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MR

Marion E. Briggs

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PENSIONER DROPPED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

AUG 8 - 1919, 191

Certificate No. 329,248

Class ACT OF APRIL 18, 1908.

Pensioner Maria E Griggs

Soldier Richard

Service

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the name of

the above-described pensioner who was last

paid at \$2.50, to May 4, 1919

has this day been dropped from the roll be-

cause of death, July-1919

MARIA E GRIGGS

LITTLE ROCK ARK

329248 ACT APR

1505 PULASKI ST

Very respectfully,

W. H. Campbell

Chief, Finance Division.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at

once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date

of death when known.

AUG 15 1919

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PLATE DESTROYED

AUG 4 1919

dated

Check No. 4736175

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1891

Write nothing above this line.

(3-080 a.)

MILITARY SERVICE.

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Richard Griggs

So

Div.

Bureau of Pensions,

Ex'r.

No. *1479558* *Jan 23*, 1891

Widow

SIR:

It is alleged that the above-named man enlisted

1863, and served as a *Q.M. Sergt.*

in Co. *48*, Reg't *U.S. C. Inf.*

also as a _____ in Co. _____, Reg't _____

and was discharged at _____

on _____, 18____,

Please give personal description

No. of prior claim _____

The War Department will please furnish an official statement in this case, showing date of enrollment and date and mode of termination of service.

Very respectfully,

Gen. R. Ransom

Commissioner.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,
WAR DEPARTMENT.

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War Department,

Record and Pension Division,

JAN 24 1891
Jan 24 1891

Respectfully returned to the

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

The rolls show that *Richard Griggs*
Q.M. Sergt - 48 U.S.C.I.

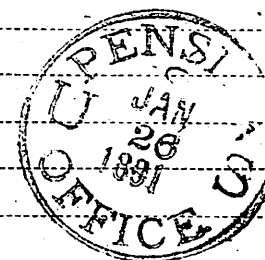
mentioned in the preceding indorsement, was enrolled

May 1, 1863, and *M.O.* with

N.C.S. *Jan 4*, 1866

age 23 years *Personal*

description not of record



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Wainwright

Captain and Ass't Surgeon, U. S. Army.

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OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
WASHINGTON

March 29, 1917.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 2, 1917, " Increase Section, Act Sept. 8, 1916, Wid. Cert. 329,248, Maria E. Griggs," I give you below data secured from the Census records of 1880:

Beat 4, Village of Mayersville, Issaquena County, Mississippi, enumerated, June 26, 1880.

Name.	Age.
Griggs, Richard.	41
----- Elizabeth.	35 ✓
----- Flarence.	7/12

You are advised that we are unable to locate 72 Bainbridge Street, New York City, New York, therefore the 1870 search was not made.

Very respectfully,

Sam. L. Rogers

Director.

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The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.



Marriage License.

The State of Mississippi,

Issaquena County:-

To any Minister of the Gospel, lawfully authorized to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony in this State; To any Judge of the Supreme, Circuit or Chancery Court of this State; Or to any Justice of the Peace, Or Member of the Board of Supervisors of Issaquena County- Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to Solenize the Rites of Matrimony between Richard Griggs and M. E. Williams of said County.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court of said County, this 14th. day of December A. D., 1874.

C. S. Jeffords, Clerk.

By Marshall R. Smith, D. C.

Recorder Jany 3rd. 1879

C. S. Jeffords, Clerk.

The State Of Mississippi,

Issaquena County:-

I, J. H. Blake, hereby certify that I have this day Solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between Richard Griggs and Miss M. E. Williams.

Given under my hand and seal, this 24 day of December A. D. 1874.

J. H. Blake,
Minister of Gospel.

Certificate recorded Jany 3rd. 1879.

C. S. Jeffords, Clerk.

State of Mississippi,

Issaquena County:-

I, S. L. Dixon, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct Copy as the same appears in Record Book No. 2, page 130, on file in this Office.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court at Mayersville, Miss., this 25th. day of May A. D., 1891.

S. L. Dixon
Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

Act of June 27, 1890.

NOTE.—This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

State of Mississippi County of Issaquena, ss:

ON THIS 2 day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety

ersonally appeared before me, a

within and for the County and State aforesaid,

Manah E. Griggs, aged 48 years, a resident of

the Town of Mayersville, County of Issaquena, State of

Richard Griggs, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of

who enlisted under the name of

at the 48th Regiment of US Cavalry, on the 1st day of July

A. D. 1863, in

(Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in the Military service; or vessel, if in Navy.)

as Q. M. Sergeant.

and served at least ninety days in the late war of the Rebellion, who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED

for reason of
senior no longer reg

and died at Mayersville July 2nd 1863

(The cause of death need not be stated.)

That she was married under the name of Manah E. Williams, to said

Richard Griggs, on the 24th day of December

1874, by Rev. Wm. Blake, at Choctaw Mississippi

there being no legal barrier to such marriage

Applicant was never previously married; does not know of any former marriage of said deceased; never heard him say—knowing him for 20 years

That she has not remarried since the death of the said

(Name of soldier or sailor.)

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

Florence Lney Griggs, born November 22nd, 1879

, born _____, 18_____

, born _____, 18_____

, born _____, 18_____

, born _____, 18_____

, born _____, 18_____

That she has not applied for pension and the number of her former application is _____

(Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly.)

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

W. E. Hallison of Mayersville Miss.

her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, and she directs that the sum of ten dollars be paid him for his services.

That her post office address is

Mayersville

, County of Issaquena, State of Miss.

M. E. Griggs
(Signature of claimant.)

(Two witnesses who can write, sign here.)

Also personally appeared David Strachan residing at Marysville, and Len T Smith residing at Marysville, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw M. E. Giggz claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance with her of 20 years and 12 years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

David Strachan
Len T Smith
(Signatures of witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of Aug, A. D. 1890

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

erased, and the words

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

A. H. Forman
(Official Signature.)
J. D. Ex of Not Pub
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

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

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

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WIDOW'S CLAIM.

Act of June 27, 1890.

Claimant M. E. Giggz

Soldier Richard Giggz

Service 2nd Sergeant

48th Regiment USA

Address Marysville

1263 Miss

July 29

Date of Execution

Filed by

W. C. Callison

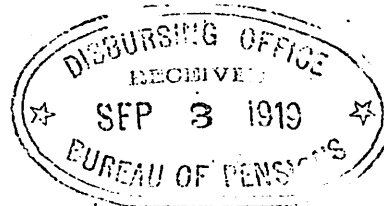
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APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

(This application, when properly executed before some officer having authority to administer oaths for general purposes, should be forwarded, together with the pension certificate and itemized bills of all expenses, to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.)

STATE OF Arkansas ss:

COUNTY OF Garland

On this 28th day of August, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and 19,

personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid,

W. H. Griggs aged 37 years, a resident of

Arkansas, County of Garland, State of

who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order

to obtain reimbursement from the accrued pension for expenses paid (or obligation incurred) in the last sickness and burial of

Maria Griggs, who was a pensioner of the United States by

certificate No. 327248, on account of the service of Richard Griggs

in U. S. Army (Name of soldier or sailor.)

(Describe service by company and regiment, etc., if in the Army, or by the words U. S. Navy, if in the Navy.)

That pension was last paid to 191

That the answers to questions propounded below are full, complete, and truthful to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that no evidence necessary to a proper adjustment of all claims against the accrued pension is suppressed or withheld.

1. What was the full name of the deceased pensioner? Maria Griggs, wife

of Richard Griggs (deceased)

2. In what capacity was decedent pensioned? (As invalid soldier or sailor, or as a widow, minor child, dependent relative, etc.)

Widow

3. If decedent was pensioned as an invalid soldier or sailor—

(a) Was he ever married? (Answer yes or no.) She was married to Richard

(b) How many times, and to whom? Griggs who was a soldier

(c) If married, did his wife survive him? (Answer yes or no.) Yes

(d) If so, is she still living? (Answer yes or no.) No

(e) If not living, give full names and dates of death of all wives only one wife

Maria Griggs, who died Aug 22, 1919.

(f) Was he ever divorced? (Answer yes or no.) No

(g) If so, is the divorced wife still living? (Answer yes or no.) (If living, a copy of the

decree of divorce must be filed.)

(h) If not living, give her full name and the date of her death

4. Did pensioner leave a child under 16 years of age? (Answer yes or no.) None

5. Is any such child still living? (Answer yes or no.) No

6. Were any sick or death benefits paid on pensioner's account? If so, give name of society and amount paid No

7. Was there insurance (life, accident, or health) in force on life of pensioner at time of death? (Answer yes or no.)

8. If so, give the name of each company in which a policy was carried and the amount in which each policy was written

Metropolitan Ins. Co.

9. Who was the beneficiary named in each policy? Her daughter, but she is

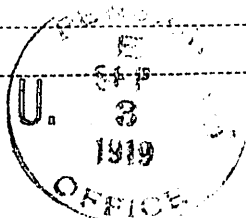
dead

10. What was the relation of each beneficiary to the pensioner? daughter, she is dead

11. Were the premiums paid by the deceased pensioner? yes

12. If not paid by the deceased pensioner, state the amount of premiums paid by each person who made payment on that

account



[Handwritten signature]

Bothering

Year	Actual (%)	Projected (%)
1950	10.0	10.0
1955	11.0	11.0
1960	12.0	12.0
1965	13.0	13.0
1970	13.5	14.5
1975	14.0	16.5
1980	14.5	18.0

Nothing

200

Have

220

Bayonne Prison

9 Days prior to death

ensioner become so ill as to require
at once

person constantly

Give the name and post-office address of each physician who attended the pensioner during last sickness Dr. John, Mosiac Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

By self,

State the names of the persons by whom the pensioner was nursed:
Rosa Warren

Little Rock, Ark

Little Jack, ask
Little Jack, ask

July 22 1919

Hot Springs Ark.

