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Box 33896

Cert 173071

Robert Hopkins
father of
John Hopkins

[3-405.]
(PENSIONER DROPPED.)

U. S. Pension Agency,

Washington D. C.

Nov 16, 1888.

Hon John C Black

Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of Robert Hopkins
Dep Father, who was a pensioner on the rolls
of this Agency, under Certificate No 173071, and who was last paid
at \$12, to 4 March, 1888, has been dropped
because of death

Very respectfully,

A. Minson
Pension Agent.

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,
April 4th, 1868.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 129.227, 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 John Hopkins was enrolled on the 9th day of August, 1862, at Traverse Michigan Co. A. 24 Regiment of Michigan Volunteers, to serve three years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 11th day of Sept 1862, at Jackson, in Co. A., 26 Regiment of Michigan Volunteers, to serve three years, or during the war. On the Muster ^{only} Roll of Co. C of that Regiment, for the month of June 4th 1865, he is reported absent from wounds received at Spottsylvania Va May 12th 1864. No evidence of death on file in this Office. Further evidence will be obtained if practicable and forwarded to the Commr. of Pensions in

I am, Sir, very respectfully, this case,

Your obedient servant,

Chas. Beck

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Assistant Adjutant General
(2)

Memoranda

Name of applicant, _____

Address, _____

M. K. M. H.

I

DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL PENSION OF A FATHER

I

STATE OF Michigan, COUNTY OF Grand Traverse as

On this 22 day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-~~four~~
personally appeared before me Jesse B. Boring Clerk of the Circuit of
the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Robert Hopkins

aged Twenty one years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension
provided by Acts of Congress granting pensions to dependent fathers: That he is the father of John Hopkins
who enlisted under the name of John Hopkins
at Traverse City, on the about the 10 day of August, A. D. 1862
in company A of 26 Regiment Michigan Volunteers
in the war of 1861, who 2 on the 12th day of May 1864 at the
spotiskula Virginia was shot and
died the same day

on the 12 day of May, A. D. 1864, who bore at the time of his death the rank of
Private in company A of 26 Regiment Mich Volunteers
that said son, John Hopkins, left neither widow nor child under sixteen years of age surviving;
that the declarant was married to the mother of said son at Londan England, on the 8th
day of November, A. D. 1824 by the Curate of St Dunstons Church; that he was
4 wholly dependent upon said son for support; that the mother of said son died at Traverse City Mich
on the 4 day of May, A. D. 1874, that there were surviving, at date of said son's death, his
brothers and sisters, who were under sixteen years of age, as follows:

<u>None</u>	, born	, 18
	, born	, 18
	, born	, 18
	, born	, 18

That he has not heretofore received or applied for a pension 5 but that his wife recd
pension No 129,603; that he has not aided or abetted the rebellion;

that he hereby appoints G. P. Griswold his attorney to prosecute the above claim;
that his residence is at No. , in street, in the Village of Traverse City
of , county of Grand Traverse, State of Michigan
and that his post office address is Traverse City, Grand Traverse Co., Mich

(Attest.)

Robert Hopkins
(Claimant's signature.)

Also personally appeared D. C. Leach residing at No.
in Traverse City street, in Michigan, and Joshua Moody
residing at No. , in Traverse City street, in Michigan, persons whom I certify to be respect-
able and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Robert Hopkins
the claimant, sign his name (make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have
every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself
to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

D. C. Leach
J. Moody
(Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 22 day of August, A. D. 1874

[L. S.]

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained
to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words John Hopkins
erased, and the words
added; and that I have no interest, direct
or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

James L. ...
(Signature.)
Clerk of the Court
(Official character.)

1 State company and regiment, if in the army; and vessel, &c., if in the navy.
2 State nature of wounds and all circumstances attending them, or the disease and manner in which it was incurred; in either case showing soldier's death to have been
the sequence.
3 State company and regiment, if in the army; and vessel, &c., if in the navy.
4 "Wholly," or "in part."
5 If either he, the mother, or the soldier has previously applied, so state, giving number of claim.

FATHER.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

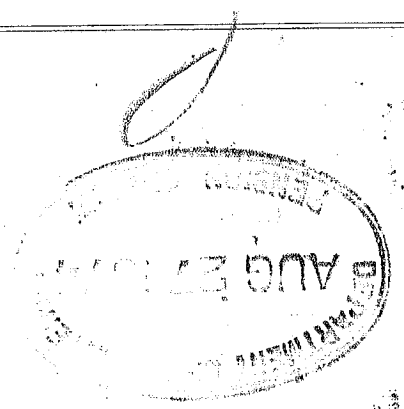
ORIGINAL.

....., Applicant.

Father of

..... Co., Regt.

..... Vols.



FILED BY

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All the blanks in this form should be carefully filled and the requirements of the notes strictly observed.

An honorable discharge from the service in all cases is necessary.

Declarations of claimants, either for original pension or for increase of pension already granted, must be made before a court of record, or before some officer thereof having custody of its seal; said officer being fully authorized and empowered to administer and certify any oath or affirmation relating to any pension or application therefor.

The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.

Declarations and other papers should be as legible and as clear in statement as possible.

Where any evidence is already on file in any department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it will render it available in any subsequent claim.

The post office address (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.

The fees for the prosecution of claims for pensions will not be allowed to exceed twenty-five dollars; no part of which is payable before the certificate for the pension has been issued.

Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.

All facts, testimony of which is required to establish a claim, must be proven by the affidavits of two or more credible witnesses, unless other evidence is specified.

The statements of claimants, unless duly corroborated, are not accepted as evidence.

Testimony, in support of allegations made in a declaration, may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.

Persons desiring to complete claims pending at the decease of the claimants, must furnish a duly verified certificate of their authority as heirs or legal representatives.

With all claims for arrears, increase, or restoration to the rolls, the original pension certificate must be returned, or explanation of its absence must be given under oath.

To facilitate the adjudication of claims, all the requisite evidence that is available should be forwarded with the application.

FATHER'S PENSION.

Robert Hopkins

, Father of

John Hopkins

Rank, *1st Lt.*
Company, *A*
Regiment, *26. Mich Vol*Residence, *Grand Traverse* County, and State of *Michigan*
Post Office, *Traverse City, Grand Traverse Co, Mich*
Attorney, *A. P. Griswold* *Traverse City, Grand Traverse Co, Mich*
Fee, \$ *10*No contract and ~~no~~ material evidence filed since July 8, 1870.Rate of pension, \$ *8* # per month, commencing *May 5th*, 18*74*, the date *after*
the death of mother of soldier, and ending , 18 , the date
of

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

Re-ADMITTED, *March 28*, 18*76*, *W. H. Taylor*, Examiner *W. H. Taylor*
APPROVED, *April 11*, 18*76*, *H. S. Potter*, Reviewer.
Chief of Division.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

Enlistment, <i>August 9th</i>	, 1862.	Father's app. filed, <i>August 3rd</i>	, 1874.
Muster into rank, <i>Sept 11.</i>	, 1862.	Claim completed, <i>March 17</i>	, 1876.
Discharge, <i>None</i>	, 18	Marriage of parents, <i>Nov. 8.</i>	, 1824.
Death, <i>May 12.</i>	, 1864.	Death of mother, <i>May 4th</i>	, 1874.
Invalid app. filed, <i>None</i>	, 18	Remarriage of claimant <i>None</i>	, 18
Invalid paid to <i>None</i>	, 18	<i>Mother paid to May 4</i>	, 1874.
		<i>without increase.</i>	
CAUSE OF DEATH, <i>Gun Shot Wound</i>		PLACE OF DEATH, <i>unknown</i>	

ALLEGATIONS OF CLAIMANT.

Not receiving a pension, *declared*
Loyalty, *"*

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

Wife of Cpt. and mother of soldier pensioned from May 15th 1864 until her death May 4th 1874. Cert. no 129,603, forwarded by Cpt. to pension Agt at Grand Rapids Mich
No other claim on file.

PROOF AS TO SERVICE.

The Adjutant General U. S. A. reports name on rolls as

and the rank, company, and regiment, and the dates of *enrollment & muster*

as stated on preceding page. He also reports

PROOF AS TO DEATH.

- 1st. Report of Adjutant General.
- 2d. Report of Surgeon General.
- 3d. Certificate of Disability.
- 4th. Testimony of Army Surgeon.

- 5th. Testimony of Officers.
- 6th. Testimony of Fellow Soldiers.
- 7th. Testimony of Attending Physician.
- 8th. Other testimony.

1st A.G. Reports Absent from wounds recd. at Spottsylvania Va. May 12th 1864. no evidence of death on file.

2. Sh. " Hospt records. A.C. shows that he recd slight laceration of hand
May 12th 1864 M.D.O. Wash. contain no evidence sold. stated as be
longing to Co "H" 26th Mich. Vol. 1861

4 " Letter to Lt. from the Adjt. of Regt., written by direction of
5 Regt. Commander states, "He was wounded May 15th 1864
Ver. of sig + serv. and suffered amputation of right leg. The last
not considered known of him, he was placed in our ambulance
necessary. and sent to Fredericksburg. It is more than
probable that he died from the effects of his wound.
His name does not appear on any Hospital record.

6 Second Auditor. paid cts. soldiers wages to me. 12th 1864

Affidavit of claimant and others states that soldier has not been heard from or seen since the time of his being wounded.

Above evidence accepted in mother's claim.

"List of Battles" shows engagements took place at Spottsylvania from May the 8th til may the 24th 1864.

NAMES, &c., OF WITNESSES.

PROOF AS TO CELIBACY OF SOLDIER.

William Holdsworth
Henry Holdsworth
Robt. W. Higgins &
Thomas Bates }
Marriage -
Guyler Germain
Perry Hannah
Filed Mch 2/1869

I swear to celibacy of soldier. knew him ten years
" " " " " "

PROOF AS TO LEGITIMACY OF SON.

