Summerville S.C.,
but they have since removed from
the



the State or have died as she is unable to find them. That her husband Stephen Germany was a stranger in this State and came from North Carolina, and was the property of the So. Ca Rail Road Company. That he enlisted and joined the U. S. Troops in 1863 about February, that he came down with them to Charleston and served faithfully at Morris and James Island, where he was taken sick, and died on the 20 or 21st day of May 1863 in the Hospital at Charleston. That she has the Muster Roll of Co H "21st Regt U. S. C. Infantry to prove this, that she has no other data to produce except a few letters, but can give proof by her fellow servants of the truth of her statements.

That she was purchased in a Brokers office (Mr Austen now dead) before the war, and she was carried away from Charleston, that the name of the preacher who married herself & Stephen, was Sifley a circuit minister residing at that time near Summerville So. Ca,

and that the only persons whom she can recollect as ~~present~~ at her wedding in 1861, were Dave Higgins, Isabella Meggett, and Simon Black - but she is unable to tell where they are to be found now. That she the said Catherine says that during the late rebellion she was loyal to the cause and government of the U.S., and that she at no time gave aid & comfort to the rebellion -

Loyalty

Catherine X Germany
mark

Witnesses
J. P. Rytherwood }
A. Duane }

South Carolina }
Charleston County }

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 21st day of May A.D. 1877 and I certify that I am acquainted with the parties whose names are subscribed to the foregoing affidavits and know them to be worthy of belief; that the contents of the said affidavits were read and explained to affiants before they signed their names and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the



the claim of Catherine Germany
for pension—

Jacob Wellman
Notary Public,
Charleston S. C.,
P. O. Box No 344.

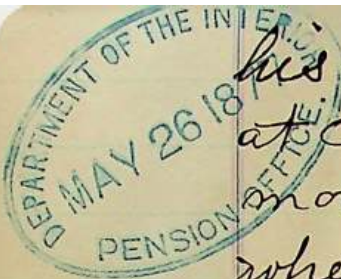


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South Carolina }
Charleston County }

Personally appeared before me
Jacob Wittenman, a Notary Public in
and for the State of South Carolina;
Henry Meggett who being duly
sworn makes oath - That he knows
Catherine Germany, who is the widow
of Stephen Germany formerly a soldier
of the United States, belonging to Co
"K" 21st Regt U.S.C.T. That the said
Stephen and Catherine were married
by a Methodist Circuit Minister
near the 26 mile Station on the So.
Car Rail Road, in the year 1861 (the
month not recollected). That he was
not present at the marriage but he
lived on the same plantation with
Stephen - that they lived together &
were so recognized as man and
wife, by all the neighbours and
persons around the plantation.
That they lived together at the plan-
tation until the time when Stephen
Germany came down to Charleston
in February 1865, and enlisted in
the service of the U.S. and continued
in the same up to the time of his



his being taken sick on James Island
at Fort Johnson, where he was re-
moved to the Hospital in Charleston
where he died on the 20th May 1868;

Witnesses

Isaiah Williams

Henry X. Meggett
snack

I have sworn to before me this 18th day of
May A.D. 1877 and subscribed
in my presence, the same having been
read over to the deponent before signing
and I certify that I believe him to be
a person worthy of belief - and that
I have no interest in the claim -



Jacob Wetlieman
Notary Public
Charleston S.C.
P.O. Box No 344

Cohabitation -

State of South Carolina,
Charleston County.

Personally appeared before me Jacob
Williamson a Notary Public in Char-
leston, South Carolina, Henry Meg-
gett who being duly sworn makes
oath, that he knows Catherine
Germany, and has known her for
many years before the late war up
to this time - that he knew Stephen
Germany also for some years before
the war, that he remembers the mar-
riage of Stephen & Catherine, but
was not present at it, that he was
a fellow servant and lived on the
plantation with them, and was
owned by Mr Isaac Murrey at
the time - that the precise time of
the marriage he does not recollect,
but he does remember the fact that
they were married - and that they
lived together as man and wife
and were so acknowledged and re-
cognized by the people on the plan-
tation and in the neighbourhood -
That when the United States troops
came along at the time of the war

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Stephen Germany came down with them to Charleston and enlisted in the 21st Regiment U. S. C. Troops - the recruits being at the Citadel in this city - that Catherine came on to the city afterwards, & followed her husband - and that after the time that the regiment in which Stephen had enlisted, left Charleston and went to James Island he never saw Stephen again - he knows of his death, having been informed at the time - that he died at the Hospital in this city - that he knows that Catherine Germany is his widow, that he sees her all the time and she is living here in Charleston -

Loyal

That he knew Catherine Germany during the late war and know that she was loyal at all times to the cause and government of the United States.

Henry ^{his} Elleggett
mark

In the presence of }
James G. Wilkie }
Isaiah Williams }

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on the sixth day of June A.D. 1877
and I certify that I am acquainted
with Henry Meggett who signed the
foregoing affidavit and know him
to be worthy of belief, that the contents
of the said affidavit was read over
and explained by me to the deponent
before he signed the same, and that
I have no interest direct or indirect
in the claim of Catherine Germany
for Pension —

Jacob Williman
Notary Public
Charleston County, S. C.



State of South Carolina }
Charleston County. }

Office of clerk Court, Common
Pleas for Charleston County —

I, John H. Ostendorff, Clerk of the
said Court, do hereby certify, that
Jacob Williman Esqr before whom
the foregoing affidavit was taken
and who has signed & sealed the

Prison Book

No 219.167

Catharine Germany
Arrested at

Stephan Germany
No 10.21 Regd MS 65

Accidental Smother
Off of David & John
Henry. Margaret & Ann
leaving of B. M. of Charles

Filed 4
E. M. M. M. M.
M. M. M. M.

JUN 22 1877
REVISION OFFICE



I am a Notary public of this State
and appointed and commissioned
according to law in my office -
that according to the laws of this
State he is duly authorized to admin-
ister oaths - and take probate of dea-
th -
Witness my hand and the Seal
of the Court at Charleston this
fourteenth day of June 1877
E. C. P. 1878

Mar -

South Carolina }
Charleston County }

Before me Jacob Williamson
a Notary Public in the State of South
Carolina ^{appeared} David Higgins, who
being duly sworn makes oath,
That he has known Catherine
Germany since four or five years
before the war - that he knew the
late Stephen Germany for many
years before the war, that he lived
on the same plantation with him,
and worked with him at the time
when both were employed on the
South Carolina Rail Road - that
Stephen was owned by the said
Railroad Company, and that de-
ponent and Catherine were owned
by Isaac Murray who lived at
26 mile station, on a plantation
near by - that Deponent was pre-
sent at the marriage of Stephen
Germany and Catherine, which
took place at the plantation of Mr
Murray and about the year 1853
in the month of March - Deponent
further swears

Present

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JUN 22 1877
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Served
together
to enlistment

that the minister who married them was named Sibley, a circuit methodist preacher - and that they were married in a building, near the white peoples house on the plantation - that after the marriage they lived together as man and wife, and were so recognized by all the fellow servants on the plantation and others in the neighborhood, up to the time of his enlistment in the service of the United States - That Stephen came down to Charleston with some of the soldiers and enlisted in February 1865, and that Catherine & deponent came down afterwards about the month of march and they found Stephen on the Citadel Green - that he knows all these facts because he enlisted also, and was frequently with the parties, and he knows also that Catherine was in the habit of going to see her husband at the Citadel, & giving him some meals and clothing -

That he knew Catherine Germany during the late rebellion and knew

her at all times to be loyal to the
cause and government of the United
states -

That he has no interest di-
rect or indirect in the claim of Mrs
Catherine Germany for pension -

In the presence of
James G. Wilkie

} David ^{his} Higgins
mark

Isaiah Williams

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on the sixth day of June A. D. 1877,
and I certify that I am acquainted
with David Higgins who signed
the foregoing affidavit & know him
to be worthy of belief - that the con-
tents of the said affidavit was
read over and explained by me to the
deponent before he signed the same -
and that I have no interest direct or
indirect in the claim of Catherine
Germany for Pension.

Jacob Wiltman
Notary Public
Charleston County S. C.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
JUN 22 1877
PENSION OFFICE

State of South Carolina
Charleston County, S.

Office Court of Common Pleas
and General Sessions.

I, John H. Ostendorff Clerk
of the said Court, do hereby certify,
that Jacob Williman Esq before whom
the foregoing affidavit was made (as
appears by his name in his own hand
writing attesting the same) was at
the date thereof a Notary Public for
the County aforesaid, who had been duly
appointed and qualified and had
signed the Roll of ~~Notaries~~ Kept in
this office - and according to the
Laws of this State the said Jacob
Williman is authorized to admin-
ister oaths, and take the probate
of deeds.

In testimony whereof, I
have hereunto set my hand, and
affixed the Seal of said Court, this
fourteenth day of June AD 1877.

John H. Ostendorff
C. C. P. & S.

David Higgins

WIDOW'S PENSION.

(ORIGINAL WITH INCREASE.)