Yes

arge is made in

(Each charge entered below should be supported by an itemized bill of the person who rendered the service or furnished any supplies for which reimbursement is demanded, and should show, over his signature, by whom paid, or who is held responsible for payment, and contain the name of the pensioner for whom the expense was incurred or service rendered.)

NAMES.

Dr. J. H.
Rosa Warren
Lillian D. B. Warren
Warren B. B. Warren

Warren Rosa

ses of the

answer yes or no

on Malvern Ave street,

Office address is No. 102 Spring, on

Garland

of ask

Rosa C. Warren

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Also appeared

B. F. Jenkins and *Rosa E. Warren*, the claimant, sign *his* name (or make _____ mark) to this application; that they know the claimant herein and that their answers to the following questions are true:

1. Did pensioner (if a soldier or sailor) leave a widow or a minor child under age of sixteen years surviving?

2. When did the pensioner die?

July 22 1919

3. Did pensioner leave any property? If so, state its character and value.

None

4. We knew pensioner _____ years. We believe above statements to be true because

15 *we have known the applicant all of her life and know well to be honest and reliable.*

Name *B. F. Jenkins*

Name *Geo. P. Washington*

P. O. Address *305 Walnut St*

P. O. Address *228 Cook St*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *28th* day of *August*

A. D. 191*9*; and I certify that the contents of the foregoing application were fully made known and explained to the claimant and witnesses before swearing, that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim, and I further certify that the reputation for credibility of the witnesses whose signatures appear above is

Good
J. H. Green
National Officer.
(Official character.)

DECLARATION ACCEPTED AS
A CLAIM UNDER THE ACT OF
MARCH 2, 1898.

CHIEF, LAW DIVISION.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

Give date of the pensioner's death

July 22 - 1919

Give date of commencement of pensioner's last sickness

July 13 - 1919

From what date did the pensioner require the regular and daily attendance of another person constantly until death?

July 13 from beginning of illness

During what period did you attend the pensioner?

July 13 - to July 22 - 1919

State nature of disease from which pensioner died

Stomach & poison

Give name of each person who rendered service as nurse and who has made or will make a charge for such service

Rosa Warren

Give name of any other physician who attended the pensioner in last sickness

none

Does your bill include a charge for all medicine furnished the pensioner during last sickness? *Does not include medicine*

Has your bill been paid; if so, by whom?

no

Mention any other facts within your knowledge which in your opinion would be helpful in adjusting this claim for reimbursement:

Pensioner was absolutely without funds when taken ill

I certify that the foregoing statement is correct.

Aug 27

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PENSION
SEP 3 1919
OFFICE

G. H. S. Ish

Attending Physician.

Attending Physician.

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APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

WIDOW

Certificate No. 329,248

Maria C. Briggs
deceased pensioner.

Richard D. Briggs
and 48 Madison St.
Chicago, Ill.

AN ACT to amend section forty-seven hundred and forty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States. (30 Stat. L., 718.)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-seven hundred and forty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That every person who knowingly or willfully makes or aids, or assists in the making, or in any wise procures the making or presentation of any false or fraudulent affidavit, declaration, certificate, voucher, or paper or writing purporting to be such, concerning any claim for pension or payment thereof, or pertaining to any other matter within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Pensions or of the Secretary of the Interior, or who knowingly or willfully makes or causes to be made, or aids or assists in the making, or presents or causes to be presented at any pension agency any power of attorney or other paper required as a voucher in drawing a pension, which paper bears a date subsequent to that upon which it was actually signed or acknowledged by the pensioner, and every person before whom any declaration, affidavit, voucher, or other paper or writing to be used in aid of the prosecution of any claim for pension or bounty land or payment thereof purports to have been executed who shall knowingly certify that the declarant, affiant, or witness named in such declaration, affidavit, voucher, or other paper or writing personally appeared before him and was sworn thereto, or who knowingly certifies that the declarant, affiant, or witness named in such declaration, affidavit, voucher, or other paper or writing was not sworn thereto, or did not acknowledge the execution thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than six months."

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The Act March 2, 1895 (28 Stat. L., 964), provides—

That from and after the twenty-eighth day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, the accrued pension to the date of the death of any pensioner, or of any person entitled to a pension having an application therefor pending, and whether a certificate therefor shall issue prior or subsequent to the death of such person, shall, in the case of a person pensioned, or applying for pension, on account of his disabilities or service, be paid, first, to his widow; second, if there is no widow, to his child or children under the age of sixteen years at his death; third, in a case of a widow, to her minor children under the age of sixteen years at her death. Such accrued pension shall not be considered a part of the assets of the estate of such deceased person nor be liable for the payment of the debts of said estate in any case whatsoever, but shall inure to the sole and exclusive benefit of the widow or children. And if no widow or child survive such pensioner, and in the case of his last surviving child who was such minor at his death, and in case of a dependent mother, father, sister, or brother, no payment whatsoever of their accrued pension shall be made or allowed except so much as may be necessary to reimburse the person who bore the expense of their last sickness and burial, if they did not leave sufficient assets to meet such expense.

The Act March 3, 1905 (33 Stat. L., 1169), provides—

* * * and no part of any accrued pension shall hereafter be used to reimburse any State, county, or municipal corporation for expenses incurred by such State, county, or municipal corporation under State law for expenses of the last sickness or burial of a deceased pensioner.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Accrued pension is not a part of the assets of the estate of a deceased pensioner, nor liable for the payment of the debts of such pensioner.
2. Accrued pension is not payable as reimbursement in the case of a person pensioned on account of service if a widow or minor child under sixteen years of age survive.
3. Accrued pension is not payable as reimbursement in the case of any pensioner who left sufficient assets to meet the expense of last sickness and burial.
4. Application for reimbursement should be accompanied by the following evidence:
 - (a) Bills of all expenses of last sickness and burial. If paid by the claimant for reimbursement the bills must be properly receipted to said claimant; but if paid in part only the creditor should state by whom paid or from what source such payment was received. If unpaid, the parties to whom said bills are due should note on each bill, over their signatures, that they hold the claimant responsible for the payment. If the bill be for medical treatment it must show the dates of visits or treatment and the charge for each. A bill for nursing and care must show the dates between which the services were rendered, and the rate per day or week. The bill of the undertaker must be itemized, and show the date on which the services were rendered.
 - Each bill must show that the service was rendered for the pensioner on account of whom reimbursement is claimed.
 - All claims should be presented in the name of one person.
 - Bills which are forwarded become a part of the records of the Bureau of Pensions and can not be returned. Claimants should therefore secure duplicates of such bills if needed by them.
 - (b) The pension certificate which was issued in the name of the pensioner. If such certificate is not in possession of the claimant a statement showing its whereabouts or final disposition should be made.
5. A careful compliance with these instructions will save much unnecessary delay in the settlement of the claim presented.

NOTICE.

The only sum available for payment of a claim presented on this blank is the pension unpaid at the date of the pensioner's death.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Mississippi, County of Issaquena, ss:

In the matter of claim of Maria E. Griggs for
widows pension

ON THIS 2d day of October A. D. 1890, personally appeared before me

Dep. Clerk C. C. Gartin and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths,

W. M. Kaufman aged 46 years, a resident of Mayersville

in the County of Issaquena and State of Mississippi

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

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

I have lived in the Town of Mayersville 17 1/2 years, I was well acquainted with Richard Griggs during his life time. I am also acquainted with Maria E. Griggs his Widow and know that they lived together as man and wife. I know that he left one child that is now under sixteen. I do not know its age. I know that Maria E. Griggs remains the Widow of Richard Griggs and that she still maintains said child. This affidavit is written in my hand writing.

My Post Office address is Mayersville Miss

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

W. M. Kaufman

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

(Signature of Affiants.)

Custody Child. not.

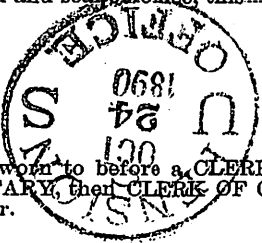
STATE OF Mississippi, COUNTY OF Issaquena, ss.

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

[Signature]
(Official Signature)
[Signature]
(Official Character)
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

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



[L. S.] _____ Clerk of the _____

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

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.	CLAIM OF <u>Mariah Elymagg</u> <u>widow of Richard Elymagg</u>	AFFIDAVIT OF <u>M. W. Kaufman</u> <u>Witness, Clerk</u> <u>of said court</u>	Filed by <u>E. M. Morrison</u> Att'y Pensions & Bounties. <u>MISSISSIPPI</u>
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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Mississippi, County of Issaquena, ss:

In the matter of Claim of Maria E. Griggs, for Pension

ON THIS 2nd day of October, A. D. 1890; personally appeared before me

a Rep. Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths,

Giles Brown aged 56 years, a resident of Mayesville

in the County of Issaquena and State of Miss

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

I have lived in the town of Mayesville

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every since the year of 1850. I was well acquainted with Richard Griggs during his life time. I am also acquainted with Maria E. Griggs his widow & know that they lived together as man & wife. I know that he left one child that is now under the age of sixteen named Florence. I know that Maria E. Griggs remains the widow of Richard Griggs & that she still remains the child of Richard Griggs he mentioned said child.

His Post Office address is Mayesville, Miss

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

Giles Brown
(Signature of Affiants.)

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

and asked

STATE OF Mississippi, COUNTY OF Issaquena, ss.

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

[L. S.]

[Signature]
(Official Signature.)
[Signature]
(Official Character.)

Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County

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

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

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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CLAIM OF
Mariah E. Griggs
Widow of Richard Griggs
2 M. Sgt. 48 U.S.C.
AFFIDAVIT OF
Giles Brown
Widowhood; beak
of Soldier as



Filed by

W. E. Johnson
Atty Pensioner Committee
Waynesville, Miss.

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[Signature]

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AFFIDAVIT.

