

State of Wisconsin }
County of La Crosse } ss.

On this 29th day of May 1865, personally appeared before me, a
Clerk of a court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid,

Hannah W. Benton a resident of West Salem in the
County of La Crosse and State of Wisconsin aged 37

years, who, being duly sworn, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the Pension
provided by the Act of Congress approved July 14, 1862: That she is the widow of

Raphael W. Benton who was a Private
in Company D commanded by Capt J R Baerson in the 1st

Regiment of Conn Vols in the War of 1861; that her maiden
name was Hannah W. Deet and that she was married to said

Raphael W. Benton on or about the 1st day of January
1855 at East Haven in the County of New Haven

and State of Connecticut by Rev. William B. Lee

and that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage, except that of which a true copy
is hereunto annexed.

She further declares that said Raphael W. Benton her husband
died in the service of the United States as aforesaid at Frederick
in the State of Maryland, on or about the 25th day of
September 1862 of wounds received in battle

She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death
of said Raphael W. Benton and that she has not in any manner
been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby
appoints **S. B. GILBERT**, New Haven, Conn., as her lawful attorney, and author-
izes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for any orders or
certificates that may be issued in satisfaction thereof. Said Raphael W. Benton

left the following children and no more, viz: Wallace L born
June 19th 1856 and Dradeta W. born December 25th 1860.
all powers of attorney heretofore given for this purpose are
hereby revoked.

Signature of Claimant Hannah W Benton

Also personally appeared before me, William P Leete and
William L. Dudley residents of La Crosse
County, and State of Wisconsin to me well known as credible persons, who

being duly sworn, declare, that they were present and saw said Hannah W. Benton
sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe, from
the appearance of said applicant, and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical
person she represents herself to be, and know that said deceased recognized said applicant as
his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the community in which they resided;
and we know her statement of children, the number, names and dates of birth, to be correctly
stated above; and that they have no interest, direct, or indirect, in the prosecution of this
claim.

Signature of Witnesses. { William P Leete
William L Dudley

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 29th day of May 1865; and
I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Official Signature H. J. Peck
Clerk



P. O. of Applicant, West Salem, La Crosse Co. Wis.



I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

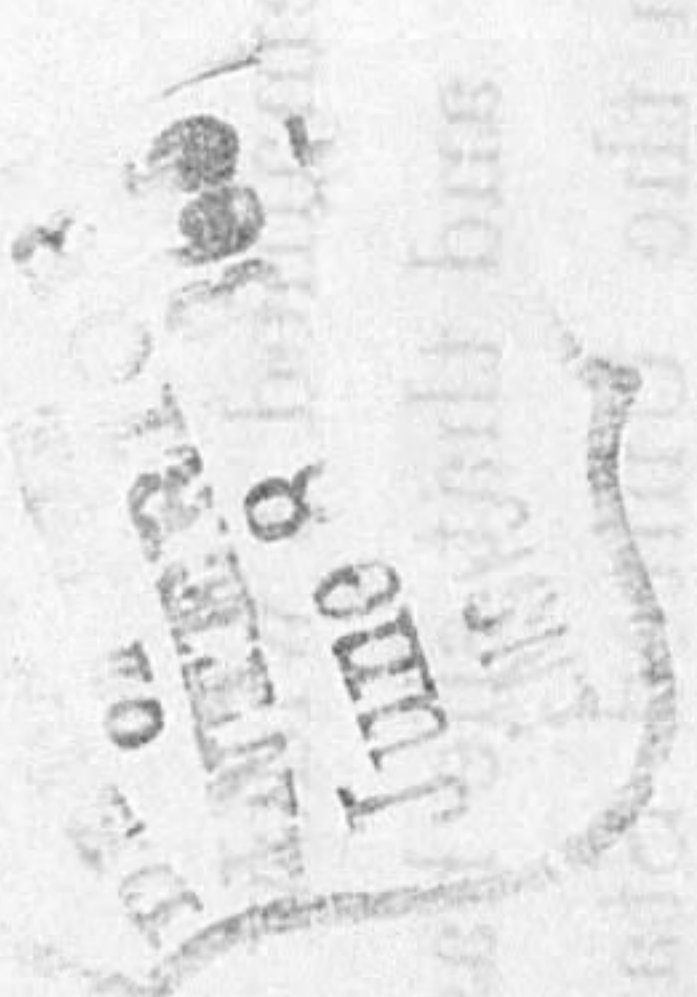
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of March 1868; and

Signature of Notary

Wm. C. ...

