

State of Connecticut } of Guilford March 27th 1867
New Haven County }

Then and there personally appeared Henry Benton Registrar
and keeper of the records of the town Guilford and subscribed
and made solemn oath to the within affidavit before me
on the day and year last aforesaid and I certify that I have
no interest in the prosecution of the within claim,

Before me Ralph D. Smith Justice of the Peace.

State of Wisconsin
County of La Crosse } ss.

On this 8th day of September A.D. 1866. came personally before me a County Judge in and for the County and State aforesaid Hannah W. Benton a resident of the Town of Barre, in the County of La Crosse and State of Wisconsin aged 38 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth in her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the ^{second} ~~section~~ section of the Act of Congress increasing the Pensions of Widows and Orphans, approved July 26th 1866; That she is the widow of Raphael W. Benton who was a Private in Company J, in the 14th Regt. of Connecticut Vols. Commanded by Capt. J. Benson, in the war of 1865; and that by reason of his death in the service aforesaid, she has been granted a Pension of Eight Dollars per month, in accordance with a certificate numbered 62,566, bearing date the 18th day of January A.D. 1866. She further swears that she has the following named children of her deceased husband and herself under sixteen years of age, who are now living, the dates of whose births were as given below:
to wit: Wallace L. Benton who was born on the 19th day of June A.D. 1856, at Guilford in the State of Connecticut, Webster A.

(over)

Benton who was born on the 25th day
of December A.D. 1860 at Guilford, Connecticut,
She further declares that she has not married
since the death of her said husband, nor
has she abandoned the support of any one of
the children, above named, nor permitted any
one of the same to be adopted by any other
person or persons as his, her, or their child, and
she hereby appoints William H. Stoydell of
La Crosse, Wisconsin, as her lawful attorney
and authorizes him to present and prosecute her
claim, and to receive and receipt for any
certificate which may issue in my favor in
connection with the same.

My Post Office address is West Salem
La Crosse Co., Wisconsin.

Hannah W. Benton

Also personally appeared William P. Leete and
Zaida E. Leete residents of La Crosse Co.
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 and
Hannah W. Benton 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, and that they have no interest in
the prosecution of this claim.

William P. Leete
Zaida E. Leete

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th
day of September A.D. 1866; and I hereby certify
that I have no interest, direct or indirect

be, and that they have no interest in
the prosecution of this claim,

William P. Leete
Zaida E. Leete

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th
day of September A. D. 1866; and I hereby certify
that I have no interest, direct or indirect
in the prosecution of this claim.

Hugh Cameron
County Judge of the County
of La Crosse & State of Wisconsin

State of Wisconsin
La Crosse County } ss.

On this 13th day of April A.D. 1867 came personally before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid William P. Leete a resident of West Salem in the County of La Crosse and State of Wisconsin who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says that he is well acquainted with Hannah W. Benton widow of Raphael W. Benton late a private in Company "I" in the 14th Regiment of Connecticut Vols, and that he was also well acquainted with said soldier in his lifetime and the whole family of said soldier. Deponent further says, that said Hannah W. Benton has not remarried since the death of her late husband, Raphael Ward Benton, but that she still remains his widow and that said Hannah, still continues to support Wallace L. Benton, and Webster A. Benton the two children of said soldier and said Hannah W. Benton for whom she claims an increase of Pension and has not permitted them to be adopted by any other person or persons whatever, and that he has no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of said Hannah W. Benton's claim for increase of Pension.

William P. Leete