New Orleans
180.649

Catherine Germany, widow of
Stephen Germany, { Rank, *Private*,
Company, *B*,
Regiment, *21st U.S. Col. Inf.*

Residence of claimant, *Charleston, S.C.*
Post Office, *Charleston, S.C.*
Attorney, *E. B. Hunter, President*
Fee, \$ *25*. Articles of agreement, having been filed, *May 30-1877*.
Rate of pension, \$ *8* per month, commencing *Jan. 12*, 18*75*; the date
of filing last material evidence, and two dollars per month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	{ Born,, 18 . }	Commencing	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
By last marriage.	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		
	{ Born,, 18 . }	"	, 18 .
	{ Sixteen,, 18 . }		

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

ADMITTED, *June 27*, 18*77*, *W. H. Moore*, Examiner.
APPROVED, *April 5*, 18*78*, *Christian*, Reviewer.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

Enlistment, *March 8*, 18*65*. Right accrued, *May 21*, 18*65*.
Muster into pensionable rank, *April 2*, 18*65*. Claim completed, *June 22*, 18*65*.
Discharge, *none*, 18 . Former marriage of soldier, *none*, 18 .
Death, *May 21*, 18*65*. Death of former wife, *none*, 18 .
Invalid app. filed, *none*, 18 . Claimant's marriage to soldier, *March*, 18*65*.
Invalid last paid to *none*, 18 .
Widow's app. filed, *Jan. 12*, 18*75*.

CAUSE OF DEATH, *Chronic Diarrhea* PLACE OF DEATH, *Hospital, Charleston*

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

No other claim filed.
Identity of claimant as widow of soldier
shown by post-quarter. See paper marked
"B."

The last evidence material to the claim
was filed Aug. 12-1875, relating to Mar-
riage of claimant to Soldier. Evidence
since filed, corroboratory.

See Special Agents report marked "A" filed March
27th, 1878, showing that claimant and soldier lived to-
gether as man and wife and so recognized each other
up to the time the soldier went into the army.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., April 30th, 1875.

(TRANSCRIPT FROM RECORDS.)

It appears from the records filed in this Office, that

Private

Co

K,

21st

Reg't

U. S. C. T. Vol.

was admitted to

Post

Hospital,

Charleston S. C.

May 13th, 1865, from

for treatment for

Ch. Sarcophora and died of that disease May 21st 1865. Name also appears as Stephen Gummey.

The 3rd + 4th S. C. Cds. Vols were consolidated March 14th 1864 and designated the 21st U. S. C. T.

No record of Stephen Germany Priv. Co K 4th U. S. C. T.

By order of the Surgeon General:

Vol.

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No.

5841

Per

J. J. Woodruff
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army.
J. P. Keen (1875)

(NOTE.—This transcript should not be detached from the accompanying papers. If additional information is desired relative to the case, the papers should accompany the application therefor.)

21st Regiment at the Citadel
 Green in Charleston, that after
 his enlistment he was carried
 over to James Island or Morris
 Island & was taken sick there,
 and he was afterwards brought
 over to the Hospital in this City
 and died there. That Deponent lived
 on the adjoining Plantation to the one
 on which Catherine & Stephen lived,
 that he knew them both very well
 & for years since 1858, that he has
 no interest direct or indirect in the
 claim of Catherine Germany for
 Pension; and his residence is No
 16 Duncan Street, Charleston S. C.

Witnesses.

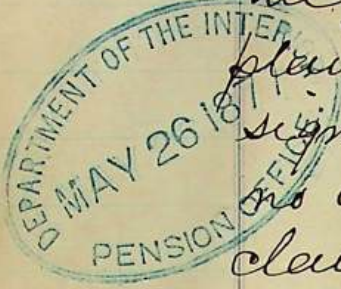
J. Pace

Isaac Williams

Henry X. Wells
 (man)

South Carolina, 2
 Charleston County, 3

I sworn to and subscribed before me on
 the 22^d May A.D. 1877, and I certify that
 I am acquainted with the parties whose
 names are subscribed to the foregoing
 affidavits, and know them to be
 worthy of belief. That the contents of
 the



the said affidavits were read and explained by me to affiants before they signed the same - and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the claim of Catherine Germany for Pension -



Jacob Willman

Notary Public

Charleston S.C.

P.O. Box 344

State of South Carolina,
Charleston County, 3

Office of Clerk of Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas.

I, John H. Ostendorff, Clerk of the said Court do hereby certify, that Jacob Willman before whom the foregoing affidavits were acknowledged is a Notary Public of this State, who has been duly appointed and qualified, & signed the Roll of Notaries kept in this office - That according to the Laws of the State the said Jacob Willman is authorized to administer oaths & to take probate of deeds &c, and that the signature and seal affixed as above are genuine -

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court at Charleston this 23^d day of May A.D. 1877.

Geo H Stendorff
Clerk Court S.D.S.P.



Pension Case

No 219.167

Barthram Germany.
Prison

of Stephen Germany
No. 21st Regt W.S.C.S

Additional Evidence

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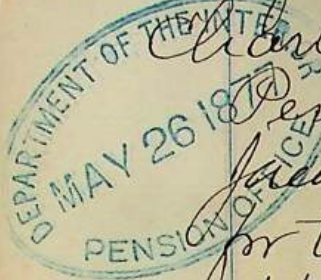
Filed by
E.B. Menden
March, 20



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State of South Carolina

Charleston County,



Personally appeared before me
Jacob Willman Notary Public in &
for the State of South Carolina,
Henry Willis who being duly sworn
says that he has been well acquainted
with Catherine Germany ^{from} for about
four years before the war (about the
year 1858) until the present time,
that he knows of the marriage be-
tween Catherine & Stephen Germany
at Olumays plantation near 26 mile
station on the So Ca Railroad - that
it was in the month of August
1861, that the marriage took place
and that he was present - that
the minister who performed the cere-
mony was Mr Sifley, a Methodist
Circuit Rider - that the Deponent
belonged to Mr John J. Olumay who
lived on the adjoining plantation,
that he knows that Stephen and
Catherine lived together as man
& wife & were so recognized by all
persons until the closing of the
war, when Stephen came down
to the City and joined the 21st
Regt

Mar-
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Cephalo-
tation

State of South Carolina }
 Charleston County. }

Personally appeared before me
 Jacob Williams, a Notary Public
 in & for South Carolina, Harriet
 Smiley who being duly sworn depo-
 ses that she has been acquainted
 with Catherine Germany for the
 last 6 years, that she and Catherine
 have been living together for that
 time - that she knows that she
 is a widow - and has so remained
 during all that time.

Witnesses.

Isiah Williams

J. Pace

Harriet & Smiley
 mark

South Carolina }
 Charleston County. } Sworn to and subscribed
 before me on the 22nd day of May A.D. 1877,
 and I certify that I am acquainted with the
 parties whose names are subscribed to the
 foregoing affidavits, and know them to be
 worthy of belief: that the contents of the said
 affidavits were read and explained by me
 to affiants before they signed the same, and
 that I have no interest direct or indirect in
 the claim of Catherine Germany for Pension -

Jacob Williams
 Notary Public
 Charleston, South Carolina
 P.O. Box No 344



P. M's letter -

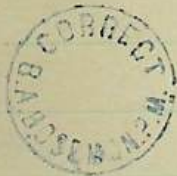
Identity -

State of South Carolina
Charleston County. 3

~~A~~
"B"

I B. A. Bosermon Post Master
at Charleston, South Carolina, do
hereby certify; that from the evidence
and information produced before me,
on which I found my belief; and from
persons whom I know to be of un-
doubted integrity, I believe that Cath-
erine Germany is the widow of the
late Stephen Germany formerly a mem-
ber of Co "K". 2nd Regiment U.S.C.S.,
and that the 2nd Regiment was my Regiment,
to which I belonged -
Given under my hand and
official Seal at Charleston S.C.,
this 11th day of June 1877.

B. A. Bosermon
Postmaster.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PENSION OFFICE

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State of South Carolina,
County of Charleston,

Personally appeared before me, R.C. Richmond, Clerk of Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas of the State and County aforesaid, David Higgins, of this State and County, and Simon Black, of this State and County, aforesaid, who are known by me as credible and worthy persons, and whose oaths are entitled to full credit, who, after being sworn, depose and saith that they were the slaves of Isaac Murray formerly of Colleton County, in this State. That they are well acquainted with Catharine Germany, wife of Stephen Germany, late Private in Co. K, 21st Regiment, U.S.C.V., and who died in Regimental Hospital at Charleston, South Carolina, of Diarrhea, May 21st, 1865. And they further saith that they were at the marriage of the said Catharine, whose maiden name was Catharine Brown, with the said Stephen Germany, and that they were married by the Reverend Siple, after the order of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in the month of March, Eighteen Hundred and fifty-five, further that the said Stephen Germany was owned by the South Carolina Rail Company, and that affiants and the said Catharine Germany lived upon the same plantation, and under the same roof, And do know that the said Catharine and Stephen Germany lived as became man and wife, and was only separated as soldiers are from their family, by his joining the aforesaid regiment, and that the said Catharine Germany was also owned by Isaac Murray, as was these deponents. And they further saith that the said Catharine Germany is now the widow of the said Stephen Germany, late private, Co. "K", 21st Regiment, U.S.C.V., and further that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said

Frederick

Latharine Germany for bounty, back pay, or pension, against the United States Government whatever, as the widow of the said Stephen Germany, late Private in Co. "K", 21st Regiment, United States Flood Troops.

Witness to signatures

(Sgd.) Samuel L. Bennett

(Sgd.) Robt. Ahern.

(Signed.) David ^{his} Higgins.