... and no more; and ...
... also personally appeared before me ...
... residents of ...
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... residents of ...

Hannah W. Benton
Pension



... and to receive and receipt for any orders or ...
... S. B. GILBERT, Now Haven, Conn., as her lawful attorney, and author-
... of and ...
... she also declares that she has never ...
... in the County of ...

... in the year of 1861; that her husband ...
... in the ...
... and State of ...
... a resident of ...
... of a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid;
... personally appeared before me; a

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

September 15th 1865

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 97.145, 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 Raphael W. Benton was enrolled on the 7th day of Aug., 1862, at New Haven Conn in Co. 'I', 14th Regiment of Conn Volunteers, to serve Three years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a private on the 23rd day of August 1862, at Hartford Conn., in Co. 'I', 14th Regiment of Conn. Volunteers, to serve Three years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. 'I' of that Regiment, for the months of November & December 1862, he is reported "Died from wounds received at Antietam. Sept. 27th 1862." On the Return of that Regiment for September 1862 he is reported "Died of wounds at Frederick Md. Sept. 28th 1862." Date

when wound not stated.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Am. Price

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant

Address

H. H. H.

State of Connecticut }
 County of New Haven } Es.

Guilford March 20th 1867.

I, the subscriber, do hereby certify, that it appears by the Registry of Births of said Town of Guilford, that the record of the births of Wallace L. Benton, and Webster A. Benton are as in the words and figures following, viz:

| Child's Name. | Where born. | Date Birth. | Sex. | Parents Names | Ages | Color | Residence of Parents. | Occupation of Father. |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------|------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Wallace L. Benton | Guilford | June 19 th 1856. | M | Re. Ward Benton | 35 | White | Guilford | Farmer. |
| | | | | Hannah W. Leet | 29 | " | " | |
| Webster A. Benton | Guilford | Dec. 25 th 1860. | M | Re. Ward Benton | 39 | " | " | " |
| | | | | Hannah W. Leet | 33 | " | " | |

Attest, Henry Benton Registrar.

I Henry Benton, above named, depose and say, that I am the Registrar duly chosen to keep the records of Births, Marriages and Deaths, in the Town of Guilford aforesaid, and keeper of the records; and that the above is a true extract from the records of Births in said Town, as certified by me.

Henry Benton, Registrar.

I further certify that I have not any interest either directly or indirectly in the prosecution of the claim of Hannah W. Benton for increase of pension under the act of Congress of July 25th 1866 Henry Benton Registrar

Children of her deceased husband and herself

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, } ss. *County Clerk's Office.*
COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN,

I, *ARTHUR D. OSBORNE*, Clerk
of the Superior Court, and *ex-officio* of the County Court, and author-
ized by law to certify the records of said County Court, within and
for New Haven County, and keeper of the Seal thereof, and of the
Commission of Justices of the Peace, and of the Commissioners
of the Superior Court for said County, hereby certify : THAT

Ralph D. Smith Esquire, was on the
27th day of *March* 1867, ever since has been and
now is a Justice of the Peace, ~~Commissioner of said Superior Court~~

within and for said County, duly appointed, commissioned and sworn,
having full power and authority by the laws of this State, to take
the acknowledgment of deeds and other instruments, and to certify
the same: also to administer Oaths, to take Affidavits and Deposi-
tions out of Court, and to give certificates thereof; that full faith
and credit may, and ought to be given to his official acts and attesta-
tions; that the signature to the instrument hereto annexed,
purporting to be his, I believe to be his genuine official signature ;
and that said instrument is executed, acknowledged, and duly
authenticated according to the laws of this State.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand, and affix the seal of said Court, at
New Haven, in said County and State, on this *29th* day of *March* A. D. 1867.

Arthur D. Osborne, Clerk.