

Widow's Claim for Half-Pay Pension.

State of New York, County of Sturge, 55.

On this seventeenth day of December A. D. 1864, personally appeared before me County Clerk of Sturge County, Clack of the County and a Court of Record within and for said county, Maria Christian, aged 30 years, a resident of Morris, in the county of Sturge, and State of New York, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862: ⁽¹⁾

That she is the widow of Joseph Christian, who was a Private in Company J, commanded by Captain Harmon, in the 140th Regiment of New York State Troops, commanded by _____ in the war of 1861. ⁽²⁾

That her said husband died at Audubonville in Sumter Prison, in the State of Georgia, on the first day of September A. D. 1864 of typhoid. He was taken Prisoner on the 2^d day of June 1864 and died in September as she is informed. Her information in reference to the death of her said husband is derived from letters from a Comrade who knew him well was taken Prisoner while in the line of duty in the service of the United States.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Christian on the 6th day of October A. D. 1854 by one Henry A. Clark, a Justice of the Peace; that her name before her said marriage was Maria Lifford, and that ever since the death of her said husband, she has remained a widow; as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. ⁽³⁾ That no public record of said marriage exists to deponent's knowledge the only private record is the accompanying certificate.

That during the existence of the aforesaid marriage there were born to her and her husband the following-named children, who are under the age of sixteen years, viz: Gora E. Christian born the 14th day of October, 1863; she said child is now living with me

She also declares that she has in no manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States.

Maria Crisman

Also personally appeared Alney Collier and Orlando Linnard residents of Morris in the County of Orange and State of New York, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Maria Christman sign her name

to the foregoing declaration. They further swear that they were acquainted with the said Joseph Christman, deceased, in his lifetime, and know that he and the said Maria Christman, lived and cohabited together as man and wife, up to the time when he entered the service, and that they were generally recognized as such by their acquaintances and neighbors, and their marriage was never questioned. That during the existence of the aforesaid marriage, the wife bore to the said husband one child named Caroline Christman born Oct. 4, 1863.

That since the death of her said husband, the said Maria Christman has not married, but is still a widow; and that she is the identical person she represents herself to be. All the foregoing statements they make from their own personal knowledge, and they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Alney Collier
Orlando Linnard

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 1 2th day of December A. D. 1884; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.



Witness my signature and the seal of said Court, at Catskill, the day and year aforesaid.
J. A. [Signature]
Clerk Orange County

Know all Men by these Presents, That I, Maria Christman widow of Joseph Christman, of Morris, in the County of Orange and State of New York, do hereby constitute and appoint Walter H. Rumm, my true and lawful Agent and Attorney, for me and in my name to prosecute the claim presented by me for a pension by reason of the service of my late husband; and I do hereby authorize my said Attorney to examine the papers, documents and records relating to my said claim, which may be found in any Department or Office of the Government; to appoint one or more persons to assist him in the business aforesaid; to file additional evidence or arguments when necessary; to receive the certificate which may issue in my name upon said claim; and to do any and all lawful acts necessary in effecting the object of his said appointment.

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, this 6th day of January A. D. 1885

Executed in presence of

Clark's County

Know all Men by these Presents, That I, Maria Christman
widow of J. Christman, of Morris, in the County of
Steuben, and State of New York, do hereby
constitute and appoint Walter H. Bunn, my true and lawful
Agent and Attorney, for me and in my name to prosecute the claim presented by me for a
pension by reason of the service of my late husband; and I do hereby authorize my said Attor-
ney to examine the papers, documents and records relating to my said claim, which may be
found in any Department or Office of the Government; to appoint one or more persons to
assist him in the business aforesaid; to file additional evidence or arguments when necessary;
to receive the certificate which may issue in my name upon said claim; and to do any and all
lawful acts necessary in effecting the object of his said appointment.

In Testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and seal, this
6th day of January A. D. 1885

Executed in presence of

Shirley Starr
Oliver Potter

Maria Christman



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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Mar. 7, 1887.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Joseph Christman, a Private of Company F,
149th Regiment New York Volunteers, was enrolled on the
day of _____, 186____, at _____,
and is reported: _____

" This man deserted on or about March
" 28, 1864; and returned on or about May 3, 1864.
" As he was subsequently restored to duty by competent
" authority (Comd'g Offr. 1st Div. 5th A.C.) without trial, but
" upon conditions which appear to have been complied
" with (so far as not waived by the Government), the
" charge of desertion no longer stands against him.
" The record of the fact that he was absent in
" desertion from on or about March 28, 1864, to
" on or about May 3, 1864, cannot, however, be
" expunged.

" Charges of desertion of May 26 & 27/64 are

(over.)

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removed. He was captured at Hanover Junction
May 27, 1864, sent from Richmond, Va to Ander-
sonville, Ga. May 31, 1864, where he was admitted
to hospital. September 14, 1864 and died same
day of scurbutus.

A. J.
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R. S. Swan

Assistant Adjutant General.

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