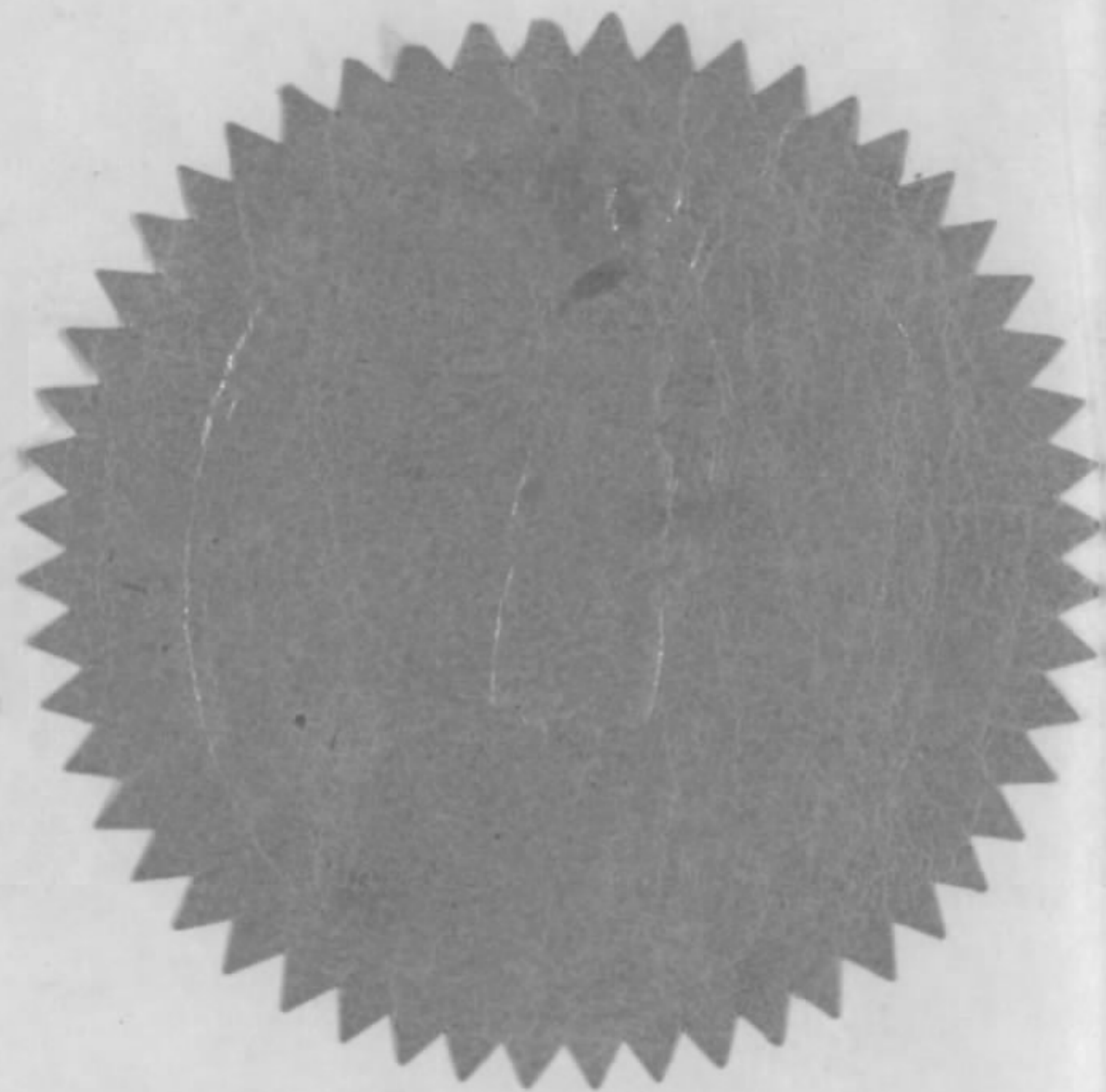


STATE OF CONNECTICUT, )

COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN.

ss. *County Clerk's Office.*

I, *ARTHUR D. OSBORNE*, Clerk,  
of the Superior Court, and *ex-officio* of the County Court, and au-  
thorized 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 Commission-  
ers of the Superior Court for said County, hereby certify: THAT



*James A. Wood* Esquire,  
was on the *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* 1863, 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 Affida-  
vits and Depositions out of Court, and to give certificates thereof;  
that full faith and credit may, and ought to be given to his official  
acts and attestations; 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 *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* A. D. 1863.

*Arthur D. Osborne*, Clerk.

New Bern N C March 21<sup>st</sup> 1864  
Messrs Gardner & Tulick  
Gents.

Your communi<sup>tion</sup>ca  
of Mar 7<sup>th</sup> is at hand, requesting information as to the  
death of Benjamin R. Dowel late a private of my  
company. Lieut Dowel was violently attacked with  
Typhoid Fever, on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> of Dec 1862, (a time  
of extensive sickness, and many deaths in the Regiment)  
at Camp near Fairfax Seminary Va, and while in the  
line of duty, and in the U.S. Service. He was removed  
from thence to Washington D C, where he was reported  
to have died Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1862. At what place, or Hospital, in  
Washington I am unable to state, this can be learned  
through his widow. Our Regt Hospital was full of  
patients at the above time, having <sup>many of them</sup> the same complaint  
of Dowel, & unfortunately without Hospital comforts, such  
as bedsteads & bedding, and an absence of delicacies —  
The patients were obliged to lie on straw mats on the floor  
thickly stowed, in which condition many died, averaging  
from 1 to 3 a day. Four from my company died at  
this station including my <sup>own</sup> brother. Dowel avoided  
entering our Regt Hospital being taken by a friend —  
(brother in law I think) through permission of the Surgeon  
in charge, to his own private residence in Washington  
after that I knew nothing of Dowel positively, whether an

Army Surgeon or not was employed to attend him  
or was in anyway considered a hospital patient - I can't  
say. His widow would know the name of his brother in  
law (surname I think is Downes) from whom positive  
information could be obtained concerning the matter.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant,

M. G. Munson  
Captain Comd Co., K.,

15th Com. Tpls

P. S. I regret my inability to give you a  
clean certificate as requested. Mr.  
Dowd was a very worthy man & soldier  
and the widows claim for Pension is  
undoubtedly just. I was not at the time in command  
of Co. being 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., but was cognizant with  
what I have stated. Whether Official  
Notice was ever received of his death I  
<sup>is not to be found in files</sup>  
am unable to state. The Co. Record Book  
<sup>discharged soldiers</sup>  
of deceased <sup>& simply states</sup> "died at Washington D. C.  
"Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1862" of Typhoid Fever".

We never report on Muster Rolls  
the decease of a soldier until we  
receive Official notice of the same  
neither do we drop the name <sup>from rolls</sup>, though  
we may be positive from information  
indirectly received of soldiers decease

Does name ~~was~~ dropped from Rolls  
long since, & as before stated Co. Records  
show that he died in Washington D.C.,  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1862 of Typhoid Fever

W. G. Munson  
Captain &c.

My Captains name, commanding at the time  
was H. H. Stiles, who is now <sup>Capt.</sup> in the  
Lunatic Corps & stationed, Munson  
says in Providence R. I. If I knew  
his address positively I would write him

I certify that the within or above  
statements are correct.

J. H. Insley  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Co. B. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. C. V.

Connecticut  
Additional Evidence  
No 11375 widows Pension  
Julia Dowd Claimant  
Gardner & Gulick attys  
Washington  
D.C.

