



NO # : 194 048

Applicant : Clarissa Blake

Mother of

veteran : George Blake



S. S. D.

No. 196,048

REPORT IN CASE.

Name: *Blarasa Blake*
P. O. Address: *North Guilford Ct*
County: *Newham* State: *Ct*

Geo. Seaton
Special Agent.

REFERENCE:

Dec 16 1878
Referred to
Chief of Division
for his action
Robert L. Smith
Chief of S. S. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

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Chief of Div.

ACTION.

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Chief of S. S. Division.

Investigation: *Harris*



On this 7th day of December 1878, at Guilford, County
 of New Haven State of Connecticut, before me, Charles
 M. Teuton, a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally
 appeared Charles B. Pynington, who being by me duly sworn
 according to law, declares that his age is 50 years that he now
 reside and for twenty six years last past has resided the
 Mount neighbor to Mrs. Clarissa Blake Mother of George
 Mortimer Blake who was a private in Co. K of the 12th Ct.
 Vols. and knows intimately all the members of Mrs.
 Clarissa Blake's family, knew George Blake intimately
 he was a steady, industrious, young man, always
 made it his home with his mother; he was a farm
 laborer was employed by the day or month or season
 as the case might be by various of the neighbors
 and as affiant always supposed brought most
 of his wages home for the general use of the
 family, he was not a young man who
 spent money foolishly did not spend much
 upon himself, dressed plainly, had no extravagant
 habits and affiant belief is that he contributed
 materially to the support of his mother, Affiant
 knows that ^{on} one occasion when he had worked during
 the summer for six months for a Mr. Norton,
 John Norton he paid the principal portion
 of his wages to his mother at least so both
 George and his mother told affiant at the
 time; Affiant does not recollect the exact
 amount; George during the later years of
 his being at home bought and sold Chascoal

burned some coal ^{himself} buying the wood. He burned on
 pit and out of the proceeds bought a barrel
 of flour for the family; The father Rowell
 Blake did not provide well for his family,
 he was in the habit of drinking liquors
 to excess. Affairs has often seen him on the
 Road intoxicated and bringing home his
 little tin pail of liquor he was accustomed
 to bring home liquor on Saturday night ~~and~~
 drink it on Sunday, he was not a swift workman
 his course work did not earn on an average
 during the latter years of life more than thirty
 Cents per day; Mrs Blake has no property except
 a small house and lot worth perhaps fifty Dollars
 not more than that, a little household furniture
 nothing else. She has a son who has epileptic
 fits almost daily can earn nothing and is
 a great burden to his mother. George was really
 the principal dependence of his mother outside
 of her own labor; George did not send any
 money home to his mother; thinks he was only
 paid once and that just before his Capture.

Affairs has not any interest direct or indirect
 in the claim of Mrs. Cassia Blake for a Pension

Charles B Byington

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th
 of December 1878 and I certify that the contents
 were fully made known to affairs before signing

Charles W. Sealton

Special Agent

On this 7th day of December 1878 at Guilford County New ~~Haven~~ State of Connecticut personally appeared before me Charles M. Seaton a Special Agent of the Pension Office, Sherman P. Lane who being by me duly sworn according to law declares that his age is 42 years that is a near neighbor of Mrs. Clarissa Blake; knows her and her family well, used to employ her son George before the War employed him more than a year altogether, George was a good man to work was steady and industrious Affiant knows that he devotes the principal portion of his wages to the support of ^{his mother and} family, affiant has been present when he handed of his wages to his mother; he usually has the money for his work; He worked principally at casting ^{clerk} coal for affiant, his wages when he worked by the month was about fifteen dollars per month.

Affiant has no interest in the claim of Clarissa Blake for a pension

Sherman P. Lane

Ex'r.

No. 196, 048

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

Carissa Blake
Guilford Co. N.C.
Widow of
George W. Blake
of Co. "K" 14 Army Regt.

Died at Salisbury N.C.
August 1/63

other claim.

~~Precedent~~

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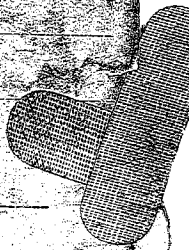
ABANDONED.

Clerk.

Application filed: May 3, 1877

Attorney:

P. O.



Ex'r.

Date.

Ref.

No. 1011

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ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Clarissa Blake
Guilford Conn.

Wife of
George W. Blake
Died July 14 1862

Died at Salisbury N.H.
Mar 1/63 P. Jordan

RECORDED

George Bancroft & Co. Attys.
Washington

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Owen P. Frier
New Haven
Conn.

Attorney.

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new report
of death

June 31, 1878
above

July 12, 1878

as per in-
formation
information

to P.M.
and G.P.

Ally May 13 1879

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Q. O'Brien. Value of prop-
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from, letter to P.M. and G.P.
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ground that Darnant was not de-
pendent on nor supported by ally
soldier. at the date of his death

Adjt Genl. Com. reformed conviction
Apr. 25, 1879
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DECLARATION FOR AN ORIGINAL PENSION OF A FATHER OR MOTHER. This must be Executed before a Court of Record or some Officer thereof having Custody of the Seal.

STATE OF Connecticut
COUNTY OF New Haven ss.

On this 8th day of June, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty, personally appeared before me Clerk of the Superior Court, a Court of Record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Clarissa Blake aged 65 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by Acts of Congress granting pensions to dependent relatives: That she is the mother of

George W. Blake who enlisted under the name of Geo. W. Blake at Hartford Conn. on the 1st day of August, A. D. 1863 in Co. K 14 Regt. Conn. Vol. Inf. in the war of 1861-65 who in an action at Reams Station Va. on or about Aug. 25th 1864 was taken prisoner and taken to Salisbury N.C. where he died (date not known)

on the day of A. D. 1864, who bore at the time of his death the rank of Private in Co. K 14 Regt. Conn. Vol. that said son Geo. W. Blake left neither widow nor child under sixteen years of age surviving; that the declarant was married to the father of said son at Guilford Conn

on the 15 day of June, A. D. 1831, by Rev. A. B. Goldsmith; that she was in part dependent upon said son for support; that the father of said son died at Guilford Conn, on the 27 day of Aug, A. D. 1873; that there were surviving at date of said soldier's death his brothers and sisters who were under sixteen years of age, as follows:

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That she has not heretofore received pension she applied for pension but her papers were not returned; that she has not aided or abetted the rebellion; and previously applied, so state, giving number of claim.)

that she has not again married Declarant hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Roland A. Swan of Washington D.C.

her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim. That her residence is No. street, Guilford Conn and that her post office address is: North Guilford New Haven Co. Conn.

Witnesses: Sherman I Everts, Clarissa Blake (Signature of Claimant), Sherman I Lane (Two Witnesses who can write sign here.)

Also personally appeared Norman S. Everts, residing at No. 10th Guilford
in New Haven County Connecticut and Sherman S. Lane
residing at No. 10th Guilford in New Haven County Connecticut, 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
Clarissa Blake, the claimant sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing
declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her that
she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Norman S. Everts
Sherman S. Lane
[Signature of Witnesses.]

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of June A. D. 1880;
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
[L. S.] _____, erased, and the words _____
_____, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect,
in the prosecution of this claim.

Edward A. Ankettell Clerk
of the Superior Court
within & for New Haven
County, State of Connecticut.
[Official character.]

NOTES.

All the blanks in this form should be carefully filled and the requirements of the notes strictly observed.
Declarations of claimants for original pension must be made before a Court of Record, or before some officer thereof having
custody of its seal; said officer being fully authorized and empowered to administer and certify any oath or affirmation relating
to any pension or application therefor.
The claimant's identity must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who
are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity under oath or affirmation.
Declarations and other papers should be as legible and as clear in statement as possible.
Where any evidence is already on file in any Department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference
to it will render it available in any subsequent claim.
The post-office address (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be
embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties while
communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents should be stated.
All facts, testimony of which is required to establish a claim, must be proven by the affidavits of two or more credible wit-
nesses, unless other evidence is specified.
Testimony, in support of allegations made in a declaration, may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature
are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.
To facilitate the adjudication of claims all the requisite evidence that is available should be forwarded with the application.

DEPENDENT RELATIVE.
CLAIM FOR PENSION.
ORIGINAL.
Clarissa Blake Applicant.
Mother of Geo. W. Blake
Co. K, 14 Reg.
Vols.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PENSION OFFICE
JUN 12 1880
Filed by
Roland A. Swann Atty.
Washington
D.C.
Printed and for sale by J. H. SOULE, 719 Market Space,
Washington, D. C.

Ex'r.

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

Clarisa Blake

North Guilford Ct.

Mother of

George W. Blake

Private, Co. "K", 14 Ct. Vol. Inf.

Died at Salisbury, N.C.

Prisoner

other claim.

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Clerk.

Application filed:

June 12, 1880.

Attorney:

Roland A. Swan

P. O.

Present

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Date.

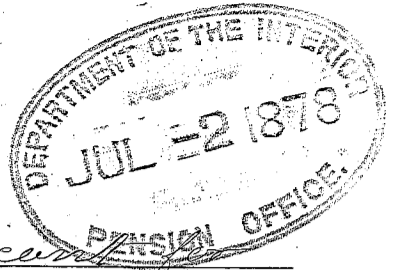
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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.



STATE OF Connecticut
COUNTY OF New Haven } ss:

In the matter of Clarissa Blake Applicant
Pension on account of George W. Blake

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace
in and for aforesaid County and State, Sherman J. Lane
citizen of Guilford, Connecticut, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and

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

I am acquainted with Mrs Clarissa Blake. I know her to be the widow of Roswell Blake of Guilford aforesaid who died in June 24th 1873 aged 73 years. I also know her to be the mother of George W. Blake who was a private in Co. K. Fourteenth Regiment Conn. Volunteers. I knew Roswell Blake. He was a man of weak mind, profligate, dissipated and during the last years of his life he was very intemperate. he never supported his family. I do not think he was physically able to do it. They were supported much more by Mrs. Blake than by him. George W. Blake was the oldest son of Roswell and Clarissa Blake. He was a steady and industrious young man. He gave quite a portion of his earnings to support the family. From 1855 to 1862 they would have been obliged to have applied to the Town for help had it not been for him. He was never married, but always lived with his parents till he entered the Army. ^{Whichever} With what little Mr. Blake paid in. Mrs. Blake has supported herself and family by her own hard labor. She has no other resources. She needs this pension for her support and for a son who is a helpless invalid. And entirely dependant on his mother.

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

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK. (2 persons.)

_____ }

Signature of Affiants.

Sherman J. Lane

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

Witness my hand and official seal this 18 day of May, 1878.

Sign here John R. Rossiter,
Justice of the Peace.

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 Official character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

I, Edward A. Anketell, Clerk of the Superior County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, and ex officio of the County Court, do certify that John R. Rossiter, Esq., who hath signed his name to foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn: that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 8th day of June, 1878.

Edward A. Anketell,

Clerk of the Superior Court within & for
New Haven County,
State of Connecticut.

[L. S.]

CASE OF

Clara A. Black
of New Haven, New Haven
County, State of
Connecticut.

FOR

Chambers,

July 20 1878
AFFIDAVIT FOR
Chambers & Lane,

FILED BY

GEO. BANCROFT & CO.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

NOTE.—The affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

STATE OF Connecticut
COUNTY OF New Haven } ss.

