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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

CERT. NO. 574,613

PENSIONER:

Bella Brown

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OF

VETERAN:

Nelson Brown

CAN. NO:

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BUNDLE NO:

#3

3-1081

Little PENSIONER DROPPED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

MAR 5 1914, 191

Certificate No. *574.613*

ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.
Class

Pensioner *Bella Brown*

Soldier *Nelson*

Service *912 P. U.S.C. Vol. 97*

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the name of
the above-described pensioner who was last
paid at \$ *12*, to *Nov. 4, 1913*
has this day been dropped from the roll be-
cause of *Death*

Date unknown

Very respectfully,

W. M. [Signature]

Chief, Finance Division.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at
once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date
of death when known.

#12
JAN 13
M.W.

PLATE DESTROYED

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
Office of the Disbursing Clerk.

FEB 11 1914 1914.

To the Chief, Finance Division:

You are hereby notified that check No. 3648595, for \$ 36⁰⁰
dated FEB 4 1914, in favor of Bella Brown

Ctf. No. 574613, Class Act of April 19, 1908 Section 5

has been returned to this office by the Postmaster at Garnet

S. C., with the information that the pensioner died
unknown, and said check has this day been canceled.

Very respectfully,
GUY O. TAYLOR,
Disbursing Clerk.

(D-2)

3-292.
(Old No. 3-459.)

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At Scotia, S. C., _____

Apr. 18 - _____, 1904

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Bella Brown _____, No. 651058

To Bella Brown _____, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will on the 21st day of Apr., A. D. 1904, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Scotia _____, County of Hampton _____ and State of S. C. _____, and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all available and material witnesses will be heard.

And you are further notified that you have the privilege of being present, in person or by attorney, during said special examination, and of cross-examining said witnesses and of introducing any material evidence on your own behalf if you so desire.

Dor McElain _____
Special Examiner.

I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 18th day of Apr., 1904
and desire the examination to begin on the at once _____

Attest:
W. T. Blount

Bella Brown _____
mark

ACT JUNE 27, 1890.

(3-231.)

No. 574.613.

Bella Brown

WIDOW OF

Nelson Brown

Rank *Pat.*, Co. *G.*

Regt. *128. U.S.C. Vol Inf.*

Knoville Agency.

Rate per Month, \$ *8.*

Commencing *Mar 15. 1897.*

Additional sum of \$2 per month for each of the following children, until arriving at the age of 16 years, commencing *Mar 15. 1897.*

James 16 yrs. *Oct 14. 1901*

Henry L. " *Nov 6. 1904*

DEAD. 18 .

" 18 .

" 18 .

✓ " 18 .

" 18 .

Issued *June 20. " 1904*

Mailed " *23 1904*

— Fee, \$ *10.*

DROPPED
MAR 5 1914
W.C.

3-2180.] *Stockton*
 Ex'r.
 No. 51068
 Act of June 27, 1890.

April 23/97
 Md. May 5-97 - Claim for death prior mgs. - wife - VA. widowhood - birth, children - W. V. living - divorce - prop-erty - claim's statement as to bur-ial - assessment record - minor

Bella Brown
Brighton
Georgia S.C.
 Wid
Nelson Brown
 128 W 6 St
 Died at
 Jan 1-1896
 No other claim than
 I. of 82675-1
 Apr. 21, 1897
 J.B.F.
 Clerk.
 Numerical No.

sub. ver - prior claim - a - N.C. War Dept for additional S.C. report - a - May 5-97
 FLA. Mar. 21/98. Bailey, clerk
 GA. ~~by to my wife~~
 ALA. birth property with and
 MISS. claim statement on
 LA. claim " " " "
 TEX. " " " "
 KY. May 21-1900 at Bailey
 TENN. that record on other a
 MO. of death. ~~by~~ - ~~burial~~
 ARK. living. ~~man of support~~
 D.C. ~~claim's statement~~
 U.S.C.T. ~~assessment record~~

Application filed: *Mar 15*, 1897.
 Attorney: *E. F. Warren*
 P.O. *Hampton*
E. S. Bailey S.C.
City

Prof. and Historic
awarded, call original
Hist. Cor. to
Trustee for
claim's statement
as of her death
and
 Nov. 702, S.
 571,068.
 APR 30 1897

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant, Bella Brown / Soldier, Nelson Brown
 P. O., Brighton, Watauga / Rank, Private
 County, Hampton / Company, H
 State, South Carolina / Regiment, 128th U. S. C. Vol. Inf.

Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____, and _____
 and \$2 a month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage	Born, _____	Commencing _____
	Sixteen, _____	
	Born, _____	" _____
	Sixteen, _____	
	Born, _____	" _____
	Sixteen, _____	
By last marriage	Born, <u>March 15, 1887</u>	" _____
	Sixteen, <u>March 14, 1888</u>	
	Born, <u>March 15, 1887</u>	" _____
	Sixteen, <u>March 14, 1888</u>	
	Born, <u>October 15, 1885</u>	" _____
	Sixteen, <u>October 14, 1886</u>	
	Born, <u>November 17, 1887</u>	" _____
	Sixteen, <u>November 16, 1902</u>	
	Born, _____	" _____
	Sixteen, _____	

SOUTHERN.

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

All pension to terminate _____, 1 _____, date of _____
June 29, 1904
M.S.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name _____ Fee, \$ _____ Agent _____ to pay.
 P. O. _____ Articles filed _____, 1 _____

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Sp. Ex. April 6, 1904 by J. C. Speckton Examiner.
considered May 31, 1904

Approved for rejection on the ground of no evidence of existence of
continuanace of fever at discharge from or since until fatal illness
and claimant's apparent inability to furnish same.
 origin and death resulted accepted due to

_____ which has been legally accepted.
 June 15, 1904, Geo. S. Livingston Medical Examiner.
 June 18, 1904, H. S. McDaniel Medical Referee.
 Legal Reviewer. Re-Reviewer.

IMPORTANT DATES.

Enlisted <u>March 8, 1865</u>	Former marriage of soldier <u>none</u> , 1
Mustered <u>no info serve</u> , 1	Death of former wife _____, 1
Discharged <u>October 10, 1866</u>	Former marriage of claimant <u>none</u> , 1
Died <u>January 1, 1896</u>	Death of former husband _____, 1
Declaration filed <u>March 15, 1897</u>	Claimant's marriage to soldier <u>about</u> , 1867.
Invalid appl'n filed <u>May 5, 1892</u>	Claimant remarried <u>not, no divorce</u>
Invalid last paid to <u>November 4, 1895</u>	

Claimant does not write.

D Declaration for Original Pension of a Widow—Child or Children under Sixteen years of age Surviving. D

STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Hampton, ss:

On this 20th day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-9

personally appeared before me W. S. Kent, a Notary Public for Hampton County, South Carolina

within and for the county and State aforesaid, Bella Brown aged Fifty 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 widows: That she is the widow of Nelson Brown

who entitled under the name of Nelson Brown

at Co "G" 128 U S Cal Vol Inf, on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 18 _____, in the war of Rebellion, who²

on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 18 _____, who bore at the time of his death the rank of Private, in the same as aforesaid; that she was married under the name of Bella Denson to said Nelson Brown

on the _____ day of January, A. D. 1860, by Henry Green at Wichman plantation, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that neither she nor her husband had been previously married ⁴

that she has to the present date remained his widow; that the following are the names and dates of birth of all his legitimate children yet surviving who were under sixteen years of age at the father's death, to wit:

HIS BY HERSELF.