(Signed.) Simon ^{his} Black.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of January, 1872, and I certify that the contents of this affidavit was carefully read and explained to affiants before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Latharine Germany, Widow of Stephen Germany, late Private in Co. "K", 21st Regiment, U. S. C. T.

(Signed.) A. C. Richmond,
C. C. P. & G. S.

Seal of the
Clerk of the Court
of Common Pleas and
General Sessions, of
Charleston Co.,
S. C.

Treasury Department,
Second Auditor's Office,
June 12th, 1877.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original affidavit on file in this office.

R. French
Auditor,
By J. C. Amice

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J. H. B. J. '76.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., July 1st, 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 219,167, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that Stephen Germany was enrolled on the 8th day of March, 1865, at Charleston, S. C. in Co. "K", 21st Regiment of U. S. C. I. Volunteers, to serve 3 years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private (Ret.) on the 2nd day of April, 1865, at Charleston, S. C., in Co. "K", 21st Regiment of U. S. C. I. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "K", of that Regiment, for the months of May and June, 1865, he is reported "Died at Post Hospital Charleston, S. C., May 21st, 1865, (of Chronic Diarrhea) and is accounted for on Muster Out Roll of Co."

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas H. Vincent

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Wm. J. Armstrong

Mar - & Cohabitation of

State of South Carolina
County of Charleston

Personally

appeared before me A C Richmond
Clerk of Court of General Sessions and
and Common Pleas - of the State and
County aforesaid - Isabella Meggett
of the State and County aforesaid - and
David Higgins of the County and State
aforesaid - who are known to me as
credible and worthy persons - and whose
oaths are entitled to full credit, who
after being duly sworn depose and
swear that they were the slaves - of
Isaac Murray - formerly of Colleton
County in this State. That they are
well acquainted with Catharine -
Germany wife of Stephen Germany -
late private in Co. K. 3rd Regiment
U.S.C.T. - And who died in Regimental
Hospital at Charleston South Carolina
of Diphtheria - May 21st 1865 - And
they further swear that they were at
the marriage of the said Catharine, whose
maiden name was - Catharine Brown
with the said Stephen Germany - and
that they were married by the Reverend
Sibley after the order of the Methodist
Episcopal Church South - in the Month

of March 1855 - further that the said
Stephen Germany - was owned by the South
Carolina Rail Road Company - and
that affiants, and the said Catharine
Germany - lived upon the same plantation
under the same roof - and do know that
the said Catharine and Stephen Germany
lived as became man and wife - and
was only separated as soldiers and
from their family by his joining the
aforesaid Regiment, and that the said
Catharine Germany was also owned
by Isaac Murray - as was these deponent
and they further swear that the said
Catharine is now the widow of the
said Stephen Germany - late Private
Co K - 35th Regiment U S C T. - and
further that they have no interest
direct or indirect in the claim of
the said Catharine Germany for
Bounty, back pay, or Pension against
the U S Government - whatever
as the widow of the said Stephen
Germany late Private Co K - 35th
Regiment U. S. C. T. -

Witnesses' signatures
Jacob Williamson
Alfred Allen

her
Isabella J Meggett
mark
David Higgins
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this twenty fourth day of March 1871
and I certify that the content of this
affidavit was carefully read and
explained to affiant before signing
and that I have no interest direct
or indirect in the claim of the
said Catharine Germany widow
of Stephen Germany late private Co
K - 35th Regiment U.S.C.T.

A. C. Richmond
Clerk & G.S.



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MAY 21
1871



1141 BOSTON

WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR PENSION.

State of South Carolina }
County of Charleston } ss.

ON THIS fifteenth day of May, 1875, personally appeared before me, a
.....of a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid.....
min Germany a resident of Charleston in the County of
Charleston and State of South Carolina aged 48 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 Stephen Germany who was
a Private in Company K commanded by Captain R. S. S. S.
in the 21st Regiment of Me. S. L. Corps in the War of 1861; that
her maiden name was Catharine Brown and that she was married
to said Stephen Germany on or about the 15th day of August
1856, at twenty six mile station in the County of Charleston
and State of South Carolina by Parson Duffley and
that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage, and that the said Parson was a Pres-
byterian minister whom she has known since and that she was married in slavery

SHE FURTHER DECLARES that said Stephen Germany her
husband, died in the service of the United States as aforesaid at Charleston
in the State of South Carolina on or about the twenty first day of
May, 1865, of Dysentery contracted while in
the service and in the War Department. She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of
said Stephen Germany 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 Mr. F. Doolley
of Charleston S. C. as her lawful Attorney, with
power of substitution, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive her pension cer-
tificates, The following the name 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 she deceased
left no children

My Post Office address is Charleston S. C. No. 113 Queen St.

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

E. J. Miller
P. Flynn
Catharine Germany
(Signature of Claimant)
mark

ALSO PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Richard Kennedy
and William Cole residents of Charleston
County, and State of South Carolina to me well known as credible persons, who being
duly sworn, declare, that they were present and saw said Catharine Germany

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.

Witness-
Robert Vandoren
Geo. Landon
Richard Kennedy
William Cole
Signatures of Witnesses
mark
mark



Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 17th day of May, 1890: 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.

Jaco & Williams
(Official Signature.)
Blk of H. W. C. & Co.

[SEAL]

Note.—If there is any record evidence of the marriage, insert—except that of which a true copy is hereto 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.

Mrs. Catharine Germany
Widow of Stephen Germany
Co., 46th 2nd Regt.
W. I. Conf. Europe Vols.

FILED BY
M. J. Doyle
Charleston
S. C.
Printed and sold by W. H. Moore, 484 11th Street, Washington, D. C.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION AND INCREASE.

(Under the Act of July 14, 1862, and supplementary act of July 25, 1866.)

State of South Carolina }
COUNTY OF Charleston } SS.

On this.....day of January, A. D. 1875, personally appeared before me, a clerk of a Court of record in and for the county and State aforesaid, Catharine Germany a resident of Charleston, in the county of Charleston, and State of South Carolina aged as she thinks forty four 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 Stephen Germany, who was a Private in company B, commanded by Captain Sylvia, in the 91st regiment of U.S.C. Troops in the war of 1861; that her maiden name was Catharine Brown, and that she was married to said Stephen Germany on or about the 10th day of June, A. D. 1856, at 2 1/2 miles Station in the county of Charleston, and State of South Carolina, by Rev Mr. Letcher a white clergyman, and that there is no record evidence of marriage. as she knows

She further declares that said Stephen Germany, her husband, died in the service of the United States, as aforesaid, at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, on or about the 21st day of May, A. D. 1865 of disease.

She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said Stephen Germany, and that she has no children ~~the following named children~~ of her deceased husband, under sixteen years of age, who are now living, the dates of whose births are, as given below, to wit:

.....	born.....	18.....	living at.....
.....	born.....	18.....	living at.....
.....	born.....	18.....	living at.....
.....	born.....	18.....	living at.....
.....	born.....	18.....	living at.....
.....	born.....	18.....	living at.....
.....	born.....	18.....	living at.....
.....	born.....	18.....	living at.....

She further declares that she has not abandoned the support of any one of the children above named, nor permitted any one of the same to be adopted by any person or persons; that they are the only legitimate children of herself and the deceased; and that she has not in any manner been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States.

My Post Office address is Charleston S.C.

And she hereby constitutes and appoints E. B. Martin of Wash D.C. her Attorney, to present and prosecute this claim, and authorize to receive and receipt for any certificate, draft, check or vouchers that may be issued for the same to

K.
DECLARATION
FOR

WIDOW'S PENSION & INCREASE.

(Under the act of July 14, 1862, and supplementary act of July 25, 1866.)

CLAIM OF

Leatham's Germany
Section of Soldiers
Warman, Feb. 21
1875

FILED BY

Edw Martin
Nov. 26

Printed and sold by W. H. Moore, 484 11th St., Washington, D. C.

Recd from
charitable
Shuchter



[SEAL.]

Leatham
Leatham
Leatham

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *12th* day of *August* A. D. 1875; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above were made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before signing; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Signatures of Witnesses.

Richard Henry
Charles Boyle
James Boyle
William Boyle

indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

State of *Ohio* to me well known as credible persons, who, being duly sworn, declare that they were present and saw said *Leatham* and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Also personally appeared *Richard Henry* and *Charles Boyle* residents of *Shuchter* county and State of *Ohio* to me well known as credible persons, who, being duly sworn, declare that they were present and saw said *Leatham* and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Leatham's Germany
Warman, Feb. 21
1875

her order, and to do any other act or thing necessary or that she might do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby countermanding all former authority that may have been given for the above specified purpose. *As the trust in her claim for pension has been given and by her former act*

EXHIBIT S

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this 9 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston,
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. O'Neal, Master
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared James Bailey,
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 48 years that he resides at 24 Cumming St., Charleston,
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 he knew Catherine Germany when she was Catherine Brown
 she then lived at Eddy's Row. That was before the war. She
 then belonged to Mr. Seabrook. She was not sold then. Affiant
 does not know when she was sold. Affiant did not see her
 again until 1870. Affiant had lived at Fort Mott and came to
 Charleston in 1870, and met her, she was then a widow. Affiant
 has seen her very often since she has been unmarried during
 the time since affiant has been back, nor has she lived with
 a man or borne children.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

[JURAT OVER.]