In the matter of Clarissa Blake's Claim for Pension.

ON THIS 17th day of July A. D. 1880, personally appeared before me a

Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
William M. Prossiter aged 60 years, a resident of the town of Guilford
in the County of New Haven and State of Connecticut, whose

Post Office address is North Guilford, New Haven Co. Connecticut, and

Sherman P. Lane aged 44 years, a resident of the town of Guilford
in the County of New Haven and State of Connecticut, and whose

Post Office address is North Guilford, New Haven Co. Connecticut, well

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

We knew George W. Blake. He was born in our immediate neighborhood, and lived there till he entered the Army August 1st, 1863.

He was a private in Company K, Conn. Volunteers. He was taken by prisoner by the Rebel forces at Reams Station Va. August 25th 1864. He was taken to Salisbury, North Carolina where he died.

The date of his death is not known. (For further proof see "Catalogue of Connecticut Volunteer Organizations" prepared by the Adjutant General, and Published by authority of the State of Connecticut, Page 604.)

We knew Roswell Blake, father of George W. Blake and husband of Clarissa Blake. He was a weak man both in body and mind. His eyesight was so defective that he could perform no work successfully. He was moreover addicted to an excessive use of rum and tobacco. After 1862 his earnings would not probably average 25cts per day. Instead of contributing to the support of his family, they contributed largely to his support. He was taken ill a fit and died July 24th 1873 and buried at Public expense. No Physician was in attendance. The family was mostly dependent on Mrs Blake, who by working and doing any drudge work which would bring money largely supported them. When George was old enough, he lived out, and his earnings joined with hers supported the family.

We have both employed him largely, and furnished the family with provisions, such as meat and flour, in payment to nearly

that we further declare that we have no interest in said case, and that we are

not concerned in its prosecution.

Wm M Prossiter
Sherman P Lane

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

[Signatures of witnesses.]

The house on which they live, was of the humblest description. And with the ground it stands on, say 40 sq. rods, was the gift of her friends. It is not a good one.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiants and I certify that I read the said affidavit to said affiants, and acquainted *them* with its contents before *I* 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 affiants *are* personally known to me, and that *they are* credible persons.

John P. Rossiter
[Official Signature.]

Justice of the Peace
[Official Character.]

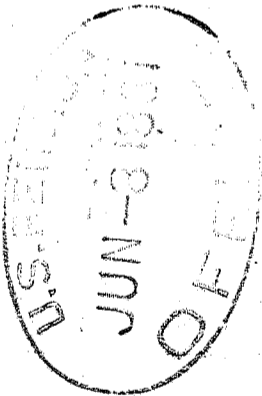
I certify that _____ Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit was at the time of so doing _____ in and for said county and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

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 Official character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.



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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

In Claim for

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Geo. W. Blake
Co. K 14 Conn. Vol.

Affidavit of

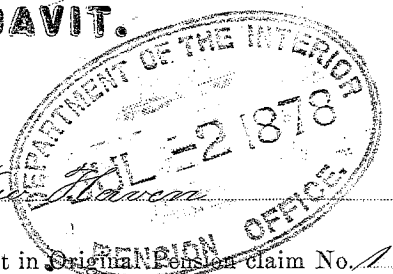
John P. Rossiter
Sherman P. Lane

entire
evidence are
not affected

Filed by

Roland A. Swan
Washington
D.C.

CLAIMANT'S AFFIDAVIT.



State of Connecticut County of New Haven SS.

I Clarissa Blake the claimant in Original Pension claim No. 196,048.

being duly sworn, declare that I have made due and diligent inquiry, and that I find it impossible to ascertain the

~~residence or whereabouts of~~ I am the widow of Roswell Blake of the town of Guilford and State of Connecticut, who died June 26th 1873 aged 78 years. We lived together to the time of his death. I have never married since. I am the mother of George W. Blake who was a private in Company K, fourteenth Regiment Conn. Volunteers. He entered the service August 1st 1863, was taken prisoner by the enemy August 25th at Meunier Station near Petersburg Va. and died at Salisbury N. C. George always made it his home with us. He spent his evenings in getting food for the family. Since his death I have had to depend upon what I could earn by going out to washing, house cleaning or any other work I could obtain. Nor have I since his death had any money deposited in Bank or elsewhere.

Clarissa Blake
(Claimant's Signature.)

Forest R Ward
Sherman T Lane

Let 2 persons witness when signed by mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this eighteenth day of May 1878.

The affiant is the person ^{here} she represents herself to be, and a credible witness. I am not interested in this claim.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

John R. Rossiter, Justice of the Peace [SEAL.]
(Official Signature.)

I certify that John R. Rossiter, Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, is a Justice of the Peace, duly qualified, and the above is his signature. I am not interested.

Edward A. Anketell [SEAL.]
(Signature.)
Clerk of the Superior Court
within and for New Haven County
State of Connecticut

If this evidence is sworn to before a Notary Public or Justice, it will be necessary to have the Clerk's certificate attached, unless said Notary or Justice already has such a certificate on file in the Pension Office, showing official capacity. If such a certificate is on file, the Notary or Justice must say so, in his Jurat.

READ INSTRUCTIONS.

If unable to ascertain the residence of a commissioned officer of Company or Regiment knowing the facts stated in the Declaration for Pension, or of physician or other person as witness, let it be stated herein.

If the claim for Pension is for disease, and the claimant had no family physician before enlistment, or if he be dead or moved to parts unknown, let it be stated herein.

If any physician who has treated the claimant since his discharge has died or removed to parts unknown, let it be stated herein.

Clara

July 21 1878

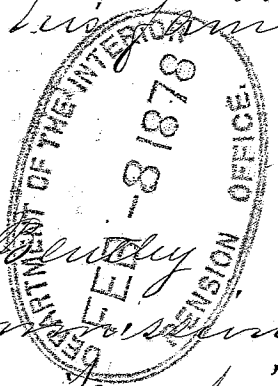
North Guilford Conn.
Feb 4th 1878

Sir,

In reply to inclosed letter, according to best information I am able to obtain Roswell & Clarissa Blake were not entirely dependent on George W. Blake for support though he may have contributed somewhat before & during his term of service. Roswell Blake was a shoemaker, in poor health & very near-sighted and in the last years of his life was not able to afford a comfortable support for his family.

Respectfully,
E. W. Bartlett, Selectman.

J. A. Grimes
Commissioner of Pensions.
Washington.



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Selection

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July 8, 1978

To Mr. Longbram

Mothers

Claim,

No. 196048

Soldier, George W. Blake

Reviewers

January 24, 1879.

I am of opinion that this claim should be rejected on the ground that claimant was not dependent on nor supported by the soldier at the date of his death.

The report of the Special Agent disproves the testimony filed in the claim and shows that claimant's husband was a near sighted man but very industrious, working every day early and late and supporting his family by his earnings at the time of soldier's enlistment and death, and for some time thereafter until his house and bed were

usurped by one Ansel Stevens.
It also appears that the
soldier did not contribute
before enlistment to amount
to more than his own sup-
port, and none after enlist-
ment, but on the contrary
the claimant sent money and
other articles to him while
in service for which she
received no compensation.
If there was any dependence
in this case the soldier was
dependent on the claimant.

J. M. Curtis

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Department of the Interior
PENSION OFFICE

U.S. PENSION
OFFICE
JUN 8 1881

Washington, D.C. April 21, 1881

Sir

The application recently filed by you of Clarissa Blake mother of George W Blake "14" Regt Conn Vols. is a duplicate of her claim No 196.048. which was rejected Jan'y 25 1879. on the ground that the claimant was not dependent on the soldier at the date of his death.

Very respectfully
A. Black
acting Commissioner

Rowland A Swan
city

Respectfully returned
with the request that
the claim be re-
considered on ev-
idence herewith
transmitted.

Very respectfully,
Roland A. Swan

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Connecticut
COUNTY OF New Haven } ss:

In the matter of the Application of Clarissa Blake
for pension claim No. 196,048. on account of George W. Blake

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace
in and for aforesaid County and State, Charles Jerome
citizen of Smilford, County of New Haven, State of
Connecticut, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and
who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

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I am acquainted with Mrs. Clarissa Blake - I know her to
have been the wife of the late Roswell Blake of Smilford, Conn.
He died June 24th. 1873 - His age was 73 years - They lived together
as husband and wife till his death - She still remains his
widow - During the last years of his life, or from 1862 to 1873.
he was very intemperate - If he came where spirits could be he had
was almost sure to get intoxicated - At which times he abused his
family - They were always poor - He was a shoemaker - Owing to
defective eye-sight he could do only the coarsest work - His earnings
were therefore small - They were never wholly applied to the support of his
family - Whether he was physically able to support his family I cannot
tell - He certainly never did do it - Mrs. Blake was a hard working woman,
and always did more for the support of the family than he did -
I knew George W. Blake who was a private in Company B, 14th Regiment
Conn. Volunteers - He was the oldest son of Roswell and Clarissa Blake -
He never married, but always made it his home with his parents -
He was steady and industrious - And cheerfully applied his
earnings to the support of the family - From 1857 to 1862 they were
half supported by him - Mrs. Blake then had to support the family
by her labor and what little she received from her husband - She has no
money in bank - She needs the Pension for the support of herself and a
helpless invalid son -

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

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (2 persons.)

Signature
of
Affiants.

Charles Jerome

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

Witness my hand and official seal this 18th day of May, 1878.

Sign here John R. Rossiter
Justice of the Peace.

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 Official character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 8th day of June, 1878.

Edward A. Anketell
Clerk of the Superior Court within & for
New Haven County,
State of Connecticut

[L. S.]

196-048

CASE OF

Erinna Blake
of Guilford & New
Haven County
State of Connecticut

July 21 1878

Bliss
AFFIDAVIT FOR
SEALS
JUL - 2 1878
ENSION OFFICE
FILED BY

GEO. BANCROFT & CO.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Private.



Department of the Interior
PENSION OFFICE


Washington, D.C. January 5, 1871.

Sir,

Please return this letter, with any information you may possess, or be able to obtain, as to the pecuniary affairs of Clara, widow of George W. Blake, late a Private in Company "K," 14th Connecticut Regiment, also whether her husband has failed, from any cause to support her, and if so, for what length of time, and to what extent, if at all, she was dependent upon the above soldier for support.

Very respectfully,


 J. M. Baker
 Adj. Commissioner

Postmaster

North Guilford 196, 048

Conn.

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Feb 14th 1872

Sir. In reply to the communication on the opposite side of this sheet I would say that Mrs. Clarissa Blake to whom you refer

I think well able to earn her own living

I believe she has a small bank deposit. Her son Geo. W. Blake I do not think ever did or ever would have done any thing to support her

I should not think her husband would do any thing to support her as she has for many years in a great measure abandoned her husband for another man with whom she is now living

I think Lyman Blake father of Geo. W. Blake is much in need of a pension and should receive it if any one

Yours Respectfully
 A. Fowler P.M.
 No. 511 Bedford
 St.