Shown by uniformal copy of Marriage record -
shown by copy of Baptismal record, made in
Parish of Saint Paul Oct 7th 1840 giving names of parents
as Robert and Elizabeth Hopkins.
Testify that they have known clmt & wife since 1834 and
recognize this as man & wife.

PROOF AS TO DEATH OF MOTHER.

E. A. Holdsworth
B. D. Ashton
Filed June 5th 75.

Testify that mother died on or about
May 4. 1874.

PROOF AS TO DEPENDENCE AND SUPPORT.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st. Disability of Claimant. | 3d. Means besides property. |
| 2d. Property, and income therefrom. | 4th. Contributions of son. |

William Holdsworth
Henry Holdsworth

Mother was a pensioner.
I swear, that previous to and ever since 1863
claimant has been entirely unable to support
himself or family, owing to a severe rupture, old
age, and partial loss of sight and general debility,
is unable to work at any regular calling

Contributions of Son

That the soldier in his lifetime was the chief sup-
port of his parents. before enlistment worked out of
the month as a common laborer and gave his
wages to the support of his parents. That after he
entered the service he contributed out of his pay
an average of \$10.4 per month.

Dr. Benj. D. Ashton
filed May 1869

I swear, that he had known clt & family since 1863, that
clt. is debilitated and from old age and a natur-
ally imperfect constitution has Scrotal Hernia
and had prior to my acquaintance with him
his disability is total & permanent

Robert W. Higgins &
Thomas Bates
filed May 1869

I swear that they have known clt for eleven years
and that he has been unable to support his family
owing to his bodily infirmities, caused by sickness
and old age. That during each and every
year his son John, until he enlisted, worked out
by the month and with his earnings supported
the family to the amount of twelve Dols per month
while in the service he regularly sent his mother ten
Dols per month. Thomas Bates was a member of
the same Co with soldier until he (Soldier) was
killed

as Contributions

FATHER'S BRIEF.

Claim No.

217,173.

Soldier

John W. Hopkins
Ex: 1838

Room No.

37.

Submitted for final review

March 25 - 1876

Dr B D Ashton certifies that he is acquainted with Clt, has examined
Ex Surgeon him and find that he has a very large Scrotal Her-
nia. (as large as an infants head) of left side
that entirely incapacitates him for labor

Letter from Soldier. Dated Apr 17th 1864. Near Brandy Station Va
Dear Father. Mother &c. I recd your letter was glad
to see the last \$20 dol went safe, and in this you
will find 30 Dollars more, which you must make
use of in getting food and clothing, You need not
stint yourselves on my account, for I brought noth-
ing into the world, and can take nothing out.

E. H Holdsworth Testify that they are well acquainted with Claimt.
B. D. Ashton who is the husband of Suzannah Hopkins and that
Filed June 5/73 they know that on or about the 4th day of May
1874 the said Suzannah died at Traverse
City in said county and was buried in
the cemetery of said village of Traverse
City.

Additional Evidence

Perry Hamnala Testifies that he is well acquainted with the property and income
Filed Mch 17th 76 of the claimant; that he owns a village lot ^{with tenement houses thereon} situated in the village
of Traverse City, worth one thousand dollars and that the income
derived therefrom does not exceed \$50 per year. That claimant
has no other property or income and has dependent on him
for support an invalid daughter and her child who has

Over

WAR OF 1861.

CLAIM FOR MOTHER'S PENSION.

Act of July 14, 1862.

BRIEF in the case of

Susannah Hopkins

129.603

, Mother of

John Hopkins Pri' Co "A" 26th Mich Vols

resident of

Grand Traverse County, and State of Michigan

Post Office address:

Traverse City

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service.

H. Guel reports. Enrolled August 9. 1862. On
muster-out Roll dated June 4. 65. is reported
absent sick wounded at Spottsylvania May 12/64
"Investigation fails to elicit further information"
Emerson Guel reports a John Hopkins Co "H" 26 Mich
at Nye River May 12. 64. No Record of Hopkins of
Company "A"

Death.

A letter from Hopkins father reports Dated H d 26
26th Mich Vols says. He was wounded May 12. 64
and suffered Amputation of right leg. The last thing
of him he was he was placed in an Ambulance
and sent to Fredricksburg. It is more than probable
that he died from the effects of his wounds. His
name does not appear on any Hospital Records

Celibacy
of Soldier.

Relation-
ship.

Death or
disability
of husband.

Depend-
ence.

The above referred to letter ^{was} is written by the Adj't
under instructions from the Adjutant General
Affds of Father and others showing that soldier has
not been heard from since the time he
was wounded. I And. Paid to May 12/64
No property - Soldier contributed \$10 to \$12 pr month
for years before & after enlistment.

Loyalty.

Attested

Agent
and his P.
O. address.

Susannah Hopkins, Traverse City Mich.

Admitted

May 18th, 1869, to a pension of \$ 8

per month,

commencing

May 13th, 1864.

Appd.

S. P. Guilings, Examining Clerk.

S. J. S.

Bong Mothers
Clan

MARRIAGES Solemnized in the Parish of ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,
in the County of *Middlesex*, in the Year 1824

Robert Hopkins of this Parish
Bachelor
and Susannah Holdsworth of this Parish
Spinster

where married in this Church by Lamus with Consent of
this Eighth Day of November

in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty four

By me Evan James Curate

This Marriage was Solemnized between us,

} Robert Hopkins
} Susannah Holdsworth

in the Presence of

} Isaac Hopkins
Mary Hopkins

No. 568

A true Copy, Extracted from the Register of Marriages, belonging to the above Parish.

Witness my Hand this 8th Day of August 1852

By me *A. E. Archibald*

Marriage



State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse } &

On this 27th day of January A D 1868
personally appeared before the Clerk of the Circuit Court
for said County Robert Hopkins a resident of
the Township of Peninsula in the County of Grand
Traverse and State of Michigan aged Sixty four
years, who being first duly sworn according to law,
doth on his oath make the following declaration in
order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by
the act of Congress approved June sixth 1866,

That he is the father of John Hopkins who was a
private in company A commanded by Capt

in the 26th Regiment Michigan Infantry
volunteers in the war of 1861 who was killed at
Spotsylvania Virginia the 12th day of May A D 1864
by a shot or bullet through the knee from which wound
he died the same day.

He further declares that he was partially dependent for
support to the amount of Twenty dollars per week upon
his said son. Declarant makes this application for
a pension under the above mentioned act and refers
to the evidence filed herewith, and that in the proper
department to establish his claim.

He also declares that he has not in any way been
engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the
United States; that he is not in the receipt of a pension
under the 12th section of the act above mentioned
or under any other act. My For Office

Address is as follows

Traverse City, Grand Traverse County
Michigan, x Robert Hopkins

Also personally appeared William Holdsworth and
Jno Est Grant residents of Traverse City (Michigan)
persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled
to credit and who bring by me duly sworn say that they
were present and saw Robert Hopkins sign his 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 him, that he is the
identical person he represents himself to be, and that
they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Wm Holdsworth

Jno Est Grant
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of
January A.D. 1868 and I hereby certify that I have
no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of
this claim,

Jesse C. Brown

Notary Public

State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse } &c

On this 27th day of January A.D. 1868
personally appeared before the Clerk of the Circuit Court
for said County the above named Robert Hopkins
who being first duly sworn by me according to law
on his oath says, that his aforesaid son John Hopkins
was killed at Spotsylvania the 12th day of May A.D. 1864
and that he made application to the proper department
for his said sons back pay and bounty which was
allowed to him in the month of November 1863 by
Mr. Frank L. Auditor Treasury. And the evidence
of the time and manner of the death of his said son
is as he believes on file at or with said Office, and that
it would be difficult for the above declarant to
obtain the evidence of said death in any other manner
and would request the Commission of Pensions to
obtain said evidence to be used in the prosecution of
this claim

Subscribed & sworn to by Robert Hopkins.

Also personally appeared Geo. Fred. Grant and
James B. Ganton residents of Traverse City Michigan
whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit
and who being by me duly sworn say that they are
well acquainted with the aforesaid Robert Hopkins
and were also acquainted with his son John Hopkins
who enlisted in the 26th Infantry Michigan Volunteers
in the year of 1861, who never returned and as they

have been informed, was killed at the battle of Shiloh.

Certificate for Affidavit.

State of Michigan, Grand Traverse County, ss.

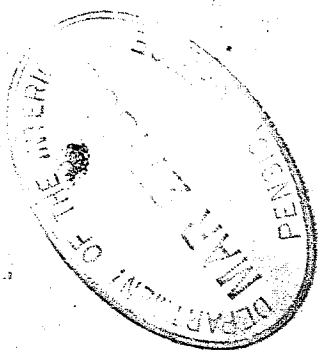
I, Jesse Brown Clerk of
said County, (and ex-officio, Clerk of the Circuit Court thereof, be-
ing a Court of Record, having common law jurisdiction) do hereby
certify, that Jesse Brown
before whom the above and foregoing affidavit was sworn to, is, and
was, at the date thereof a Notary Public
within and for said county, duly

commissioned qualified and sworn, and authorized by the laws of this State to
take said affidavit: And I further certify that I am acquainted with the handwriting of said
Jesse Brown and believe his signature above
subscribed to be genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at Traverse
City, this 24 day of January A. D. one thousand
eight hundred and sixty Eight
Jesse Brown Clerk.

Notary Public and a duly acting Notary Public
as indicated in the prosecution of this claim

Jesse Brown
Notary Public



T. H. Decker

have been informed was killed at the battle of Hottelund
and that they are acquainted with the circumstances
and condition in life of said Robert Hopkins. and that
he is a poor, feeble old man, unable to support himself
and family comfortably. and that before his said son
John, enlisted as aforesaid he worked for and helped
to maintain his said father by his labor for the last twelve
years. and in our judgment contributed to the support
of his said father & his father's family the sum of two + ⁵⁰/₁₀₀
dollars per week.