HIS BY A FORMER MARRIAGE.

- Mary Brown, born about 1844, 18 _____
- Joseph Brown, born "13" "18", 18 _____
- James Brown, born "12" "18", 18 _____
- Henry D. Brown, born "10" "18", 18 _____
- Eleon Brown, born "6" "18", 18 _____
- _____, born _____, 18 _____

- _____, born _____, 18 _____
- _____, born _____, 18 _____
- _____, born _____, 18 _____
- _____, born _____, 18 _____
- _____, born _____, 18 _____
- _____, born _____, 18 _____

That she has not abandoned the support of any one of his children, but that they are still under her care or maintenance ⁵

That she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; that _____ prior application, has been filed ⁶

that she hereby appoints E. J. Warren her attorney to prosecute her claim;

that her residence is No. Besta street, and that her post-office address is Besta S C

(Attest.)

Bella Brown (Claimant's signature.)

Also personally appeared B. E. Stokes, residing at No. _____ in _____ street, in Besta S C, and P. R. Butler

residing at No. _____, in _____ street, in Besta S C, 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 Bella Brown

the claimant, sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant 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.

B. E. Stokes
P. R. Butler

checked after 5/2/99

(Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 20th day of August, A. D. 1896

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words

, erased, and the words

added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

M. H. [Signature]

(Signature.)

Notary Public for S.C.

(Official character.)

- 1 State company and regiment, if in army; or vessel and rank, if in 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 "In the service aforesaid," or otherwise.
- 4 If either have been previously married, so state, and give date of death or divorce of former spouse.
- 5 For such children as are not under her care claimant should account.
- 6 If prior application has been filed, either by soldier or widow, so state, giving number assigned to it.

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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 having custody of its seal, or before some officer who, under the laws of his State, city, or county, has authority to administer oaths for general purposes, and such officers are authorized to administer and certify any oath or affirmation relating to any pension or application therefor; but if an officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, he shall file in the Pension Bureau a certificate of his official character, showing his official signature and term of office, certified by a clerk of a court of record, or other proper officer of the State, as to the genuineness thereof.

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.

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.

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.

The statements 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.

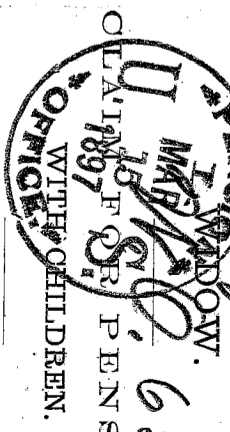
With all claims for arrears, increase, or restoration to the rolls, the original pension certificate must be returned, or explanation of its absence must be given under oath.

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

W. H. [Signature]

D

Jan. 27, 1897, 826, 7371



ORIGINAL.

Bella Brannan Applicant,

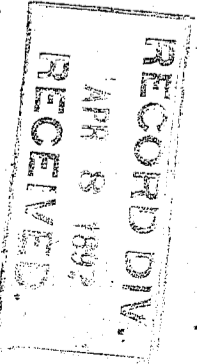
Widow of *Nelson Brannan*

Dr. G. W. J. [Signature]

U. S. LA W Y S

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF MAY 9, 1900

WIDOW'S PENSION.

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Knox

Claimant Bella Brown Soldier Nelson Brown

P. O. Scotia Rank Private, Co. D.

County Hampton, State South Carolina Regiment 128. U. S. C. Vol. Inf.

Rate \$8 per month, commencing March 15, 1897, and \$2 additional for each child, as follows:

- { Born, _____ }
{ Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____
- { Born, _____ }
{ Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____
- James { Born October 15, 1886 }
{ Sixteen, October 14, 1901 } Commencing March 15, 1897
- Henry S. { Born, November 7, 1888 }
{ Sixteen, November 6, 1904 } Commencing March 15, 1897
- { Born, _____ }
{ Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____
- { Born, _____ }
{ Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____
- { Born, _____ }
{ Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____
- { Born, _____ }
{ Sixteen, _____ } Commencing _____

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

All pension to terminate _____, 190____, date of _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name Edward S. Bailey Fee, \$ 10 Agent to pay.
 P. O. Washington D. C. Articles filed _____, 189____

APPROVALS.

Re. Submitted for consid. May 31, 1904, D. McBlain, Sp., Examiner. C.
 Approved for admission.

(One S.E. Report)

June 15, 1904 Geo. S. Livingston, Legal Reviewer.
June 18, 1904 W. S. McCallister, R. P.

The soldier was pensioned at \$ 8.00 per month for rheumatism & dis. urinary organs.

Enlisted March 8, 1865 Soldier's app'n filed May 5, 1892

and honorably disch'd October 10, 1866 Clt's app'n under other laws Mar. 15, 1897

Reenlisted Not, 18____ Former marriage of Neither, 18____

_____ honorably disch'd _____, 18____ Death of former _____, 18____

Died January 1, 1896 Clt's marriage to soldier about, 1863

Declaration filed March 15, 1897 Clt. not remarried, no divorce

Claimant does not write. No, M. C.

Southern

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF MAY 9, 1900.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

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Claimant Bella Brown Soldier Nelson Brown
 P. O. Brighton Rank Private, Co. G
 County Hampton, State South Carolina Regiment 128th U. S. Col. Inf.
 Rate, \$8 per month, commencing March 15th, 1897 and \$2 additional for each child, as follows:

<u>Joseph</u>	Born, <u>March 15th, 1882</u> Sixteen, <u>March 14th, 1898</u> Commencing <u>March 15th, 1897</u>
<u>Mary</u>	Born, <u>March 15th, 1882</u> Sixteen, <u>March 14th, 1898</u> Commencing <u>March 15th, 1897</u>
<u>James</u>	Born, <u>October 15th, 1885</u> Sixteen, <u>October 14th, 1901</u> Commencing <u>March 15th, 1897</u>
<u>Henry L.</u>	Born, <u>November 17th, 1886</u> Sixteen, <u>November 16th, 1902</u> Commencing <u>March 15th, 1897</u>
	Born, _____ Sixteen, _____ Commencing _____
	Born, _____ Sixteen, _____ Commencing _____
	Born, _____ Sixteen, _____ Commencing _____
	Born, _____ Sixteen, _____ Commencing _____

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

All pension to terminate _____, 190____, date of _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name Edward S. Bailey Fee, \$ 10 Agent to pay.
 P. O. Washington, D. C. Articles filed _____, 189____

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Sp. Ex. *rem'd*, April 6th, 1903 J. C. Stockton Examiner.
May 31, 1904 - B. M. - Claim Agt.

Approved for _____

_____, 190____, Legal Reviewer.

The soldier was pensioned at \$ 8⁰⁰ per month for then and dis. urinary organs.
 Enlisted March 8th, 1865 Soldier's app'n filed May 5th, 1892
 Dis. honorably disch'd October 10th, 1861 Clt's app'n under other laws Mar. 15th, 1897
 Reenlisted not, 18____ Former marriage of neither, 18____
 _____ honorably disch'd _____, 18____ Death of former _____, 18____
 Died January 1st, 1896 Clt's marriage to soldier about, 1863
 Declaration filed March 15th, 1897 Clt not remarried. No divorce
 Claimant does not writes. _____, M. C.

SOUTHERN.

Index Sheet, Claim No. 657,068, New Law,
Bella Brown, Widow, Nelson Brown, Dead
 Service, Co. G, 128th U. S. C. I.