North Guilford April 22nd 1878

To D A Bentley Commissioner of Pensions

Dear Sir

Your letter of inquiry we respectfully return according to your request with the following statement concerning the character and habits of the late Roswell Blake

Mr Blake was a man of limited means; a Shoemaker by trade. He was a person of very retiring manners consequently a man of but few words. He was not what would be called a strictly Temperance man. Yet he did not drink to excess and for the last three or four years of his life did not use intoxicating liquor scarcely at all. What he did use did not in our opinion detract from his support of his family. Mr Blake was a member of the Masonic Fraternity for nearly thirty years and was a mason in good standing at the time of his death. He was cared for in part during his last sickness by his Brother Masons and was buried with full Masonic honors.

Mrs Clarissa Blake has had a man living with her for several years who is not her husband. We cannot of course say that they have had carnal knowledge with each other but we do know that he lived with her several years before Mr Blake's death contrary to said Blake's wishes and is living with her at the present time.

D D Chittenden

J Loper

Department of the Interior
PENSION OFFICE

Washington, D.C. April 1st 1878.

Sir:

Please return this letter with such information as you have or may be able to obtain, showing the habits of Roswell Blake, as to the use of intoxicating liquor during the years 1863, 1864, and 1865, and whether he failed for any cause from 1863, to the date of his death, to provide his family with a comfortable support.

Was Clarissa Blake, mother of Geo. W. Blake, and formerly the wife of Roswell Blake, remarried or lived with any man or his wife since 1865, other than the said Roswell?

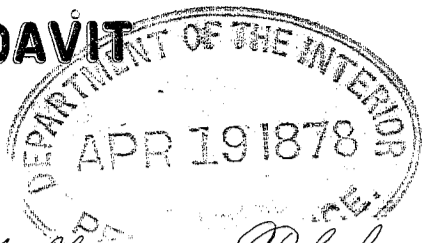
The information is for the use of this office in the claim No 196,048, of the mother of Geo. W. Blake.

Very respectfully

J. A. Bentley
Commissioner.
per A. W.

Wm David, Supt. of Lands
North Guilford
Conn.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT



STATE OF Connecticut } SS:
 COUNTY OF New Haven

In the matter of the Application of Clarissa Blake Mother of George M. Blake for Pension.

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid County and State, Asael Stevens and Charles B. Byington, citizens of the town of Fairfield County of New Haven State of Connecticut well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That on or about the first of May 1844, Roswell Blake and Clarissa his wife lost, by an unfortunate fire, their home and all their other effects. Their neighbors, commiserating their distress, erected for them a small house, finishing and furnishing it so as to meet only their most pressing necessities. That this was his and her only home till his death, and has been hers ever since. That the whole property is worth possibly sixty dollars. The whole income derived from it has been a shelter, and the few vegetables they could raise on the space around the house possibly 4 rods in all.

Roswell Blake was a weak man both in body and in mind. His occupation a shoemaker. Being near sighted he could do only the coarsest work. His earnings were therefore small. Being addicted to intemperate habits, they were never sufficient to meet the wants of his family, who were therefore dependent on the industry of their mother for a subsistence. On or about the 17th of June ¹⁸⁷³ he was taken in a fit probably a paralytic shock and died June 24th 1873. George M. Blake her oldest son was her great help and dependance, cheerfully applying his earnings to the support of the family. In the spring of 1864 he entered the Army of the United States, and never returned. His mother, the above named applicant, being bereaved of this her only dependance, has, by continued industry, supported herself and an invalid son, whom she has honorably kept from being a public burden. Admiring the effects of hardship and toil, as well as by the infirmities of approaching age, that she will soon need other help, and believing herself to be justly entitled to the pension in such cases allowed by the governments of the United States, she makes this application.

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

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (2 persons)

Signature of Affiants.

Asael Stevens
Charles B. Byington

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiants; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiants, and acquainted them with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution.

Witness my hand and official seal this first day of April 1878.

Sign here John P. Rossiter
Justice of the Peace, U.S.

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 Official character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 1st day of April 1878.

Arthur D. Osborne
Clerk of the Superior Court for New Haven
County in Connecticut

April 19, 1878

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CASE OF

Claraissa Weeks
of the town of
Guilford, County of
New Haven, State of
Conn.

FOR

Commission
AFFIDAVIT OF

Charles H. Weyington

FILED BY

R. A. DUNNICK & CO.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Read the NOTES carefully before filling out the blanks.

State of Connecticut, }
County of New Haven. } ss.

ON THE 23rd day of March A. D. 1871, personally appeared Ansel Stevens
and Charles B. Byington residents of Guilford

State of Connecticut persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who being by me duly sworn

according to law, say that they well know Clarissa Blake of Guilford

State of Connecticut applicant for a pension, that they have known her for 18 years last past; that she is the*

wife of Roswell Blake who

of Guilford, State of Connecticut,

on or about the day of 186, at State of and the

mother of George W. Blake who enlisted into the military service of the United States, and died in such service.

That they well knew said George W. Blake in his life-time, that he left no wife or child surviving him,

and that he contributed to the support of his said mother out of his earnings. That he was employed by George Norton two seasons at sixteen dollars for the first season, and eighteen dollars the second season, per month, and with Noah Sane of said Guilford two seasons, at eighteen and twenty dollars per month.

before entering the military service aforesaid, and that said

George W. Blake paid out to his mother one half of his wages during the time above specified,

That these deponents derive their knowledge of these facts from their acquaintance with the applicant and her family before-mentioned, and from statements made by the said George W. Blake to us, and from hearing the matter talked of in the family where he and his mother were both present, and the said Ansel Stevens having boarded in the family of Mrs Clarissa Blake some or eight years past, and knowing all about their family affairs,

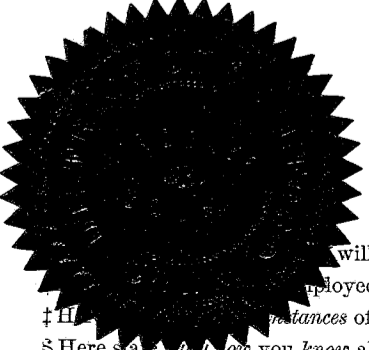
That deponents do reside as aforesaid, and have no interest in this claim.

Ansel Stevens

Charles B. Byington

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 23rd day of March 1871; and I certify I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Edward P. Landon, Judge,
the Probate Court for the
District of Guilford, Conn.



* will say "wife;" if dead, "widow."
† employed, by whom, and at what wages, per day, week or month.
‡ If assistance of assistance rendered the mother.
§ Here state how you know all the facts, as declared by you. Deponents MUST have PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE of the facts stated.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Connecticut.
COUNTY OF New Haven. } ss:

In the matter of Clarissa Blake Applicant for Pension
on account of George W. Blake.

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace
in and for aforesaid County and State, Forrest B. Ward,
citizen of Groton, County of New Haven, State of
Connecticut, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and

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

I know Russell Blake ^{the husband of the above named applicant} He died June 24th 1873 aged 43 years. He and his wife always lived together till his last sickness. He left his home in the morning as usual for his work, expecting to return at night. On the way he was taken in a fit which he never came out of. He was carried to a house near, and in a few days died. He was by occupation a shoemaker. Being near sighted he could do only the coarsest work. His earnings were therefore small, probably never equal to the wants of his family. Being otherwise applied, his family did not receive from him the value of one hundred Dollars a year, not enough to pay his board for the last ten years of his life. George W. Blake was the oldest son of the said Russell and Clarissa Blake. He was a good, sober and industrious. He made it his home with his parents. He applied his earnings in procuring food and other necessaries for the family who would have had to apply to the town for help had it not been for him. Mrs. Blake has no money in bank. She needs the pension for the support of

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

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (2 persons.)

Signature of Affiants.

Forrest B. Ward

[OVER]

Ward tells me that
he did not know
any thing about
the case

Forrest B. Ward
Russell B. W.

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

Witness my hand and official seal this 18th day of May, 1878.

Sign here John R. Rossiter,
Justice of the Peace.

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 Official character on the back hereof, and not on a separate slip of paper.

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 8th day of June, 1878.

Edward A. Anketell,
Clerk of the Superior Court within & for
New Haven County,
State of Connecticut,

[L. S.]

CASE OF

Charles Blake of
Hartford, a New Haven
County, State of
Connecticut,

FOR

Commission
July 2 - 1878
AFFIDAVIT FOR
James B. Ward,

FILED BY

GEO. BANCROFT & CO.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

William W Dudley



Commissioner Pensioners

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Mrs Clarissa Blake
mother of
Gen W Blake
No. 14, 100

Ernest
F. C.

North Guilford Apr 9th 1883
Mr Dudley Sir as i have
Not heard anything from
you now being over one
year i take this liberty
to write a few lines
concerning my claim
for pension my claim
is on file i suppose at
your office my attorney
Mr Swan being in
Washington at the time
I made application stated
that he wanted no further
proofs he said my claim
was good i have wrote
to him several times
at Boston but can get

No return from him
now if you think my
claim is good please
Notify me and what
further steps I must
take and oblige

Mrs Larissa Blake
North Guilford
Conn

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North Guilford Ct May 20/78 1st - 1878.

Sir

In your letter dated 1872 Blake, you
 you made the same mistake of opinion, Clarissa,
 that you have now - calling he had a son
 Leyman Blake the father of the he soldier, was
 Geo. Blake and I believe I he soldier, was
 corrected the error ^{then} saying that well such help.
 Roswell Blake was the father well Blake was
 of Geo. At that time I thought of the soldier's
 Clarissa Blake was well able to ^{live with}
 support herself as she was, as ^{living the facts}
 far as I know, a strong, healthy ^{to live with the}
 woman - worked out by the day ^{herself.}
 now she is six years older ^{herself.}
 and has failed considerably ^{herself.}
 although she is, I think ^{herself.}
 to do a good deal of work - ^{herself.}
 whether enough to support herself ^{herself.}
 or not I do not know.

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A. Flower,
 Postmaster,
 North Guilford,
 Conn.

imprisoner
 per A. W. S.

In the claim, Mrs 196, 048, of the mother of Henry

file

Washington, D.C. May 1st - 1878

PENSION OFFICE

Do not know when Amos Stevens

commenced living there but should think it was 12 or 14 years ago perhaps a little longer. She claims he is a boarder. I think I wrote you that Roswell B died in 1873, and Lyman B " " 1862

I do not think Charles Byington is in any way related to Clarissa Blake but a near neighbor

A Fowler Pk
So Guilford
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I think I wish you that
 Roswell B died in 1873.
 I think he is a brother
 perhaps a little longer she
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 as from Sarah Stevens
 1878

Department of the Interior
PENSION OFFICE

Washington, D.C. May 1st 1878.

Sir:

In the claim, No 196,048 of the mother of George W. Blake, you reported under date of February 14th, 1872, that in your opinion, Clara, the mother, was well able to support herself, that she had a small bank account, and that Lyman Blake, father of the soldier, was in need, and should have a pension, if any one was allowed such help. While under date of March 8th, 1875, you report that Roswell Blake was the father of the soldier, that Lyman Blake was a brother of the soldier's father and died in 1862, without having ever been married.

Please return this letter with a new statement showing the facts and especially showing when Ansel Stevens, commenced to live with the claimant, and why you think she was able to support herself.

Is Charles B. Byington, in any way related to the claimant?

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,
J. A. Bentley
 Commissioner.