To be executed only by the Claimant.

State of Mississippi, County of Issaquena, ss:

In the matter of Widow Pension Claim No. 479 558

of W. L. Gigg's, wid Richard Gigg's late Col 48 USCT

ON THIS 4 day of August A. D. 1897, personally appeared before me

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

W. L. Gigg's a resident of Mayesville

in the County of Issaquena and State of Miss

whose Post Office address is Mayesville Miss

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid

case as follows: That he is unable to comply with the requirements of the Pension Office as to

from frequent conversations with my late husband, I am prepared to state that he served in neither Army nor Navy after January 4th 1866, nor except as a member of 48th Reg USCT.

My daughter Florence Gigg was born Nov 22nd 1879 instead of Nov 22 1880. The entry was made in the family Bible by my brother who put the year 1880 where 1879 should have been. The entry was made by him, and the mistake was never noticed before.

That he is unable to prove his condition from date of discharge up to the year _____ by medical testimony

for the reason that

He respectfully requests that the testimony

be accepted in lieu of

x W. L. Gigg's

No substance
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STATE OF

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words Louisiana & East Carroll Parish erased, and the words Mississippi & Lousiana County added her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that she is a credible person.

[L. S.]

S. L. Dixon
(Official Signature.)
Dep. County Clerk
(Official Character.)

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

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

[L. S.]

Clerk of the

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

The above is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by the person who presented it for filing.

Wm. J. [Signature]

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

~~Exhibit~~ Affidavit.

REGULATIONS OF

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Affidavit of Claimant:

Service of Soldier
Age of child

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NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS or NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier (other than relatives), showing his present physical disability, as required under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

State of Mississippi, County of Issaquena, ss.

In the matter of the application for pension of M E Griggs widow
of Richard Griggs Co Majt 18 USR 479558

ON THIS 3 day of Aug A. D. 1896, personally appeared before me, a

Deputy Clerk Circuit Court In and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

James E Collins aged 34 years, a resident of Merona

in the County of Issaquena and State of Mississippi

whose Post Office address is Mayeraville Miss and

Wm Smith aged 32 years, a resident of Mayeraville

in the County of Issaquena and State of Miss

whose Post Office address is Mayeraville Miss

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: That we have been well and personally acquainted with M. E. Griggs for 18 years, and 18 years respectively, and that we know her

before her marriage to Richard Griggs. We know that when

Richard Griggs was elected Clerk of the Courts in 1879, he moved to

Mayeraville in January 1880.

Florence Inez Griggs was at that time a child of a month

or six weeks old. They moved

a very short time after her birth to this town where Griggs

was Clerk of Courts until

July 2nd 1883, the date of his death.

We were at his funeral

at Moon Lake Church July 3rd 1883.

M E Griggs is still his widow;

Florence is alive and is being

supported by her mother

who is dependent upon her

daily labor for support.

Instructions—read carefully.

The witnesses must state:
1st. Their respective ages and occupation; the length of time they have known the soldier, and how long during that period they have employed, worked with or for him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him and how near to him.

2d. If they have employed or worked with him they should state where it was and at what business; or if they know him as neighbors only they should state about what distance from him they live; how frequently they see him, and converse with him, and how intimate they are with him, and from what disease or disability he is suffering with at present, and whether at any time he is obliged to stop work by reason of his alleged disabilities. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with him or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound, able-bodied man's work he is able to do—whether $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, or as the case may be; what his actual earnings are, and whether or not the wages paid him are less in amount, and how much less on account of his inability to labor; than is paid to others physically sound, and doing the same kind of work. They should also state how they are able to say what his disabilities are, and describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully, and show whether or not he is suffering from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character, not the result of his own vicious habits, and the extent which he is incapacitated from the performance of manual labor, or the degree he has been unable to earn a support since the filing of his claim.

Corroborates claims of J. J. Williams, Statute as to date of birth of child.

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

Joseph L. Collins
W. E. Mollison
[Signature of Affiants.]

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

NOTE.—The witnesses if not themselves equal to the task of drawing the affidavits, should go to some Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or other officer or competent person, and have the blank filled out and properly executed.

STATE OF Mississippi, COUNTY OF Issaquena, ss:

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

J. L. Dixon
[Official Signature.]
W. E. Mollison
[Official Character.]

[L. S.]

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

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

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

NOTE.—This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

Act of June 27, 1890.

CLAIM OF

M. E. Griggs

Nature of claim.

word Pension

Soldier

Richard Griggs

2nd Sargent Regiment.

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NO 479,568

Filed by

W. E. Mollison,
Att'y Pensions & Bounties.
Mayersville, MISS

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of District of Columbia County of Washington ss.

In the Matter of

Claim for Maria E. Griggs

Widow of Richard Griggs deceased CO
Quartermaster, Sgt 48 Regt USBT 4th Art 324248

ON THIS 23rd day of December, A. D. one thousand nine hundred

and sixteen, personally appeared before me, a notary public

, within and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer

oaths, Laura J. Cardozo, aged 78 years,

a resident of No. Belmont Ave Street, Fairmount Hgts

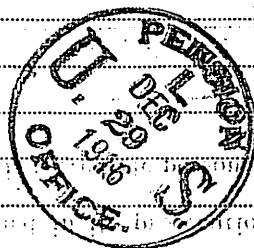
County of Prince George, State of Md.

well known by me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn according to law, de-

clares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I am a sister of claimant

Maria E. Griggs, and know her age to
be upwards of 74 years. The said Maria
E. Griggs was born in the County of city
and state of New York in the year of
1842



I certify that I am not interested in the prosecution of this case.

My post office address is

Belmont Ave

R.F.D #3 Box 319 Washington D.C.

L. J. Cardozo

Laura J. Cardozo

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

Signature of Witness

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State of Dist of Col, County of Washington, ss:

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1916

and I hereby certify that I read the contents of the foregoing affidavit to said affiant, including the words

"County of " erased,

and the words

added, and thoroughly acquainted her with its contents before

the same was executed. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in

the claim nor concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is person-

ally known to me and is a credible person.

Amos C. Gray
Official Signature

Notary Public D.C.
Official Character

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.
Prepared Exclusively for W. E. HOLLISON, Mayersville
Miss.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF Ossageuna

In the matter of the application for Pension of
M. E. Griggs, wife of Richard Griggs No. 479558
On This 7th day of August A. D. 1891 personally ap-
peared before me, a duly qualified and acting,.....

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

J. J. Williams aged 37 years, a resident of....
Mayersville in the county of Ossageuna

and State of Mississippi whose Post Office address is

Mayersville, Miss. well known to me to be respect-
able and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, declares
in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: I have been well and
personally acquainted with

M. E. Griggs for
all my life. I have lived in or near her
near her

J. J. Williams made the record of the
family Bible, of the age of Florence J. Griggs
and recorded the same for the year of 1880
instead of 1879 which said last date was
being true and correct

and I certify that I have no interest in the Prosecution of this case

Two witnesses who can write sign here:

And I certify that I have no interest in the Prosecution of the case
aforesaid. Witness my hand and seal this 7 day - August 1891

Name of officer.

W. E. Hollison
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*Very truly yours,
J. H. P.*

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Maria C. Griggs

WIDOW OF

Richard Griggs

Rank *G. I. Sgt.*, Co. *—*

Regt. *48 U. S. C. Vol. Inf.*

Knorrville Agency.

Rate per Month, \$ *8.*

Commencing *Aug. 13, 1890.*

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Additional sum of \$2 per month for each of the following children, until arriving at the age of 16 years, commencing *Aug. 13, 1890.*

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Pension Agent. *E.H.*

April 17 1905 Pen. Agt
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April 21, 1905 May permit
to pens. at Box 341, Hol-
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Entitled to \$20 per month,
Commencing Sept. 8, 1916,
Under act of Sept. 8, 1916.
Age of Seventy years.

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THE LIFE
OF
RICHARD GRIGGS,
OF
ISSAQUENA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

WRITTEN BY HIMSELF.

JACKSON, MISS.:
PILOT STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1872.



LIFE
OF
RICHARD GRIGGS,
OF ISSAQUENA COUNTY, MISS.

RICHARD GRIGGS, the subject of this history, was born in Hardeman county, Tennessee, on 10th day of January, 1839, of slave parents, who belonged to a very prominent lawyer of that place, by the name of David Fentress; and I was the slave of the same man, who raised me as his body servant. When I was about 14 years of age my master and his wife parted, on account of some family disagreement. He left home and took quarters at Union Hotel, in Bolivar county. He took with him my mother, two sisters, and myself, all of whom, except myself, hired their time, I remaining at the hotel with him. We stayed at the hotel about three years, at the end of which time my master died, and I was left without a master, and simply a common chattel, according to the laws of that State.

I was sold to a Mr. Woods, a great railroad contractor, who told me he wanted to learn me to work. I told him I would not work on the railroad, as I had never done any such work, and greatly preferred remaining at the hotel. My master's brother, the man who had sold me, had a very serious objection to my staying there, and told me he had sold me to Mr. Woods, and I must go with him; when I politely replied that I would not work on a railroad for Mr. Woods nor any other man, but wanted to stay in town.

I was next attacked by my master's son, who urged me to go home with Mr. Woods, telling me I would have a good home and the like. I felt considerably troubled about the matter, and told him I would not go, as I had made up my mind to be a slave no longer, having been set free by his father before his death, and the will recorded to that effect.