(S) James Bailey

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

[Signature]

Special Agent

EXHIBIT R

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this 9 day of March, 1878, at
Charleston, County of Charleston
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Harriet Finley
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her age is 58 years that she resides at Cor. Broad & Pitt Sts Charleston
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 she has known Mrs. Germany for seven years, affiant can
 say that it has been since 1871. The way in which she fixes the
 date is by the fact that Yellow fever was in Charleston so bad
 that year. Affiant has kept house with Mrs. Germany until very recently,
 she knows that Mrs. Germany has not been married in that time,
 nor lived with any man nor borne children. She has understood
 that Mrs. Germany was a widow, and she has remained so.

and she further declares that she has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

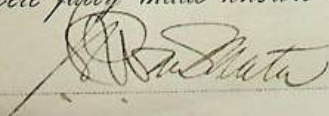
Harriet Finley
mark

[JURAT OVER.]

(R)

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

J. R. Mota

Special Agent

EXHIBIT *7*

CASE OF

, No.

On this day of March 22, 1878, at
County of Colleton,
State of South Carolina, before me,
a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared
 , who being by me duly sworn according to law,
declares that page is years, that he resides at Nighitsville
County of Colleton , State of South Carolina, and that

Catherine and Stephen were never recog-
nized as being legally married.
I presume they recognized each other
as man and wife as was customary
in ante-bellum times. I am certain
they were never married by any official.
They lived together before the War.
They were not married in my Father's
house (Isaac Murray). Catherine had
three children by a white man before
she had Stephen. She had these
children before my Father bought her
from the Broker (Robert Austin) of
Charleston S.C.

and further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of for a pension; and further saith not.

H Hamilton Murray
Adjutant.

[JURAT OVER.]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
day of _____, 187 , and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

Special Agent.

S S D.

No 249 169

REPORT IN CASE.

Name:

William Pennant

P. O. Address:

66 Swanham St, Charleston

County:

State: S.C.

Recommendation:

[Signature]
Special Agent.

REFERENCE.

March 27, 1878.
Case referred to C. L.
Whipple of this Div
for his action
Robert L. Stanton
Chief of S. S. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

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Chief of

Div.

ACTION.

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Investigation:

[Signature]

Chief of S. S. Division.

Approved:

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EXHIBIT 0

CASE OF

, No.

On this 11 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Catherine Conyers
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her age is 48 years that she resides at 80 Schmidt St., Charleston
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 she is the widow of Catherine Germany. Affiant first remembers
 her on Edisto Island. Her name was then Catherine Brown. Affiant's
 name at that time was Catherine Seabrook. Affiant did not know
 Germany before his marriage with her sister Catherine. Her first
 became acquainted with him at Charleston. Stephen and Catherine visited
 affiant. They were then married. That was before the war, not before
 Charleston was taken, but before the war. Stephen and Catherine then lived
 in the country. Affiant first knew that Stephen visited through her cousin
 his wife. After he visited Catherine Germany came to the city and to
 affiant's house. Affiant remembers that Mrs. Germany came in crying and
 said that her husband was dead. Affiant has seen Mrs. Germany
 very frequently during all the time that has elapsed since then
 she has remained unmarried, nor has she lived with a man or
 borne children since the death of her husband. When Mrs. Germany
 first came to affiant's house she introduced Stephen as her husband.

and she further declares that she has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

Catherine Conyers

Mark

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

[Signature]

Special Agent

EXHIBIT *P*

CASE OF

, No.

On this *20* day of *March*, 18*78*, at
near Ironsides Mill Station, County of *Colleton*
 State of *S.C.*, before me, *R. Van Meter*
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Catherine Brown*
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that *she* age is *she can't tell* years, that she resides at *1st Street No. 26 in S.*
 County of *Colleton*, State of *S.C.*, and that
 she was a slave of *Isaac Murray*, affiant was
 a field hand. She remembers "Catherine" before she was
 married. She remembers that they - *Catherine & Stephen*
 went to Mr. Murray and afterwards they lived together
 as man and wife. Affiant does not know who married them,
 but they were married and lived together before and up to the
 time when he enlisted. As to the two children "Bella" and "Harry"
 Affiant says that they came to the place at the same time
 that Catherine did. Affiant has heard them call her "ma".
 Affiant never saw the father of the children. She states
 that Catherine did not live with any man before her
 marriage with Stephen. Affiant is not related to Catherine
 Langley. This is all she knows about them. Affiant has
 never seen Catherine since she went to Charleston.

and she further declares that she has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of *Catherine Germany* for a pension; and further saith not.

Catherine ^{her} *Brown*

[JURAT OVER.]

(P)

most

Affiant.

Special Agent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of March 1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

W. J. B. [Signature]

EXHIBIT Q

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this 9 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston
 State of S.C., before me, J. M. S. S. S.
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared James B. Jones
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 37 years that he resides at 22 Myrtle St., Charleston
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 he has known Mrs. Catherine Germany some seven years, since
 1870. He was introduced to her by her nephew James Brown, now
 dead. Brown and affiant were friends. They were trying to
 get up a Society, and were looking for a place for it to meet in,
 that is how he came to meet Mrs. Germany, and the fact that
 the Society was organized in 1870 is that by which he fixes the
 date. Affiant has lived near her, and knows that she has
 not married since with a man nor borne children in that
 time.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

James B. Jones

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

W. B. State

Special Agent

Nov 25, 1865.

Bro. Maj. S. W. Saxton.

I sent the note recd from
Lieut. Philb. to the Regt at Hilton Head, and
you will perceive Surgⁿ Hawks has made
memorandum upon it. But it appears he has
made reference to the wrong person. The bearer
of this is the person to whom the original
note from Lieut Philb applies. I presume
the cases are similar, and you will please
give this widow such information as
shall be in your power, with reference
to recovery of wages or bounty.

Respectfully

G. Pillsbury,

(N) Agt of Bureau.

Certified Copies

Fort Johnson S. C.,
May 26th 1865-

Mr Pillsbury

My dear Sir,

If you can do any
thing for this poor woman, do so and
oblige me. her husband, Stephen
Germany, a member of my Company
died yesterday.

Nicholas Mils
1 Lieut comdg Co K
21 Reg U. S. C. T.

Nov^r 25th 1865

Brev Major S. W. Saxton

I sent the note received
from Lieut Mils to the Reg^t at Hilton
Head - and you will perceive that
Surgeon Hawks has made memo-
randa upon it. x x x x x x

You will please give this widow such
information as shall be in your
power with reference to recovery of wages
or Bounty -

Respectfully
G. Pillsbury
Agt of Bureau

The above are true copies of letters in the pos-
session of Catherine Germany made by me -
June 15th 1879 -
Jas. M. Williamson
Notary Public

Copy of Deed



(M) Fort Johnson S. C.
May 26 1865

Mr Pillsbury

My dear Sir

If you can

do something for this poor woman
do so and oblige me her husband
a member of my Company died yesterday

William says, Co. B. died
at Fort Johnson, May 22 at 11 o'clock
His back pay, due, and pension
the widow, can be got by applying
Sanford, on Gen Sargent's staff

(M)

Very truly
Yours

S. C. F.

EXHIBIT *H*

CASE OF

, No.

On this *9th* day of *March*, 18*78*, at
Charleston, County of *Charleston*
State of _____, before me, *J. R. New Motor*
a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *David Higgins*
, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
declares that his age is *37 or 38* years, that he resides at *King Street near No. 1000, Charleston*
County of *Charleston*, State of *South Carolina*, and that

he was the slave of *Isaac Murray*. Was born on *Murray's Place*.
His father and mother lived there. They are dead. That he knows
Catherine Germany, that he knew her when she was owned by *Mr.*
Murray. Her name was *Catherine Brown*. Affiant remembers that
Stephen Germany came to see *Catherine*. Affiant worked on the
rail road with *Stephen*. *Stephen* was owned by the railroad - the
South Carolina rail road - Affiant was not owned by the rail road.
He states as to how he came to work on the rail road that *Mr.*
Murray hired him out, - after died & with his hands. *Germany*
was a mulatto - a stout man. Affiant remembers that *Germany* got
married to *Catherine* one Sunday. That it was before the war. Affiant
thinks so because the war was not thought about then. It was a
long time before the war, affiant does not mean that it was
before *Charleston* was taken. He did not hear any talk about the
war then. Affiant heard the war talked about long before *Stephen*
married. *Mr. Siffley* married them. *Mr. Siffley* was a white man,
he used to ride the circuit, and was in the habit of stopping at
Mr. Murray's. Affiant was present when *Stephen* and *Catherine* were
married. *Isabella Missett* was there. Two other colored women were there
one named *Flora* and one named *Charlotte*, both are dead. The "boss"
and "Missis" were present but they are dead. People from that neighborhood

have told affiant that they were dead. Affiant can remember the name. Mrs. Gorman was a Samstress in the house, she was married in Mr. Munro's house. Affiant's duties were to attend to the horses, sometimes to work in the field. Affiant was home when Stephen enlisted. Stephen had always been in good health so far as affiant knows. Affiant did not see him go away. The way that affiant knew was that Mrs. Gorman told him that Stephen had sent word that he was going in the army. Affiant never saw Stephen again. On the 17 of March, affiant can't tell the year, after Charleston was taken, affiant enlisted in 104 U.S.C.T. Affiant did not see Mrs. Gorman again until after he came out of the army. Affiant was discharged at Hilton Head. He saw Mrs. Gorman after he came to Charleston. She told affiant that her husband was dead. Affiant has lived in Charleston ever since. She has seen her occasionally - not very often - but backwards and forwards from 1 to her residence. Affiant can say positively that she has never lived with a man, or remarried in that time. She has never had any children to affiant's knowledge. Many of the people who knew William and Stephen after their names are dead. A man by the name of Mingo knew them, also Monday, he is dead; also Caesar - Affiant thinks Caesar is dead. Affiant don't know when Mingo is.

his
Mark & Higgins
Mark

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of Carlton Germany for a Pension; and further saith not
Walter ^{his} Higgins
Mark Affiant.