A. Fowler,
 Postmaster,
 North Guilford,
 Conn.



P.M. "N"
no further

may 1878

Claimant's Affidavit

State of Connecticut, County of New Haven
 I, Larrissa Blake the claimant
 in Original Pension Claim No. 196,048.
 being duly sworn, declare that I am the
 widow of the late Maxwell Blake of Guilford
 Connecticut. He died June 24th. 1873. His
 age was 73 years. He rarely if ever employed a
 physician. His last sickness was very short.
 He was taken in a fit while on his way to
 his work one morning and never recovered.
 The last years of his life he was very intemperate.
 Hardly a week passed but he would come
 home intoxicated. He would often abuse
 his family. I have had to leave the house
 with my children in the night, and re-
 main in the adjoining woods till he should get
 asleep, to escape his violence. His earnings were
 always small, and never wholly applied to
 the support of his family. Taking one year with
 another, from 1850 to 1873 he did not bring into
 the family to the value of seventy five dollars a
 year. Not enough to pay his own board. George
 W. Blake was our oldest son. He never married
 but always made his home with us till he
 entered the army. He was a good son to us -
 sober and industrious. Quite a portion of his
 earnings he gave to support the family. ^{From 1858 to}

1862 he half supported the family. After he
 left us our other children left home. The fam-
 ily became smaller. With what my husband
 brought in, and what could earn by going out
 to work we lived, and always lived together
 till his death. I have had to depend upon
 my own labor for a support. ^{Since} I have had to
 work hard and live poorly. My son wrote to
 me a few times. His letters were always written
 with a pencil and in haste. And now are lost.
 I greatly need this pension which the govern-
 ment are kindly paying in such cases as mine,
 both for my own support and that of a
 helpless invalid son. The said George W. Blake was a
 private in Co. H., 14th Reg. Conn. Vol.

Larrissa Blake

Charles Jerome

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

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Charles Jerome

Clarissa Lake

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
 29th day of May 1878 The affiant is the
 person she represents herself to be, and a
 credible witness. I am not interested in this
 claim. Witness my hand and seal the day
 and year above written.

John R. Rossiter
 Justice of the Peace.



I certify that John R. Rossiter, before whom
 the foregoing affidavit was made, is a Justice of
 the Peace, duly qualified, and the above is his
 signature. I am not interested.

Edward A. Brackett
 Clerk of the Superior Court
 within & for New Haven
 County, State of Connecticut.

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., _____, 187

PROOF OF DEPENDENCE AND SUPPORT.

(Required in father's and mother's claims.)

First. If the claimant has, since the deceased son began his contributions, owned, or had any pecuniary interest in, any real estate or other property, the highest value reached at any time by such property; and, if the claimant's interest therein still continues, its present value should be shown by the affidavit of the town assessors, selectmen, or other like officials, a full description of said property being given, with the known or probable income derived or derivable therefrom. If the claimant has had no interest in any property which could be made available for his (or her) support, that fact should be shown by the testimony of reputable witnesses who can state from what resources such support has been derived since the son's death.

Second. The precise nature, degree, and duration of the father's disability, his age, and the exact extent to which the disability disqualified him for labor of any kind during the son's lifetime, and has since so disqualified him, should be shown by the affidavit of his family physician, confirmed, if possible, by the certificate of an examining surgeon duly appointed by this office. ~~If, in a mother's case, the husband has failed from other cause than physical disability to support the claimant, such cause, with period and dates, must clearly appear from the testimony of reputable witnesses.~~ The father's occupation and earnings while claimant received aid from the son, and since, must also be shown.

Third. ~~The contributions of the soldier, prior to enlistment, should be proved by the testimony of persons by whom he was employed, or of persons to whom he made payments for rent, board, fuel, clothing, and other necessaries, for claimant—how he obtained the funds being stated—or of persons who, from intimate knowledge of the affairs of the family, can state in what other way, for what length of time, and to what extent, assistance was rendered by the son.~~ The statements must be full and explicit as to amounts, dates, &c. The contributions received after enlistment should be proved by the testimony of persons who saw the money sent or received, and by the letters of the soldier, express receipts, &c., and the particular manner in which such contributions were expended for the claimant's benefit should also be shown.

Fourth. The witnesses called to testify concerning the above, or any other matters touching dependence and support, should be other than relatives of the claimant, and, if possible, persons of high standing and character. They should detail minutely all the particulars, and state, not in general, but full and explicit terms, how they become acquainted with the facts.

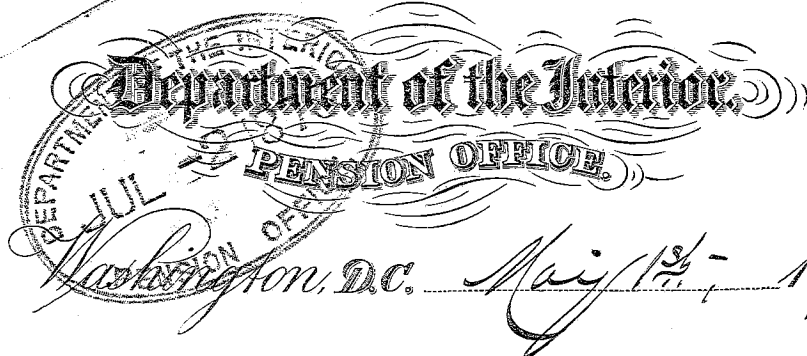
Fifth. Affiants should, in all cases, be careful to depose as to their interest in the claim, and the officer administering the oath to certify as to their credibility and his own interest. And if such officer be a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, his signature and official character must be duly certified.

Respectfully,

A. B. A. A. A. A. A.

Commissioner.

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Washington, D.C. May 1st - 1876.

Sir:

In the claim No 196, 048, of the mother of George B. Blake, you are informed that the testimony on file, does not show satisfactorily the amount, kind, and value of all the property owned by the claimant and her husband since 1862, or the amount of income derived per month or year from the labor of the said husband from 1862, to the date of his death.

You should file the testimony of disinterested reputable persons, having a knowledge of the facts, their means of information being definitely stated, showing whether the claimant and her husband lived together as man and wife from 1863, to date of death of the said husband, and if not, when and why they lived apart.

Similar testimony should be filed showing for what period, to what extent and in what manner the soldier contributed to the support of the claimant; the habits of her husband from 1862, to death, as to the use of intoxicating liquor, and as to the support of his family for the period indicated.

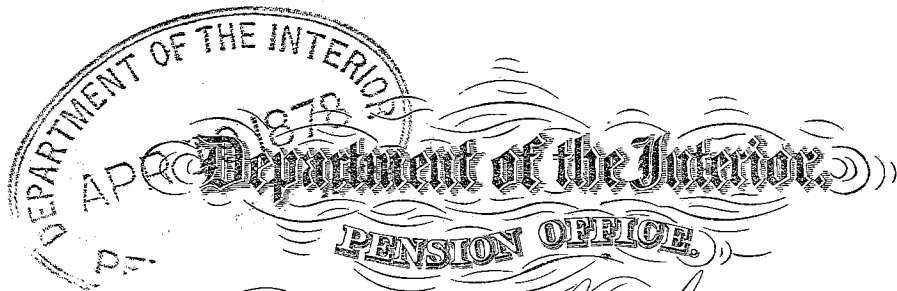
The testimony indicated above, should also show how the claimant has obtained her subsistence since 1862, whether the soldier was ever married, the date of death of his father, and the age of the said father at death. The testimony filed in reply to this letter should if possible, be that of other persons than Ansel Stevens, and Chas. B. Byington.

If the claimant's husband was physically unable to support his family for a part, or all of the time between 1862 and his death, medical testimony should be filed, showing for what period the disability existed, and the nature and degree of the same. All letters of the soldier now existing addressed or referring to the claimant should be filed. If none of the soldier's letters can be filed, the applicant should so state under oath and show why. Has the claimant had money in bank since the death of the soldier, and if so, when and how much?

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,
 J. A. Beutley
 Commissioner.
 per H. M. S.

Geo Bancroft & Co.,
 Washington City,
 D. C.



Washington, D.C. February 13th 1878.

Sirs:

In the claim, No 196,048, of the mother of George W. Blake, you are required to file the testimony of disinterested, reputable persons, having the requisite personal knowledge, their means of information being definitely stated, showing the amount, kind, and value of all the property owned by the claimant and her husband from 1862, to the present time; the amount of income derived or derivable per month or year from the actual, or possible, labor of the claimant's husband during the years 1863, 1864, & 1865, and thence to the date of his death; his age at death; the date of his death; and the claimant's means of support, since 1862. The testimony on file as to contributions from the soldier, is not sufficiently definite as to dates, amounts, & means of information. The testimony should show also, whether

the claimant and her husband lived together as man and wife from 1863, to date of death of the said husband, and if not, when^{and} why they lived apart. All letters of the soldier now existing, addressed or referring to the claimant should be filed. If the claimant's husband was physically unable to support his family for any part of the time between 1863, and his death, medical testimony should be filed showing the nature and degree of the said disability. The habits of the claimant's husband, from 1862, to death, as to the use of intoxicating liquor, and as to the support of his wife for the same period should be clearly established.

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,
 J. A. Bentley
 Commissioner.
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Geo Bancroft Allen,
 Washington City,
 D.C.

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Nature of Claim *Mothers Pension*

Original No. *196 048*

Certificate No. _____

Applicants' Name. *Clarissa Blake*
mother of Lieut. W. Blake

Co. *K - 14th Reg't Iowa Vols*

Claim Filed _____

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Washington, D. C.,

July 1 1878

Sir:

Please report condition of the above
Claim for *Mothers* pension, and oblige.

Very respectfully,

~~R. A. DIMMICK & CO.~~

To the

HON. COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C.

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Department of the Interior
PENSION OFFICE

Washington, D.C. May 1st - 1878.

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Please return this letter with your reply.
Very respectfully,
Commissioner.

Similar to showing what period he can to support of claimant. Family of George D. Blake from 1862, to date of his death. The medical testimony on file does not show satisfactorily the amount, kind and value of all the property owned by the claimant and her husband since 1862, or the amount of income derived per month or year from the labor of the said husband from 1862, to the date of his death. You will file the testimony of disinterested reputable persons, having a knowledge of the facts, their means of information being definitely stated, showing whether the claimant and her husband lived together as man and wife from 1863 to date of death of the said husband, and if not, when and why they lived apart. If the claimant's husband was physically unable to support his family for a part or all of the time between 1863, and his death, medical testimony should be filed showing for what period the disability existed, and the nature and degree of the same. All letters of the soldier now existing, addressed or referring to the claimant, should be filed. If no such letters can be filed, the claimant should so state under oath and show why. Husband had money in bank at death of G. D. Blake. Please return this letter with your reply. Very respectfully, Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior
PENSION OFFICE

Washington, D.C. July 12 1876

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In the claim, No 196, 048, of the mother of George W. Blake, you are required to file the testimony of disinterested reputable persons having the requisite personal knowledge, their means of information being definitely stated, showing the amount, kind, and value of all the property owned by the claimant and her husband from 1862, to the present time; the amount of income derived or derivable per month or year from the actual or possible labor of the claimant's husband during the years 1863, 1864, and 1865, and thence to the date of his death; his age at death the date of his death and the claimant's means of support for the same period. Similar testimony should be filed showing for what period, to what extent, and in what manner the soldier contributed to the support of the claimant, and the persons who may testify as to contributions, should state definitely how they are able to testify to the same.