Having fully made up my mind to become a free man, I went to my mother and told her to prepare my clothes, as I intended to leave that night. My mother became quite uneasy about me, and seemed afraid for me to start. After bidding farewell to my mother, I went to the stable of a lawyer in the town, who had a very fine horse, and stole the horse, saddle and bridle, not thinking it any harm to steal a horse upon an occasion like that. I mounted the horse and started for a little town, about ninety miles distance, called Hernando. The night was very dark and rainy, but I made a safe journey, and got to Hernando by 8 o'clock next morning, and expected to meet a boat there for Memphis, but unfortunately for me, I found no boat there, the past night being quite stormy, the boat was behind time, and I had to lay over until evening. During the suspense I felt quite uneasy, and in the midst of these unpleasant feelings I looked down the river and saw the boat coming, and then looking in another direction, I saw the owner of the horse, and two other men in company with him, in pursuit of me and the stolen horse. As a matter of course I felt pretty bad. They went to the livery stable, found the horse and upon inquiry, found that a negro boy by the name of Richard had rode him there. He then began a search for me and found me. He approached me with his pistol in hand and asked me why I stole his horse, threatening at the same time to shoot me. I told him that I did not intend to carry his horse off, but as he had the best horse in town, I simply desired to ride him as far as Hernando. He asked me if I was willing to go back home with him. I told him I was. After getting our dinner we started for Covington, the county seat, and got there about 10 o'clock that night; I was put in jail, with no other company save the rats, which were of no ordinary size; I was taken out next morning and carried to the town of Bolivar, my old home, and was then put in jail; staid there in jail until about 12 o'clock that night, when I was taken out and carried to Grand Junction; there I was put on the cars and

carried to Memphis, where I was put in a trader's yard and chained for six months, at the expiration of which time I was brought out and put in the sale room to be sold. The sale master told me to put on my best appearance, assist in my sale and he would give me fifty dollars of the money. There soon came a man in by the name of Bridgeforth, who examined me and liked me very much; he then bought me, at a cost of eleven hundred and fifty (1,150) dollars. He then started home with me. He lived about twenty-eight miles south of Memphis. We got there about 12 o'clock at night, and to my astonishment I found his hands (about seventy-five in number, men, women and children), just coming out of the field. He carried me to his dwelling-house, in order that his wife might see me; and then we had a conversation before her. She looked at me and said she thought I would make a fine carriage driver. The next morning I formed the acquaintance of some of the men on the place. Among them was one who was in the habit of running away. I took a particular fancy to him. I invited him to walk around the plantation with me, as I desired to talk with him. While we were gone this white man went and put a pack of hounds on our track, thinking that we had run off. We heard the dogs and went back to the house. He soon rode up to where I was sitting, and said I thought you had run off. I told him, oh no, that when I got tired of the place I would come and let him know. He told me that a negro could not get away in that country. That night he placed a guard over me. The young man whom he put to guard me, generally arose before day to go to his work. Being a field hand, he had to cook his meals over night for the next day. Being greatly tired and wearied, after cooking an ash-cake, small piece of meat, and getting his bottle of molasses, he set down and soon dropped off to sleep and left me to guard him. I had made an arrangement between myself and the man that I was with during the day to run off that night. After finding the guard asleep, I quietly stole to him, took what grub he had cooked, went out, locked him up and threw away the key. I met my colleague at the place appointed, with two of our master's finest horses. We mounted them and put out for the depot, which was about seventeen miles, and got there safe.

During my first master's life his boys had learnt me to write. After getting to the depot I wrote myself and companion a

pass over the road. I handed the pass to the conductor, which stated that myself and companion were in search of some stray mules of my master's, and this was to permit us to pass from there to Bolivar. We intended going immediately from there to Nashville, and from thence to the Northern States. The train arrived at Bolivar, and to my surprise and regret, in stepped two Bolivar men, who said they had a dispatch for our arrest. My companion became quite alarmed, and said to me, "I thought you were going to get me in trouble." I told him it would be all right soon. As a matter of course they put us in jail, where we found quite a crowd, composed of both white and colored, who were put in there for various offenses. We were all in one large cell. After viewing the situation for a day or so, I began to form an arrangement for getting out, and found all very anxious to escape. I laid my plan before them and it met their hearty approval. I then moved the previous question and cut off all debate. The jailor, on coming to feed us, had to pass through three doors, and would leave a guard at each one. My companion was a very heavy, large fellow. He was to knock down the man who stood at the door and handed in our grub. One of the white prisoners was to fix the jailor, who stood at the next door, and I was to settle the jailor's wife, who stood at the third door with a candle in her hand. At the hour for supper the doors were heard to unlock. Our men began to take their position for escape; my companion taking first stand at the door. Soon came the man, opened the cell door and handed in our supper, when my companion, by a well-directed blow, knocked the feed man down; out we rushed, knocked the next one down, then came to the woman, whom I slapped down and out we went. After getting outside I lost sight of my companion, and saw him no more. We scattered in different directions.

After getting out of jail I went up town and called on my mother, who was greatly surprised to see me. I changed my clothing, got a little money from my mother and went to Memphis. After getting to Memphis I hired myself to a cotton merchant and worked for him three months. One day, while walking along the street, I had the pleasure (?) of meeting my late master, who was surprised to see me, and I was as much surprised to see him. He recognized me after passing a few steps by me, and asked me if I was not the boy he had bought at

the trader's yard in that city a short time before. I told him I thought I was, which seemed to please him very much. He asked me if I would go to the trader's yard and be sold. I told him certainly. He then took me to the yard and sold me for what I cost him. He said he thanked the Lord for his good fortune, bid me good-by and left. So ended scound master.

THIRD MASTER.

I had the very distinguished honor of next belonging to the Nation's Southern Chief, the Knight of the Bloody Spur—N. B. Forrest. I staid in his yard about seven weeks. There were two young men in the yard who desired to run away and requested me to write them passes, which I did. They wished to go to Virginia. After traveling about one hundred miles they were caught and brought back. They told Mr. Forrest that I had written them passes. He told me he never wanted me to do that again while I remained in his yard. He soon after sold me to a man in Arkansas, named McGregory. So commences

MASTER THE FOURTH.

McGregory lived about twenty-five miles west of Memphis, in the State of Arkansas. He told me that he wanted me to attend to the ferry across Black Fish lake, where he lived. Black Fish lake was quite a summer resort, and I had a great deal to do, as ferryman, in putting travelers across. On the opposite side of the lake stood a very nice hotel, owned and run by master the fourth. He was seldom at home, and consequently left all the business with me to attend to. When I first went there I did not intend staying there longer than ten or twelve days, but finding that I could make some extra dimes for myself, I remained quite awhile. After ferrying for a month or so, I was then promoted to chicken peddler for the hotel. I liked my new position very well. This country was thinly settled with colored people, there not being one in twenty miles of me, except one other owned by master the fourth; but very thickly settled with that class commonly known as "poor white people." I had to go to Memphis about once a week to buy such provisions for the hotel as could not be bought in the country. My duties being quite light, and being such as I enjoyed, I concluded to stay a long while, as I was then

making from three to four dollars per day. My master placed unbounded confidence in me, and thought me quite an honest fellow, and seemed to take quite an interest in me. He owned a very beautiful young woman. Myself and this woman constituted his entire slave property. He soon concluded to make her my wife; but I did not exactly agree with him in that, as I knew I had quite a weakness for running away, and under those circumstances I did not care to be bothered with a wife; so I concluded I would not marry, as I contemplated leaving as soon as I got money enough, and try my luck for a free State. This portion of the country in the fall became very sickly, being what is commonly known as swamp lands. I commenced to have chills and fever, and so concluded to move. I was very sick, and thought several times that master the fourth would lose his slave. Our nearest doctor was twenty miles off. But as the weather turned cool I began to improve, and soon got well again. After I got well they left this place and went over to the adjoining county where his father lived. He told me he intended to raise corn and stock there, and asked me what I thought of it. I told him I thought it poor idea. At any rate he concluded he would try it. So we set in and cleared up our lands. I being his only man slave, he agreed to work with me through the crop. After clearing our land we commenced to cultivate it and put in our crop. As the weather got warm master began to get tired of work, and I was glad of it. He would stop at one end of the row and take out his horse, and I would stop at the other end and follow suit. The corn and grass was then about the same height. We came in one very warm day, after being at work in the field, tired and wearied; master looked at me and I looked at him; he seemed to be discouraged, and he said to me thought he had better give up farming. I told him I thought so too. He went off, and when he came back he told me that he had sold the place, which I was very glad to hear. He went to a little town called Madison, and bought out a hotel, which met my unqualified approval. In two or three days we moved to our new home. It being situated on the St. Francis river, we had a boat to land there every two or three days. He opened the hotel and had quite a number of boarders. I, as a matter of course, was second boss. He run the hotel for three or four months. During that time he found out that I could write, which made him very uneasy.

He told his wife he would have to sell me. She did not seem to like it much—I had become quite a favorite of hers. He told her he was compelled to sell me, as I could write and would get away. He came to me and said he was broke and would be compelled to sell me. I told him to do so. So commences

FIFTH MASTER.