Subscribed and subscribed before me this 9 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made
known to the affiant before signing.

R. A. Mott

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT K

CASE OF

, No.

On this 20 day of March, 1878, at
 Twenty Six M. Station, County of Colleton
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Michael Lemon and
 Sarah Ann Moor ^{respectively about 35 and 37} who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that ^{their ages are} years, that they reside at 26 M. Station
 County of Colleton, State of S.C., and that
 they were the slaves of Isaac Murray who is now dead.
 They live on his plantation. They both remember Stephen
 and Catherine Germany.

Michael Lemon for himself says that he worked on the railroad
 with him, Stephen. Affiant remembers that they were married before Stephen
 enlisted. He was not present at the marriage but heard that
 they were married by a Mr. Lefay, or some such name. Affiant
 knew Catherine before she was married. She was a "house servant
 or seamstress or something or other". Affiant does not know whether
 she had children before she was married. She did not, as affiant
 knows of, live with any man before she was married to Stephen.
 There were a boy and a girl in the house named Bella & Henry.
 Affiant does not know whether they were her children or not.
 Affiant knows that she, Catherine, and Stephen Germany live together
 as man and wife, recognize each other as such, and were
 so recognized by those around them. After Stephen enlisted Catherine
 went to Charleston, since which time affiant has not seen her.
 Sarah Ann Moor, for herself, says that she knows that Stephen
 and Catherine live together as man and wife, and were recognized
 as such by those who knew them, before, and up to the time when,
 Stephen went into the army. Affiant was not present at the
 marriage. Affiant did not know of "Bella" and "Henry". Affiant
 knew Catherine before she was married to Stephen. She had no husband
 before she married Stephen. Affiant was not present at the marriage.
 Affiant has not seen Catherine since she went to Charleston.

and they further declares that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

Michael L. Lemon

Sarah Ann Moor

Affiant.

[JURAT OVER.]

(K)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.
Special Agent.

State of South Carolina }
County of Charleston }

Personally appeared before me Jacob William Clerk
of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for the
County of Charleston and State of South Carolina
William Cole . and Richard Kennedy
of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn
according to law, declare that they were well acquainted
with Stephen Germany (late Private in Company K
21st Regiment of U. S. C. Troops, who died in the hos-
pital in the City of Charleston County and State aforesaid
on or about the 15th day of August 21st day of May, A.D.
1865 of the disease called Dysentery which he contracted
while in the service of the United States, also that they
are well acquainted with Catharine Germany, whom they
know to be the wife of the said Stephen Germany be-
cause they saw them married some few years before
the war at the 26 mile Station in Charleston County by
a Circuit parson named Siffley) and they further know
that the said Stephen Germany died leaving no chil-
dren by Catharine Germany, whose maiden name was Brown,
and that they testify from their own personal knowledge
having been acquainted with them for over 25 years; and in the
service with the said Stephen Germany, and have no interest in this claim.
Sworn to before me this 17th day of May
A.D. 1875, and further certify that the
contents of the above declaration
were fully made known and ex-
plained to them.

his
William Cole

mark
Richard Kennedy
mark

Near
Meriden

Archibald

Wm. Germany
Wm. Cole

plained to them before swearing, including the words
"18th day of August" erased, and that I have no interest
in the prosecution of this claim.

Jacob Wetmore
Clerk of Court of C. P. & G. S.



EXHIBIT D

CASE OF

, No.

On this 11 day of March, 1878, at Charleston, County of Charleston, State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter, a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared William C. Cole, and Richard Kennedy, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that ^{Cole that he is 33 years old, Kennedy unknown} ~~their ages~~ years that they reside at Cole, 7 Cooper Street, Kennedy, 5 Orange St. County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that they were members of Company K, 21st U.S.C.T. That they became acquainted with Stephen Germany in that company. Affiants were tent mates. Germany's tent was not more than three or four tents from affiants. Affiants saw him before he was uniformed, but did not become acquainted with him before he was assigned to their company, which took place at Citadel Green, Charleston. Affiants were assigned two or three weeks before Germany was. Germany was a mulatto, he was rather a stout man. When affiants first knew him he was well, and did his duty, until he was taken sick. The way by which affiants know that he was taken sick, was that he fell out at Sick Call. They had Sick Call every morning. Affiant Cole remembers that he saw Germany going to the doctor. Affiants do not know what the disease was. Affiant Cole states that Germany was weak, and he heard that the disease was dysentery, but he does not know from personal knowledge. The way that affiants know that Germany died, was that his wife brought the news to James Island. W. Johnson is on James Island. Affiants became acquainted with Mrs. Germany on James Island. Affiants did not know either Stephen or Catherine Germany before the times stated in this affidavit. Neither of them saw Stephen and Catherine married. That they remember swearing to an affidavit May 17, in 1875 that is they went before Mr. Williamson. They did not knowingly swear that they were present at the marriage. They did not have any knowledge of the parties prior to 1865. Cole for himself says that he can write his name, but cannot read writing. Affiants have seen her frequently since 1868. Sometimes weekly, sometimes oftener, she has remained unmarried since that date. She has not lived with any man nor borne children during affiants' acquaintance with her. Cole ^{is in a position to qualify his statement that Germany was rather light skinned man, but brown,} and they further declares that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

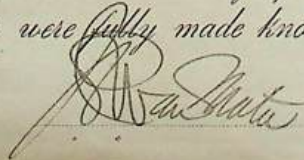
Richard Kennedy

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

R. A. Mott

Special Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

R. M. Bates

Special Agent

EXHIBIT I

CASE OF

, No.

On this 20 day of March, 1878, at
 20 Mile Station, County of Polkton
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Owen Master
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared - George Elmore,
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 65 years, that he resides at 26 Mile Station
 County of Polkton, State of S.C., and that
 he was a slave of Isaac Murray who is dead. That he remembers
 Catherine and Stephen Germany. He, affiant, brought Catherine from
 the Depot after Mr. Murray had bought her at Charleston. He bought
 three mulatto children at the same time. Their names were "Bella"
 Henry and "Jim". Affiant does not know whether they were Catherine's
 children or not. They were a white man's children. Catherine never
 lived with any man before her marriage to Stephen. After her marriage
 with Stephen she lived with him until he went to the war. What
 was not present at the marriage. The marriage, however, as affiant
 believes took place prior to the time that Stephen enlisted as they
 were recognized each other ^{as husband and wife} before that time. Affiant thinks that some
 of Mr. Murray's sons were absent at the war. The war was
 going on a long time before it got here. Affiant has not seen
 Catherine since she left for Charleston.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

George Elmore

mark

Affiant.

[JURAT OVER.]

(I)

Special Agent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of March 1878, and I certify that the contents were truly made known to affiant before signing.

Wm. H. Quinn

EXHIBIT J

CASE OF

, No.

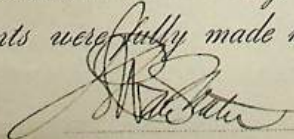
On this 12 day of March, 1878, at Charleston, County of Charleston, State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Henry Willis, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that his age is 48 years that he resides at 6 Duane St., Charleston County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that he knows Catherine Germany. He knew Stephen Germany, Affiant worked on the rail road with him, Affiant was hired by his own Elijah Powell. Germany was a mulatto, stout, had straight or nearly straight hair. Affiant knew him at the time of his marriage with Catherine Brown. Affiant never heard Mrs. Germany called Mrs. Nugget. Affiant knows that Stephen and Catherine were married before the war, ^{about the time it began.} Affiant knows that it was before the war because he and Germany worked on the road after he was married during the war. Affiant was present at the wedding, a Methodist minister married them. Affiant does not know his name. Affiant is sure that they were married in the house that Catherine lived in not in Mr. Murray house. Mr. Murray and Mrs. Murray were not present. "Celi" was present. Cass also. Mike also. Affiant does not know their last names. Does not know whether Henry or Isabella Nugget were present. They were only children at the time. Dave Higgins was present. Stephen and Affiant came to Charleston together when Stephen enlisted. His wife did not come. Affiant does not know how she came to know that he enlisted. Affiant saw him enlist at Citadel Green. He was then married. Affiant has seen Mrs. Germany off and on ever since she has been in the city. She has never remarried nor lived with any man since the war. Affiant found out Stephen was dead by driving a hospital ambulance, Affiant did not take him to the hospital. Affiant does not know certainly whether Isabella and Henry are Mrs. Germany's children or not. (Affiant was married to Isabella's "one") Affiant thought they were from the fact that they lived with her. He thought "Jim" was for the same reason. Jim is deceased. Does not know what Jim's last name was. Affiant never saw the father of the children. Affiant knew Mrs. Germany who was a slave some a short time before she married Stephen. She did not live with any man as her husband then. They were in which Aff. came to the off. Affiant further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Catherine Germany, ^{for a pension;} and further saith not.