The testimony should also show whether the claimant and her husband lived and cohabited together as man and wife from 1863 to the date of death of the said husband.

if not, when and why they lived apart. All letters of the soldier now existing, addressed or referring to the claimant should be filed. If Clute has, or has been unable to support his family for any part of the time between '63, and his death, medical should be filed showing the nature and degree of said disability, the habits of the Clute husband, from '62, to death, as to use of nitro, liquor and as to the support of his wife for the same period should be clearly established.

Gen. Bancroft Hes

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., Jan'y 31st, 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 196,048, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that George M. Blake ^{Drafted} was enrolled on the 1st day of Aug., 1863, at New Haven in Co. K, 14th Regiment of Conn. Volunteers, to serve ^{sworn} three years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 1st day of Aug., 1863, at New Haven Conn., in Co. K, 14th Regiment of Conn. Volunteers, to serve three years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. K, of that Regiment, for the months of Sept. and Oct., 1863, he is reported present for duty, Nov & Dec 1863 absent sick in Hoapl. and so reported to April 30, 1864. May & June 1864 present for duty, July & Aug. 1864 absent wounded supposed taken prisoner at Reams Station Aug. 25, 1864. name not borne on subsequent rolls to April 30, 1865. Muster out roll of Co. dated May 31, 1865. reports him, Died in Rebel. Prison at Salisbury N. C. of disease, "captured at Reams Station Va. August 25, 1864, confined in rebel prison Richmond Va August 28, 1864. sent to Salisbury N. C. Oct. 9, 1864 and died in prison date unknown." The company was in action at Reams Station Va. Aug. 25, 1864.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. W. Ruggam
Assistant Adjutant General.

J. C. M.
The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C., May 19, 1871.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 196,048, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that George W. Blake was ~~enrolled~~ ^{enrolled} on the day of _____, 186____, at _____ in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years or during the war, and mustered into service as a private on the _____ day of _____ 186____, at _____, in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. _____ of that Regiment, for the months of _____ ^{from} _____ May 31st 186____, he is reported as George W. Blake, Died in Rebel Prison Calhoun S.C.

Pris. of War Records furnish no information

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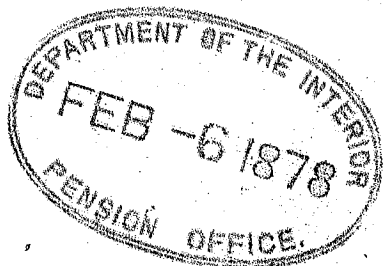
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dated Jan 31 78

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Assistant Adjutant General.
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The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Dwn. Willows DIVISION.



Department of the Interior, *X*

PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D. C. January 22^d, 1878.

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant-General of the Army with the request that he furnish this office with an amended report showing when, where, and under what circumstances the within named soldier was captured, and the date of his death.

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*Claim, No 196,048,
Soldier George H. Blake,*

J. A. Bentley
Commissioner. ✓



[Widow's Div.]

(No. 13.)

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Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

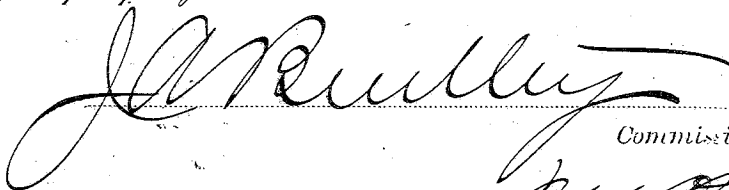
Washington, D. C., February 12th 1878.

Sir:

A claim, No. 196, 048, has been filed in this Office by Clarissa Blake, as mother of George W. Blake who was a private in the 11th Regt. Conn Vols., and is alleged to have died date unknown, 18am. Will you please to furnish, with the return of this Circular, a copy of such evidence as may be in your possession relative to the date, place and cause of death of the above named soldier.

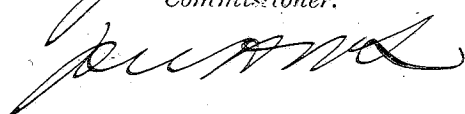
Please state also to whom, and to what date back pay and bounty were allowed.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.

THE SECOND AUDITOR,
Treasury Department.



(FORM No. 13)

Treasury Department,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

March 6th, 1878.

Sir:

You are respectfully informed that this Office has issued Treasury Certificate No. 253915, in favor of Mr. Roswell Blake, father, ~~widow~~ of George W. Blake, deceased, late a Private in Company "K", 14th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, allowing him pay to include the 30th day of May, 1865, on account of the services of his said son.

This soldier is reported to have died of disease in rebel prison, date unknown. There is no evidence on file in this office as to the exact date of his death, nor as to the nature of the disease.

Yours, respectfully,

E. B. Rumb

Auditor.

By J. D. Sturges
No. Pension, claim 196048.
(Mother.)

To the Commissioner of Pensions.

J. H. B. J.,
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(No. 6.)

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,

May 13th, 1871.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to furnish official evidence of the date and cause of death of George W. Blake, who was a Private in Company "K", 14 Regiment of Conn. Vols., who is reported to have died at Salisbury N.H., on the 1st day of Augt, 1863, of Diarrhea.

If the soldier was in hospital, give full record, embracing date and cause of admission; for what treated; and, if furloughed or discharged, on what account and at what date.

Please return this circular with your report.

No. 196,048

Respectfully, yours,

H. Van Arman

Commissioner.

Surgeon General U. S. A.,

Present.

Room No. 13

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,

Record and Pension Division,

Jan'y 10 1872

Respectfully returned to the Commis-
sioner of Pensions.

The death-records of this Office furnish
no information in this case.

*It appears that Geo. W. W. W. Co. was
treated in Reg'd Hosp. between Oct 27, 63 & Nov 11, 63
for Rheumatoid Fever - Exact date not given.*

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

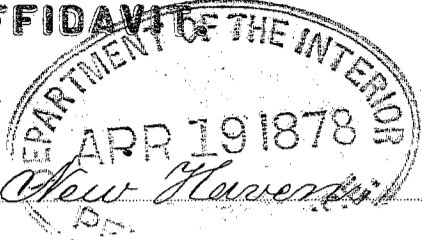
J. H. Wood
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A.
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CLAIMANT'S AFFIDAVIT



State of Connecticut County of New Haven SS.

I Clarissa Blake the claimant in Original Pension claim No. _____

being duly sworn, declare that I have made due and diligent inquiry, and that I find it impossible to ascertain the

~~residence or whereabouts of~~ was a resident of the town of Guilford, in the
county of New Haven and State of Connecticut. I am

years of age. I am the widow of Roswell Blake of Guilford
aforesaid, who died June 24th 1873. I still remain his widow,

having never formed a second marriage. I am the mother
of George W. Blake who was a soldier in the Army of the United

States during the years 1863 & 40 from the first of ~~June~~ May 1863
the 25th of August 1864. He was a private in Company

the 14th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers. He was in the
battle at Ream's Station on the Walden Road, near Petersburg, Va. August 29th,

1864. Was taken prisoner by the enemy, carried to Salisbury North
Carolina, where he died (date unknown) He was, next to my own

labor, my only dependence for support. I am unable to find any commissioned
Officer of the aforesaid Company or Regiment knowing the above facts.

Clarissa Blake
(Claimant's Signature.)

Let 2 persons witness when signed by mark { Ansels Stevens
Charles B. Byington

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this twentieth day of March A.D. 1878.

The affiant are the person they represents themselves to be, and a credible witness. I am not interested in this claim.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

John R. Rossiter, Justice of the Peace [SEAL.]
(Official Signature)

I certify that John R. Rossiter, before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, is a Justice of the Peace duly qualified, and the above is his signature. I am not interested.

Arthur D. G. Brown [SEAL.]
(Signature.)
Clerk of the Supreme Court for New Haven
(Official Signature.)

If this evidence is sworn to before a Notary Public or Justice, it will be necessary to have the Clerk's certificate attached, unless said Notary or Justice already has such a certificate on file in the Pension Office, showing official capacity. If such a certificate is on file, the Notary or Justice must say so, in his Jurat.

READ INSTRUCTIONS.
If unable to ascertain the residence of a commissioned officer of Company or Regiment knowing the facts stated in the Declaration for Pension, or of physician or other person as witness, let it be stated herein.
If the claim for Pension is for disease, and the claimant had no family physician before enlistment, or if he be dead or moved to parts unknown, let it be stated herein.
Or if any physician who has treated the claimant since his discharge has died or removed to parts unknown, let it be stated herein.

Claimant

April 1978

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No. 196,048

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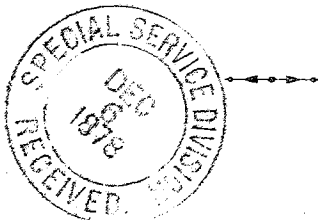
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Nature of Claim *Original Pensions*

Applicants' Name *Clarissa Blake*
Mother of Sgt. W. Blake

Co. *K. 14* Reg't *Conn Vol*

Claim Filed *Jan 9th 1878*



Washington, D. C.,

Nov 20 1878

Sir:

Please report condition of the above
Claim for *Orf Pen* bounty, &c., and oblige.

Very respectfully,

~~R. A. DIMMICK & CO.~~
Geo Bancroft Pres

To the Hon. *Conn Pensions*

S. S. D. *Conn*

No. *196048*

Applicant: *Clarissa Blake*

Soldier: *George W. Blake*

Nature of Claim: *Widow*

Residence: *North Guilford*

County: *New Haven State: Conn*

For Investigation at *same place*

on the following points: *Widow*

Submitted to *M. Seaton*

Special Agent, *Nov. 15*, 1878.

Again to

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Referred to

Rec'd in Div. *9* *Oct 9*, 1878.

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To S. S. Division

Mothers

Claim,

No. 196048

Soldier,

George W. Blake

Reviewers,

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Respectfully referred to
Mr. Langston, Chief of S. S.
Division for investigation
to determine generalments
of claim.

The Agent should obtain
evidence showing whether the
claimant's husband failed
to support her in 1864 & '65,
how much he earned, what
disposition he made of his
earnings, whether he was
intemperate, what property
he possessed, whether the
soldier contributed before
or after enlistment, whether
the claimant has remarried,
what interest Ansel Stevens



and C. B. Byington have in the claim. Attention invited to testimony of Stevens and Byington showing contributions from the soldier - dates and amounts specifically stated - several months after he was captured, and to statements of A. Fowler P.M., E. W. Bartlett, D.D. Chittenden and S. Loper, Selectmen. A. Stevens, who is living with the claimant, is one of the principal witnesses in the claim.

C. C. Wheeler
Chief of Wid's. Division

APPROVED at
DOLLARS
To be paid to the Pensioner
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
[To be executed in duplicate.]
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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, I, Clarissa Blake, Mother of George W. Blake

late a Private in Company K of the 14 Regiment of Connecticut State Volunteers, War of 1861, having made application for Pension under the laws of the United States:

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH, That for and in consideration of services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my Attorneys, R. A. DIMMICK & CO., of Washington, D. C., the fee of twenty-five dollars, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any service in furtherance of said claim; and said fee shall not be demanded by or payable to my said Attorneys, or others, in whole or in part, except in case of the granting of my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions, and then the same shall be paid to them in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved July 8, 1870.

Clarissa Blake
Signature of Claimant.