In cases submitted for special examination a separate index should be prepared for each brief and placed immediately under the corresponding face sheet (or sheets). In no instance should any paper be placed between index and face sheets. Dates of examination, and not of filing, should be given in indexing surgeons' certificates, as provided by paragraph 5, order 12, Manual of Practice 1901.

NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1.	Bella Brown.	Mar. 15, 1899	Declaration.
2.	Brighton, S. C.	Nov. 3, 1898	"
3.	do.	Feb. 13, 1900.	Dependence.
4.	"	Mar. 19, "	Marriage, no record, births & living.
5.	"	Oct. 29, "	" " "
6.	"	Dec. 19, "	Only evidence of births.
7.	"	" 10, 1902.	History Circular.
8.	"	Mar. 9, 1903.	No other clue, no pr. mgs. dis. as to sold, deaths.
9.	"	June 8, 1897.	Power of attorney.
10.	John Nix.	July 17, "	Dependence, not remarried, cause sold deaths.
18.	Stillwood, S. C.	Jan. 16, 1900.	Legal widowhood.
19.	"	May 25, 1899.	No divorce, identity of client.
10.	Daniel Samuel,	July 17, "	Dependence, no pr. mgs, cause sold. deaths.
18.	Stillwood, S. C.	Jan. 16, 1900	Legal Widowhood.
11.	A. N. Miller.	Feb. 13, "	Dependence. Cohabitation.
17.	Shirley, S. C.	Jan. 25, "	Marriage. No divorce.
12.	E. J. Lawton.	Feb. 13, 1900.	Dependence. Cohabitation.
	Scotia, S. C.		
13.	County Auditor.	Jan. 25, 1900.	Assessment.
	Hampton Co., S. C.		
14.	Peter Small.	Mar. 9, 1903.	Date Soldier's death.
	Shirley, S. C.		
15.	Matilda Thomas.	do.	Births do.
20.		Mar. 19, 1900	Births.
22.	Shirley, S. C.	Dec. 19, "	"
16.	Eugene Brown.	Jan. 25, 1900.	Marriage. No divorce.
	Scotia, S. C.		
19.	Simon Myers.	May 25, 1899.	No divorce, Identity of client.
	Stillwood, S. C.		
21.	Mary Small.	Dec. 19, 1900.	Birth of James.
	Brighton, S. C.		

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Act of June 27, 1890.

CC DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION. CC

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk.

STATE OF South Carolina
COUNTY OF Hampton } ss:

On this 20th day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, personally appeared before me, a W S Reutz Notary Public of the Town of Astoria S C within and for the county and State aforesaid Bella Brown, aged fifty years, a resident of the _____ of _____ county of Hampton, State of South Carolina

, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Nelson Brown, who enlisted under the name of Nelson Brown at _____, on the _____ day of _____ A. D. 18____, in Co "G" 128 U S Cal Vol Inf (Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in Military service, or vessel, if in Navy.)

_____ and served at least ninety days in the late War of the Rebellion, in the service of the United States; who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED _____, and died 1st January 1896 (The cause of death need not be stated.)

That the soldier was _____ in the Military or Naval service of the United States except as above stated. (If any other service it should be stated in full.)

That she was married under the name of Bella Duncan, to said Nelson Brown, on the _____ day of January 1860, by Henry Green, at McBride plantation there being no legal barrier to said marriage. (If there was a former marriage of claimant or her husband, state it here and how dissolved.)

That she has not remarried since the death of the said Nelson Brown (Name of soldier or sailor.)

That she is without other means of support than her daily labor. That names and dates of birth of all the children now living under sixteen years of age of the soldier are as follows:
Mary Brown, born about 15 years old, 18____, Henry Fox Brown, born about 10 years old, 18____ ✓
Joseph Brown, born " 13 " " " 18____, Belborn Brown, born " 6 " " " 18____
James Brown, born " 12 " " " 18____, born _____, 18____

That she has heretofore applied for pension and the number of her former application is _____ That she makes this (Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly.)

declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

She hereby appoints E J Warren, of Hampton CH State of So Carolina, her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim and receive a fee of \$ ten. That her post-office address is Scotia county of Hampton, State of South Carolina

Bella X Brown
(Claimant's signature.)

Attest: (1) _____
(2) _____

Acc'd counted

checked up apl 5/10/91 A. Law

Also personally appeared B E Stokes, residing at Acotia S C, and P R Butler, residing at Acotia S C, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Bella Brown claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance with her of Twenty years and Twenty years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim

(1) B E Stokes
(2) P R Butler
(Signatures of witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of August A. D. 1896, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____ erased, and the words _____ added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

MAR 20 1897

W L Renty
(Signature.)
Notary Public for S.C.
(Official character.)

The Act of June 27, 1890, requires, in widow's case:

1. That the soldier served at least NINETY DAYS in the War of the Rebellion and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED.
2. Proof of soldier's death (death cause need not have been due to Army service).
3. That widow is "without other means of support than her daily labor."
4. That widow was married to soldier prior to June 27, 1890, date of the Act.
5. That all pensions under this act commence from date of receipt of application in Pension Bureau.

Inv. by 826.751 p
90 widows, J.P.F.
WIDOW'S APPLICATION.

Claimant, Bella Brown
Soldier, Nelma Brown
Service, 128 W. S. Co. Inf

U. S. PENSION OFFICE
MAR 20 1897
RECEIVED
MAR 15 1897
U. S.
Address: _____

MAR 20 1897
ATTORNEY:
Address, _____

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Hampton, ss.

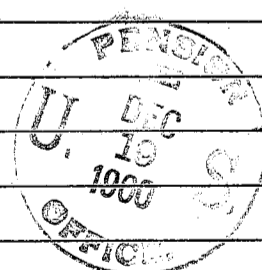
In the matter of Pension Claim of Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown deceased

ON THIS 12 day of December, A. D. 1899, personally appeared before me Walter W. Smith NP in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths Matilda Thomas aged 65 years, a resident of near Brighton in the County of Hampton and State of South Carolina well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That I attended on Mrs. Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown deceased

NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

at the birth of her son Harry Lee Brown Nov. 17th 1886 and that I stayed and waited on her for about two weeks after the birth of the said Harry Lee Brown



Home Post-office address is Brighton Hampton County S.C.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Archie Parker

Matilda Thomas
(Signature of Affiant.)

Amanda Parker
(Affiant signs by mark two persons who write sign here.)

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Walter W. Smith

Smith Harry

STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Sumpter, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted _____

with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me, and that he is a credible person.

Walter W Smith
(Official Signature.)

Not Public Law Co
(Official Character.)

I, _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed

his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

_____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn;

that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 _____.

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk

No. 657.068.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Bella Brown
Nelson Brown
9-128 W.S.C.7

AFFIDAVIT OF

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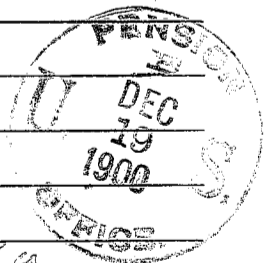
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Hampton, ss
In the matter of Pension Claim of Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown
deceased

ON THIS 12 day of December, A. D. 1897, personally appeared before me
Walter M Smith JP in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer
oaths Mary Small aged 90 years, a resident of Near Brighton
in the County of Hampton and State of South Carolina
well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to
aforesaid case as follows:

I attended as a midwife in Mrs.
NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.
Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown deceased
at the
birth of her son James Brown about fifteen or six
teen years ago, and remained with her some
eight or ten days after the birth of said child



Her Post-office address is Brighton Hampton Co S.C.
and she further declare that she has no interest in said case and is not concerned
in its prosecution.