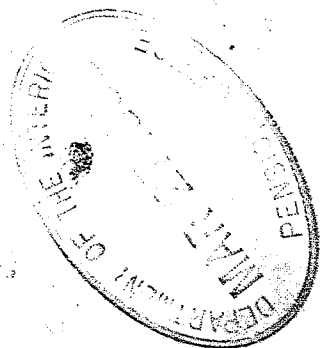
And they further swear they have no interest in
the prosecution of this claim

James W. Guntow
Jas. Inas. Grant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of January
A.D. 1868 and I hereby certify that I have no interest direct
or indirect in the prosecution of this claim

James Brown
Notary Public

Father Declared



Baptisms solemnized in the Parish of Saint Paul, Shadwell, in
the County of Middlesex, in the Year 1840

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name:	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian	Surname.			
1840 Oct 7 th	John Robert	Robert	Hopkins	No 1 Card	Card	Thos. J.
When Born. Sept 24 th No. 1736	Sr. of Susannah			Shakespeare	Wainer	Spencer

Extracted from the Register of Baptisms of Saint Paul, Shadwell,
this 24th Day of September in the Year One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty Seven

By me,

J. Williams.

(FORM A 25.)

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

January 23, 1869.

Sir:

You are respectfully informed that this Office
has issued Treasury Certificate No. 204505, in favor of
Mr. Robert Hopkins, ^{father} ~~widow~~ of
John Hopkins late a Private
in Company "A", 26th Regiment Michigan Volun-
teers, allowing ^{him} ~~her~~ pay to include the 12 day of May
1864, on account of the services of ^{his} ~~her~~ said son

Yours, respectfully,

Hon. C. C. Cort,
Commissioner of Pensions.

~~But. Brig. Gen'l P. Breck,~~

~~Assistant Adjutant General,~~

~~Washington, D. C.~~

E. B. Rumb

Auditor.

J. E. F.
18th Jr.



Traverse City
Grand Traverse County
Michigan April 2/77

1st The Real Estate possessed by R Hopkins in the Village of Traverse City Michigan consists of One quarter acre lot with 3 Houses erected thereon at rented for respectively \$6⁰⁰ \$6⁰⁰ and \$5⁰⁰ per Month each also 1 House (on a lot not owned by him) \$4⁰⁰ per Month

2nd His Agent is John S. Cook of this place

3rd He left here for England on the 10th May 1876

4th He was married in London England on the 4th October 1876 and deserted his Wife soon after

his Wifes address is Anna M. S. Hopkins

10 Peabody Buildings

Peabody Square

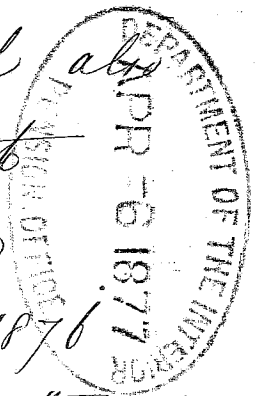
High Street, Shadwell, E

London, England.

who will give further particulars on application
over

Mr. Cookman for instructions

J. S. Cook



matter, and his actual financial condition at this time.

Please state where his property is located, who is his Agent, when the pensioner left for England, and what reliable information you have that he married ~~and~~ his departure, &c.

Please ~~enclose~~ your reply on this letter, and return the same under cover of the enclosed envelope.

Very respectfully.

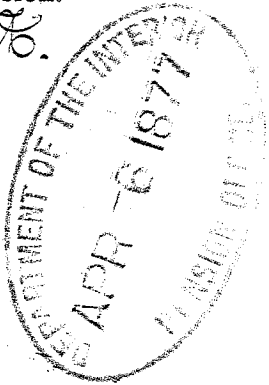
J. A. Gentry
Commissioner

Per M. S. P.

W^m Holdsworth Esq
Traverse City.
Mich.

S. S. Division.

A. F. H.



Department of the Interior.
PENSION OFFICE.

Washington, D.C. March 26th 1877



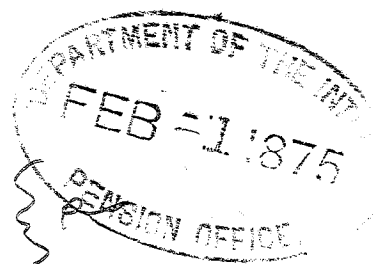
Sir:

Thanking you for the information contained in your letter of the 20th inst, relative to the claim of Robert Hopkins, father of John, Cert. No. 173.071. you are requested to further advise us as to the character, and value, of all property possessed by the pensioner; his probable income from all sources, and his total means of support, and his ability to earn his own support by manual labor or otherwise.

It was shown in evidence that he was dependent on the soldier, and is now dependent on a pension, and if the facts were misrepresented in said evidence, the office is desirous of obtaining full particulars in the

Robert Hopkins has owned the beforementioned
Real Estate since 1872.

Respectfully Yours
Wm. Holdsworth
Notary Public
for Grand Traverse County
Michigan



State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse

Robert Hopkins claimant for
pension No 217,172, as Father of John
(Hopkins) being duly sworn, says that
he through G. P. [unclear] his attorney
forwarded to the [unclear] Pensions the
certificate of his Marriage, upon
the application of his wife for pension
No 129,603, and that said certificate
of Marriage has not been returned to
him by said Commissioner, and
that he supposes his said certificate
of Marriage is now on file, in the
proper Office at Washington -

That John Hopkins was born upon
or about the 1st of September AD 1840
Sworn & Subscribed to
before me this 25 day of {
January AD 1875 { Robert Hopkins.

Jas. [unclear]
Notary Public

State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse

William Hopkins and
Clements of said County being duly sworn
say, That they are well acquainted with
Robert Hopkins Clement for pension
No 217, 173, and that they were acquainted
with him and his wife for the last forty
three years; and that ^{they} were present at
the time of his son, John's birth on or
about the 1st day of September 1875
which occurred in London England
And they further testify that Susan
Hopkins wife of said Robert Hopkins
died upon the fourth day of May 1875
Subscribed and sworn
to before me this 25th day
of January A.D. 1875

Wm. Hopkins
Notary Public

Wm. Hopkins
Clements
In presence of
Jesse Combs
Thomas Cook

State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse } (ss)

William Hopkins of Grand Traverse
County and Anna Maria Clomen of the
same County being duly sworn
says that they are well acquainted
with Robert Hopkins applicant for
pension No 217, 173, and that he
has a small property from which
he receives about (but not to
exceed) Fifty ^{dollars} per year. And that
he is entirely incapable of performing
any labor to support himself for
the last eight years

Subscribed & sworn
to before me this 25 day
of January AD 1875

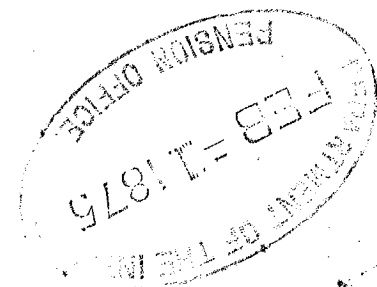
John Larson
Notary Public

W. P. Hopkins
Anna Maria Clomen
Heads

John Larson
Thomas Cook

Ex. Surgeon Penman
disability +
property +
income tax

William Hopkins
Week in
March 1875
1. 1875



(N^o 217173)

Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D.C.

This certifies that I am
acquainted with Robert
Hopkins applicant for
pension N^o 217173 that I
have examined him
carefully and find that
he has a very large
scrotal hernia (as large as
an infants head) of left
side that entirely inca-
pacitates him for labor
Traverse City Mich

Jan 22nd 1895-

B. D. Ashton
Tx Surg

State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse } 15

Susannah Hopkins of Peninsula
in said County. (Applicant for Pension, No
161,287), Being duly sworn, says, that the
last time she ever saw her said son John
Hopkins, was in the month of November
A.D. 1862, when he was home on furloughs
at the town ship of Peninsula of aforesaid,
and she further avers that the last
she ever heard from him was a letter
she received from him dated ^{April 17th} May 1st, 1864
from the State of Virginia he being then with
General Grant's Army. Except such
information as she received from
and by letter from Major General commanding the
the Surgeon General's Office; the same
information having been furnished
to the Pension Office by the Surgeon
General's Office on the 24th day of June
1868. upon this application ^{and Major} ~~and~~
Says letter having been forwarded to you
Susannah Hopkins the parents of said
~~John Hopkins for back pay and bounty~~
~~due him.~~ Susannah Hopkins
Sworn and subscribed to
before me this 28th day of September
A.D. 1868

Subscribed
County Clerk
Grand Juror C. A. A. A.

State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse } 4

Thomas Bates of said County being
duly sworn, says that he was a private
in Company A, 26th Regiment volunteers
Michigan Infantry, in the same company
with John Hopkins son of Robert and
Susanah Hopkins, from Pennsylvania
in Grand Traverse County State of Michigan

And that he was well acquainted with
said John Hopkins, that they both enlisted
in the Army about the same time, and were
in the same company together during the
war until the 13th of May 1864,

On the morning of the 12 of May 1864
(the day of the battle of Spotsylvania) we
were in the State of Virginia under General
Grant, and we were with our Regiment in
that battle; I had a conversation with John
Hopkins of a said just before going into
action, after the battle had been raging
about one hour I heard that he was
wounded, and that he had his right leg
amputated at the Camp Hospital, and
afterwards he was removed in Ambulance
to Fredericksburg to Hospital,

I never saw or heard of him since that
day, at the close of the war I came back
to this County, and have lived near his

and parents; And I do not believe they
have ever heard from or saw ^{him} since
the time stated in Mrs Hopkins affidavit
above.