P. O. Address North Guilford New Haven Co. Conn.

Two witnesses' signatures:
Amos Stevens
Charles B. Byington

Be it Known, That on this, the 30th day of November, A. D. 1877, personally appeared the above-named Clarissa Blake who after having had read over to her in the hearing and presence of the two attesting witnesses, the contents of the foregoing Articles of Agreement, she voluntarily signed and acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed.

John R. Rossiter Justice of the Peace

[IN DUPLICATE.]

NOTE.—This agreement should be executed before a Clerk of a Court of Record; or, if executed before a Notary or Justice of the Peace, the signature and official character of such Notary or Justice must be certified to by Clerk of Court. Leave the back of the form blank for the Attorney to execute. [over.]

I certify that John R. Roster Esq. before whom the foregoing agreement was executed, was at the date thereof a Justice of the Peace and that his signature is genuine.

Arthur P. Osborne Clerk of the Superior Court for New Haven County

And now, to wit, this day of, A. D. 187 , we accept the provisions contained in the foregoing Articles of Agreement, and will, to the best of our ability, endeavor faithfully to represent the interest of the claimant in the premises.

Witness our hand the day and year first above written.

[IN DUPLICATE.]

STATE OF }
County of } SS.

Personally came....., whom I know as a member of the firm of R. A. DIMMICK & CO., and who, having signed the above acceptance of agreement, acknowledged the same as his free act and deed of the said (firm.)

I am not interested.

No.

CLAIM OF

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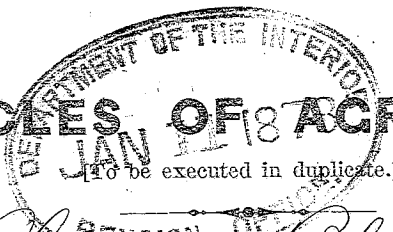
AGREEMENT AS TO FEES.

FILED BY

R. A. DIMMICK & CO.,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

[To be executed in duplicate.]

WHEREAS, I,

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of *George W Blake*

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Clarissa Blake

Signature of Claimant.

P. O. Address... *North Guilford, New Haven Co., Conn.*

Two witnesses' signatures:

Amos Stevens
Charles B. Byington

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John R. Rosseter, Justice of the Peace

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[IN DUPLICATE.]

STATE OF }
County of } SS.

Personally came....., whom I know as a member of the firm of R. A. DIMMICK & CO., and who, having signed the above acceptance of agreement, acknowledged the same as his free act and deed of the said (firm.)

I am not interested.

No.

CLAIM OF

FOR PENSION.

AGREEMENT AS TO FEES.

FILLED BY

R. A. DIMMICK & CO.,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

MOTHER'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

State of Connecticut,
County of New Haven, ss.

On the 23rd day of March A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven, personally appeared before me Edward R. Sanden, Judge, Clerk of the Probate Court for the District of Guilford in the County of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, which is a Court of record, Clarissa Blake a resident of Guilford, County of New Haven, State of Connecticut, aged 33 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress approved July 14th, 1862. That she is the wife of Roswell Blake, and mother of George W. Blake, who was a private in Company "K" commanded by Captain William S. Hawley, in the 14th Regiment of Conn. Vols. in the war of 1861, who died at Salisbury, North Carolina, August 1st, 1865, of Chronic Diarrhea, contracted in the service of the United States.

She further declares that her said son, upon whom she was wholly or in part dependent for support, having left no widow or minor child under sixteen years of age surviving, declarant makes this application for a pension under the above-mentioned act, and refers to the evidence filed herewith, and that in the proper department, to establish her claim. She also declares that she has not, in any way, been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; that she is not in receipt of a pension under the second section of the act above mentioned, or under any other act; nor has she again married since the death of her son, the aforesaid George W. Blake; and she hereby appoints Owen O'Brien in the office of the Asst Genl of Conn her attorney, with full power of substitution, to prosecute this her claim for a pension, and to receive such certificate as may be issued for the same.

Clarissa Blake

Post-Office address,

North Guilford, Conn.

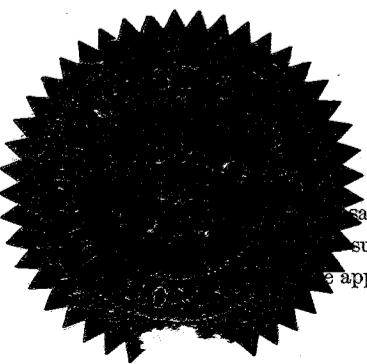
ALSO PERSONALLY APPEARED Ansel Stevens and Charles B. Byington residents of Guilford, County of New Haven, State of Connecticut, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present, and saw Clarissa Blake sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, that they reside as aforesaid, and have no interest in this claim.

Ansel Stevens

Charles B Byington

Sworn to, subscribed, and acknowledged before me, this 23rd day of March 1871, and I certify that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim, and that I read the foregoing to the declarant and witnesses, and that they subscribed and swore to the same with a full knowledge of its contents.

Edward R. Sanden, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Guilford, Conn. Clerk of



...ary to support this claim will be,—1st. Relationship to deceased, and that he left no wife or child. 2d. Dependence support. If applicant be dead, she will say the "Widow," if still living, the "Wife."

D.

DECLARATION

FOR MOTHER'S OR FATHER'S APPLICATION FOR ARMY PENSION.

State of Connecticut }
County of New Haven, } SS.

On this 7th day of January, A. D. 1878, personally appeared before the Clerk of the Superior Court, Clarissa Glase, a resident of North Guilford in the County of New Haven and State of Connecticut aged 62 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the

following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Act of Congress approved JULY 14, 1862, and its amendments: That she is the widow of Russell Glase, and mother of George W. Glase, who was a Private in Company K, in the 14th Regiment of Connecticut State Vols., in the war of 1861, who died in Salisbury Prison North Carolina

she further declares that her said son, upon whom she was wholly or in part dependent for support, having left no widow or minor child under sixteen years of age surviving, declarant makes this application for a Pension under the above-mentioned act, and refers to the evidence filed herewith, and that in the proper department, to establish her claim.

She also declares that she has not, in any way, been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; that she is not in the receipt of a pension under the 2d section of the act above-mentioned, or under any other act, nor has she again married since the death of her son, the said George W. Glase.

My Post Office address is as follows: North Guilford, New Haven Co. Ct.

And she hereby constitutes and appoints A. A. Dimmick & Co. Washington D. C. Attorneys, to present and prosecute this claim, and authorizes them to receive and receipt for any certificate that may be issued for the same, and to do any other act or thing necessary or that they might do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby countermanding all former authority that may have been given for the above specified purpose.

Declarant's Signature: Clarissa Glase

Also personally appeared Sherman P. Lane and Ansel

Stevens, residents of (2) Guilford, 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 her sign her name (3) to the foregoing declaration; and they

further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with her that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES:

Sheeman J. Lane
Abner Stevens

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January, A. D. 1878; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Signature of Judge or other Officer:

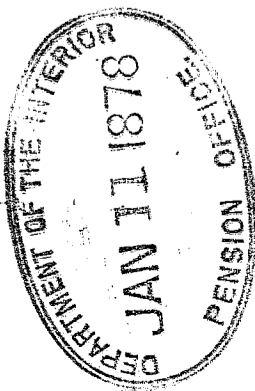
*Edward A. Anketell, Clerk of
the Superior Court within &
for New Haven County
State of Connecticut.*

- NOTE.—(1) Here state the time, place, and cause of death.
 (2) County, City, or Town.
 (3) Or, make his or her mark, as the case may be.

D.
DECLARATION FOR MOTHER'S OR
FATHER'S APPLICATION FOR
ARMY PENSION.

ACT JULY 14, 1862.

Christina Bluse
Mother of Geo. W.
Pr. Co. K. 14th Conn.
Volo



FILED BY
A. A. Dimmitt
Washington D. C.

Nature of Claim *Mother's Pension*

Original No. *196 048*

Certificate No. _____

Applicants' Name *Carissa Blake*
Mother of Geo W Blake

Co. *K-14th* Reg't *Conn. Vols*

Claim Filed *Jan'y 9th 1878*

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Washington, D. C.,

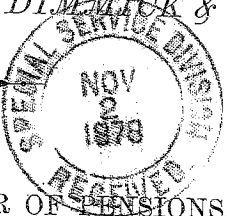
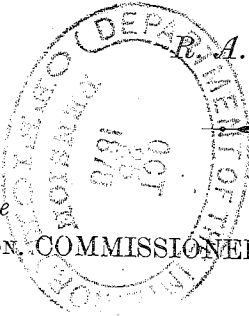
Nov 24 1878

Sir:

Please report condition of the above
Claim for *Mother's Pension*, and oblige.

Very respectfully,

R. A. DIMMICK & CO.



To the
HON. COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C.

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No. 196048

Mother of
George W Blake
Connecticut - Vols

EXAMINER.

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LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS

For the guidance of the Special Agent in the investigation of the case of

No. 196048, Residence North Guilford

County of New Haven, State of Conn.

in which charges have been made that

a thorough investigation is required to determine the merits of the claim.

Ample testimony should be procured upon the following points, viz:

1. Whether claimant's husband has been disabled since 1862 especially in 1864 & 1865, if so, the nature and cause of his disability, when and to what extent, if at all, it rendered him unable to labor and earn a comfortable support for his family. The testimony should show his age, occupation, what portion of his time employed average annual income from labor, ability to labor a greater portion of his time, or continuously and the usual rates of wages paid able bodied men in the same employ. What was his ability to labor in 1864 & 1865, as compared to an ordinary able bodied man? As a matter of fact, did he or did he not, during the period of alleged contributions by his own unaided

The Agent will also determine the reliability of the testimony now on file by personal interview with the accessible witnesses, cross-examination as to their means of knowledge; and ascertain their character for veracity and their standing in the community.

When the questions involved are a matter of record, you will procure transcripts thereof; if not, the sworn testimony of persons in a position to know the facts, stating their means of information, will be submitted. Your examination must be exhaustive and your report in detail. Facts rather than the deduction of the Agent are required.

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS

For the guidance of the Special Agent in the investigation of the case of

No., Residence,

County of, State of

in which charges have been made that

Effort provide a comfortable support for his family?

2a Detail amount ^{any} value of all real and personal property owned by claimant and her husband, or either of them, on in which they had any interest, for the same period, especially in 1864 & 1865, the encumbrances, if any, thereon, the income which they derived therefrom and all other means of support possessed by them should be shown in the fullish of detail;

3a To what extent, for what period, and in what manner, if at all, the soldier contributed to claimant's support, or whether he in any other manner, than by actual contributions acknowledged his obligation to support her, or was bound by law so to do &c.

The Agent will also determine the reliability of the testimony now on file by personal interview with the accessible witnesses, cross-examination as to their means of knowledge; and ascertain their character for veracity and their standing in the community.

When the questions involved are a matter of record, you will procure transcripts thereof; if not, the sworn testimony of persons in a position to know the facts, stating their means of information, will be submitted. Your examination must be exhaustive, and your report in detail. Facts rather than the deduction of the Agent are required. You are instructed to indorse hereon the date of the receipt of these papers by you, the day you entered upon its investigation, and the day the same was completed.

Very respectfully,

Special Service Division,

PENSION OFFICE, *Nov. 15th*, 187*0*.

Commissioner.

M. Leaton, Special Agent,
Present

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS.