Archie Parker Mary Small
Quanda Parker (Signature of Affiant.)
(Affiant signs by mark two persons who write sign here.)

Archie Parker

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STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Haworth, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted

with its contents before _____ executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant _____ personally known to me, and that _____ credible person.

Walter W. Smith, N. Public
(Official Signature.)

For South Carolina
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 .

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk

No. 65/068.
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.
CLAIM OF
Bella Brown,
Widow of
Nelson Brown -
9-128 W.S.C.7.

AFFIDAVIT OF
Witness - act from 1970.

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Hampden, ss.

In the matter of James Brown son of Bella Brown
a widow of Nelson Brown late C. G. 128 Reg. U.S. Inf

ON THIS 7th day of March, A. D. 1890, personally appeared before me
Walter N. Smith in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer
oaths Matilda Thomas aged about 60 years, a resident of near Brighton S.C.
in the County of Hampden and State of South Carolina

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to
aforesaid case as follows:

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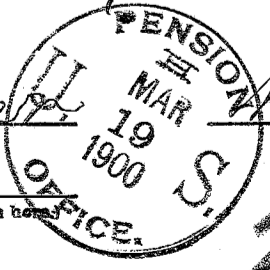
That I attended and waited on Mrs. Bella
Brown at the time of the birth of her son
James Brown on or about Oct. 15th 1884 at
her home, on lands when the new residence belonging
to Est. F. A. Kauter. I have known Bella
Brown all of her life, & she lived at the said
named place with her husband Nelson Brown
at the time of the birth of said child & con-
tinued to live with him until the date
of his death some two or three years (or about)
ago.

Walter N. Smith
Matilda Thomas

Her Post-office address is Brighton Hampden Co S.C.

I do further declare that she has no interest in said case and is not concerned
in its prosecution.

William B. Baker
W. N. Smith



Matilda Thomas
(Signature of Affiant.)
mark

Affiant signs by mark two persons who write sign here.

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STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Hampden, ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words Matilda Thomas erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted with its contents before before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me, and that she is a credible person.

Walter W. Smith
(Official Signature.)
Notary Public S.C.
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 189 .

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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no. 657. 068
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF
Pella Brown -
Nelson Brown -
9-128 WSCy.

AFFIDAVIT OF
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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Hampton, ss.

In the matter of Bella Brown Widow of Nelson Brown
Co G 128 Reg U S C Infy Vol

ON THIS 12th day of May, A. D. 1899, personally appeared before me

Notary in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer

oaths John Cox & Simon Myers aged 62 years, a resident of Stillwood

in the County of Hampton and State of SC

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

we know Bella Brown
to be the wife of Nelson Brown Co G 128th Reg U S C Infy
and that she has never been divorced or
married since Nelson Brown's death
and know her to be the identical
woman that she represents herself to be
were in the same Reg 128 with
Nelson Brown

Wilson Russell further declare that no interest in said case and not concerned
in its prosecution.

Wilson Russell

John Cox
Simon Myers
(Signature of Affiant.)

A Cape
(If affiant signs by mark two persons who write signs here.)

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STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Beaufort, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted _____

with its contents before _____ executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested

in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant are personally known to

me, and that They are credible person.



Geo W Warnock
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

_____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn;

that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 .

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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Edy Kirk

*Mid Dr. 651068 OK
Bella Brown
Nelson Brown*

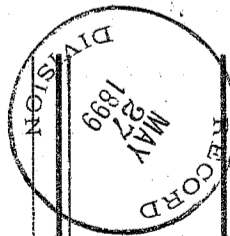
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Bella Brown
Nelson Brown
4-28 W.S.C.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Witness - see Jan 24-90.



SOUTH-CAROLINA
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EDWARD S. BAILEY,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Beaufort, ss.

In the matter of Bella Brown widow
Nelson Brown

ON THIS 20th day of July, A. D. 1899, personally appeared before me

a Notary in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer
oaths John Cox aged 64 years, a resident of Stillwood

in the County of Hampton and State of S.C. and Daniel Samuel

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to some
aforesaid case as follows: Stillwood Hampton Co Reg 128
S.C.

NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

we know Bella Brown to be
the widow of Nelson Brown she has
never been divorced and has not
married since the death of husband
Nelson Brown we were in the same

Reg 128th with Nelson Brown

he died August the 10th 1870

they lived together as man and
wife as long as Nelson lived
Neither had been previously
married or divorced Bella has not
remarried

Post-office address is Stillwood S.C.

further declare that they have no interest in said case and are not concerned
in its prosecution.

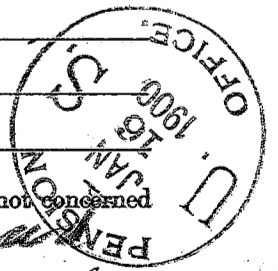
E. Johnson

John Cox
Daniel + Samuel Dead
(Signature of Affiant.)
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a Gope

(Affiant signs by mark two persons who write sign here.)

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Handwritten notes:
No do
Death
10/10/1870
Married

STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Beaufort, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted _____

with its contents before 4 executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant are personally known to me, and that they are credible persons.

Thos M Warnock

(Official Signature.)

Notary Public

(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

_____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 .

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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No. 657068

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Bella Brown

Widow of

Medson Brown No 657068

9-12-88 W.S.C.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Widow - see Jun 27-90

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Hampton, ss.

In the matter of Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown late of Co. G. 128 Reg. U. S. Col'd Inf.

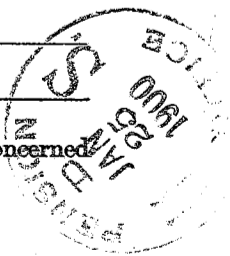
ON THIS 15 day of January, A. D. 1890, personally appeared before me Walter W. South, M.P. in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths Allen Miller aged 45 years, a resident of Shirley in the County of Hampton and State of South Carolina

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

I lived with Bella Brown about the third year after
NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.
Freedom on the Plantation of Mr. McPride near Long Branch Col'd Methodist Church in what was then Beaufort County (now Hampton) S.C. & that the said Bella Brown was married during my stay with them to one Nelson Brown late Co. G. 128 Reg. U.S. Col'd Inf., by the Rev. Henry Reid Col'd. & they lived together as man and wife during my stay with them that year, & since then I have lived not more than one to two miles from them with the exception of about four years. & during said time they have lived together as man and wife up to the time of the death of Nelson Brown which occurred some three or four years ago —

Wife
in divorce

His Post-office address is Shirley
and he further declare that he has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.



E. A. Blount
J. R. Blount Jr.
(If affiant signs by mark two persons who write signs here.)

Allen Miller
(Signature of Affiant.)

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STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Hampden, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted

with its contents before _____ executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested

in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant _____ personally known to

me, and that he is a credible person.

Walter M. Smith
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public for S.C.
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid

County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed

his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

_____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn;

that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 _____

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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W. 65/1.068.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Bella Brown
Widow
Weldon Brown
9-12-88 W.S.C.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Widow - act June 27-90.

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EDWARD S. BAILEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Hampton, ss.