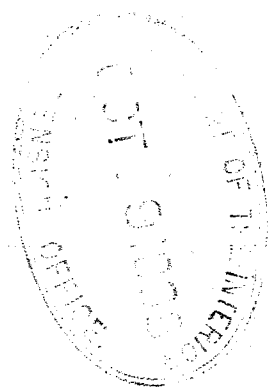
And that I have no interest direct or
indirect in this claim
Subscribed & sworn to } Thomas Bates
before me this 28 day of }
September A.D. 1868 }

Isaac Cronin

County Clerk

Grand Haven Co

Mich.



State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse } &

On this 18th day of February AD 1869 personally appeared before me the clerk of the circuit court for said County, Perry Hannah and Cady Gormaine residents of the County & State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law depose & say that they are well acquainted with Sylvania Hopkins the applicant for pension number 161,287 and that they have been well acquainted with her and her husband Robert Hopkins ever since the year 1854 and with the family of said Hopkins; they having resided in the County aforesaid since that year; that in August AD 1858 John Hopkins the son of said Robert and Sylvania Hopkins hired to work in the saw mill of Perry Hannah one of these deponents of which the said Cady Gormaine was foreman and continued in the employment of the said Perry Hannah until he enlisted in the United States Military service in the month of August AD 1862 at Grand Traverse City Michigan, and that during the said time that the said John Hopkins worked for this deponent Perry Hannah these deponents know that the said John Hopkins paid to and for the support of his mother the said Sylvania Hopkins the sum of Twelve dollars per month which he said John Hopkins laid out for necessary food and clothing for his said mother, and that after the said John Hopkins went into the

Military Service of the United States as aforesaid that he sent to his said mother for her support the sum of Twenty dollars every second month, or at the rate of Ten dollars per month;

And they further testify that since their first knowledge of the said Suzanne Hopkins in the year 1854 that she has not been possessed of any property or other means of support up to the present time;

And they further testify that ever since their first acquaintance with said Robert Hopkins, in the year 1854, that owing to his bodily infirmities, partial loss of sight, a severe rupture in the left groin, and old age, he has been unable to support his family on himself; and that during said time he has been a man of good habits;

And that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim, directly or indirectly;

Perry Hamrah
Cadya Germaine

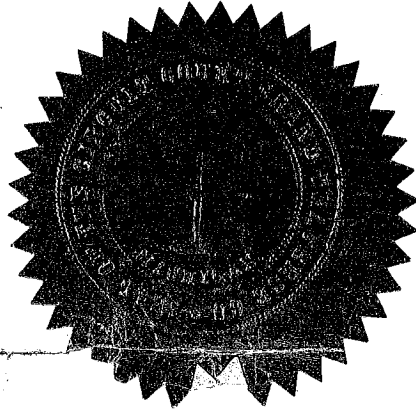
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of February AD 1864; And I hereby certify that the above deponents Perry Hamrah and Cadya Germaine are respectable and entitled to credit; and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim; and that the above deponents heard read the above deposition before signing the same and know the contents thereof;

Samuel
Clark

Deponent
Perry Hamrah
Cadya Germaine

CERTIFICATE FOR AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, } ss.



I J. D. Haviland Clerk of said County,
(and ex-officio, Clerk of the Circuit Court, thereof, being a Court of
Record, having common law jurisdiction,) do hereby certify, that
J. G. Ramsdell before whom the above and
foregoing affidavit was sworn to, is, and was, at the date thereof a

Notary Public
within and for said county, duly Commissioned
qualified and sworn, and authorized by the laws of this State to take
said affidavit: And I further certify that I am acquainted with the
handwriting of said J. G. Ramsdell and be-
lieve his signature above subscribed to be genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal,
at Traverse City, this 20th day of January
A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy six

J. D. Haviland CLERK.

State of Michigan
Grand Traverse County

On this January 20. 1876
personally appeared before me a Notary
Public in and for the County and State
aforesaid Perry Hammett who being
by me duly sworn on his oath says
that he resides in the same neighbor-
hood with and is personally acquaint-
ed with Robert Hopkins (father of John
Hopkins and claimant in the matter
of Pension Claim No. 217,173 (as per
Court's letter hereto-attached marked
Exhibit A.) and has been for the ten years
last past That he is well acquainted
with the property and income of said
Robert Hopkins that the former consists
of one village lot with tenement house
thereon situated in the village of Hammett
City, Grand Traverse County, Michigan
the whole not exceeding in value the sum
of one thousand dollars and that his
net income therefrom does not exceed
the sum of fifty-dollars per annum

that to the best of his knowledge and
belief the said Robert Hopkins has no
other income or property real or personal
than that hereinbefore mentioned and

has dependent upon him for their sup-
port board and clothing are invited daugh-
ters and her child aside from the al-
lowance of five dollars per month fur-
nished them by the County aforesaid

And defendant further says that he
has no interest directly or indirectly
in the prosecution of the claim of the said
Robert Hopkins and further saith not to
subscribe and none | Perry 14 was made
to before me this day

20. 1876

J. C. Randall
Notary Public

State of Michigan
Grand Traverse County } p.

Bonney J. Morgan ~~Charles F. Morgan~~
being also duly sworn on his oath says

I reside in the same neighborhood
with and am acquainted with the
said Robert Hopkins and the property and
income possessed and owned by him
that the former consists of a village
lot with tenement houses thereon sit-
uated in the village of Harbor City
Grand Traverse County Michigan of the
value of One Thousand Dollars or less
and that his net income therefrom does
not exceed the sum of Fifty Dollars
per annum as this deponent is informed
and truly believes That to his knowledge
the said Robert Hopkins has no other in-
come or property real or personal than
that above mentioned and has dependent
upon him for their support board and
clothing, an invalid daughter and
her children ^{aside from the} allowance of five dollars ^{per mo} fur-
nished them by the County of Grand Traver-
se aforesaid and that this deponent
has no interest directly or indirectly
in the prosecution of this claim

Subscribed and sworn

to before me this 24th day of Jan 1876

J. E. Ransdell
Notary Public

B. J. Morgan

has dependent upon him for their sup-
port board and clothing are invited dau-
ghter and her child, aside from the al-
lowance of five dollars per month fur-
nished them by the County aforesaid

And deponent further says that he
has no interest directly or indirectly
in the prosecution of the claim of the said
Robert Hopkins and further saith not to
be subscribed and sworn to before me this day
20. 1876

J. C. Randall
Notary Public

(No. 14.)

Department of the Interior.

PENSION OFFICE.

April 17th, 1868.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to furnish official evidence of the date and cause of death of John Hopkins, who was a Pr. in Co. A., 2^d Regiment of Mich. Volunteers, who is reported to have died at Port Myhama Va on the 12th day of May, 1864, of

If the soldier died in hospital, state also at what date he was admitted to the same and for what he was treated.

Please attach this Circular to your report, and return the same to this Office.

Respectfully, &c.,

No. 152227

G.A.

Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

Surgeon Gen'l. U. S. A.

J.P.S.

Surgeon General's Office,

Record and Pension Division,

April 30, 1868.

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions
Bureau of Indian Affairs
2nd Floor, West of the Capitol
Capt. W. H. H. was wounded in
hand & foot, at Battle of Mexican
War, 1848, disfigurement not stated.
The record of H. H. H. Co. 1st

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

J. J. Woodward
Bvt. Lt. Col. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. A.
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Adjutant General's Office,

Washington D. C.

No. 161.287

June 13th, 1868.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. ~~124.447~~, 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 Am. Hopkins was enrolled on the 9th day of August, 1862, at Traverg. Mich in Co. A, 26th Regiment of Michigan Volunteers, to serve three years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 11th day of September 1862, at Jackson Mich in Co. A, 26th Regiment of Michigan Volunteers, to serve three years, or during the war. On the Muster ^{into} Roll of Co. A of that Regiment, for the month of October 1865, he is reported absent. Wounded at Spottsylvania Va. May 12th 1864. "Superintendence of death" on file in this office. Investigation fails to elicit further information.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Am. P. Beck

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Memoranda,

Name of applicant,

Address,

Am. M. H.

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Map

~~Giddings~~
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Mr. R. B. Giddings
New York

(No. 14.)

Department of the Interior.

PENSION OFFICE,

April 3^d, 1868.

April 13/68

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to furnish official evidence of the date and cause of death of John Hopkins, who was a Pvt. in Co. A., 2^d Regiment of Meⁿ Volunteers, who is reported to have died at Port Moresby, Va. on the 12 day of May, 1864, of

Please report relative to John Hopkins
Pvt. &c. irrespective of No. (No. correct.)

If the soldier died in hospital, state also at what date he was admitted to the same and for what he was treated.

Please attach this Circular to your report, and return the same to this Office.

Respectfully, &c.,

No. 129,227

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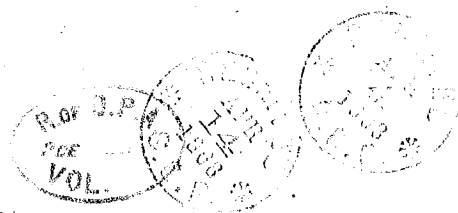
Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

Surgeon Gen'l. U. S. A.

189. 227
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Surgeon General's Office,

Record and Pension Division,

April 11, 1868

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions
Circular No. 189. 227, and
of Carlisle, S. Bennett Co.
The said circular was reported upon by
this office thus: [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

J. J. Woodward
Bvt. Lt. Col. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. A.
(58)

R. of A., Vol. No.

Surgeon General's Office,

Record and Pension Division,

April 15, 1868

Respectfully returned to the Com.
of Pensions. As the re-
port relating to Bennett,
as shown by endorsement
of it in [illegible], was made upon
the [illegible] furnished by the
Pension office, a report
upon the same [illegible] cannot
be made in the case of [illegible].