Next day came a Mr. Taylor, who desired to buy a negro boy. Master the fourth brought him down to the hotel to see me. He looked at me and said he wanted to buy a boy to attend to his horses and wait around the house. I told him that I was for sale and he could buy me if he wished. He bought me at once, for the small sum of eleven hundred and fifty (1,150) dollars. He lived about eight miles from town, where he immediately carried me. According to the old rule, I was first commanded to appear before his wife for her inspection. She was very well pleased with my appearance. He then assigned me my duties at the stable as hostler. He told me he wished me to attend to his horses well and assist him in selling the same. I at once concluded that master the fifth and I could not get on well together, and in order to cause him to make immediate disposition of me, I went to the house and asked his wife to give me a sheet of paper, as I desired to write a letter. She seemed wonderfully astonished, and asked me if I could write. I informed that I could. She gave me the paper and asked me to sit down there and let her see me write. I did so. After I had wrote the letter she took it to look at, and satisfied herself that I could write. Master the fifth was not at home when this took place, but on arriving home his wife told him that it would never do for him to keep me; that I could write. He made up his mind to sell me to the first person that would buy me. The next day there came a man to the house by the name of Cobbs, who was on his way to Memphis to buy negroes. Master the fifth did not want me to know that he was going to sell me, and desired to sell me on the sly; so he tells Cobbs about me and brought him down to the stable to see me, but pretended that he wanted to try a horse. Cobbs was commonly styled a negro king. After going through and looking at the horses, he came to me and said: "You are a fine looking negro, what can you do?" I told him I could do anything. He and master the fifth went out

and held a little conversation, after which he left our place and went to Memphis. He returned after a few days absence. He had bought me before he left, but I knew nothing of it. He went from there to a little place called Taylor's creek. In order to get me there without my knowing the object, master the fifth came to me and told me he wanted me to go to the creek with him, as he wished to make me a present of a new hat. While we were in the store buying a hat, Mr. Cobbs came in with seven other men, and said to me, sir you belong to me. He pulled out a pair of handcuffs and put them upon my wrists, at the same time remarking that he would make a cotton picker of me. Before leaving I asked him to go over to the post-office and see if there was a letter there for me. He went and returned with two letters for me. He handed them to me, and asked me who was writing to me. I told him I did not know. He asked me if I could read. I told him I could. He opened the letters and told me to read them to him, which I did. He then asked me if I could write. I told him I could. He took off the handcuffs and told me to let him see me write. I did so, and he seemed wonderfully surprised. He cursed my former master for selling me to him, and commenced to get very kind to me, gave me some cigars and something to drink. He appeared to be very uneasy after finding out that I could write, and seemed to regret his trade. At any rate he carried me to his plantation and gave his overseer his orders about me, telling him he must treat me very kind, for I would run away for the least ill-treatment.

I soon formed the acquaintance of the overseer, who I considered a very bad man. As a swearer he was well accomplished. It being Sunday evening, he told me that on Monday morning I would see how negroes were treated there. So Monday, long before day, I heard the loud ringing of a bell, which was to call the hands out to work. I got up and went out to see the hands go out. I saw a man going across the yard with a chunk of fire in his hand—it was quite cold. The overseer saw him and ordered him to put it down, which he refused to do, when some four or five men were ordered to take him. The men did as they were ordered, and the man was taken down and most unmercifully whipped. The whipping made him mad, and he said he would carry fire to the field, and he did so. About sunrise I saw a large smoke in the field and this man

standing at the fire, prepared for battle, with a scythe-blade in his hand, threatening to kill the first man that came to him. The overseer went to the house after the boss, who went down; but before going, he called me and told me he wanted me to go to the field with him, as he wished to show me how he managed his negroes. I went with him. When we got there he ordered the man to throw down the scythe-blade, which he at first hesitated to do, but finally did so. After putting it down he was taken to the road and hit about five hundred lashes; he was then put in a hogshead and rolled up and down the road for about two hours. I was satisfied with this exhibition of the manner in which he managed negroes, and concluded that I had better leave that country. My master seemed to anticipate my intentions, and told me he would take me to Memphis on the first boat and sell me. In due time the boat came and I was taken to Memphis and sold immediately to one Green Little, a negro trader, for eleven hundred (1,100) dollars.

So now commences master the sixth. I remained with him only a short while. I was bought and sold so very fast that I could hardly give a correct account of the changes. My readers will be astonished when I tell them that I was bought and sold eighteen different times in three months. The last man who bought me lived in Memphis, with whom I remained until the late little unpleasantness broke out between the North and South, which resulted in the freedom of the negro. Having an opportunity of going to war and see men fight for that which I so much desired (freedom), I left Memphis with Gen. Logan's division. There were no colored troops in the army at that time. I remained with that division until colored men were made soldiers, then I enlisted in the 48th United States colored infantry, at Lake Providence, La. I was made a Sergeant in company B, in which position I remained some time, until the Orderly was detailed for other duty, when I was made Orderly of the company. I remained in that position until the winter of 1864, when I was detailed by the Colonel as a recruiting officer, during which time I got in some two hundred recruits to the regiment. We at that time were in camp at Vicksburg. We were then ordered to Mobile. While on our way from Vicksburg to Mobile I was transferred from Co. B, to Co. H., as Orderly Sergeant, which position I held until after the fight at Mobile. I was then transferred as Quartermaster Sergeant,

Service

which position I held until mustered out of service, which took place in the winter of 1866, at Baton Rouge, La. I went from there to New Orleans and married.

Having passed successfully out of the hands of my many masters, and got through the war safe, and peace being now restored to our troubled country, I concluded I would go to the State of Mississippi. I had heard of Issaquena county, and thought I would go there and farm. I went up the river in the spring of 1866 and commenced farming. After planting my first crop, the cotton worm come plentifully and about closed me out. I felt very much discouraged, but concluded to try it again; so in 1867 I put in another crop, and was very sanguine of success, as crops bid very fair. But, alas, how often we see our hopes blasted! About the 15th of May there came an overflow, which completely destroyed my crop. Finding that farming was attended with so much uncertainty, I concluded I would stop and try something else for a living. About this time politics was all the go. We were called upon to send delegates to the Constitutional Convention which met at Jackson, in January 1868, after which the Constitution was submitted to the people and defeated. We were then to have an election in 1869 to elect members to the Legislature. Having been solicited by many of my friends to become a candidate to represent my county in the Legislature, I consented to run, and was elected by an overwhelming majority. After having served two years in the Legislature and given general satisfaction to my constituency, I was again urged to run for the office, and I yielded to the wishes of my friends, and was re-elected to the Legislature by equally as large a majority as before, thereby showing me that my course while in the Legislature was approved of by those whom I represented.

Now in conclusion, I can say, that while in the Legislature I endeavored to ameliorate the condition of my oppressed race in every way in my power, and I have the proud consolation of knowing that I have done something towards elevating them to a higher standard in life.

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her, and will
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ciate anything
you can do to
push her interest
in this regard
Very truly
W. T. Hawkins

Maria E. Griggs
Art. 329. 248

W. T. HAWKINS,
HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

W. T. HAWKINS,

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

M. G. M. Saltzgabel
Com. of Pension
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir:

FINANCE DIV.
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Tomb Maria E. Griggs
Incr of Pension
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Army and Navy Division

Mr. Griggs has
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you for same
She has asked
that you expedite
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REIMBURSEMENT.

Certificate No. 329,248
 Pensioner Maria E. Briggs
 Class WIDOW.
 Date of Death July 22, 1919
 Claimant Mrs. Rosa O. Warren
 Post Office 530 Mahvern Ave
Hot Springs
Ark

Received SEP 3 1919, 1919

Oct 9. 1919 Nat Life Ins Co Ex
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Let signed

W. H. H. H.

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A & N Div.
Reim. Sec.

JAN 2- 1920

Mrs. Rosa C. Warren,
530 Malvern Ave.,
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Madam:

You are informed that the sum of \$51.50 of the pension accrued to the date of death of Maria E. Griggs, Wid. Ctf. 329,248, is allowed you as reimbursement of the expenses of pensioner's last sickness and burial.

Your charges of \$161.50 are approved, but from this must be deducted assets left by the pensioner, consisting of \$110, the proceeds of an industrial life insurance policy, which leaves a balance due you of \$51.50.

The voucher herewith should be carefully filled in, signed, executed, and returned for payment under cover of the enclosed envelope, which does not require postage.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

IN REPLY REFER TO

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON

November 11, 1919.

Mrs. Rosa C. Warren,
530 Malvern Avenue,
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Madam:

Relative to your claim for reimbursement in the case of Maria E. Griggs, Wid. Ctf. No. 320248, you are advised that the enclosed certificate should be signed by Dr. Ish and the member of the firm of Dubisson & Goodrich, and a member of the Warren Undertaking Company and returned.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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EN/DEB

October 9, 1919.

Mr. Edward O. Wieters,
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.,
New York, New York.

Sir:

For use in adjudicating a claim for reimbursement in the case of Maria E. Griggs, Wid. Ctf. No. 329248, who died July 22, 1919 at Little Rock, Arkansas, you are requested to kindly furnish a statement under cover of the enclosed penalty envelope showing the amount of the policy carried on the life of the pensioner, the date of issue, the premium rate, the beneficiary named and by whom the premiums were paid as shown in the proofs of death.

The amount of the policy is not stated. It is alleged that a daughter of the pensioner was named as beneficiary and that she has since died.

Very respectfully,

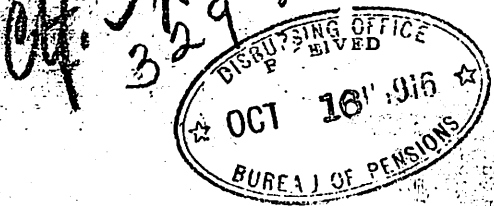
Commissioner.

Please, kindly direct my pension
check for November to 22 Linden ^{Street}
Hot Springs Ark!

Greatly oblige

Very respectfully

Maria E. Griggs



address changed
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Griggs
Widow of [3-218 a.]
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No. *4795-58*

Act of June 27, 1890.

Mariah E. Griggs
Marysville, Miss.
Widow of
Richard Griggs
Q. M. Sgt. 48 U. S. C. Reg.

Died at

July 2, 1863

No other claim.

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Clerk.

Application filed: *Aug 13* 18*90*

Attorney: *W. E. Mallum*

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December 4th 1916.

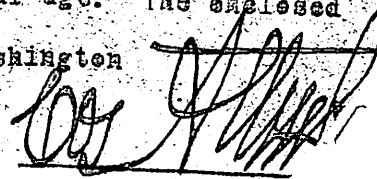
Mrs. Mariah E. Griggs .

Hot Springs. Arkansas.

Madam.