In the matter of Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown late of Co. G. 128 Regt U.S. Col Inf

ON THIS 20th day of December, A. D. 1899, personally appeared before me Walter W. Smith J.P., in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths Eugenia Brown aged 53 years, a resident of Scotia S.C. in the County of Hampton and State of South Carolina

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

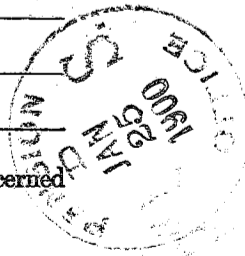
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my affidavit

I was present at the Long Branch Col. Meth. dist. Church in Old Beaufort now Hampton County at the marriage ceremony of Bella Duncan to Nelson Brown (both Col.) during the month of March the third year after Freedmen and that the said named Bella Duncan was then and there married by the Rev. Henry Reid Caldwell, to Nelson Brown late of Co. G. 128 Regt U.S. Col. Inf. and that I have lived in the same neighborhood with the late Nelson Brown & Bella Brown to the time of the death of Nelson Brown and that they lived together as man and wife to the time of the death of Nelson Brown. The Rev. Henry Reid has been dead some thirteen years, & the said Church has been burnt down a great fire.

Her Post-office address is Scotia S.C.

She further declare that she no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.



W. K. Smith
A. Smith

Eugenia Brown
(Signature of Affiant)

(Affiant signs by mark two persons who write sign here.)

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STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Newberry, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted

with its contents before _____ executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested

in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to

me, and that she is a credible person.

Walter W. Smith
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public for S.C.
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed

his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

_____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn;

that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 .

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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No. 657.068.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Bella Bramm
Widow of
Nelson Bramm
9-12-8 W.S.C.V

AFFIDAVIT OF

Widow - at Jun 27-90

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

In the matter of the claim of Bella Brown
(Name of Claimant)

personally appeared before me Peter Small
(Name of Witness.)

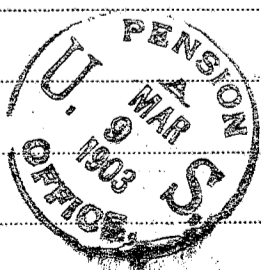
aged 43 years, whose Post Office address is Shirley Hampton
County State of S.C. who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to
said case, that he has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its
prosecution. Further that I am a farmer & I lived

at the time of the death of Nelson Brown late of Co.
G. 128 N.C. (who died on the first day of January
1896.) on the plantation of J. K. Mearns in said Co.
State. & was a frequent visitor to him dur-
ing his last illness, was with him when he
died, assisted in preparing his body for burial -
took up with the body at night, helped make
the coffin in which he was buried, went
with the funeral procession to the grave
and assisted in letting the remains down
in the grave, & aided in covering his
remains in the earth

Peter Small

Witness

W. K. Smith
Sherry Parker



14 [OVER.]

Affiant should sign just next to the close of his written statement. If affiant sign by x mark, two other persons who can write must sign as witnesses to affiant's mark.

STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Haufort, ss :

Sworn to and subscribed before me this third day of March, 1903

by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words.....erased, and the words..... added and acquainted.....

with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that affiant is a credible person.

[L. S.]

Walter W. Smith
(Official Signature)

W. Public for Sale
(Official Character.)

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Additional Evidence.

CLAIM OF

Co. Regt. Vols.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

In the matter of the claim of Bella Brown
(Name of Claimant)

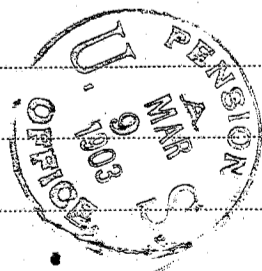
personally appeared before me Matilda Thomas
(Name of Witness.)

aged about 71 years, whose Post Office address is Thirley Hampton
County State of S.C. who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to
said case, that she has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its
prosecution. Further that I am a resident of Hampton Co. S.C.

I was present at the death of Nelson Brown Col
Lat. of C. G. 128 U.S.C.S. and he died on the Plantation of J.K.
Mauer in Hampton County State of S.C. on the first day of Jan'y 1896
I set up with his body the balance of the night and after
the body was laid out for burial, saw his body placed
in the coffin, followed the same to the Cemetery
I saw the last of him put in the Grave =

I lived on the same Plantation at the same
time that he died, was with him from
day to day during his last sickness
and until he died

Witness
J.K. Smith
Sherry Parker
Matilda Thomas
Mark OK



Affiant should sign just next to the close of his written statement. If affiant sign by x mark, two other persons who can write must sign as witnesses to affiant's mark.

STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Haworth S.S.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Third day of March, 1903

by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____ erased, and the words _____ added and acquainted

with its contents before _____ executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that affiant is a credible person.

Halter W. Smith
(Official Signature)

[L. S.]

Not Public for Sale
(Official Character.)

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No. 657.068

Additional Evidence.

CLAIM OF

Bella Brown
Widow
Nelson Brown

Co. E-128 Regt. WSG Div. 7

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ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Hampden, ss.

In the matter of Mrs Bella Brown widow of
Abraham Brown late of C.G. 128 Reg U.S. Col'd Inf

ON THIS 16 day of January, A. D. 1890, personally appeared before me
Walter W. Smith in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer
oaths J. J. Gooding aged 58 years, a resident of Hampden
in the County of Hampden and State of South Carolina

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to
aforesaid case as follows:

That I am County auditor of Hampden County
State of South Carolina. That Mrs Bella Brown personally

NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

Personal

knows me that the amount of property assessed on
the tax books for her, consist of 1 Horse Value \$20-
1 Pig + Household Goods \$ 10

Total Value of all other taxable property — \$ 30

is its true Cash Value, and she has no
other property, and that no one is
legally bound to support her.

The knowledge of the above facts is obtained
by Mrs Bella Brown appearing before me
and making oath as to what property she
owns and the value thereof.

His Post-office address is Shiloh Hampton Co S.C.
and I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned

in its prosecution.

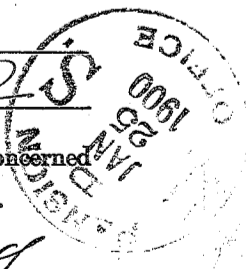
Walter W. Smith
County Auditor

(If affiant signs by mark two persons who write sign here.)

J. J. Gooding
(Signature of Affiant.)

County Auditor
Hampden County
State of South Carolina

13



STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Hampleton, 66:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted _____

with its contents before me executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested

in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to

me, and that he is a credible person and is the County auditor

of Hampleton County S.C. Walter W. Smith
(Official Signature.)

[L. S.]

Notary Public for S.C.
(Official Signature.)

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

_____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn;

that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 _____

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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No. 651068
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Bella Brown
Widow of

Nelson Brown

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AFFIDAVIT OF

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Haufort, ss.

In the matter of Mrs. Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown C. G. 128 Reg U.S. Inf

ON THIS 2^d day of February, A. D. 1910, personally appeared before me Walter W. Smith in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths E. J. Lawton aged 28 years, a resident of Near Scotia in the County of Haufort and State of South Carolina

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

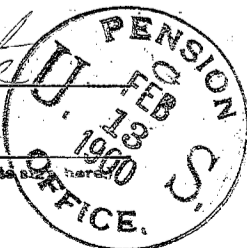
Depend
That I have known Mrs. Bella Brown for more than twenty years, & that she has resided on the farm of F. A. Lawton in said County & State & the said farm on which has been my home during said period - that the said Bella Brown has lived almost continuously on the said farm during the said period of time - that she with Nelson Brown her late husband & children have lived by their own efforts as common laborers, working a great portion of said time for the said F. A. Lawton (my father) & that they lived in my moderate capacity during the said period, that the said Bella Brown is still dependent on his daily labor for the necessities of life. She owns no real estate.

Her Post-office address is Scotia S. C.