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

J. J. Woodward
Bvt. Lt. Col. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. A.
(58)

J. J. Woodward, R. of A., Vol. No.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ENDORSER.

Name, *John Hopkins*
Rank, Co., Regt.,

129, 227

Josiah L. Bennett Jr Col G

11th Me Bde, ret'd Aug 16/66

Correct Number should be furnished.

J. L. Bennett

Endorsed,

Examined, for Endorser,

R. of A., Vol.....No.....

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

Ap 13, 1868.

Enclosed you will receive a Certificate, No. 443561, for
\$ 100, payable to you as parents of decd
or to your order by any Paymaster of the U. S. Army, being
for pay due Mr. Hopkins decd, a late En
in Captain Company A, 26
Regiment of Mich Vols, for services from the _____ day
of _____, 18____; when _____, to the _____ day
of _____, 18____, time of his _____, and
Bounty allowed by Act July 28. 66.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

E. B. Runch

Second Auditor.

Robert Hopkins & wife
Evanston City
Mich.

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22 And
allowance

100 Bounty.



State of Michigan }
County of Grand Traverse }

Henry E. Stearns and
Henry S. Campbell, of Traverse
City in said County being duly
sworn, say that said Henry E.
Stearns was one of the assessors
for Town of Traverse in said County
for the ^{year} 1874. And that the said
Henry S. Campbell is assessor
for the year 1875 of said Town.

And they further say that they
are well acquainted with Robert
Hopkins, Applicant for Pension
No. 217,173; And that the assess-
ors books show that all the Real
Estate of said Hopkins, consisting
of one Village Lot was assessed
in the year 1874 at the sum of
\$750, and that for the year 1875
the same was assessed at the sum
600.⁰⁰ and that he had no personal
property to be assessed, and that
we are informed by said Hopkins
and believe the same true, that
the income he derives from said
property averages \$500 per year.

And they further say that they

have been acquainted with said
Hopkins for several years, and
that from his wife's death up to
the present time, owing to his age
& health his labor has been of no
value, otherwise than doing chores
& waiting upon himself in his house,
In Presence of

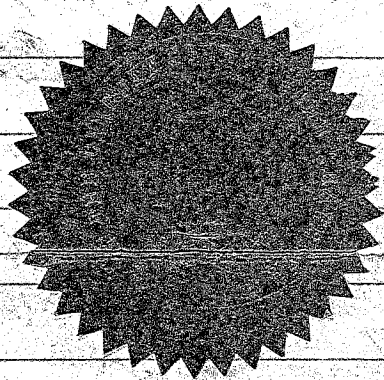
Thos. J. Bates.

Thomas Cook

Harry E. Stewart

H. D. Casselberry

Subscribed & Sworn to before me
this 16th day of July 1875

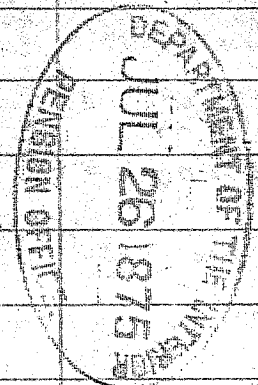


Thos. J. Bates.

Deputy Co. Clerk.

Ct. of Grand Traverse Co.

Mich.



Assessor -
Paul Smith -
Commissioner -
Charles

I hereby certify that I am acquainted with Susannah Hopkins applicant for pension and her husband Robert Hopkins and have been for six years ^{last} past and believe him to be incapable of supporting his wife for the following reasons, Old age general bodily disability, & and a severe Scrotal Heroin almost ~~as~~ quite incapacitating him for physical labor.

The above disabilities have existed since my acquaintance with him. I am his family physician and have been for the last six years, & that I have no interest whatever in the prosecution of this claim
Benj. D. Ashton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of February 1869, and I hereby certify that the said Benj. D. Ashton is a practicing physician residing in the County of Grand Traverse State of Michigan, sustaining a good reputation as a physician and as a man, and is the Examining Surgeon for the United States at this place. and that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Per Subscribes
County Clerk
Grand Traverse
Michigan

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Camp Near Brandy Station
Virginia April 17th/64

Dear Father and Mother & Sisters, Joe, Tom.
I write these few lines hoping they will find
you all well as this leaves me at prese^{nt}
in very good health. we are having a very
wet time at present, with plenty of mud.
but every preparation is being made for
an active campaign. all extra clothing is to
be boxed up and sent to the rear, all
sutlers and others, left this army yesterday
so every thing looks like a forward move
as soon as the weather and state of the roads
will permit. I expect that Lee will have
to get out of his hole on the south side
of the Rapidan shortly, and seek safety
in Richmond. this army is stronger now
than ever, with a good Commander, who
everyone puts confidence in. I received your
letter and was glad to see the last 20²⁰
went safe, and in this you will find
20 dollars more, which you must make use

of in getting food and Clothing. you
need not stint yourselves on my account
for I brought nothing into this world and
can take nothing out. I received your paper
this morning, and see by it that Mrs
Holdsworth is dead. a call that we must
all of us answer one day or another. I receiv^{ed}
a letter from William some time since
and his wife was with him in Pennsylvan^{ia}
and they were quite well and comfortable.
you must try and learn to read and
write and if I live to return I will bring
him a present, also Tommy. Thomas Bates
sends his best respects to you all, and
hopes that this is the last year of this war
there was to have been a grand review
yesterday, but it rained, and will come off
to morrow if the weather permits. So no
more at present from your son

John Hopkins

P.S. let me know in your next if you
received a book that I sent. Heady's history

State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse }

On this 16th day of May AD 1868 personally
appeared before the Clerk of the Circuit Court
for said County Suzanne Hopkins a resident
of the Township of Peninsula in said County aged
Sixty-two years who being first duly sworn
according to law doth to her oath make the following
declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the
provisions made by the act of Congress approved
July 14th 1862 That she is the wife of Robert
Hopkins, and mother of John Hopkins who
was a private in company A Commanded by
Captain Knapp in the 26 Regiment of Michigan
Volunteers in the war of 1861, who was wounded on
the battle of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia
on the 12th day of May 1864, by a bullet through the
right knee. his leg was amputated and he was placed
in an ambulance and sent to Fredricksburg, and
that this is the last definite information this
declarant ever had of her said son.

She further declares that in May 1865 her
said husband Robert Hopkins made application
to the proper department in Washington for the
back pay, and bounty ^{of her said son}, which application was
granted; and that the evidence of the death of her
said son was found in the records of the proper
office in Washington, and that this declarant with
her said husband in February 1867 made application

for extra bounty according to law, which application was allowed and the Certificate of said allowance was numbered 443,561,

And this declarant would respectfully request that the said evidence may be used in proof of the death of her said son in this application.

And she further declares that her said husband Robert Hopkins is Sixty five years of age and that owing to a severe rupture, general debility of body, accompanied with old age he has been unable to support this declarant without the assistance of other people for the last fourteen years.

And that her said son John Hopkins assisted to support this declarant for the five years preceding his enlistment in the United States (voluntary service in the year 1862 by paying to her the sum of twelve dollars per month and after his enlistment by paying to her the sum of Ten dollars per month up to ~~the~~ the time of his death.

And that her said husband has no property available to support himself or family, and that he is a man of good character and habits.

She further declares that her said son upon whom she was wholly or in part dependent for support having left no widow or minor child under sixteen years of age surviving, declarant makes this application for a pension under the above mentioned act, and refers to the evidence

filed herewith and that in the proper
department to establish her claim.

She also declares that she has not in any way
been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion
in the United States; that she is not in the receipt
of a pension under the 2^d section of the act above
mentioned or under any other act, ~~and~~

My post office address is as follows

Greenville City

Subscribed & sworn } Grand Greenville County Meeting on
before me } **Susannah Hopkins**

Deputy Clerk }

Also personally appeared and found Grant
and E. H. Holdsworth residents of Greenville
City in said County 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 Susannah Hopkins 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.

And they further swear that they have been well
acquainted with said declarant and Robert
Hopkins her husband for the last twelve years
and they know that for that period of time the said

State of Michigan
Grand Traverse County }

To the Honorable Commission of Pensions
Washington. Sir, upon receipt of circulars
from you of May 4th 1864 by which I learn
that my application for pension No
139,227 can not be granted as my wife the
mother of my said son John Hopkins is
living; therefore if proper I will withdraw
said application, and my said wife now
makes application

Respectfully Yours &

Robert Hopkins

State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse } m

Robert Hopkins of said County, being duly sworn says, that his son John Hopkins above referred to in said application of Susannah Hopkins; enlisted in Company A, 26 Michigan Infantry on August the 10th day of August 1862 at Traverse City. He returned on furlough in November afterwards. //

Since that time I have never seen him, he frequently had letters from him, the last one he ever received from him was dated "Camp near Brandy Station Virginia April 18th 1864, since the date of that letter, we have only heard from him as stated in Susannah Hopkins Affidavit and what Mr Thomas Bates has told us, up to that date he sent us regularly \$20 every two months.

Subscribed & sworn
to before me this 28 day
of September 1868

Robert Hopkins

Dea. L. L. L.

County Clerk

Grand Traverse

Mich

State of Michigan
County of Grand Haven } A

James H. Guntton of Grand Haven City in
said County being duly sworn, says that
he was well acquainted with the aforesaid
John Hopkins, he knows that he enlisted
as stated in the foregoing affidavit,
and that he has never returned to that
country, since leaving in the November
after his enlistment. He saw & read the
account of his being wounded at the
battle of Spottersville on the 12th of May
1864 in the newspapers at that time
Subscribed & sworn James H. Guntton
before me this 28 day
of September 1868

— J. W. L. —

County Clerk

Grand Haven Co

Mich —

24th

of the

month

of the

of the

129603

No. 161287

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Susannah Hopkins

Grand Traverse Co Mich

Wife of

John Hopkins

Or Co. "A" 20 Mich Vols

Wounded at Shiloh Tenn on
May 12/64 & not heard from
since. Pension Office,

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Respectfully referred to the Adjutant
General, for official evidence of service
and death.

Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner

Further 159.227 - Gidding

Received, May 27 1868

Claimant

Traverse City

Mich.

Attorney

✓ June 8/68 S.G.

June 19/68 - 9.

Oct 10/68 - 10

Q 12/68 - 11

March 11/69 - 2 - celebratory

April 22/69 2 10

No 17173

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Robert Hopkins

Traverse City Mich.

Father of

John Hopkins

Co. "A" 26 Mich. Inf.

Died at Antietam Co.

on May 12/64 Killed

War. Cert. 129,603

No Dup. Sept. 14-74. GWR.

Grand Rapids ag.

mother died May 1872

Received August 27, 1874.

G. P. Griswold

Traverse City

Grand Haven Co. Mich.

Attorney.

217173

Ex. in Matter of

Dec 3/74 to Atty for proof of
marriage - birth of son - death of
mother - clnt's disability at time
of her death val property & earnings
To Past Master for ex of disability
val of propy and labor of clnt

May 24/75 Atty. Part of account of Mother
of Theodore M. M.

July 10/75 Atty. Val of propy assessed
in name of clnt & income
from it. Also value of labor
M. M.

Aug 17/74
Minutes Cir 16 - ~~ALL M. M.~~

Dec. 20/75 Let. At. More Specific
test of propy & income
in accordance with Review
Slip.

No 139227

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Robert Hopkins
Grand Traverse Co Mich
Father of
John Hopkins
Co. Co. A. 26 Mich. Inf
Killed at Spottsylvania
Va May 12/64
Pension Office,

_____, 186

Respectfully referred to the Adjutant
General, for official evidence of service
and death.

Joseph H. Barrett

Commissioner.

Received, March 27, 1868

Claimant.

Traverse City

Michigan
Attorney.

Apr 21/68 S.G.

" 17/68 S.G.

May 4/68, 9, 10, 12.

Reuben May 26/68

wife living

John A. S. no evs. dead. J. Melrose
H.H.

No. 173071

Michigan Vol

Robert Hopkins

Father of
John Hopkins

Rank Priv.

Company "A"

Regiment 26th Mich Vols

Rate per month 8.

Commencing 5th May 1874

Ending Brook

Certificate dated 19th April 1876

and sent 25th " 1876

Payable at ~~Grand Rapids~~ Agency

G. P. Griswold Attorney

Act 14th July, 1862.

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Bush Clerk

1880 June 16 - 1881

place & date of death

Jan 18/89 Inquiry of Mrs. Haldenstadt, Treasurer City
Meant only with information sent to last post
6. Mch 4/88 & name dropped in a/c of death.

June 22/76 sent

144
96
240

7/11/76 Transferred
from Grand Rapids to
S.C. from Mch 1/87
As Ceth. work

March 26/87
work for full
as to change

P.M. Haldenstadt for
information

May 8 77. P.M. Haldenstadt for
" 28 " M. Haldenstadt for
information

May 28 77. M. Haldenstadt for
Aug 21 " " " "

Nov. 15, '77. Letters to John
Cook and Wm. Haldenstadt a.
per slip inside.

July 6. 78. P.A. is there any reason
for non-payment?

1889 May 22 P.A. for
place & date of death,
if known - note

1889 June 1 - P.A. upon
what was report based?

C

illegitimate child, That his father has not received any legacy from England or elsewhere since about the year 1859, at which time he received five hundred dollars which was invested in the land hereinbefore mentioned, said land was traded, for the Village property now owned by his father in the Village of Traverse City. of the total value of Seven hundred dollars.

During the year 1864, his father was unable to perform much manual labor by reason of old age, rheumatism, and a very large rupture, that this affiant is a poor man with a large family to support, but he (affiant) tried to induce his father to come and live with him, believing that he could supply him (father) with the necessaries of life, That his father did not have any income from any other source than that hereinbefore mentioned, and that the total value of the proceeds of said farm for the year 1864 did not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100)

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Robert Hopkins for a Pension; and further saith not.

Wm Hopkins

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of September 1877, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known to the affiant before signing.

J. H. Allen

Special Agent

"G"

EXHIBIT

CASE OF Robert Hopkins, No. 173071

On this 29 day of September, 1877, at
Traverse City, County of Grand Traverse
State of Michigan, before me, F. H. Allen
a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Charles
Goodrich, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
declares that his age is 20 years, that he resides at Traverse City
County of Grand Traverse, State of Michigan, and that
he is in the employ of the Register of Deeds of
said County, as clerk in his office and has
the care and custody of the Land Records of
said County. That from a careful examination
of said records it appears that from the
year 1863 to the year 1868 Robert Hopkins was
the owner of the following described real estate
in said County to-wit: Lot 4 Sec 24 and
Lot 1, Sec. 25 and One & one half acres of Lot 3 Sec
24 Town 28 North Range 11 West. Also Lot
5 Sec 18, T. 28, R. 10. and Fractional Sec. 13 Town
28 Range 11 West containing in all 144 $\frac{85}{100}$
acres of land which was sold during the year
1869 for the sum of One thousand dollars (as
appear by said records.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of Robert Hopkins for a Pension; and further saith not.

Charles Goodrich.

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of September
1877, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

F. H. Allen

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT *F*

CASE OF *Robert Hopkins*, No. 173071.

On this *29* day of *September*, 1877, at
Peninsular, County of *Grand Traverse*
State of *Michigan*, before me, *J. H. Allen*
a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *William Hopkins*
who being by me duly sworn according to law,
declares that his age is *46* years, that he resides at *Peninsular*
County of *Grand Traverse*, State of *Michigan*, and that
his Post office address is *Traverse City, Michigan*.
That he is a son of *Robert Hopkins*, and Brother to
John Hopkins, deceased, that he has been acquainted with
his Father all his life, that in the year 1864 his father was
the owner of *109* acres of land in the Town of *Peninsular* in
said County, of the value of two hundred dollars there being
about ten acres cleared, and a log house situated thereon,
That his father was at that time the owner of one ox and
one cow of the probable value of fifty five dollars, also
one forty acre tract of land purchased from the U.S. for
the sum of fifty dollars, that during the year 1864 his
father, *Robert Hopkins* worked for the firm of *Kannab, Gay*
and Co, on an average of two days in each week for
which he received about two dollars per day, when not at
work for said firm he was (when able) usually at work
on his farm doing chores and other light work, that the
total value of his father's labor for the year 1864 was about
fifty two dollars besides his board, which with a few
potatoes and a little corn which was raised on the farm, constituted
the entire income of his father, who was burdened with the care of
two daughters (one insane) each of whom were the mothers of an
and further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of _____ for a Pension; and further saith not.

Wm Hopkins

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *29* day of *September*
1877, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

J. H. Allen

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT "E"
CASE OF Robert Hopkins, No. 173071

On this 28th day of September, 1877, at
Traverse City, County of Grand Traverse
State of Michigan, before me, F. H. Allen
a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared William
Holdsworth, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
declares that his age is 61 years, that he resides at Traverse City
County of Grand Traverse, State of Michigan, and that
his post office address is as above.

That he has been well and intimately acquainted with
Robert Hopkins, the father of John Hopkins, deceased, for the
past fifty years, and been well acquainted with
the financial affairs, and physical condition of the
said Robert Hopkins, who enjoyed as good health as
most of men, until he left this country for England
in the spring of 1876, except that he was afflicted with
a large rupture, which undoubtedly did prevent him
from performing any kind of manual labor which required
heavy lifting. Just prior to the war said Hopkins received
a legacy of (\$500) five hundred dollars, from England
with which he purchased about 145 acres of land
situated in (what is called) Peninsular in this County.
on which he built a log house, and cleared about ten
acres of land. Until about the year 1863. said Hopkins
was employed by Hannah, Lay & Co, when he was inclined
to work, and not engaged on his farm, but after his
son John enlisted in the army the old man seemed
to become more indolent, and only worked when he
could not well avoid it. during the year 1864. the
books of Hannah, Lay and Co, do not show that

He was employed by them, at all, and if he was employed elsewhere, (except on his farm) affiant has no knowledge of it: at that time this affiant had a farm with improvements similar, to the improvements on the farm of Robert Hopkins. the income from the same, together with the proceeds of his labor, was more than sufficient to support himself and family in a comfortable manner, and affiant is of the opinion that Robert Hopkins, was, in the year 1864, and has been since that time able, (with the income from his farm) to support himself and family. The gross value of the proceeds of the farm, was in the opinion of affiant, for the year 1864, two hundred and fifty (250) dollars. said farm was worth at that time about one thousand dollars, that being the sum for which it was afterwards sold, and its value had not increased, in the meantime. That the only other property owned by said Hopkins at that time was probably one old ox, one Cow and a few pigs, worth in the aggregate from (70) seventy to (100) one hundred dollars.

Prior to the time of his enlistment John Hopkins contributed as liberally as he could to the support of his mother, by furnishing her with money and wearing apparel, when employed by Hannah, Lay, & Co. He made it his home at his fathers house, was as one of the family, and worked on his fathers farm when not engaged elsewhere. Affiant does not believe that John Hopkins acknowledged any obligations on

his part, to contribute to the support of his father, who was generally believed to be able to support himself if his ambition ^{to labor} had equaled his ability therefor.