It is advisable for you to secure affidavit from Your Sister showing your correct age, this can be done by writing Sister and sending blank affidavit for her to execute showing when and where "You were born. and giving reason for her belief as to your age. The enclosed blank affidavit can be used by your Sister in Washington

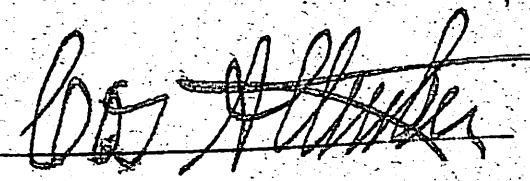
Respectfully submitted.



Little Rock. Arkansas. Dec 4th 1916.

Madam. You can correct statement in this application so as to show
your age as 74. and as having been born in Year 1842 instad of 1847. ✓
or use New Application giving your age as 74

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "B. H. H. H.", written over a horizontal line.

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Census data
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Data in letter

J. R.

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(Preserved
Washington D.C.)
Nov 25, 1916

Feminist Hqts.
Rt 3 Box 319
Washington D.C.

My dear Libby:

Received yours this afternoon,
and I hastily write to tell you your
age mostly, you were born in
1842 what month I forget, but I
guess you will remember that,
I will try and write more soon.
Now you will understand this
All send love to you dear, hope
you will soon feel better in every
way. Lovingly

Hope you will get Larrea
this in time. (Mrs L.J. Cordova)

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Form 482.

In replying to this letter, please state the name, company, and regiment of the soldier referred to.

REQUESTING ABSTRACT OF RECORD EVIDENCE.

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Treasury Department,
OFFICE OF
THE AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., *April 20, 1904*

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

Please transmit an abstract of any evidence on file in your Office in the case of *Richard Griggs*
2. M. Sgr 48th U.S. troops
tending to show the marriage and death of said soldier, and the identity of his widow

Claimant, *Maria E Griggs (widow)*
Post-Office address, *7 Oak St. Hot Springs Ark*
No. of pension certificate, _____

Respectfully,

4/23/04

D. E. Nettleton

By *E.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY,

Knoxville, Tenn., April 19, 1905.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to Bureau letter of the 17th instant, Certificate Division, I have to report that the present post-office address in the case of Maria E. Griggs, Certificate No. 329,248, Act June 27, 1890, is Box 341, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Murphy
Acting U. S. Pension Agent.

JMM-M.

C.F.B.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Certificate Division.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17, 1905.

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KNOXVILLE,
TENN.

Mr. J. T. Wilder,
U. S. Pension Agent,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Sir:

In the case of Maria E. Griggs, Certificate #329,248, please advise this Bureau of pensioner's present postoffice address if same is known at the Agency.

Very respectfully,

V. Warner

Commissioner.

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341 Not Spgs ans*

DR. J. OTIS HICKMAN, PRES.
DR. A. HICKS, VICE PRES
DR. G. W. S. ISH, SUPT.

J. E. Bush Memorial Hospital

DR. J. M. ROBINSON, SEC. TREAS.

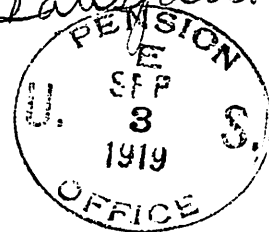
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

DIRECTORS *mkc*
HON. S. A. JONES, G. H. EVANS,
C. E. BUSH, W. S. HUBBLE.
JESSIE RODGERS, DR. H. A. POWELL

Mr. Rosa Warren;

Dear Madame :-

Sorry not to have
sent your check before now but was out
of the city for a week or two - Hope you'll
find it satisfactory.



Resptd
G. W. S. Ish

Ledger.....

Ten Per Cent Interest will be Charged on this Account

Page.....

Hot Springs, Ark.,

July 30th

1919

Mrs. *Marile E. Briggs*



To **WARREN'S UNDERTAKING COMPANY** Dr.

Undertakers, Embalmers,
Funeral Directors.

WE WANT YOU TO REMEMBER
in the hour of worry and need our
Services and Furnishings cannot be ex-
celled. We assure you the best of treat-
ment. Consult us, we can save you
worry, time and money. No better ser-
vice than we give any place.

Goods ordered by *Rosie Warren*

Goods Charged to

Casket	\$ 50.00
Robe	
Washing and Dressing	
Shaving	
Embalming	
Candles <i>services</i>	15.00
Grave	7.00
Funeral Car	
Hearse	10.00
Funeral Notices	
Carriages <i>autos</i>	14.00
	\$ 96.00

Little Rock, Ark. <i>July 22</i> 191 <i>9</i>	
<i>Mrs. Rossie McGowan</i>	
<i>Hot Springs Ark</i>	
DUBISSON & GOODRICH	
UNDERTAKERS & EMBALMERS	
MOTOR FUNERAL IF DESIRED AMBULANCE SERVICE	
408 Louisiana St. Phones Main 2473-7843-1315	
<i>For Maria & Lizzie</i>	
Casket <i>Cypress</i>	<i>25 00</i>
Robe	
Washing and Dressing	
Shaving	
Embalming	<i>25 00</i>
Candles	
Grave	
Funeral Car	
Hearse	
Service	
Carriages	
<i>Filling Papers</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>Tramping Box</i>	<i>\$5 00</i>
<i>Shoutings</i>	<i>25</i>
	<i>\$55 75</i>
<i>By Cash</i>	<i>25 10</i>
<i>Balance due</i>	<i>30 65</i>

Certificate #329248.

Hot Springs, 7/30/19.

Grant 2-1910

Hon. Gut O. Taylor,
C/o Dept. Of Interior,
Bureau Of Pension,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that Maria E. Griggs of Little Rock, Ark. but formerly of this city has recently died in Little Rock. I took charge of the body as per her request before she died and had it shipped to Hot Springs her former home and gave it a decent funeral.

Now, as she on the pension list, I thought to acquaint you of this fact, so that I might be reimbursed.

The bill ~~is~~ of the Little Rock Undertaker as you will see amounts to \$55.75 This coffin in this first instance was but a box to ship the body to Hot Springs.

The bill of the undertaker here is \$96., making a total of \$151. 75

I herewith enclose you statements of the.

Trusting that the same will be attended to as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Rosa Warren
530 Arkansas Ave,
Hot Springs, Ark



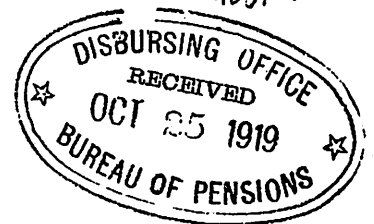
Legal Reporting

Depositions--Specialty

*Apr 4 or 2
Sec 5*

George S. Washington
STENOGRAPHER

530 Malvern Avenue
Phone 614



SECRETARY-TREASURER OVERALLS MANUFACTURING
AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION

Hot Springs, Ark. 10/22/19.

Ctf. 329248

Hon. Guy O. Taylor,
Disbursing Clerk,

Washington, D C.

Dear Sir:

Reported

I beg to call your attention to letter of July 30th last, in which I told you of the death of Maria E. ^(Griggs) Gross of Little Rock whom I buried. The total amount of this Undertakers' bill amounted to \$151.75. I desire to inform you that this bill was all against me and I paid the same, and am only making this request to get the money that I have paid the undertakers in making this funeral. This old woman had nothing and I gave her a decent burial and have witness who will ~~verify~~ verify this statement.

Kindly let me know let me know what is to be done in this matter. As she was on the pension list I thought that the Government would reimburse the one who stood for the funeral.

Respectfully Yrs.,

Mrs. Rosa Warren

530 Malvern Ave., Hot Springs, Ark.

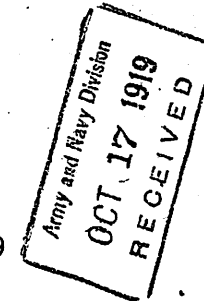
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Haley Hiske, President

CLAIM DIVISION

EDW. O. WIETERS, ASST. SECRETARY
AND MANAGER
H. B. PETERS, ASSISTANT MANAGER

New York City Oct. 16th, 1919



In re:- D.C. 50114496-Maria E. Griggs-Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. G. M. Saltzgaber, Commissioner,
Bureau of Pensions,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

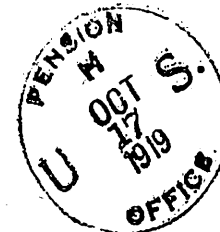
Dear Sir:-

We have before us your communication of the 9th inst.
and contents noted.

Claim under the above policy was paid August 28th,
1919. This policy was issued July 20th, 1914 at age 61,
premium 25¢ and amount of insurance \$110. The beneficiary
under this policy is the daughter Florence and according to
the claim papers premiums were paid by the deceased.

Yours truly,

E. O. Wieters
Assistant Secretary.



RJ/n

Act of Sept 8, 1916
Increase Section
Wid. Cert. 339348

Hot Springs, Ark; Jan 20, 1917

Mr. G. M. Saltzgaber, Commissioner
Bureau of Pensions
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

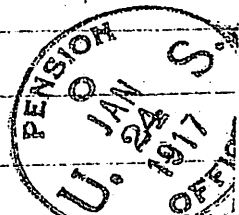
In answer to one of the
13th inst, I thought the last state-
ment I made, accompanied by
affidavit of my sister, which
shows true the Little Rock attorney,
gave the desired data regarding date
of my birth. In 1870 I was in
New York City with my father James
Williams at #72 Cambridge St and
my step mother Annie Williams. I was
the only child at home with them then.

Left here in '71 for Mississippi, marrying
and residing in Mayersville, that state
living there until '81. Visited my old home in
that year re-
turning to Miss
in '82.

Maria E. Griggs (own)
130 High St
Hot Springs, Ark. ✓

Before
Notary Public at 613 1/2 Central Ave Hot Springs, Ark.