She further declare that she has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.

W. W. Smith E. J. Lawton
W. W. Smith (Signature of Affiant.)

Affiant signs by mark two persons who write and sign here.



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STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Haustris, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted _____

with its contents before _____ executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant _____ personally known to me, and that she is credible person.

Kate M. Smith
(Official Signature.)

May Public
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed

his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

_____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn;

that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 .

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk

no. 651,068.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Bella Brown
Widow
Nelson Brown
Sp 128 W.S.C.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Widow - 207 June 27-90,

FILED BY

EDWARD S. BAILEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Stamilton, ss.

In the matter of Mrs. Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown Co. 128 Regt, U.S. C. Inf

ON THIS Fifth day of February, A. D. 1890, personally appeared before me

Walter W. Smith in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer

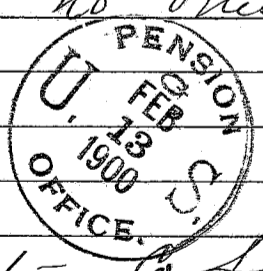
oaths A. S. Miller aged 45 years, a resident of Shirley

in the County of Stamilton and State of South Carolina

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

affiant
I have known Bella Brown for forty years - and have lived near her (and many years of said time on the same farm with her) for the said period of time. & during said time while her husband the late Nelson Brown was a live they lived together dependent on their daily labor for a support, & that she has been supporting her self & children with the aid of the children help since the death of Nelson Brown. & she lives in my humble circumstances, dependent on the daily labor for a support, renting land, & owning one old horse and she owes no other duty.



His Post-office address is Shirley Stamilton Co S.C.

and he further declare, that he has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Wm. M. Porter

A. S. Miller
(Signature of Affiant.)

W. W. Smith

(Affiant signs by mark two persons who write sign here.)

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STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Hampden, ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted _____

with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me, and that she is a credible person.

Walter W. Smith
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public 480-60
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 _____

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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No. 657.068.
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF
Bella Brown -
Nelson Brown -
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AFFIDAVIT OF
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Nelson Brown
Co. G, 128th Reg't U.S.C.I.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C., *Nov 17 1902*

MADAM: In your above-entitled claim you are required to give answers to the following questions, in the blank space after each question. You will please return this circular under cover of the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Bella Brown
Brighton
S. C.

Very respectfully,

L. M. Kelley
Acting Commissioner.

- Where were you born? Answer. *At the ne. side place in Hampton Co. S.C.*
- Where did you live at the time you became acquainted with the soldier? Answer. *At the ne. side place in Hampton County S.C.*
- How long had you known the soldier before you were married to him? Answer. *About two years*
- When, where, and by whom were you married to the soldier? Answer. *about three years after freedom At the Cold Methodist Church near the ne. side place, by the Rev. Henry Reid Col.*
- Where have you lived since your marriage to the soldier? Give the date of each change of residence.
Have lived on the following places, McBride's 1868-1872, Gopher Hill 1869-1872, McBride's 5 1/2 yrs 1869-1875, Willougham place 2 yrs 1876 and 1877, Richmond place 2 yrs 1877-9, Lawton place 2 yrs 1879-1881, Blunt place 2 yrs 1881/3, Flat top place 3 yrs 1882/6, Blunt place 2 yrs 1886/7, Lawton place 2 yrs 1888/1891, various places 5 yrs 1891-1896, Lawton place 5 yrs 1896-1901, Candy place 1 1/2 yrs 1901/2, all in Hampton Co. S.C. excepting Willougham place which is in Darwell Co. S.C.
- Were you married before your marriage to the soldier? Answer. *No*
- Have you married since the soldier's death? Answer. *No*
- Were any children born to you and the soldier? If so, state their names and the dates of their birth.
Chester Ann Sept 15-1871 - Pauline Ann Dec 12-1873 - Alexander Brown Sept 28-1875 - Rebecca Ann July 12-1877 - Nelson Ann Feb 9-1880 - Joseph Brown Born March 15-1882 - James Ann Oct 15-1884 - Henry Lee Ann Nov 17-1886
- Were you a slave? If so, state the names of all your owners, particularly the name of your owner at the date of your marriage to the soldier, and all names by which you have been known.
Yes - Mr. McBride was my owner. Was married after freedom known as Bella Duncan before marriage. Since my marriage Bella Brown
- Where was the soldier born? Answer. *About 3 miles from Mchlgate Hampton Co. S.C.*
- Where did the soldier live when you became acquainted with him? Answer. *on farm off ne. side*
- Where did the soldier enlist? Answer. *His discharge which I have is so defaced that*
- When did the soldier enlist? Answer. *it cannot be seen (that is, the date on the same)*
- Where had he lived before enlistment? Answer. *about 3 miles from Mchlgate in ne. side Hampton Co. S.C.*
- What was the soldier's age at enlistment? Answer. *do not know* His occupation? *Farmer*
His height? *about 5 feet,* _____ inches. The color of his skin? *Black*
- Were you his only wife? Answer. *Yes*
- Was the soldier a slave? If so, state the names of all his owners, and particularly of his owners at the date of his marriage to you, and at his enlistment, and all names by which he was known.
He was a slave - owned by Jas. M. Lawton, he was free at the time he was married to me - turned by Jas. M. Lawton when he enlisted & known as Nelson Lawton alias Nelson Brown Bella nee Brown

ATTEST: { 1. *Mrs. W. Rhodes Jr*
2. *E. W. Smith*

Date: *December 4, 1902*

(Witnesses who can write sign here.)

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina County of Beaufort, ss.

In the matter of Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown

ON THIS 20th day of June, A. D. 1899, personally appeared before me John Kirk and Daniel Samuel in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths aged 63 & 64 years, a resident of Stillwood in the County of Hampton and State of SC

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

We know Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown Co. L 128 Reg used vol. to be not remarried since the death of Nelson Brown he died with Dropsy was married to Bella Duncan Oct 12th 1868 by the Rev James Sweet Bella is alive and has no means of support except by her own labor has no property or bonds of any kind is getting old and infirm and in need of aid

Post-office address is Stillwood SC

further declare that they no interest in said case and not concerned

in its prosecution.

Myself a copie
Deputy G. Johnson
(Affiant signs by mark two persons who write sign here.)

John Kirk Daniel Samuel
(Signature of Affiant.)
mark mark

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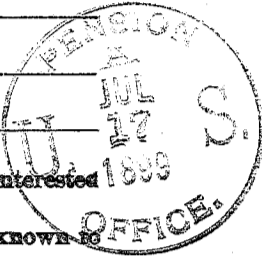
STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Beaufort, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted with its contents before them executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested

in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant are personally known to me, and that They are credible person.



Tr M Warnock
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

_____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 .

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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W. 851.068.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Bella Brown
Wilson Brown
128 WSC.

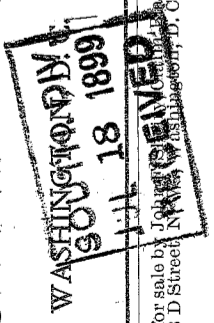
AFFIDAVIT OF

Wilson at June 24-90.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW,



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JUR.

[No. 24.]

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I, Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown Co - 128 W 307.

of Shirley, in the County of _____, and State of S. C.

have made, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute, and appoint Edward S. Bailey, of Washington DC,

my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name, place, and stead, hereby annulling and revoking all former Powers of Attorney whatever in the premises, to prosecute before any Department, or the Courts, or Committees of Congress of the United States until final completion, for me, my Claim for Widows Pension act June 27-90
no. 651,068.

and to, from time to time, furnish any further evidence necessary, or that may be demanded, giving and granting to my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present at the doing thereof, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney or his substitute, may, or shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

My Post Office address is Shirley SC

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 27th day of May, eighteen hundred and Twenty Seven.