[JURAT OVER.]

(J) Henry X Willis
Mark

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.



Special Agent

EXHIBIT A

CASE OF

, No.

On this 7 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston,
 State of South Carolina, before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Catharine Germany
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her ^{is unknown.} age, is years, that she resides at 66 Beau-fain St., Charleston,
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 she was born on Edisto Island. Her owner until she was seven
 was John Labrook, now dead. He put her in a "public Office" to
 be sold by Mr. Austin, a broker. Mr. Austin died about two years ago.
 Austin sold Affiant to Isaac Murray, a farmer, residing near 26 mile
 Station, about 26 miles from Charleston. That affair ^{with} ~~was~~ and was
 owned by Murray until her marriage. Affiant has heard that Murray, who
 was old when he bought Affiant, is dead, and his place broken up. Affiant
 was bought as a seamstress, which was her occupation. She was owned by
 Mr. Murray when she married Stephen Germany. Germany, Affiant's husband, was
 a stout man, he was a muleteer, not very tall. Germany was born in North
 Carolina. He was sent her to be sold, and was bought by the South
 Carolina rail road company. He was a track walker, or a railroad hand
 when Affiant married him. Affiant and Stephen Germany were married five
 years before the war commenced. Affiant has no writing or paper to show
 that date. She guesses at it. She was married at the time the war commenced.
 At that time Affiant and her husband would say "it is five years since we
 were married." Affiant and Germany were married by a circuit rider named
 Spley. Spley always stopped at Mr. Murray's when he came into the neighborhood.
 He happened to be stopping there at the time of Affiant's marriage.
 Affiant's owner did not keep a book in which he wrote down the marriages
 of his slaves. Affiant's fellow servants were present when she was married.
 Dave Higgins was present. Labella Meggett and Henry Meggett were also

present. Isabella and Henry are sister and brother. Simon Black was also present. These four live in the city. Affiant was married on Sunday; it was in the summer time. Affiant cannot remember anyone else who was present. Affiant was a house servant. She was not much acquainted with the field hands. "Eli" and "Tom" were fellow servants at the time. Affiant does not remember their other names. Affiant remained at Mr. Murray's after she was married. She lived there until the war and Charleston was taken. Her husband was off on the railroad during the week but would come home Saturday nights. Affiant never had any child by her husband Stephen Emory. She never has married nor had a child since her husband's death. She has been too sickly to marry. After Charleston was taken the cars came to 26 miles station for wood, that is the way her husband came to go to the war. He told affiant that he was going, and that he would come back after affiant. Affiant's husband was never sick, to her knowledge before he enlisted. She was a very stout man. He told affiant that he was going to enlist, but she tried to get him not to do so. But he went, and sent a man to tell affiant that he had gone but would come back for her. He sent the word by Henry Muggitt. Affiant remained at 26 miles station three weeks, and as she did not see him, and as Mr. Murray stated that he would kill affiant's husband should he return for her, affiant started on the Yankee train - a wood train - on Sunday for Charleston. She found her husband at Citadel Inn. He was a soldier. After two or three weeks the regiment went away on a Sunday. Affiant did not hear from them for two or three months. Affiant heard that the regiment, or rather a part of it, was at Mount Pleasant. She was uneasy about him and went to Mount Pleasant and inquired when Company K, in which her husband served, was stationed. It was not at Mount Pleasant. She was informed that it was at Fort Johnson. When affiant got

back from Mount Pleasant she learned from Fort Johnson that her husband was sick in the City of Charleston. Affiant went to the hospital corner of St. Philip and Calhoun Sts. - It had been an orphan home, to inquire about her husband. She returned from the Mt. Pleasant Monday. She went to the hospital Tuesday but it was so late that she could not get in. The bookkeeper was not present. She was told to come back Wednesday morning. Affiant did so, and looked through the hospital but did not find him. They looked over the records and told her that her husband died Saturday at eight o'clock, and was buried Sunday morning. The Captain at Ft. Johnson to whom, after her husband's death affiant went, for being told her that her husband died from diarrhoea, from drinking bad water.

and ~~of~~ further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim for a Pension; and further saith not
Catharine ^{her} Germany Affiant.
Mark

Subscribed to and subscribed before me this 7 day of March 1878, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known to the affiant before signing. And that her age appears to be about fifty five years.

[Signature]

Special Agent.

"A"

Frank Johnson James Island SC
May th 26 65-

in Memory of the Death of
Mr Stephen Gammon
who departed this life on Sunday
Morning May th 21 1865

A Member of
Co K th 21 Regt of U S C Troops
the husband of Mrs Catherine
Gammon

this will show the
name of his tent mate
Frank Sulster & Syas Black
I communicated to Mr Pillsbury
with a note

EXHIBIT C

CASE OF

, No.

On this 8 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Isabella Meggett
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her age is ^{unknown to her} years that she resides at 66 Bluffview St., (Charleston),
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 she is the sister of Henry Meggett, and is younger than he. That she does not know
 when she was born. That she does not remember to have seen her parents. That she was owned by
 Isaac Murray, that is her earliest recollection, but she has heard them say that they bought affiant
 and her brother, who were house servants. Affiant remembers Mrs. Germany. When affiant first knew
 her her name was Catherine Brown. She was a seamstress. Affiant used to see her every day. Affiant
 was a little girl at the time Germany came to see her, but affiant remembers him well. He was
 a stout mulatto man - a fine looking man. That was before the war. "Before they fought any at all."
 Affiant was present at the marriage. Mr. Siffly or Sibly married them. Affiant had often seen Mr.
 Siffly at the house. He was a white man. Mr. Murray was present. It was in Mrs. Murray's
 house. Mr. Murray was also there. Affiant does not remember that there were any other white people except
 the preacher. There were some colored people present. Affiant remembers two colored women "Flora" and
 "Charlotte" who are dead. Affiant believes that Owen Higgins was present. She can't remember certainly what others
 colored men - it was so long ago. After that Stephens and Catherine lived together in their house across from
 Mrs. Murray. Affiant does not remember when Stephens enlisted. She was not on the spot, but she saw him
 afterwards at Citadel. Even before he had put on soldier's clothes. The way in which she came to see him was
 that she went with Mrs. Germany. Again affiant saw him - she was with Mrs. Germany - when he was about to go
 away. He appeared to be in good health then. Affiant was living in the same house with Mrs. Germany. She often
 heard Mrs. Germany say she was worried about her husband, and could not hear from him. Affiant did not go
 to tell. Pleasant with her. Affiant went with her the second time she went to the hospital. Affiant helped
 her to look for him. After that they looked over the book and told her that he was dead buried.
 Affiant continued to live with Mrs. Germany up to within about four years. She had known her
 so long, and she had been so sickly, that affiant tried to do all she could for her. During the
 time that affiant was with her Mrs. Germany did not marry or live with any man. Affiant
 has been back about 6 months, and has lived with Mrs. Germany. Affiant went back to the
 White Station directly after the war, but did not remain long. Mrs. Murray was very sick but she
 and Mr. Murray were living at that time. She did shortly after. Affiant can say anything about them
 or the place at this date.

and she further declares that she has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Meggett for a pension; and further saith not.

Isabella ^{her} Meggett

(mark)

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing. And that the affiant appears to me to be about forty five years of age.

J. B. Smith

Special Agent

EXHIBIT *D*

CASE OF

No.

On this 8 day of March, 1878, at
Charleston, County of Charleston
State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Henry Meggett,
who being by me duly sworn according to law,
declares that his age is ^{unknown to him} years that he resides at 70 Beaupain St., Charleston,
County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
he belongs to Snee Murray, of 26 mile Station. That is his earliest
recollection. Affiant does not know when he was born. That while
at Mr. Murray's he knew Catherine Brown before she was married to
Stephen Germany. Affiant was a fellow servant of hers. Affiant remembers
when she was married. Affiant was not present at the marriage; he
was on the plantation - he was not grown then. Affiant was so small
that he can't state the year, but it was before the war. Affiant had
never heard anything of the war when she was married. Person Affly,
was on the place at the time - he was a circuit rider - and Affiant
hears that he married Catherine Brown and Stephen Germany. Can't remember
who told him that Affly married the parties. Affly was in the habit of
stopping at Murray's. Affiant knew Germany before he was married to Catherine
Brown - that is Affiant knew his face when he used to come to visit Catherine.
Affiant has heard him and persons who worked with him say that he was owned
by the rail road company. (Charleston & Columbia rail road.) Affiant knows
that Germany used to stop on the place when he was at home after his
marriage. Affiant has seen him there many a time. Affiant can't remember how
long he lived with Catherine Brown before the war, Affiant "can say that it was a
good while." When the Yankees took Charleston they came to 26 mile station for wood.
Affiant was present when Germany went away. He can't state the day, but he
was present and Germany gave him a message to take to his wife. The message was
that the Yankees had recruited him (Germany) and that he was going to Charleston, but would
come back for her the first chance he could get. Affiant did not see Germany go. He
left the station before the train left. Affiant took the message to Mrs. Germany. Affiant
was on the place when Mrs. Germany left, he can't tell how many weeks after. Affiant next
saw her at Charleston, she came down about three weeks after she did. He saw the army, and
Germany at the Citadel. That was the last place he saw her. Affiant has not known of Mrs. Germany
for all the time since Germany enlisted. Affiant has been out of the city some five years. But Affiant has
understood that she has never remarried since the death of her husband. Affiant has never known her to have with
any man since that time. Affiant has not seen her back to 26 mile station. But some of the soldiers who were with the army, was taken up
and in further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

Kenny + Meggett.

