

Widows' Army Pension

IN CASE OF



_____ *Attorney.*

_____ *P. Office.*

_____ *County.*

_____ *State.*



_____ *Claimant.*

_____ *P. Office.*

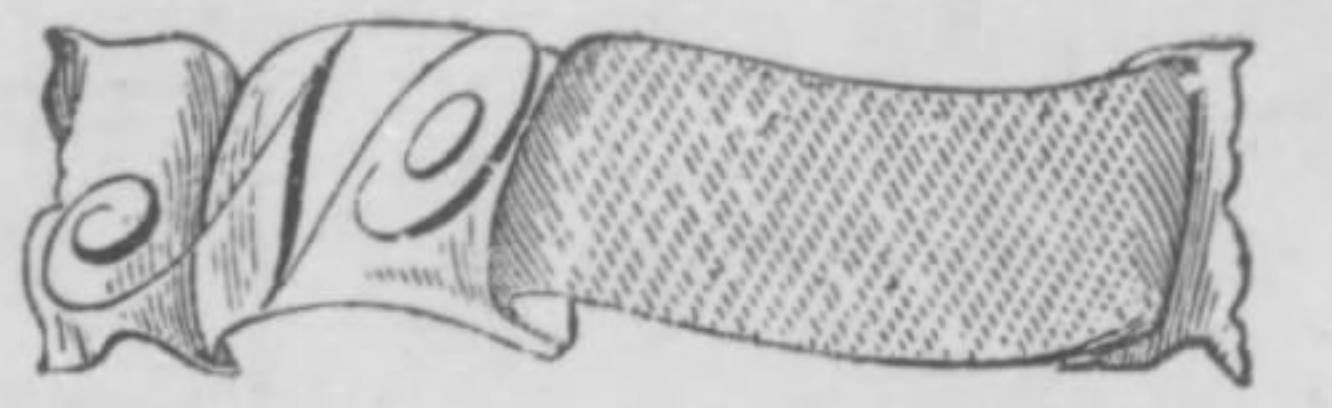
_____ *County.*

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State of Connecticut }
County of Litchfield } ss.



On this 13th day of May
A. D. 1863, personally appeared before
me Wm S. Ransom Clerk
of the Superior Court for Litchfield County
Susan L. Fowler a resident of

Litchfield in the County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut
aged 47 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 Richard
H. Fowler who was a Sergeant in Company "A"

commanded by Capt. James H. Coburn in the Twenty Seventh Regiment of
Connecticut Volunteers in the War of 1861, who died at Falmouth Va,
on or about the 17th day of December A. D. 1862, while in the service of the United
States, in consequence of wounds received in battle, that the following are
the name and age of each and all the children of the said deponent and Richard
H. Fowler now living who were under sixteen years of age at the time of their
said father's death, viz: Ella L. Fowler aged 13 years the 13th day of February 1863 and
Lawwood S. Fowler aged nine years the 23rd day of January 1863.

She further declares that she was married to the said Richard H. Fowler
on the fourteenth day of October in the year 1847 that her husband
the aforesaid Richard H. Fowler 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.

Susan Louise Fowler claimant.

Also, personally appeared Stephen Troubridge and Edward Cheney
residents of Litchfield 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
Susan L. Fowler 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.

Stephen Troubridge }
Edward P. Cheney } Witness.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13th day of May A. D. 1863
and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Wm S. Ransom Clerk of the Superior
Court for Litchfield County - Conn

I hereby Authorize Edwin W. Blackman of New Haven Connecticut
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.

Stephen Troubridge }
Edward P. Cheney } Witness. Susan Louise Fowler Seal

State of Connecticut }
County of Litchfield } ss.

Personally appeared Susan L. Fowler 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. Before me,

Wm S. Ransom Clerk of the Superior
Court for Litchfield County, Conn

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.

a Court of Record, or before some other officer of said Court duly sworn to administer the oaths; but in no case will any affidavit be received in prosecuting the claim, or has a manifest interest therein.



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 preceeding 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.