D Bettus

L Ann Kenzie

Two witnesses who can write sign here

Bella Brown
(Signature of Claimant.)

[L. S.]

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State of South Carolina County of Hampton, ss:

BE IT KNOWN, That on this 27th day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and nineteen, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the said County and State, personally appeared Bella Brown to me well known to be the identical person who executed the foregoing Letter of Attorney, and the same having been first fully read over to her and the contents thereof duly explained, acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and that I have no interest, present or prospective, in the claim.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, the day and year last above written.

J. W. A. M. Gentry
(Official Signature.)
Noty Pub. S.C.
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I, _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing, _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 18____

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

No. 651,068
CLAIM OF
Bella Brown
Widow of
Agnes Brown
128 W.S.C.

FOR



FILED BY
Edward S. Daley
Washington DC

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

In the matter of the claim of Bella Brown
(Name of Claimant)

personally appeared before me Bella Brown
(Name of Witness.)

aged about 54 years, whose Post Office address is Brighton

Hampden County S.C., who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to

said case, that She has ~~no~~ interest in said case and is ~~not~~ concerned in its

prosecution. Further that my Husband

Nelson Brown late of C.G. 128 U.S.C.T

died about 31st December 1895 or July 18th 1896

I am not positive as to the time as I cannot read or

write and had to depend upon my memory wholly..

John Mix and Daniel Samuel both Colored in their

testimony as to the date of my Husband Nelson

Brown, (died Aug 10th 1890) were both mistaken

and evidently the person who wrote the state-

ment off for them to that effect, misunder-

stood them as to the year and date, or

they both being my ignorant, really

did not know. John Mix and Daniel

Samuel are both dead & I cannot get their evidence

Nelson Brown and myself were never

married before we were married to each

other. I have never made

a claim for Pension since then the

on March 15 - 1897

Wm. W. Rhodes

W. W. Smith

Bella Brown
Handwritten signature

[OVER.]

Affiant should sign just next to the close of his written statement. If affiant sign by x mark, two other persons who can write must sign as witnesses to affiant's mark.



STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Hauskorn, ss.:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this fifth day of December 1902

by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words figure (5) for on the eight line erased, and the words figure five (5) added and acquainted her with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that affiant is a credible person.

Walter H. Smith
(Official Signature)

Not. Public for S.C.
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

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Additional Evidence.

CLAIM OF

Bella Brown

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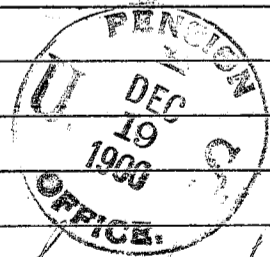
State of South Carolina, County of Hausfather, ss
In the matter of Pension Claim of Bella Brown widow
of Wilson Brown

ON THIS 12 day of December, A. D. 1890, personally appeared before me
Walter W. Smith a D.P. in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer
oaths Bella Brown aged about 53 years, a resident of near Brighton
in the County of Hausfather and State of South Carolina
well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to
aforesaid case as follows:

That I am the mother of the following children
NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.
by Wilson Brown deceased, late Co.

Mary Brown and Joseph Brown born March 15, 1862. Twins.
James Brown born October 13, 1884
Henry Lee Brown born November 19, 1886

The midwife who attended me at the birth of Mary and Joseph Brown is dead & the church
to which I belonged was burned at her death. I cannot and all the church records destroyed.
Mary Small's midwife attended me at the birth of James Brown, and
Matilda Shivers at the birth of Henry Lee Brown both of whom have made
affidavits to that effect. I further declare that this about
all the evidence I can supply & pray that the case may
be acted upon as it stands



My Post-office address is Brighton Hausfather County S.C.
She further declare that she has no interest in said case and is not concerned
in its prosecution.

Archives Parker Bella Brown
Amanda Parker (Signature of Affiant.)
Grant signs by mark (two persons who write sign here.)

Grant
Do not mention Gibson 6

STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Hampden, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted her

with its contents before d executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me, and that she is a credible person.

Walter W. Smith
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public for S.C.
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

_____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 .

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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No. 651.068.
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF
Bella Brown
Melton Brown
9-128 W.S.C. 7.

AFFIDAVIT OF
Widow - at June 29-90.

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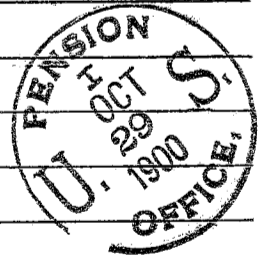
State of South Carolina, County of Hampton ss.

In the matter of Mrs. Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown late Col. Reg. 128 U.S.C. Inf

ON THIS 27 day of October, A. D. 1890, personally appeared before me Walter W. Smith & N.P. in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths Mrs. Bella Brown aged about 43 years, a resident of near Brighton in the County of Hampton and State of South Carolina well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

That I am the mother, (and the late Nelson Brown the father) of the following mentioned Children
Mary and Joseph Brown (Twins) born March 15th AD 1882
James Brown born October 15th AD 1884
Henry Lee Brown born November 17th AD 1886
and the said above mentioned Children
are still alive and reside in the
above mentioned County and State



Her Post-office address is Brighton South Carolina

I further declare that I am no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

W. K. Smith

Bella Mrs. Brown
(Signature of Affiant.)

(If affiant alone by mark two persons who write sign here.)

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clear children and wife

STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Hanilton, ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted _____

with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me, and that she is a credible person.

Walter W. Smith
(Official Signature.)

[L. S.]

Mary Public for S.C.
(Official Character.)

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

_____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 .

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE
CLAIM OF
Bella Brown widow
Nelson Brown
9-128 W. 907.
AFFIDAVIT OF
Widow - act June 27 1901

FILED BY
EDWARD S. BAILEY

EDWARD S. BAILEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Hampton, ss.

In the matter of Mrs. Bella Brown widow of Nelson Brown late Col. 128 Reg't U.S.C. Inf.

ON THIS 8th day of March, A. D. 1890, personally appeared before me Walter W. Smith in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths Bella Brown aged about 53 years, a resident of near Brighton in the County of Hampton and State of South Carolina well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

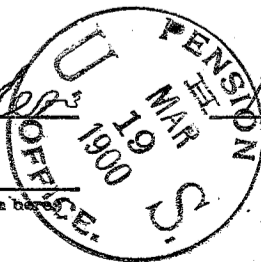
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I was married about the third year after freedom by the Rev^d Henry Reid, but I cannot furnish any church records of that fact as the church records have been destroyed by fire, and can furnish no State or County records of the same as the State of South Carolina at that time required no marriage licenses. Nor can I furnish a Certificate of the Rev^d Henry Reid who performed the marriage ceremony, as he has been dead several years.

I have now living with me four children, as follows
Joseph and Mary Brown Born March 15th 1882
James Brown Born Oct 15th 1884
Henry Lee Brown Born Apr 17th 1886

Her Post-office address is Brighton S.C. Changed from Shirley S.C.
She further declare that she has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.

William B. Baker Bella nee Brown
W. K. Smith mark
(Signature of Affiant.)



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Witness signs by mark two persons who write sign here

STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Haworth, ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words Bella Brown

erased, and the words added, and acquainted

with its contents before executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested

in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me, and that she is a credible person.