Affiant.

[JURAT OVER.]

(S)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing. The affiant appears to me to be between twenty five and thirty years
of age,

[Signature]

Special Agent

EXHIBIT E

CASE OF

, No.

On this 12 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston,
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Union Black
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 29 years that he resides at Mary St., Charleston
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 he remembers making an affidavit in this case some years
 ago. A man by the name of David Higgins made it with
 him. Affidant belonged to James Nettles a son of Joseph Nettles whose
 place was adjoining Mr. Murray's. Affidant knew Stephen Germany
 who was owned by the rail road company. Knew his wife before she
 was married. Her name was Catherine, she had three children before
 she married Stephen - one girl and two boys. The girl was named
 Susan, the boys, oldest Henry, next "Jim". Catherine was bought in
 town, she had no husband at that time. The children were
 mulatto children. Catherine and Stephen were married before the
 war. They were married by a Methodist preacher, who
 preached at New Hope, Brookhill and Cypress camp grounds churches.
 Affidant remembers when they married Stephen. They told affidavit
 about it. Affidant's brother told him, Higgins told him too. Higgins was
 so affidavit believes present at the marriage. He lived on the plantation. Affidant
 was not present at the marriage. He heard the wedding latter about
 latter before and after it. Affidant has seen Mrs. Germany latter
 after with the exception of one or two years since 1867, when he came
 down from the country. Mrs. Germany has not been married nor
 lived with a man as her husband since affidavit has been in the city,
 to the best of his knowledge. Stephen was married to Catherine before
 he enlisted.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

Union Black

[JURAT OVER.]

(E)

March

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

Wm. H. Hester

Special Agent

EXHIBIT F

CASE OF

, No.

On this 12 day of March, 1878, at Charleston, County of Charleston, State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter, Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Catherine Germany Sabilla Meggett and Henry Meggett, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that age is years that they reside at Charleston, County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that Catherine Germany for herself solemnly swears that Henry Meggett and Isabella Meggett are not her children nor are they related to her in any way. That affiant's name was not Meggett. That the two children - Isabella & Henry - were raised up under her, but they never called her mother. Affiant never knew a brother of Isabella and Henry called "James" or "Jim" who was drowned. Affiant does not know who the father and mother, (or either) of the persons named are. They were bought when they were children by Mr. Murray.

Isabella Meggett and Henry Meggett, for themselves swear that they are not Mrs. Germany's children. That they do not know who their father and mother were. They were little when bought by Mr. Murray and were raised up under Mrs. Germany in Mr. Murray's house. They have, however, been with Mrs. Germany a good deal. Isabella for herself says that Mrs. Germany has taught her the trade of seamstress and ~~affiant's master and~~ ~~factor~~. Affiant Isabella & Henry further state that they have no brother named James or "Jim" or other relative who was drowned.

Henry and Isabella and further declare that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

[JURAT OVER.]

(G)

Catherine Germany
Henry Meggett
Isabella Meggett

Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

[Signature]

Special Agent

EXHIBIT *G*

CASE OF

, No.

On this 12 day of March, 1878, at
 Charleston, County of Charleston
 State of S.C., before me, J. R. Van Meter
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Elizabeth Bowles
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her age is ^{unknown} years that she resides at No 23 Mary Charleston
 County of Charleston, State of S.C., and that
 she was owned by Joseph Pettis who lived near
 Isaac Murray, at 26 Mile Station. Affiant remembers that
 Mr. Murray bought Mrs. Germany. Affiant only knew her
 as Catherine this (can't think) of her other name. At the
 time Mr. Murray bought her she had three children. She had no
 husband at the time, nor until she was married to Stephen
 so far as affiant knows. Affiant used to nurse her sometimes
 when she was sick both before and after she was married.
 She had the asthma. She was married before the war. Affiant
 does not know who married her and Stephen. Affiant was
 sick at the time. Affiant believes that Stephen belonged
 to the railroad company. Affiant could not tell how long before
 the war the marriage took place, but it was before the war.
 As Mr. Murray and Mrs. Murray are dead. Affiant has
 not seen Mrs. Germany since she came to the city. Affiant
 does not know that she has had a child since her
 marriage to Stephen. She has not to affiant's recollection
 Germany was a light man "yellow brown" man. "Not very
 tall, but stout thick body" Affiant does not know anything
 about Stephen's whereabouts or death. She has only heard
 that he is dead.

and she further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany for a pension; and further saith not.

Elizabeth *X* Bowles

[JURAT OVER.]

G

mark

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

John Martin

Special Agent

EXHIBIT B

CASE OF

No.

On this 13 day of March, 1878, at
 Round O, County of Colleton
 State of S.C., before me, J. P. Warrick,
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared John L. Lilly,
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 38 years that he resides at Round O, P.O. Jacksonville
 County of Colleton, State of S.C., and that
 he is a minister of the Methodist Church. That Affiant
 was on the Sumnerville Circuit in 1863 and 1864, which
 included 26 Mile Station. That he was not on that
 Circuit prior to that time, nor has he been on it since
 that time. Affiant was in the habit of stopping at Mr.
 Isaac Murray. Affiant cannot recollect that he married
 Stephen Germany and Catherine Brown. He cannot remember
 the fact of having performed any marriage Ceremony at
 Mr. Murray. Affiant has no record of the marriages
 of the colored people of those days. Affiant may have
 performed the Ceremony, but he has no recollection of it nor
 memoranda by which to refresh his memory. Affiant
 has consulted his wife but she is not able to remember
 the event. Mrs. Murray is dead, and to the best of
 Affiant's recollection Mr. Murray is also.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Catherine Germany, for a pension; and further saith not.

[JURAT OVER.]

(B)

J. L. Lilly

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of March
1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant, before
signing.

[Signature]
Walter

Special Agent

not find them. The colored people have been
migrating since the war, and many have changed
their names, which makes it difficult to follow them.
At the close of the war comparatively few had "titles", as
they say, or surnames.

Jacob Williamson who wrote some of the testimony, is a
former clerk of the court, and the Postmaster at Charleston
informed me that he is a reliable man. That he did not
copy faithfully the letters of him self. Williamson has the
appearance of being an honest man, and seems to under-
stand the weakness of some of the colored people in the
direction of untruthfulness, and he informed me that he had
refused to prosecute many claims on that account.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Watson, St. Paul.

I received this morning the statement marked exhibit
7, this morning
Nov. 25, 1898

J. M. Watson

"Henry" & "Jim". I remember that the Meggitts were Mulattoes, and that their names were Henry and Isabella. They are the persons referred to. I went to Mrs. Germany and asked why she had practiced this deception. She said that the parties were not related to her. All so swore. (See exhibit F). If they are her children they are hers by a white father. Her complexion is brown. Henry and Isabella are light - particularly Isabella - and have straight hair. They were purchased when children with Catherine for house servants, and from that the people may have called them hers. I could not find any one who ever knew of Catherine living with any man before she married Stephen.

Exhibit "A" is the affidavit of the claimant. She is a member of the Baptist Church. No claim should be placed on the filing at the date of her marriage. The colored people in the interior, who were in Savitade, knew very little about the commencement of the war. She told me that disease had weakened her memory. She is in evident bad health. This may be considered as a probability, as to whether she has or has not married. She appears to be about 55 or 58 years old. The Officer will notice that if she was married by Mr. Sibley it must have been in 1863, or 1864, when he was on that circuit. She did not know when he lived, (as she said) and did not seem anxious that I should see him. She predicted that Mr. Sibley would not remember the matter. I regret that I have not been able, thus far, to produce

more conclusive evidence as to who married the parties, if they were married. If it were before 1863, it was not by Mr. Lefley. But every body on the plantation said that they had lived together as man and wife, and so recognized each other, up to the time when Stephen went into the army. The paper attached to her affidavit, and three marked "M." and "N" were found in her possession. She requested their return to her.

Exhibit "B" is the affidavit of Rev. J. L. Lefley. I gave him all the data that I thought would bring the facts to his mind. He said that he did so much of that business during the times of slavery, that he could not remember individual cases.

Exhibit "C" is the testimony of Isabella Meggett. She is very intelligent naturally, but I consider her a very artful woman. She professes to be very grateful to Mrs. Germany for the latter's care. The witness is a member of the Baptist Church.

Exhibit "D" is the testimony of Henry Meggett. He obeys the orders of his sister.

Exhibit "E" is the affidavit of Simon Black. He was not present at the wedding (see affidavit of the defendant) nor the slave of Isaac Murray, as stated in the affidavit of May 1, 1872 (copy from no auditor). Simon was probably good natured enough to testify so at that time, but he is not by any means a bad or vicious man, and had some knowledge of the facts. It is a weakness

of many of the colored people to distort past circumstances for present purposes.

Exhibit "F," is a joint affidavit of the claimant and Henry and Isabella, as to relationship.

Exhibit "G" is the testimony of Elizabeth Bowles, about 60 years old, who said that she could not remember very well on account of "the neuralgy in my head."

Exhibit "H," is that of "Dave" Higgins, one of the original witnesses. I think Dave would be willing to take the heavy for fact, to please every body. He called Mr. Lefley a "carnus rider" and a "carnus preacher". Dave is a Butcher.