Kindly let me know if there
any other data needed. Things
I have given in this all answers
to your letter that I clearly
can, from recollection



Act of Sept. 8, 1916.

Increase Section.

Wid. Cert. 329 248

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
WASHINGTON

Jan 13

1917

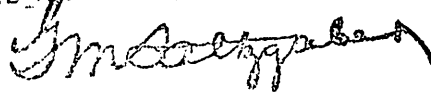
Mrs. Maria E. Griggs,

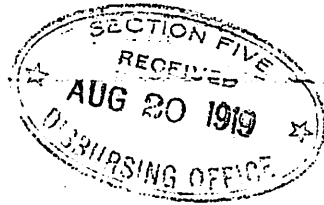
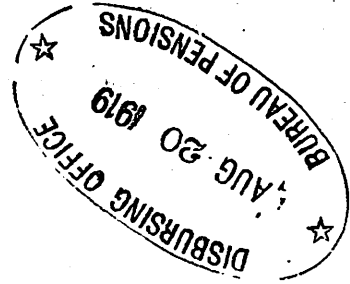
130 High St.,

Madam:

As you state that you are unable to furnish any evidence of the date of your birth you should furnish a statement showing the name of the city, town, or township, county and State in which you resided during the years 1870 and 1880, and if in a city, the name of the street in which you lived and the number of your residence, and the names of the streets between and the number of the ward in which your residence was located; also the names in full of your parents and the names of your brothers and sisters who were then living at home, or, if you did not live with your parents, the names of the persons with whom you did live during those years.

Very respectfully,


Commissioner.



3602 Grand
Chicago Ill Aug. 16, 1919
Dept. of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions

Dear Sirs:—

This is to inform
you of the death of Mrs.
Maria E. Griggs she died
some time in July.
She was living at the
2910 Center St. at the Old
Ladies Home but had never
had her mail changed
from my Little Rock ad-
dress. This letter was for-
warded to me and I

am returning it to your
Dept. Her Little Rock ad-
dress was 2910 Center St,
you might write there for
proofs of her death

Very respy

Mrs B. R. Ashford.

Affidavit that the Claimant has not Re-married, and that She is without other means of Support than her Daily Labor.

Act of June 27, 1890.

We, *C. J. Efford*

and

of the town of

Mayersville

County of

Isaiah

and State of

Mississippi

do solemnly swear

that we are neighbors of

Maria E. Griggs

who is the

Widow

of

Richard Griggs

(Name of Claimant.)

deceased, on whose account she applies for Pension under the

provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890, and that for the past

10

to *12*

years we have been well acquainted with the said

Maria E. Griggs

(Name of Claimant.)

; that

from our frequent intercourse and conversations, and from other circumstances, we have every reason to believe, and we do

believe, that the said

Maria E. Griggs

(Name of Claimant.)

has not re-married

since the death of the above-mentioned

Richard Griggs

(Name of Soldier.)

FURTHER, we say that if she had re-married we have reason to believe that we should have known it.

We also believe from the knowledge we have of said widow that she neither owns nor has in use any property of any kind from which a revenue can be derived; that she has no income or present means of support than her daily labor.

except as stated below

She owns a home in the town of Mayersville. It is assessed at \$350.00 and brings very little more in the way of rent to pay the taxes and repairs.

If dependent upon others not legally bound to support her, it should be so stated. If in the possession of any property, the full value of same, of what it consists, both real and personal, where located, and the income derived therefrom since June 27, 1890, should be stated.

She is teaching school from June to five months in the year. She has one child to support and is very poor indeed.

I knew Richard Griggs very well in his lifetime and know that the applicant is still his widow. I can read and write and fully understand this affidavit.

C. J. Efford

ATTEST:

(Signatures of Affiants.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of February, 1891. I have
no interest in the prosecution of this claim for Widows Pension

J. Nixon
Dep. Clerk of the Circuit Court
(Official Signature.)

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

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

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

NOTE.—This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer
uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

Com. under
dependences



Affidavit that the Claimant has not Re-married, and
that She is without other means of Support
than her Daily Labor.

Act of June 27, 1890.

CLAIM OF

Marion E. Gragg
479558.

Widow of Richard Gragg
R. M. Gragg

Reg't.

Co.

Volunteers.

Widow's Pension No. _____

W. E. Chaffin
Attorney-at-Law,
Chattanooga
Tenn. - - MISS.

Affidavit that the Claimant has not Re-married, and that She is without other means of Support than her Daily Labor.

Act of June 27, 1890.

We, Murray Peyton and Isagruena of the town of Mayersville County of Mississippi do solemnly swear that we are neighbors of Mariah E. Griggs who is the widow of Richard Griggs deceased, on whose account she applies for Pension under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890, and that for the past 10 years we have been well acquainted with the said Mariah E. Griggs; that from our frequent intercourse and conversations, and from other circumstances, we have every reason to believe, and we do believe, that the said Mariah E. Griggs has not re-married since the death of the above-mentioned Richard Griggs.

FURTHER, we say that if she had re-married we have reason to believe that we should have known it.

We also believe from the knowledge we have of said widow that she neither owns nor has in use any property of any kind from which a revenue can be derived; that she has no income or present means of support than her daily labor.

She owns a home in the town of Mayersville. It is assessed at \$350.00 and brings very little more in the way of rent than to pay the taxes and repairs.

She is teaching school from four to five months in the year. She has no child to support and is very poor indeed.

I knew Richard Griggs very well in his life time and know that the applicant is still his widow.

I can read and write and fully understand this affidavit.

Murray Peyton

ATTEST:

(Signatures of Affiants.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3^d day of February, 1891. I have

no interest in the prosecution of this claim for

Widow's Pension
Affiant is Dep Clerk Chancery Court of this Co
is a credible person

S. G. Dixon
(Official Signature)
Dep Clerk Circuit Court

I, _____ Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County

and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the

foregoing declaration and affidavit was at the time of so doing _____ in and

for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and

that his signature thereunto is genuine.

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

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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Com: widowhood
debundance
Affidavit that the Claimant has not Re-married, and
that She is without other means of Support
than her Daily Labor.

Act of June 27, 1890.

CLAIM OF

M. Elmyer

779 5578

Widow of Richard Elmyer
Q. M. Seraph

Req't.

48

Co

W. Col

Volunteers.

Widow's Pension No. _____

W. E. Mallison

Filed by
W. E. Mallison

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

Waverly

MISS.

Printed and for sale by J. H. SOUTHER, Washington, D. C.

In re Widows Claim No. 479558
W. Elynggs widow of Richard Elynggs. Q. 11. 5. 48
Reg. U. S. C. I. =

No 479.3.58

Widow—

M. E. Griggs

Widow

Richard Griggs.

Col. U. S. Reg. M. C. T.

Statement of B. K. Bruce.
Washington
D. C.

Filed by W. E. Mallum
Marionville,
Miss.

Washington D. C. May 29/91

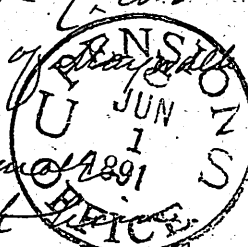
To the Honorable
Joint of Pensioners.

Sir:

I have been requested
to state what I know
of the marriage ^{of the late} of Mr
Richard Griggs of ~~Marionville~~
Miss.

I was personally
acquainted with ~~him~~
from 1871 or 1872 to the
time of his death; was
also acquainted with
Miss Williams before her
marriage to him and
have known her since.
I remember distinctly
when the marriage occurred.
Whether he was ever married
before I do not know—
never heard of such
marriage.

B. K. Bruce



*On the Pension Claim of ex-Chief
No 479 558, as widow of Richard
Griggs CMA 48 Reg. M.C. 7.*

my
I was personally acquainted with the late Richard Griggs from 1870. This was previous to his marriage to Miss M. E. Williams whom I also know. Mr. Griggs was quite prominent in the politics of the State, having been a member of the State Legislature and also Commissioner of Immigration. I am also aware of the fact that he married Miss M. E. Williams, and that she was his wife at the time of his death. Whether or not he was married previous to his marriage with Miss Williams I am unable to say, but I think he was not.

Very truly yours,

John B. Lynch,

cta 479 558

Widow Pension
M E Lynggs
widow of Richard
Lynggs - Q M A
H S Regus. C. T.



Filed by
M E Morrison
Mayeville,
Miss.

Record Proof of Marriages, Births and Deaths.

State of Mississippi, County of Issaquena, ss:

ON THIS 2nd day of March A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety one

J. S. Loxon a Dep Circuit Clerk within and for the County and State

aforesaid do Certify, who, being duly sworn according to law, declare

that he is

I am by virtue of my office of Dep Circuit Clerk of the County of Issaquena, Custodian of the record of marriages in the last-named County, and custodian of the records of marriage

thereof; that the following is a true copy of an extract from the record of Marriages viz: (Marriages, Births or Deaths.)

The State of Mississippi
Issaquena County

I, J. H. Blake, hereby Certify that I have this day solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between Richard Griggs, and Miss M. E. Williams, Given under my hand and seal, this 24 day of December A.D. 1874.

J. H. Blake
Minister of Gospel
Certificate recorded Jan'y 3rd 1879
E. S. Jeffords
Clerk

A true copy from page 130 of Marriage Record Book 2.

[Large wavy lines indicating a signature or stamp area]

I certify I have no interest in the prosecution of any claim in behalf of this claim
Mariah E. Griggs for Widow's Pension
under Act June 27 1890
Witness my hand and seal this
2nd day of March 1891 J. S. Loxon
Dep Circuit Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 189____ I have
no interest in the prosecution of this claim for _____

(Official Signature.)

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

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

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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



Carol

RECORD PROOF
OF
Marriages, Births and Deaths.