Case of Clara Blake

No. 196048

Received Nov. 15, 1878,

Entered upon its investigation Dec. 5, 1878,

Completed Dec. 7, 1878.

C. W. Venton

Special Agent.

Washington, D. C.

July 25 1887

To the Comd of Pensions

SIR :

Please inform us of the condition of the claim mentioned below and state what evidence, if any is needed to complete the same.

Very respectfully,

GEO. BANCROFT & CO.

No. of Claim 196,048

Clarissa Blake
Name of Claimant.

G. W. Blake
Name of Soldier.

Co. K. 14th Regt. Com Vols.

Married Oct. 6 1857.

Nature of Claim. Mother's

Pension, Original

1859
L.A.

Roswell Blake

Cr

June 22 ^d	To Ball, old Book	80	53
	To 2 lbs Malaga		17
	To 1 lb 6 oz Butter		20
25 th	To 2 lbs Butter		28
	To 1/2 lb fat		3 1/2
25 th	To 1 1/2 lbs flour		42
26 th	To cash		42
28 th	To 3/4 lb Tobacco		12
	To 1/2 lb butter		17
	To 1/4 Tea		12 1/2
29 th	To 12 lbs flour		38
	To 2 1/2 lbs sack		19
30 th	To Cash		43
	To 1/2 lbs stuff		50
July 2 ^d	To cash		25
	To 1 Gau spot		12 1/2
3 ^d	To 2 lbs Pan M.		50
	To 2 lbs Malaga		17
	To 2 1/2 lbs Pant stuff		31
	To 1 lb cracker		8
5 th	To 30 lbs flour		39 1/2
	To cash		33
6 th	To 1 doz eggs		15
7 th	To 6 yds cloth		45
	To 1/4 Tea		12 1/2
	To 1/2 lb Tobacco		3
9 th	To 2 1/2 lbs fat		21
10 th	To 1 lb Butter		14
	To 3/4 sack		24
	To Tobacco		4
	To Sewing cart		10
	To 1/2 Tea		20
	To 2 lbs flour		38
			975

June 26 th	By Monday 1 lb flour	20
	By Making 5-12 50	2,50
	By 2 doz Eggs 40	80
July 3 ^d	By 6 lb flour	3,00
	By Monday 1 lb flour	25
10 th	By 5 lb flour	250
	By Monday	20
		975
		875
		100

Ball on Leaf
William Annie

20	10
25	15
15	15
15	55
5	55
15	5
5	
15	
115	55
	1.6
	2.1
	1
	4.6 Butter
	1.4
	1.8
	14 7/12
	12
	12
	24
	12
	12
	5-8 flour

2^d

In 1852 Roswell Bleeker

July 12 th 20 1/2 lb Butter	18 July 10 th 1/2 lb Bull's head	70
2 qts Molasses	12 - 19 th 1/2 lb Pa shoes	200
1/2 lb candles	6 Mendy 96 Pa	136
omitted Oxen	6 24 th 1/2 lb 6 Pa shoes	300
5 3/4 lb codfish	24 1/2	71.06
1 lb Salsmates	4	6.75
14 th To cash	14	31
15 th 1/2 lb Butter	21	
3/4 codfish	12	
16 th 1/2 yd cold cloth	9	
12 lb flour	36	
To cash	50	
19 th 1/2 lb Tobacco	8	
1 3/4 Pork	21	
6 1/2 lb Pork	56	
1/4 Lard	12	
12 lb flour	36	
4 " sugar	14	
21 st 4 3/4 lb cheese	36	
Butter 1/4 shad 22	36	
22 nd 1/2 yd cold cloth	6	
23 rd 2 qts Molasses	17	
12 lb flour	36	
cash	12	
24 th 20 1/2 lb Butter	19	
cash	12	
cash	10	
26 th 5 " Pork	62	
1/4 Lard To cash	12	
29 th 12 lb flour	36	
1/4 Lard	12	
1 lb Salsmates	4	
	<u>675</u>	

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3.00
71.06
6.75
31

1852 Jonathan Dudley Cr

July 23 ^d	To 10 ^u flour	38	July 27 th	By Monday	98
	1 crackers	9		By fitting 1 ^u book	38 ^u
	sack salt	10	29 th	By Monday small shes	18 ^u
	3 ^u egg cheese	39	Aug 5 th	By 2 ^u book	80
	1/2 ^u Lard	12 ^u	9 th	By fitting 3 ^u sh	113
	1 ^u Butter	24	14 th	By emptying 1 ^u sh	112
26 th	To 10 ^u oil	121 ^u			433
	3 Gills Turpentine	8-			433
	1 lb w. rice	6-			56 80
27	1 lb 7 ^g Butter	23-			4113
28 th	6 ^g vinegar	21-			
	30 ^u flour	99 ^u			
29	To 1 ^u stuffs for slippers	42-			
30	1 lb Butter	15-			
	2 ^u sugar	16-			
Aug 5 th	To 1 ^u shoe stuffs	85-			
	To Twist	3-			
	1/4 ^u Lard	12 ^u			
	3 gill Paul stuffs 25 ^u	95-			
	2 ^u sugar	17			
	6 th To Pop composition	15-			
	1 doz Buttons	4-			
4 th	To 1/2 lb Butter	8-			
	Woolen	9-			
	codfish	14-			
9 th	To 1 ^u crackers	9-			
	Box yeast	12 ^u			
12 th	To Stove Blacking	6-			
	To thread	4-			
14 th	1 Lard Pot	17-			
	2 lb sugar 18 lb candles 12 ^u	29-			
		4113			

Paid July 9th

June 25	14
29	12
July 10	12
" 16	12
19	12
23	12
29	12

1842 Dr *Roswell Blake* Cr

July 29 th To 2 qts Malaga	19	By Ball Street	31
1/2 lb Pork	50	July 30 th By 5 lb Pork	250
30 th To cash	25	By Mending 1 Do	25
1 lb indigo	10	Aug 6 th By Mending 1 Do	25
1 Gall onion	12	By 5 lb Do	250
On string shoes	133	14 By 4 lb Pork	250
Aug 2 ^d To cash	12 1/2	Mending	15
12 lbs flour	39		94
3 ^d To 1 shirt	22		104
1/2 Pap Tobacco	5		1030
5 th To 2 qts Malaga	19		
1/2 Gen	12		
cheese	16		
1/2 lb candles	6		
cash	44		
1 lb White	4		
6 th To 1 lb Pork	133		
9 th By 3 1/2 lb Pork	44		
To cash	20		
11 th To 1/2 lb cheese	33		
12 th To 4 lb Pork	50		
13 th To flour	36		
cash	10		
1/2 Pap Pork	4		
14 To cash	10		
To On string shoes	133		
16 th To 4 1/2 lb Pork	60		
Ball thread	8		
2 qts Malaga	19		
17 th To 1 lb Salarates	6		
cash	12		
1/2 Salarates	36		
	44		
	1050		

8th

1854 *Roswell Blake*

To Bull $\$4$	144	Aug 22 nd Pay 5 th Pa shoes	2 50
Aug 28 th To Matches	2	By 1 st Pa do	45
To cash	25	By Mending Pa	25
20 th To $\frac{1}{2}$ lb candles	4	28 th Pay 5 th Pa shoes	2 50
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Pork	21	Mending Pa	45
1 Shuck	23	Sept 4 th Pay 5 th Pa shoes 42	2 10
21 st To 12 th flour	36		25
1 st candles	12		4
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Ginger	3		
22 nd 1 lb candles	13		
23 rd To $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Pork	42		
24 th To 12 th flour	36		
To 2 nd Molasses	17		
To Tobacco	8		
25 th To cash	33		
26 th To fish	17		
To 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb	12		
28 th To 5 th Pa Pork	62		
12 th flour	36		
cash	12		
30 th To cash	25		
2 nd Molasses	17		
Pa Tobacco	5		
31 st To 1 cord fish	10		
To 1 st Pa Bread	2		
Pa Tobacco	5		
Sept 1 st To 1 Broom	17		
3 rd To Whittcomb	18		
12 th flour	36		
4 th To cash	20		
4 th cheese	38		
Bull To $\$11$	780		
	115		
	<u>925</u>		

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1852 *Roswell Blake Dr*

Sept 6 th To 1/2 Tea	12 1/2
7 To cash	33
9 th To 12 lb flour	36
To candles	12
10 th To 17 lb Butter	30
1/2 coffee	20
2 yds Moleys	17
3 lb coffee	12
To cash	6 1/2
1 Pa Stays shoes	134
13 th To 24 lb Butter	45
14 4 lights G. J.	12
15 th To cash	12 1/2
To flour	36
To fish	19
16 To Butter	48
17 th To 1/2 Tea	12 1/2
To 2 yds Moleys	17
18 th To 1 Pa Stays shoes	133
1 Pa Boys 20	68
To fish	11
21 st To 14 lb Butter	23
To cash	26
1 Bodd cordial	12 1/2
1/2 " candles	4
12 " flour	36
3 1/2 fish	18
1/2 lb sugar	5
1 lb crackers	7
cash	4
24 th To 1/2 Tea	20
To cash	50
	<u>975</u>

By Ball from 185	1,15
Sept 20 th By 6 Pa shoes	3,00
18 th By 6 Pa	3,00
By Mending 20	40
Ball to 1/2 11 th	7,55
	<u>2,20</u>
	1,75

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Shawez

72th

Dr 1852 Jared Brockitt Cr

Sept 10th To Ball 3.86
 To Lemons flour 12 1/2 21
 sugar 9
 Matches 2
 11th To 1 doz eggs 14
 14 To 1 string 8
 To 1 lb crackers 4
 17th To 1/2 lb Butter 25
 To 1 can of starch 1
 21st To Horse to New & South Street 20
 2 doz Tea 6
 24 Fish 10
 25 1/2 lb Sugar 25
 25 Cheese & Butter 25 1/2
 To paper for New House 50
 Sep 30 Ball Thread 5
 Oct 1 Costing Mary 15

Sept 14th By selling in boots 25
 Monday 1 33
 Making in slipper 30
 By selling Boots 25
 Dr By cash to ballact 113
 deduct up to Date 619
 17th 190 732

Handled

1852 732
 Oct 9th To 1 Box cinnamon 11
 11th To 2 Bods perfumery 20
 To Tobacco 2
 17th To 1 Basket 124
 To 1 Jar 22
 2 " Sugar 14
 2 yds cord cloth 20
 3 1/2 doz Butter 67
 14 To Morocco Boots 37 1/2
 16th To 2 doz Malasses 17
 To 1 string 8
 18th To 2 doz flannel 32
 19th To 1 doz Gum 5
 2167

1852 732
 Oct 16th By selling Boots 26
 18th By acct with Lucius Baldwin 175
 By selling in boots 25
 226
 Ball to 19th 244
 287

