

Box 32180  
Cert 61240  
Emma a Burgis

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WAR OF 1861.

Act of July 14, 1862.

61.240

CLAIM FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

BRIEF in the case of

*Emma A. Burgis*

, Widow of

*John R Burgis* a priv Co & 9 Conn Vols  
resident of *New Haven* County and State of *Conn*

Post Office address *Guilford Conn*

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service.

*Acyt Gen Report Mustered Oct 30 1861  
And died Sept 15 1862.*

Death.

*Surg Genl Report died Sept 14 1862  
of "Malignant fever"*

Marriage.

*Shown by copy of public records, verified.*

Names and dates of birth of children.

*No child under 16 years*

Loyalty.

*Ireland,*

Agent and his P. O. address.

*Applicant  
Guilford Conn.*

Admitted *Dec, 5*, 1865, to a Pension of \$ *8* per month,  
commencing *Sept 14*, 1863,

Appd.

*L. J. J.*

*H. S. Foster* Examining Clerk.

DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR  
Jan 30 1863  
PENSION OFFICE

# Widows' Army Pension

IN CASE OF

*Emma A. Burgis of Guilford Conn,  
widow of John P. Burgis dec'd.*

*Ralph S. Smith Attorney.*

*Guilford (Conn.) P. Office.*

*New Haven County.*

*Connecticut, State.*

*Emma A. Burgis Claimant.*

*Guilford P. Office.*

*New Haven County.*

*Connecticut State.*

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State of Connecticut }  
County of New Haven } ss.



On this Twenty fourth day of February  
A. D. 1863, personally appeared before  
me Edward R. Landon, Judge  
of the Court of Probate for the District of Guilford  
Emma A. Burgis a resident of

Guilford in the County of New Haven and State of Connecticut  
aged twenty five years, who being first duly sworn according to  
law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision  
made by the Act of Congress, approved July 14th, 1862, that she is the widow of  
John R. Burgis who was a private in Company E.  
commanded by Captain James P. Hennersey in the ninth Regiment of  
Connecticut Volunteers in the War of 1861, who died at New Orleans  
of typhoid fever on the fourteenth day of September, one  
thousand eight hundred and sixty two,

She further declares that she was married to the said John R. Burgis,  
on the third day of November in the year 1858 that her husband  
the aforesaid John R. Burgis died on the day above mentioned  
and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to  
the proof hereto annexed. She also declares that she has not, in any manner, been engaged in, or  
aided or abetted the rebellion in the UNITED STATES.

Emma A. Burgis Claimant.

Also, personally appeared John Hale and Albert B. Wildman  
residents of the town of Guilford 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  
Emma A. Burgis 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.

John Hale  
Albert B. Wildman } Witness.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this twenty fourth day of February A. D. 1863.  
and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

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

I hereby Authorize Ralph D. Smith of Guilford in New Haven County  
my Agent and Attorney in fact, to present the foregoing claim, and to receive and receipt for, in my  
name and stead, the money, certificate, or warrant payable under it.

John Hale  
Albert B. Wildman } Witness.

Emma A. Burgis

State of Connecticut }  
County of New Haven } ss.

Personally appeared Emma A. Burgis whose name  
is signed to the foregoing Power of Attorney, and acknowledged  
the same to be her free and voluntary act, for the purposes therein named.

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

Specify the time, place, and cause of the death of the husband. Also, if the widow has re-married, and again become a widow, the fact must be stated.

Some officer of such Court duly taken before a Justice of the Peace, or other officer having like authority will any evidence be received manifest interest therein.

Declarations are required to be made authorized to administer oaths and having Peace, or other officer having like authority that is verified before an officer who is com-



UNDER the Act of Congress, approved July 14th, 1862, Pensions are granted to the following classes of persons : I. Invalids disabled since March 4th, 1861, in the Military or Naval service of the United States, in the line of duty. II. Widows of officers, soldiers, or seaman, dying of wounds received or of disease contracted in the Military or Naval service as above. III. Children under sixteen years of age of such deceased persons, if there is no widow surviving, or from the time of the widow's re-marriage. IV. Mothers (who have no husbands living) of officers, soldiers, or seamen deceased as aforesaid, provided the latter have left neither widow nor children under sixteen years of age, and provided also that the mother was dependent, wholly or in part, upon the deceased for support. V. Sisters under sixteen years of age of such deceased persons, dependent on the latter, wholly or in part, for support ; provided there are no rightful claimants of either of the last preceding classes. Only one full pension in any case will be allowed to the relatives of a deceased officer, soldier, or seaman, and in order of precedence as set forth above. When more than one minor child or orphan sister thus become entitled to pension, the same must be divided equally between them.

Declarations are required to be made before a Court of Record, or before some officer of such Court duly authorized to administer oaths and having custody of its seal. Testimony may be taken before a Justice of the Peace, or other officer having like authority to administer oaths ; but in no case will any evidence be received that is verified before an officer who is concerned in prosecuting the claim, or has a manifest interest therein. In support of the allegations made in the claimant's declaration, testimony will be required in accordance with the following : The claimant's identity must be proved by two witnesses, certified by a judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and who state, upon oath

or affirmation, their belief, either from personal acquaintance or for other reasons given, that he or she is the identical person he or she represents himself or herself to be. If the applicant claims a pension as the widow of a deceased officer or soldier, she must prove the legality of her marriage, the death of her husband, and that she is still a widow. She must also furnish the names and ages of her children under sixteen years of age, at her husband's decease, and the place of their residence. On a subsequent marriage her pension will cease, and the minor child or children of the deceased officer or soldier, if any be living, under the age of sixteen years, will be entitled to the same in her stead, from the date of such marriage. Proof of the marriage of the parents and of the age of claimants will, in like manner, be required in all applications in behalf of minor children. The legality of the marriage may be ascertained by the certificate of the clergyman who joined them in wedlock, or by the testimony of respectable persons having knowledge of the fact, in default of Record evidence. The ages and number of children may be ascertained by the deposition of the mother, accompanied by the testimony of respectable persons having knowledge of them, or by transcripts from the parish or town registers, duly authenticated. Similar proof will be required of the marriage of the claimant, if the mother of a deceased officer or soldier, and that she remains a widow. If the claimant be a dependent sister, like proof will be required of the marriage of her parents, and of her relationship to the deceased.

Guardians of minor claimants must in all cases produce evidence of their authority as such, under the seal of the Court from which their appointment is obtained. Attorneys for claimants must have proper authority from those in whose behalf they appear. Powers of Attorney must be signed in the presence of two witnesses, and acknowledged before a duly qualified officer, whose official character must be certified under seal.