CLAIM OF

M. E. Lyng
Widows Pension

479 558

Rm Ser 486507



Filed by

W. E. Mallison
Chapmanville
Miss

Printed and for sale by J. H. SOULE, Washington, D. C.

Record Proof of Marriages, Births and Deaths.

State of Mississippi, County of Issaquena, ss:

I, J. L. Dixon, ² day of March A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety one
~~personally appeared before me~~ Dep. Clerk Circuit Court within and for the County and State

aforesaid do hereby certify that there was this day produced before me the family
~~that has resided in~~ County of State of

Bible of Richard Griggs, late of this county

(Pastor, Rector or Clerk, as the case may be.)

(Church, Parish or Board of Health.)

~~located in~~ in the last named County, and custodian of the records

thereof; that the following is a true copy of an extract from the record of Said Family
 (Marriages, Births or Deaths.)

page

Bible - the entry of marriage being in the handwriting of Richard Griggs, with whose handwriting I am familiar - he having been Clerk of the Circuit Court of this County at the time of his death.

This Certifies that the Rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between Richard Griggs of Bolivar Tenn. and M. E. Williams of New York City - on December 24th/74 at the Residence of John Kinney by Rev J. N. Blake of Hockley Miss.

Deaths.

Florence Inez Griggs - was born on the 22nd day of November A. D. 1880.

(of J. H. Williams)

Richard Griggs died July 1st 1883.

Affiant further declares that he has no interest in the prosecution of any claim in behalf of...

M. E. Williams for Widows Pension.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Circuit Court this March 2nd 1891

(J. L. Dixon)

J. L. Dixon
 (Signature of County Clerk)
Dep. Clerk Circuit Court

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 1891. I have
no interest in the prosecution of this claim for* _____

(Official Signature.)

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 1891.

[L. S.] Clerk of the _____

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If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and
not on a separate slip of paper.

birth-death,
marriage



RECORD PROOF
OF
Marriages, Births and Deaths.

CLAIM OF
McGungo
FOR
Widow Pension
479.58

Filed by
W. E. Mallison,
Manager
Miss.

OFFICE OF

COS. ALTENBERG

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW - LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

LOCK BOX 4

DECLARATION OF WIDOW FOR INCREASE OF PENSION UNDER ACT OF CONGRESS: APPROVED
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1916

Name of Widow Maria E. Griggs

Number of Certificate 329248

Name of Soldier Richard Griggs

Military Service of Soldier Quartermaster, Sergeant, 48th Regt U.S. Col.

To The HON. COMMISSIONER OF PENSION,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I am pensioned under above named Certificate, and on account of Military Service of Soldier as a mentioned. I was not the wife of Soldier during his Military Service in the Civil War. I am 74

years of age, having been born on the 19th of July 1842

This Application is made Under Act of September 8th, 1916, for Increase of my Pension from twelve dollars (\$12.00) per month to twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month from date of filing this declaration,

Maria E. Griggs

My Post Office is 130 High St. Little Rock

Witness to signature and identity of applicant

1st. W. A. [Signature]

2nd. W. R. [Signature]



OFFICE OF

COS. ALTENBERG
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW—LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
LOCK BOX 4

DECLARATION OF WIDOW FOR INCREASE OF PENSION UNDER ACT OF CONGRESS; APPROVED
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1916

Name of Widow

Maria E. Griggs

Number of Certificate

329248

Name of Soldier

Richard Griggs

Military Service of Soldier

Quartermaster, Sergeant, 48th Regt U.S. Col. Vol. Inf.

To The HON. COMMISSIONER of PENSION,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:—

I am pensioned under above named Certificate, and on account of Military Service of Soldier as above mentioned. I was not the wife of Soldier during his Military Service in the Civil War. I am *69* years of age, having been born on the *19th of July 1849*

This Application is made Under Act of September 8th, 1916, for Increase of my Pension from twelve dollars (\$12.00) per month to twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month from date of filing this declaration,

Maria E. Griggs

My Post Office is

G.D. Hobbs Springs, Ark

Witness to signature and identity of applicant

1st,

W. H. K. K. K.

2nd,

Mary R. K. K.

W. H. K. K. K.
11/6/16

(3-128 a.)

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

329248
Knox

Claimant Mrs. E. Griggs Soldier Richard Griggs
P. O. Mayersville Rank 2nd Sgt.
County Issaquena, State Miss. Regiment 48th U.S. Col. Inf.

Rate, \$8 per month, commencing Aug 13, 1890, and \$2 per month additional for each child, as follows:

<u>Florence D</u>	Born, <u>Nov 22</u> , 1879	Commencing <u>Aug 13</u> , 1890
	Sixteen, <u>Nov 21</u> , 1895	
	Born, _____, 18 _____	
	Sixteen, _____, 18 _____	
	Born, _____, 18 _____	
	Sixteen, _____, 18 _____	
	Born, _____, 18 _____	
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	Born, _____, 18 _____	
	Sixteen, _____, 18 _____	
	Born, _____, 18 _____	
	Sixteen, _____, 18 _____	
	Born, _____, 18 _____	
	Sixteen, _____, 18 _____	

Entitled to \$20 per month,
Commencing Sept. 8, 1916,
Under act of Sept. 8, 1916.
Age of Seventy years.
CYN 74 4/14/17

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

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

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name W. E. Morrison Fee \$ 10.00 Agent to pay.
P. O. Mayersville, Miss. Articles Filed _____, 189____

APPROVALS.

Submitted for adm'n, Feb 30, 1891, L. G. Fuling, Examiner.
Approved for Admission

April 2, 1892 H. H. Huggs, Legal Reviewer.

The soldier was not pensioned at \$ _____ per month for _____

Enlisted <u>May 1</u> , 18 <u>63</u>	Soldier's app'n filed <u>none</u> , 18 _____
<u>was</u> honorably disch'd <u>Jan 4</u> , 18 <u>66</u>	Old's app'n under other laws <u>none</u> , 18 _____
Re-enlisted <u>no</u> , 18 _____	Former marriage of <u>none</u> , 18 _____
<u>honorably disch'd</u> , 18 _____	Death of former _____, 18 _____
Died <u>July 2</u> , 18 <u>83</u>	Old's marriage to soldier <u>Dec 24</u> , 18 <u>78</u>
Declaration filed <u>Aug 13</u> , 18 <u>90</u>	Old's remarried _____, 18 _____

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

Claimant writes - no me.

BRIEF FOR A Duplicate CERTIFICATE.

In the case of *Maria E. Gugas*
Widow of Richard Gugas
D.M. Sgt. 48th U.S. Col. Vol. Inf.
Knowville Agency

CLAIM FOR NEW PENSION CERTIFICATE FILED

Feb 13

1905

~~PROOF EXHIBITED.~~

Pensioned as per brief attached.

Permit issued for payments to May 4, 1905.

Issued in lieu of *Origl* certificate dated *April 7, 892*

Claimant alleges the loss of her Certificate in Feb. 1905. She has failed to find it after diligent search.

Submitted for

Duplicate May 20, 1905

E. C. Browne

Examiner.

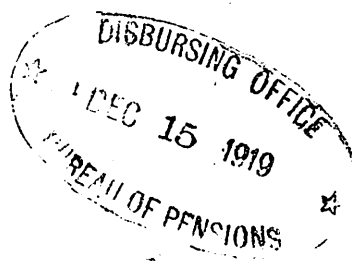
NAME AND POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT—

Maria E. Gugas

Box 3416

Hot Springs, Arkansas.

L. W. J. Ch M. S.
Dubuque ~~Yardstick~~
by W. Dubuque
Warren undertaker
Tom Shelton mfg



No. 229248 ✓

REIMBURSEMENT.

Claimant <u>Rosa C. Warren</u>	Pensioner <u>Maria C. Griggs</u>
Street and No. <u>530 Malvern Ave.</u>	Class <u>Widow</u>
P. O. <u>Hot Springs</u>	Law <u>Act April 19, 1908.</u>
State <u>Ark.</u>	Agency <u>Group 2.</u>
Rate, \$ <u>25.00</u>	Last paid to <u>May 4, 1919</u> at \$ <u>25.00</u>
Last illness commenced <u>July 13, 1919</u>	Date of death <u>July 23, 1919</u> Accrued pension \$ <u>65.83</u>

AMOUNTS CLAIMED.			CHARGES APPROVED.	DEDUCTIONS.		
Physicians' bills	\$		\$ <u>8.00</u>	State aid	\$	
Medicine				Assets		
Board				Insurance	✓	<u>110.00</u>
Nursing and care				Amount waived		
Rent						
Living expenses for pensioner						
Undertaker's bills <u>\$55.15</u> <u>\$96.00</u>			<u>151.75</u>			
Livery						
Cemetery charges				TOTAL		
OTHER EXPENSES.				SUMMARY.		
<u>Transportation</u>			<u>1.75</u>	Charges approved	\$	<u>161.50</u>
				Deductions		<u>110.00</u>
				Amount approved		<u>151.50</u> ✓
TOTALS			<u>161.50</u>			

Approved for \$51.50 ✓, _____;

Dec 22, 1919 E. Heisner Examiner.
DEC 23 1919 A. D. Pray Reviewer.
M. S. Stout

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1. Veteran: Griggs Richard	2. Branch of Service in which he served: Army		
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5. State: Louisiana	6. War: Union, Civil War (1861-1865)		
7. Unit in which he served: 48th U.S. Colored Infantry	8. If service was army, arm in which served: 48th U.S. Colored Infantry		
9. Rank:	10. Kind of service: Volunteer		
11. Pension File no:	12. If veteran lived in a home for soldiers:		
13. Date of birth:	14. Place of birth:	15. Name of widow or other claimant:	16. Place(s) veteran lived after service:
17. Date of death: 1883	18. Place of death: Mississippi	Mariah E. Griggs	Mississippi

Comments: Index card says application #479558 and certificate #329248, filed 1890

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