Jonathan Dudley Cr

Sept 17 th	To Ball 1 st 1/2	3,195	Sept 12 th	By fitting 4 th Pa	3,90
	To 2 lb Sugar	14		By crumpping 12 Pa	84
	Flour	100	22 nd	By 4 Pa Boots	1,50
	To 1/2 pa stuffs	64	30 th	By crumpping 30 Pa	24
	1/4 Tea	14		By fitting 2 Pa	45
	2 lb Mackeral	12 1/2	Oct 1 st	By fitting 2 Pa	95
	1 lb indigo	10		By fitting 1 Pa	37 1/2
	2 lb Butter	40	6 th	By fitting 3 Pa	1,120
	omitted 1 st 1/2 Pa	9		By crumpping 1 Pa	8
	1 lb 15 oz Butter	38	9 th	By fitting 3 Pa	1,12 1/2
24 th	To 2 lb Sugar	14		By crumpping 2 Pa	56
	To Gall fluid	15	11 th	By fitting 1 Pa Boots	37 1/2
	To fixing can	3		By mending 1 Pa	25
31 st	To 1 lb 1/2 Sugar	5 1/2	13 th	By fitting 3 Pa	1,12 1/2
	Oil	11	18 th	By fitting 2 Pa Boots	75
	2 lb Sugar	14		By crumpping 6 Pa Boots	48
	1 lb candles	14			1343
Oct 1 st	To 2 1/2 lb Mackeral	14		Ball to 19 1/2	2743
	2 lb 1 oz Butter	41			4086
2 nd	To 5 lb refined sugar	50			
	To 1/4 Tea	15			
	To skin silk	3			
4 th	To Don Monacci shoes	1,00			
6 th	To 12 lb flour	36			
	To 1/2 Pa soles	17			
9 th	To 1 lb 6 oz Butter	29			
	fish	6			
12 th	To 1/2 Pa soles	17			
	Boat Matt Drops	25			
20 th	To 2 1/2 lb Butter	45			
		4086			

14th
 Dr 1852 Rowell Blake Cr

To Ball	2,20		
Sept 25 th To 1 lb Butter	20	Sept 8 th By Mending 1 pair shoes	20
To codfish	23	By Making 6 pair	3,00
To cash	25	Oct 2 ^d By 6 pair shoes	3,00
28 th To 1/4 " candles	6 1/4	9 th By 3 pair shoes	3,00
1 lb indigo	10	By Mending 1 pair	20
1/4 Gen	12 1/2		9,40
2 gals Molasses	14	Ball to Pg 16	9,49
To flour	46		
29 th To cash	33		
To Butter	23		
To snuff	12		
Oct 1 st To cash	36		
2 ^d To codfish	18		
4 th To 1/2 " salsaparilla	6		
To cash	33		
To 1 " 2 lb Butter	23		
5 th To 12 lb flour	36		
To 2 gals Molasses	14		
To Ginger	5		
6 th To Mackerel	12 1/2		
To 1 " Butter	20		
7 th To 1/4 candles	12 1/2		
8 th To 1 " Butter	20		
1/4 " Gen	12 1/2		
2 " Mackerel	12 1/2		
9 th To both groups	12 1/2		
To cash	50		
pair shoes	1,33		
11 th To 1 lb 3/4 Butter	25		
12 " flour	36		
5 codfish	21		
	<u>989</u>		

15th

To 1852 Lyman Watkiss Co

	1,54	Oct 1 st	By making 4 1/2 p. stags shoes	2,00
Trade	1,18		2 1/2 p. 2 p. shoes	1,00
To 4 1/4 " fish	27		13 1/2 p. 3 p. shoes	1,50
To Butter	30		22 1/2 p. 4 p. shoes	2,00
To Trade	33		Ball to 1/2 20 th	6,50
To Stuffs	50			55
To 6 1/2 p. Fish	25			10,05
To 4 Snuff	4			
To 6 Boxes Molasses	8			
To 1 To Box	1 9/16			
To 7 " cod fish	30			
To 2 " flour	60			
To 2 1/2 Molasses	17			
To 1 " sugar	9			
To 1/4 Tea	15			
To Pap Tobacco	3			
To sett cups & saucers	25			
To 5 1/2 " fish	23 1/2			
13 1/2 To 6 p. stuff to be cash	60			
To 4 1/2 fish	18			
To 10 " flour	30			
To 2 1/2 p. Tobacco	6			
2 1/2 p. Molasses	17			
16 1/2 To 2 lb 1/4 to Mackeul	16 1/2			
To 1/2 Tea 12 1/2 wgs 3	15 1/2			
22 To 8 1/2 yds cold cloths	70			
To 2 1/2 p. Molasses	17			
15 " flour	49			
1 " candles	1 1/2			
1 " sugar	7			
1/4 Tea 12 1/2 snuff 2 1/2 p. 5	19 1/2			
Common 10 Tobacco 5	15			
	<u>10 85</u>			

1852 *Roswell Blake Cr*

Oct 11 th	To Ball 1/4 th	17	Oct 16 th	By 6 th Pen shoes	3,00
12 th	To 1/2 th candles	7		By mending	20
13 th	To 1/2 th candles	6	22 nd	By 4 th Pen shoes	2,00
	To cash	25		Mending 2 th Pen	40
	2 3/4 Mackrel	16	26 th	By Mending 2 nd Pen shoes	30
14 th	To 1 st Butter	23		By 3 rd Pen shoes	1,50
16 th	To 1 st Pen shoes	1,33		By 4 th Pen shoes	1,80
	To Meads	6			9,40
18 th	To 12 th flour	36			4,94
	To 2 nd 2/3 rd Moleys	19			62
	To 1/4 th Lem	12			
	To cash	25			
20 th	To 1 st pen upper	32			
	To 1 st Butter	23			
	1/2 Lem	12			
	1/2 nd fish	19			
	1/2 nd candles	7			
21 st	12 th flour	36			
25 th	1 1/2 th Butter	26			
	1 st candles	7			
26 th	To 2 nd 2/3 rd Moleys	19			
	Pen shoes	16			
27 th	To 1/2 th candles	6			
	To cash	25			
29 th	To 12 th flour	36			
	2 2/4 Mackrel	14			
30 th	To 1 st Pen shoes	1,33			
	1 st 2 nd Butter	23			
	3 rd fish	12			
	2 Puff Tobacco	6			
Nov 1 st	To 2 nd 2/3 rd Moleys	19			
	To Cash 35 2 nd 3 rd Mackrel 16	51			
		478			

21th

1856 Roswell Blake

Blake

To Ball	16
8 th 2 nd To 1 st 2 nd Butter	28
To cash	6
2 nd 1 st fish	16
6 th To 12 th flour	38
To cash	24
To 1 st Butter	25
1 codfish	25
1/4 Tea Pipe Tobacco	15
To cash	25
8 th To 1 st Butter	25
To cash	38
To candles	9
10 2 nd Mackerel	19
Mackerel	24
11 1 st 14 th Butter	47
12 To 12 th flour	36
To cash	12
1/2 " candles	7
5 th Beef	30
2 nd corn	10
2 nd Mackerel	18
2 Pipe Tobacco	5
15 th To cash	25
16 th To cash	50
1/4 Tea	12
1 " Butter	19
17 th To 2 nd rice	12
To salaratus	9
18 th To cash	12
To corn	10
To Mackerel	16
	<u>834</u>

By Ball from 16 th	62
Nov 6 th By 6 th in stage shoes	3,00
Mending 3 rd pair	67
12 th By 6 th in shoes	3,00
By Mending 2 nd pair	55
	<u>1,84</u>
	34
	<u>50</u>

Ball To 16th 22

Ed
 1842
 Roswell Blake Sr

No 19 th	To 12" flour	36	No 18 th	By Ball from 12 1/2	50
	To cash	12 1/2	20 th	By 6 1/2 shaves	3 00
20 th	To cash	31		By Mending 1 st	30
	To Butter	25	27	By 4 1/2 shaves	2 00
22 nd	To 2 yds Molasses	19		By Mending 1 st	25
23 rd	To 12" flour	36	Sec A th	By 4 1/2 shaves	2 00
	To cash	38		Mending 2 nd	93
	1 " candles	4			9 78
24	2 yds Molasses	19			9 78
25 th	To 12" flour	36			9
	To cash	37 1/2			
	To 1/2 candles	4			
	1/4 Tea	12 1/2			
	Do aid with my sister's 10	10			
29 th	To 1 Mark thread	5			
	2 Bodd milk	12			
	2 Paps Tobacco	5			
	1 Tea pouring	16			
	1 Bodd	5			
	2 yds Molasses	19			
	1/2 flour	43			
Dec 2 nd	To 3" Pork	37 1/2			
	cash	37 1/2			
	2 oz snuff	4			
3	cod fish	25			
	Do aid with Dan Hubbard	31			
4 th	To 1/2 Tea	12 1/2			
6 th	cash	12 1/2			
	1 Boorn	18			
	2 Paps Tobacco	5			
7	12" flour 38 (1 candle)	145			
		41			
		237 1/2			
		859			

1852
 Dr. *Posweld Blake* Cr

27th

Dec 10 th To 2 lbs Molasses	17	By Bill from 1822	234
1 st 2 oz Butter	2 1/2	Dec 11 th 1/2 lb Pa shoes	2,50
4 th To cash	3 1/2	17 th 6 Pa shoes	3,00
1/2 " candles	7	25 th 1/2 lb Pa	3,50
1 Pa shoes shoes	1,33	Jan 2 nd 1/2 lb Pa	3,00
13 th To Pa Lace Book	1,12 1/2		14,34
3 1/2 " Pa M	45		13,07
15 th To 2 lbs Molasses	17	Bill July 33	1,27
13 1/2 flour	40		
5 lbs Beef 5	2,55		
16 th To cash	25		
1/4 Jan	12 1/2		
20 th To 1/2 " candles	7		
3/4 Butter	18		
Fish	10		
Bar soap	12 1/2		
22 nd To cash	3 1/2		
1/2 12 " flour	42		
23 Molasses	22		
1 1/2 " Butter	31		
26 cash	30		
27 " 12 " flour	42		
candy	3		
Cherry	4		
29 th To 1 1/2 " Butter	31		
5 1/2 " fish	22		
31 st To 3 " Pa M	3 1/2		
cash	16		
1/2 Jan	12 1/2		
Jan 3 rd 7 Pa shoes	1,33		
12 " flour	42		
2 Pa shoes 13 Jan 63	23		
	12,07		

Lucius Baldwin

Dec 20 th	To 1 st coffee	120	By Ball from Pg 17	1,05
	To 1 st Lozenges	3	Dec By 5 th Pa from up to Dec 23	3,75
23	4 th sugar	28	Jan 7 th By 6 th Pa Booth	4,50
	1 st coffee	15	7 th By 5 th Pa	3,75
Jan 3 rd	To shoe strings	6	15 th By 5 th Pa	3,75
	Blacking	6	22 nd By 5 th Pa	3,75
	2 Balls candlewick	8	Dec 11 omitted 2 nd Pa	1,50
5 th	To 2 nd crackers	14	Benson	22,05
	1 st coffee	15		1,50
	1 Duck Salt	10		22,20
7	Gall Malt	33		
	2 awls	6		
12 th	2 nd rice	12		
	1/2 doz Eggs	9		
	8 th sugar 6/4	50		
13 th	To thread	8		
14	1 st cracker	4		
15 th	1 Basket	25		
	3 yds hand cloth	2,00		
17	1 st sugar	10		
	1 Gall Malt	53		
19 th	To 1/2 Lm	29		
	Twine	3		
20	1 yd. Linc	22		
22	To 2 nd cracker	14		
25	By Matches	10		
	1/2 nd cloth	20		
	not charged on book	3,02		
	To Ball To New York	4,84		
		12,36		
		22,20		
		22,20		

Settled

11,20