Exhibit "I" is the affidavit of "Mingo" referred to in Higgins' affidavit. Mingo is an old colored man who was found near the old place. He is naturally intelligent and his countenance indicates that he is honest and truthful.

Exhibit "J" is the testimony of Henry Willis an original witness. I know place no confidence whatever in his words if he were interested. He has very little moral sensibility in my judgment. "Mike" was not present at the wedding. Willis fixes a different place for the wedding.

Exhibit "K" is the affidavit of the "Mike" referred to in the preceding affidavit, and of Sarah Ann Wood. Michael lives on the site of the old Munnay house. I went to the house of "Chie" - Chie Aiken - but she was away on a plantation somewhere at work. These people

were field hands.
Exhibit "A" is the joint affidavit of Cole and Kennedy. They were surprised when I informed them that they had sworn that they were present at the marriage. Cole is the more intelligent and conscientious of the two.

Exhibits "M" & "N" are two papers found in Mrs. Germany's possession. I do not consider them very important for the purpose of showing identity as they contained no name. But they are produced as that dated May 26, 1865, was badly copied.

Exhibit "O" is the testimony of Catherine Gnyros. She appears to be truthful, but has been not much in the habit of paying visits.

Exhibit "P" is the affidavit of Catherine Brown whom I found at Twenty Six. She was a former slave of Murrays.

Exhibit "Q" is that of James B. Jones, a clever little man who pronounces his words with measured precision. He is well calculated to get up a story.

Exhibit "R" is the testimony of Harriet Smiley an original witness.

Exhibit "S" is that of James Bailey, a grave colored man who has doubtless stated the truth.

The defendant has a ~~private~~ "company" note - one of the decorated specimens ^{of the company} in which Germany saved.

I took a list of thirteen non-commissioned officers but could

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Catharine Germany

Wid Stephen Germany
Entered March 9, 1865.
Died May 21, 1865.

Charlotte, N. C.

March 28, 1878.

Hon. J. A. Beuther,
Commissioner of Pensions

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the accompanying
within in the above case.

It will be noticed that the hospital record gives the
soldier's name as "Sammy" and as "Gummy". Most of
the colored people pronounce the name as if it were spelled
Gummy - giving the G a hard sound. It is in that way
that they refer to the claimant.

I saw all of the original witnesses - Isabella Meggett, Henry
Meggett, "Dave" Higgins, Union Black, Henry Willis, Richard
Kennedy, W. C. Cole, and Harriet Lively - whose testimony
appears

The claimant was a seamstress and house servant and was
undoubtedly superior to field hands. She is in feeble health
from Asthma from which she has long suffered. She
lives with Isabella Meggett, a seamstress and mantua maker.
Henry Meggett is a shoemaker and lives near them.

I endeavored to make the witnesses give all the particulars
as to the facts so that if they told what was untrue the in-
consistency would be apparent. It was for that reason that they describe Gummy

I learned from the Presiding Elder at Charleston that
the Rev. Mr. Lively, who is alleged to have performed the
marriage ceremony, was living, and resided at a locality

known as Pounds, about 16 miles from Jacksonboro.
As he was a circuit preacher I addressed him a
letter before leaving Charleston, thinking that he might
be about when I called. I found him at home,
however, but he could not remember the facts.

I visited the place called 26 mile station, to satisfy
myself as to the death of Mr. Murray who was alleged
to have owned the parties. I found that Murray and
his wife had died, and that his house had been
burned. The colored man called "Mike", by Henry Willis
and the neighbors, lives on the site of the old residence. His
testimony appears. All the colored people told the same
story as to the claimant and Germany living together as
man and wife, but they were all filed hands, and were
not present at the wedding.

Mr. Hamilton Murray, a son of Isaac Murray, lives about
2 or 4 miles from Summerville, S.C. He was not home.
I drove to his place three times, stopping over one day
to see him, but he had not returned up to the time that
I left. I left a list of questions with his wife requesting
a statement of the facts, and made arrangements to have it
then forwarded to this place, but it has not been received up to
the hour of writing this report. I was anxious to present
other testimony than that of colored people in view of
the testimony of Mr. Lefley.

On finding Simon Black (Ex. E) he mentioned that
the claimant had had three children before marrying Stephen,
that they were mulattoes, and that their names were "Bella"

See Exhibit I
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Ex'r.

NO 219.167

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

Catharine Germany
Charleston S.C.
Wid. of.

Stephen Germany.
Rt. Co. "K", 2^d U. S. C. T.S.

Died at Charleston S.C.
May 21/65.

No other claim.

Jan 13, 1875. Watterman
Clerk.

Application filed: Jan'y. 12th, 1875.

Attorney: E. B. Manton

P. O.

Present.

Date.

16.4.15 to Septs.

June 4. 75.

16 to A.G. with correct
service & "Gammey" & "Gammey"

July 19. 75.

Letter to atty. for
plank red. or affi. of
former owner as to mar-
riage and ident. fr. a
U.S. gov. officer.

Nov. 2. 75.

Letter to churk. for
ident. of p.m. with rev.
col. or any U.S. officer
& testi. of any of the fam.
of former owner as to
marriage. Letter to
M. T. Bailey that E.B.
Mentor of this city is now
atty & the marsh get his
written correct.

July 24. 76.

Letter to atty. for mar-
& identity evi. as above.

May 5. 77. Condition to desk.

See ship record.

May 29. 77. Letter to

& copy identity name

U.S. officer & for info

National date

Ex'r.



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

Catharine Germany
1113 Queen St Charleston S.C.
Wid. of.

Stephen Germany
Pt. Co. K, 21. U. S. C.

Died at Charleston S.C.

May 21/65. of Diarrhea,

other claim.

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Clerk.

Application filed: *Sept. 3^d*, 1875.

Attorney: *Mr. L. Dooley*

P. O. *Charleston*

S.C.

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PENSIONER DROPPED.

U. S. Pension Agency,

Knoxville, Tenn.

FEB 28 1901 190

Certificate No. 180649

Class General Law Widow.

Pensioner Catharine Germany

Soldier Stephen

Service pri Col 212 sc Jr

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions:

APR 3 1901

SIR: I have the honor to report that the

above-named pensioner who was last paid

at \$ 12, to 14 Nov, 1898.

has been dropped because of death

Date Died Nov 12 1898 ✓

Very respectfully,

J. J. Wilder.

Pension Agent.

NOTE—Every name dropped to be thus reported at once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death when known.

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Charleston S.C.

November 18th 1879.

Hon I. C. Bentley
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D. C.

I. Catharine Germany. Pensioner
under Certificate No 180,549. Widow
of Stephen Germany. Late Private
Co K. 21st Regt U S C. I. Herby apply
for the arrears of Pension due me.
in accordance with an Act of Congress
approved January 25th 1879. My Post
office address is No 28 Mayzek Street
Care of Samuel E. Bennett. Fire Proof
Building Charleston City. S.C. who.
I hereby appoint my Attorney to present
and prosecute this claim. And to do any
act or thing necessary or that I might
do. if personally present. with full
power of Substitution and revocation
hereby Countermanding all former
Authority. That may have been given for
the above specified purpose.

Witness to Mark

Jas Francis
James H. Hogan

Catharine ^{my} Germany
Widow of ^{late} Stephen Germany
Co K. 21st Regt U. S. C. I.

over

State of South Carolina
Charleston County-

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public
Catherine Germany who is known by me to be
the person she described herself to be and at
the same time exhibited to me her pension Certifi-
cate No. 180.649 Given at the Department of the
Interior on the 9th day of April 1878 commencing
the 12th day of January 1875 and signed A. Bell
Secretary of the Interior. Countersigned J. A. Bently
Commissioner of Pensions.

Given under my Hand and Seal this 18th day of
November A. D. 1879.

A. B. Philippy (LS)
Notary Public

NOT.

Certificate of Notary on
filed Nov 12 1879 in
Pension Department.



CERTIFICATE No. 180649

ACTS OF JANUARY 25 AND MARCH 4, 1879.

BRIEF FOR ARREARS OF *Widow's* **PENSION.**

Know

Name *Catharine Germany*; widow of
Soldier *Stephen Germany* Rank *Priv*
Company *K*
Regiment *21 U. S. C. I.*
P. O. Address *Care Pen Apt* County *Know* State *Tenn*
Date of soldier's discharge _____, 18____
Date the soldier died *May 21*, 18*65*; while in service.
Soldier was pensioned from _____, 18____
Widow pensioned from *Jan'y 12*, 18*75*;

Arrears of Pension due at the rate of \$ *8* per month, from *May 22*, 18*65*
to *Jan'y 11*, 18*75*, when it terminates.

THE SUM OF TWO DOLLARS PER MONTH ADDITIONAL WILL BE ALLOWED FOR EACH CHILD, AS FOLLOWS:

_____ commencing _____, 18____; ending _____, 18____.
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_____ commencing _____, 18____; ending _____, 18____.
_____ commencing _____, 18____; ending _____, 18____.

Date *Jan'y 10*, 18*80*.

W. H. Chandler
Examiner.

APPROVED FOR ISSUE:

[Signature]
Reviewer.

930.302

No.

ARREARS OF PENSION.



WIDOWS, ETC.



ACTS OF JANUARY 25 AND MARCH 4, 1879.