That Robert Hopkins neglected to provide for his wife in a suitable manner, is a fact, which was generally known at that time, and the principal cause for Johns contributing to his mothers support. After John went into the army he contributed about ten dollars per month, on an average, to the support of his fathers family though the money was sent to his mother, it was used for the benefit of the family consisting of Father, Mother, two Sisters. (one insane or idiotic) and their illegitimate children. (one child each)

Said Robert Hopkins is now the owner of three dwelling houses situated on one Lot in the village of Tramore City (he also owns the Lot) and two houses situated on a leased Lot of the aggregate value of two thousand dollars, on which there is an incumbrance at the present time of about (18) Eighteen dollars. Said dwelling houses, properly managed will yield an income of from twenty five to thirty five dollars per month. Susannah Hopkins was the sister of this affiant:

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Robert Hopkins for a Pension; and further saith not.

Wm. Holdsworth

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of September 1877, and I certify that the contents were carefully read over and fully made known to the affiant before signing.

F. H. Allen

Special Agent

EXHIBIT "D"
CASE OF Robert Hopkins, No. 173571

On this 28 day of September, 1877, at
Traverse City, County of Grand Traverse
State of Michigan, before me, A. H. Allen
a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Dr. B. D. Ashton
formerly Pension Examiner, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
declares that his age is 49 years, that he resides at Traverse City
County of Grand Traverse, State of Michigan, and that
he has been acquainted with Robert Hopkins since
the year 1863, and has known of the physical condition
of said Hopkins since that date that said Hopkins
has during all that time been unable to earn his
support by reason of old age and bodily infirmities
that during all that time said Hopkins has been afflicted
with a very large Scrotal hernia, which affiant has
examined, thus obtaining personal knowledge of its
existence.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of Robert Hopkins for a Pension; and further saith not.

B. D. Ashton
Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of September
1877, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

A. H. Allen
Special Agent.

S. S. D.
No 17307

REPORT IN CASE

Name:

P. O. Address:

County:

State:

Recommendation:

J. H. Allen

Special Agent.

REFERENCE.

Oct 6th, 1877
Very referred to C. L.
Wheeler of Trial Div
for his opinion
Robert Lunt
Chief of S. S. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

Nov. 2, 1877
That pension be con-
tinued.

C. L. Wheeler
Chief of *Main* Div.

ACTION.

Dec 4, 1877
Ad. files
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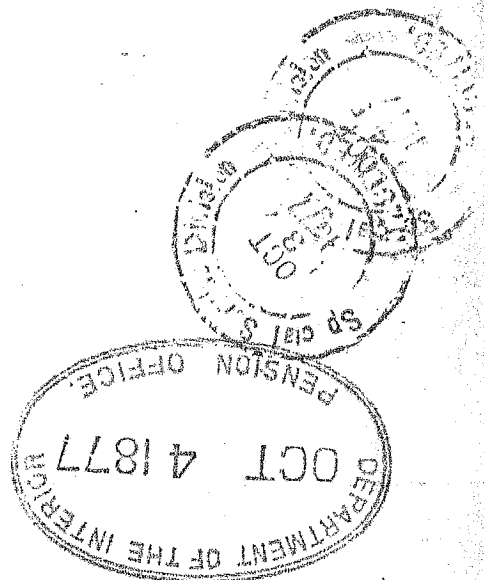
Chief of S. S. Division.

Investigation:

Approved:

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Commissioner.



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EXHIBIT "C"

CASE OF Robert Hopkins, No. 173071

On this twenty eighth day of September, 1877, at
Traverse City, County of Grand Traverse
State of Michigan, before me, J. H. Allen
a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Eugene Germain
who being by me duly sworn according to law,
declares that his age is 47 years, that he resides at Traverse City

County of Grand Traverse, State of Michigan, and that
he has been acquainted with Robert Hopkins father of
John Hopkins for about twenty five years. that during
the time from the summer of 1858 until John Hopkins
enlisted in the army he contributed nearly all his earnings
to the support of his father's family. He obtains his knowl-
edge from having access to the books of the Concern for whom
they were both working at that time and statements made
at the time by John Hopkins, that from the year 1858
until 1862 Robert Hopkins was in the employ of the
Firm of Hannah, Laid & Co. for whom affiant was at that
time foreman and he often heard said Robert Hopkins
complain of a hernia which disqualified him from
performing heavy work though he never saw said
hernia. That during and since the year 1864 in
affiant's opinion Robert Hopkins has not been able
to perform any manual labor, by reason of old
age and bodily infirmities. His first impression was that
in the year 1864 Robert Hopkins did work for the above named firm
but on examining their books he finds that the impression
is erroneous, as there is no credits in his (Hopkins) favor
for labor during that year or since.
and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of Robert Hopkins for a Pension; and further saith not.

Eugene Germain

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of September
1877, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

J. H. Allen

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT "B"

CASE OF Robert Hopkins, No. 173071.

On this twenty eighth day of September, 1877, at Traverse City, County of Grand Traverse State of Michigan, before me, J. H. Allen a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared John F. Grant, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that his age is 56 years, that he resides at Traverse Township County of Grand Traverse, State of Michigan, and that he has been acquainted with Robert Hopkins for the past twenty years, or thereabouts, that in the year 1864 the said Hopkins was the owner of a farm of (in his opinion) Eighty acres situated in Grand Traverse County about Six miles from Grand Traverse City, that said farm was of the value of about (\$800) Eight Hundred dollars, that he did not possess at that time any other property that affiant has any knowledge of except possibly one cow and some pigs. That the son of Robert Hopkins did contribute about two and one half dollars per week to the towards the support of his Father's family. He estimates that the labor performed by John Hopkins on his Father's farm was of the value of two and one half dollars per week. That said Robert Hopkins was, in the opinion of affiant, able to support himself with the assistance of his family, that during the past Six or eight years Robert Hopkins has been totally disabled from the performance of any manual labor by reason of old age and bodily infirmities. That Wm. Hopkins an elder son of Robert Hopkins is a very poor man and unable to contribute to the support of his father, that the farm above mentioned was traded for the property said Hopkins now owns in the village of Traverse City. During the year 1864 Robert Hopkins could not support himself without and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Robert Hopkins for a Pension; and further saith not.

John F. Grant
Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of September 1877, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

J. H. Allen

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT

CASE OF

Robert Hopkins

No. 173071

On this twenty eighth day of September, 1877, at
Evanse City, County of Grand Traverse
State of Michigan, before me, S. H. Allen
a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared John S. Cook,
who being by me duly sworn according to law,
declares that his age is 44 years, that he resides at Evanse City
County of Grand Traverse, State of Michigan, and that
he has been acquainted with Robert Hopkins since the
year 1871, during which time said Hopkins has not been able
to earn his living by manual labor on account of old age
and physical infirmities. He, Hopkins being, as affiant is informed
and believes, about seventy four years of age and afflicted with
a very large rupture. That he has been the agent and had the
care and custody of the property of said Hopkins from about
May 10th 1876 until about September 1st 1877 that the property
of said Hopkins consists of one Village Lot in the Village of
Evanse City on which is located three dwelling houses, valued
by this affiant, at the sum of (\$1425) fourteen hundred twenty five
dollars, and two dwelling houses on a lease lot, (subject
to removal on demand) of the value of two hundred and twenty five
dollars as estimated by this affiant, that all of the above
described property has been rented about one half the time
since he has had possession of the same, at an average rental
of five & ²/₃ dollars per week. That the value of all of said
property as fixed by said Hopkins is two thousand dollars.
on which there is a mortgage (not recorded) of about (\$18) Eighteen
dollars of principal and interest, at the present time.

Since the year 1871 said Hopkins has been burdened
and further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of _____ for a Pension; and further saith not.

John S. Cook

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of September
1877, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

S. H. Allen

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT

CASE OF

, No.

On this _____ day of _____, 1877, at _____, County of _____, State of _____, before me, _____ a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that _____ age is _____ years, that he resides at _____ County of _____, State of _____, and that _____ with the care of an insane daughter, and her bastard child, a daughter about _____ years of age.

That if said Hopkins has, or owns any other property, either real estate, or personal property, this affiant has no knowledge of the same, or of any income he may receive from any other source.

That the valuation fixed on property by the assessors in this Town is usually about one half its true value and that said property was assessed in the year 1874 at the sum of (\$750) seven hundred and fifty dollars and in 1875 at the sum of (\$600) six hundred dollars.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Robert Hopkins for a Pension; and further saith not.

John S. Cook
Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of September 1877, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

J. H. Allen

Special Agent.

Admitted Claim No. 173071
of Robert Hopkins. Father of John
Hopkins late a private in Co. A
26th Michigan Volunteers.

Postoffice address. Tri. Terrace
Portman place. Globe road, Bethnal Green.
London England.

Agency! Washington D.C.

Hon. J. A. Bently
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D.C.

Sir

In the above entitled case referred to me for
a special investigation upon charges which
were made by Mr Holdsworth that said
Robert Hopkins is in good circumstances and
health and possessed of several houses in
this place (Traverse City Michigan) sufficient
for his support. I have the honor to
submit the following report.

On my arrival here I learned that William
Holdsworth was absent and would not return
until the evening of the 28th so I first called
upon John S. Cook the witness who testifies
in Exhibit A. He is in the employ of the
firm of Hannah, Lay & Co. is a Polary
Public, a very reliable intelligent man

and has been the agent of Robert Hopkins from May 1876 until the present time.

The testimony of John F. Grant was next taken as shown in Exhibit "D". Mr. Grant is the head bookkeeper for the firm of Hannah, Lay & Co. is a very reliable and intelligent man. he informed me that if I were to call on any of the reliable old settlers they would all tell about the same story, but Mr. William Holdsworth's testimony might be considered conclusive, as he had a personal knowledge of all the facts and was "one of the noblest works of God" an honest man, whose personal opinions would not swerve him from the paths of truth.

The statement in Exhibit "E" was made by Chrysler Germain, who has been foreman in the Mill Yard of the above named firm since long before the war. He has the reputation of being "something of a Wag" but perfectly reliable,

Dr B. D. Ashton testifies in Exhibit "D" he is highly esteemed in the community in which he lives.

At nine o'clock P.M. on the 28th inst - I found Mr. William Holdsworth at his residence and took his statement as shown in Exhibit "E"

He is one of the book keepers in the employ of the "before mentioned firm" and a sort of General Superintendent for them. I believe him to be all that Mr. Grant represented him to be, also a man of great, good judgment. He said he was not prejudiced against Robert Hopkins any more than he was against any indolent man who could work, and wouldn't. I called his attention to his former affidavit wherein he had stated that "Robert Hopkins does not provide and cannot for the support of said Hannah Hopkins" as explanatory he said that he hastily read said affidavit and did not notice the word "cannot" which should read "and will not", he examined the records before making statements, and I believed his assertions.

On the morning of the 29th inst (this AM) I drove out to the Peninsular to call upon William Hopkins the eldest son of Robert Hopkins, he was just starting for the village, and I returned with him and took his affidavit as shown in Exhibit "F". He is a farmer, reported honest when not interested, educated as a common sailor in the English Navy, and a very unwilling witness.

The contradictory statements made by him as to the value of his Fathers labor were made in accordance with his sympathies, while sympathizing with his deceased mother, his father obtained two dollars per day, for two days in each week, while his sympathies were with his ~~Father~~, his Father earned only fifty two dollars a year.

He is one of the "I don't know" kind who hated to fix a value on anything, and would not for a long time express an opinion as to his fathers income during the year 1864.

The testimony of Charles Goodrich as shown in Exhibit "G" is simply a matter of record. I conversed with several of the old residents here, they all told about the same story, but I did not find one who could give any more, or as definite a statement relative to Robert Hopkins income in 1864, as that shown in the Exhibits, Though all agree that the old man has not done any work of any account since the war, and that he might have done a little.

The assessment rolls for 1864 cannot be found.

Traverse City
Michigan
Sept 29th 1877

Very respectfully,
J. H. Allen
Special Agent.

No 161287.

State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse } of

On the day of AB 1869 before me
personally appeared William Holtsworth
and Henry Holtsworth residing at
Traverse City in said County of Grand
Traverse, State of Michigan, whom I certify
to be respectable and entitled to full faith
and credit, who being by me first duly sworn
according to law, depose and say: That they
well know Sylvania Hopkins of Pommene
in said County who has applied for a pension

That she is the mother of John Hopkins who
was a private in Company A of the 26th Regiment
of Infantry Michigan volunteers in the war of
1861. That they well know the said John Hopkins
in his life time; that he leaves no wife or child
surviving him, having never been married.

That they also well know Robert Hopkins
the father of said deceased John Hopkins, and the
husband of said Sylvania Hopkins, that he is an
old man being sixty five years old, poor, and unable
to support himself: owing to a severe rupture and
partial loss of sight, and general debility of old
age, and has been in such condition before and
ever since his said son John enlisted in the
Military Service of the United States in August
1862. That he is unable to work at any regular
calling and owing to the above causes he is unable

for labor, that he the said Robert Hopkins does not provide and cannot for the support of the said Susan Hopkins, and does not furnish her with the necessaries of life; that said John Hopkins in his life time was the chief support of his said mother, the aforesaid Susan.

That before he enlisted in the service of the United States he ~~he~~ worked out by the month as a common laborer and out of his earnings in said calling he wholly, or in great part supported his mother, that he regularly gave her money, and purchased and furnished her necessary articles of food for her household. That after he entered the service aforesaid he regularly sent her a part of his pay when he received the same at an average of \$10 per month; that during all the time her said son was so supporting her she had no other means of support or property, and has no property or means of support since his death; that the witnesses derive their knowledge of these facts as follows; that they have resided very near the parties for ten years last past, and during that time have had an intimate knowledge and acquaintance with them, and their affairs, and they have known in this way of the aid given to his mother by the said John; and that the inability of the said Robert Hopkins, arising from the

cases above stated, are matters of public notoriety in the said county of Grand Traverse.

They further say that they do reside as aforesaid and have no interest in this claim.

~~Wm. Holdsworth~~

~~Henry Holdsworth~~

~~I have read and subscribed before me by the said William and Henry Holdsworth on this day of 1869; and I certify that I have no interest in said pension claim direct or indirect.~~

Also at the same time and place personally appeared before me Benjamin B. Ashton a resident of Traverse City in said county & state, a practicing physician, whom I certify to be a physician of good professional standing and reputable entitled to full faith and credit, who being by me first sworn according to law says, that he is well acquainted with Robert Hopkins the husband of Mary Ann Hopkins who has applied for a pension on account of the death of their son John in the military service of the United States; and that he has been acquainted with said parties for the last 6 or 7 years, that the said Robert Hopkins is a man of good habits, temperate & well disposed; that he is debilitated from old age and a naturally imperfect constitution has scrotal hernia and had

prior to my acquaintance with
him ~~At that~~ was about the time
his son enlisted

His disability is total and
permanent.

Benj D Ashton

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the
said William and Henry Holdsworth
and Benj D. Ashton on this 13th day
of April 1869. and I certify that I have no
interest in said pension claim direct
or indirect

John Brown
County Clerk
Grand Haven County
Michigan



Celabaw 17
Dorr

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss.
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY.

I *Thos. T. Bates, Depy* Clerk of said County,
(and ex-officio, Clerk of the Circuit Court, thereof, being a Court of
Record, having common law jurisdiction,) do hereby certify, that

Jas. L. Loomis before whom the above and
foregoing affidavit was sworn to, is, and was, at the date thereof a

Notary Public

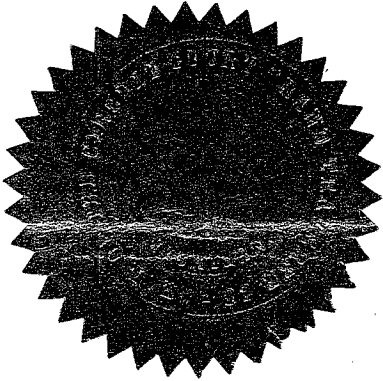
within and for said county, duly *Appointed*
qualified and sworn, and authorized by the laws of this State to take
said affidavit: And I further certify that I am acquainted with the
handwriting of said *Jas. L. Loomis* and be-
lieve his signature above subscribed to be genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal,
at Traverse City, this *2^d* day of *June*
A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy *five*

Thos. T. Bates, Depy CLERK.

*County and was buried in the Cemetery
near Steel Village of Traverse City
Subscribed and sworn
to before me this 1st day
of June A.D. 1875*

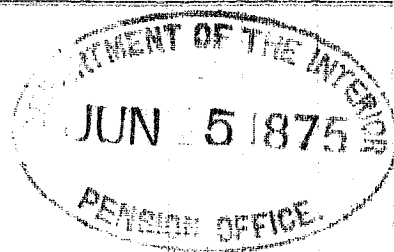
Jas. L. Loomis { *E. H. Holdsworth.*
Notary Public { *B. L. H. H. H.*
Grand Traverse County
Mich



State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse }
Benjamin & Ashtore, and
E. H. Holdsworth being duly sworn
according to law, say that they are
well acquainted with Robert Hopkins
(Father of John Hopkins,) and the
son and daughter of Robert Hopkins (deceased)
and that they know that on or about
the 4th day of May 1874 the said Suzanne
Hopkins died at Traverse City in said
County and was buried in the cemetery
near Steel Village of Traverse City
Subscribed and sworn
to before me this 1st day
of June A.D. 1875

John Brown { E. H. Holdsworth.
Jotay R. R. { G. L. H. H. H.
Grand Prairie Co. {
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Death of
Mother



State of Michigan
County of Grand Traverse

On this day of May A.D. 1868 personally appeared before me Thomas Bates and Robert W. Siggins of the County of Grand Traverse aforesaid, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who being first duly sworn according to law depose and say, that they are well acquainted with Sylvania Hopkins who has applied for a pension, and with her husband Robert Hopkins, and also with John Hopkins their son who was in the service of the United States, (Military), during the last war and died in such service, that they have been well acquainted with the said Hopkins & for the last eleven years, and during their acquaintance with them of their own personal knowledge they know that the said Robert Hopkins has been unable to support his wife owing to his bodily infirmities, caused by sickness, and old age; And that during their said acquaintance they know that in each and every year thereof until his death they ~~know~~ that their son John until he enlisted in the Military service of the United States as found and worked out by the Month as a common labourer and with his earnings supported his said mother, by providing for her

her necessary clothing and food; to the amount
of twelve dollars per month; and that after
he went into said Military Service he regularly
sent to his said Mother Ten dollars per month
to the time of his death; and that during
their said acquaintance with said Hopkins
the said decedent has had no property
or means of support other than as above
stated, and that the said John left neither wife nor minor
~~children~~ ^{children} and they further testify that they have no interest
in the prosecution of this claim, and that they
derived their information as above given to of
the circumstances, and of the fact of their son
John having so supported his said Mother
by their intimate acquaintance with all of said
parties; that said Thomas Bates was in the
military service with said John Hopkins in the
same company, and at the same time, and
continued in such service to the expiration of
his time of enlistment, and until after said John
was killed at Spotsylvania, and all of the ~~fact~~
statements above made by testifies to be of
his own personal knowledge; and the said
Robert W. Siggins further testifies that he has
been intimately acquainted with all of said
Hopkins for the last fourteen years, and has all
of said time been regarded by them as a confidential
friend and adviser.

Thomas Bates

Robert W. Siggins
his mark

In presence of
J. S. Crain
Pasgray

Thomas Bates

friend and attorney

Thomas Bates

Robert W. his
Siggers
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In presence of
Le S. Crain
Paspray

Thomas Bates

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
7 day of May AD 1869, and I certify that
I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

James
Black of the
Lieut. Court
Grand Jurors. May

Contribution of
Celebrary of
And

Mr. W. H. H. H. H.
Bennett