Walter W. Smith
(Official Signature)
Notary Public S.C.
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I, _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed

his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn;

that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 .

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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CLAIM OF

Bella Brown
Nelson Brown
9-128 WSC.

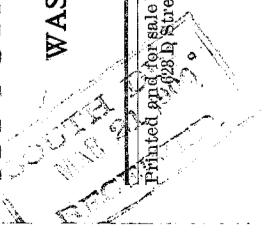
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Widow - adj. 27-90.

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Haufler, ss.

In the matter of Mrs. Bella Brown widow of Alben Brown
late of C. G. 128 Reg. U. S. Inf

ON THIS 5th day of February, A. D. 1900, personally appeared before me
Walter W. Smith M.P. in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer

oaths Bella Brown aged about 55 years, a resident of near Nighlin
in the County of Haufler and State of South Carolina

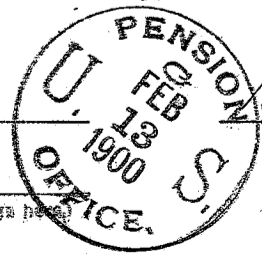
well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to
aforesaid case as follows:

NOTE.—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

*I have no means of support other than my daily
labor as a farm hand, assisted by my small chil-
-dren. I own only one my ordinary horse shoe a
-band that I rent from year to year and am depen-
-dent on my daily exertions for a support.
and I do not own any stocks or Bonds
and I do not own any thing else except
and a my limited supply of household kitchen
furniture of a value not exceeding Twen-
-ty Dollars, the jurator declares that*

Her Post-office address is Nighlin (recently changed from Scotia, S.C.)
She further declare, that she is no interest in said case and is not concerned

in its prosecution.
Sam M. Porter



Bella Widow Brown
(Signature of Affiant.)

A. K. Miller
(Affiant signs by mark two persons who write sign here)

STATE OF South Carolina, COUNTY OF Hampden, ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____

_____ erased, and the words _____

_____ added, and acquainted _____

with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested

in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to

me, and that she is a credible person.

Walter W. Smith
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public Fred L. Co
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I _____, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed

his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing _____

_____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn;

that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____ 189 .

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk

No. 656068.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Mella Brown
Widow of
Nelson Brown
9-128, W. 9 C.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Widow - Aug 27 1900

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EDWARD S. BAILEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Act of June 27, 1890.

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DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk.

State of South Carolina, County of Hampton, SS;

On this 27 day of October, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-8, personally appeared before me, a Notary, within and for the

County and State aforesaid, Bella Brown, aged 56 years, a

resident of Seetia, County of Hampton, State of S. C.

who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Nelson Brown, who enlisted under the name of

Nelson Brown, on the _____ day of _____ A. D.

1888, as a Private in Company B, in the 128 Regiment of S. C. Infantry Volunteers, and served at least ninety days in the late War

of the Rebellion, in the service of the United States, who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED _____

and died 31st of January 1895 That he was not employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above _____

That he was never employed in the military or naval service of the United States after the _____ day of _____, 1887. That she was married under the name of Bella Duncon to said Nelson Brown, on the _____ day of February, A. D. 1867, by Henry Read at _____, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that she had not been previously married; that her said husband had not been previously married. (4) _____

That she has not remarried since the death of the said No _____

That she is without other means of support than her daily labor. That the names and dates of birth of all the children of the soldier, now living, and under sixteen years of age, are as follows:

James, born Oct 15th, 1883, _____, born _____, 18_____

Henry Lee, born Nov 7th, 1886, _____, born _____, 18_____

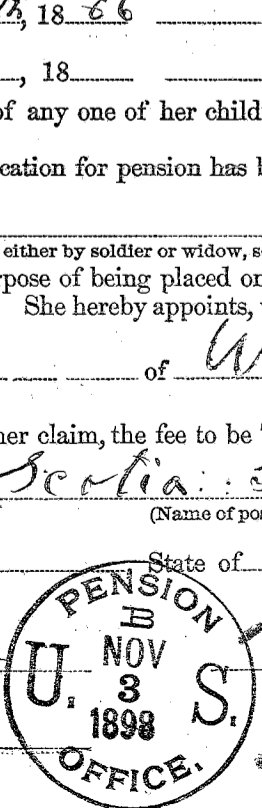
_____, born _____, 18_____ _____, born _____, 18_____

That she has not abandoned the support of any one of her children, but that they are still under her care or maintenance. That _____ prior application for pension has been filed by herself or the soldier _____

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890. She hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Edward S. Bailey of Washington D. C. her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS, payable as prescribed by law.

That her post-office address is Seetia, S. C., county of Hampton State of S. C.

ATTEST:
1 W. G. Murray
2 Joseph Brown



Bella Brown mark
(Claimant's signature - FULL name.)

ATTY GEN

personally appeared W. S. Murray, residing at Shirley S C, and Joseph Brown, residing at Scotia S C, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Bella Brown (Name of widow.)

claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance with her of 15 years and _____ years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

ATTEST:

1 J. S. Greenhof
2 B. F. Rouse

W. S. Murray
Joseph Brown
(Signatures of witnesses—FULL names.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of October, A. D. 1898, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration and affidavit were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____

(Insert any words erased.) _____ erased, and the words _____ added, and (Insert any words added.) _____

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

Frank Warrick
(Signature.)
Notary Public
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

NOTE.—If claimant or identifying witnesses sign by mark (X) such signature must be attested by two persons who can write, of whom the magistrate may be one.

The Act of June 27, 1890, requires in case of a widow:

- 1. That the soldier served at least NINETY DAYS in the War of the Rebellion and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED.
- 2. Proof of soldier's death (death cause need not have been due to Army service).
- 3. That widow is "without other means of support than her daily labor."
- 4. That widow was married to soldier prior to June 27, 1890, date of the Act.
- 5. That all pensions under this act commence from date of receipt of application in Pension Bureau.

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

WIDOW'S CLAIM.

Claimant.

Bella Brown

Soldier.

W. S. Murray

Service.

Private U. S. Army

Address.

Mrs. Bella Brown
Scotia S C

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W.S. Fitch Sr.

24/28 No. 1109142

Act of June 27, 1890.

MD.

VA.

W. VA.

June 9/92. War Dept
for service, Atty
Greaves for sub
service. W.S. Fitch
Exp. Bd Beaufort S.C.

Nelson Brown
P.O. Beaufort -
" W. S. C.
Service: G. 128 - U.S. C. Inf.

Enlisted: _____, 18
Discharged: _____, 18
Application filed: May 5, 1892
Alleges: _____

Any other Claim filed: NW
5-25-92 J.P.

Numerical No. _____

N. C.

S. C.

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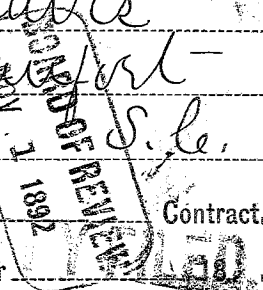
U.S.C.T.

Attorney: R. F. Greaves
P. O. Beaufort -
S. C.

Recognized. _____ Contract.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for
(4478-50,000.)

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ret'd to Pen Cgh. with
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of former of J.P.P.*

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Act of June 27, 1890.

INVALID. (Series

Cert. No. 826751

Name, *Nelson Brown*
Rank, *Pol.*; Service, *C. G. 128th U.S.C. Vol.*

Agency. *R* } Original Roll: *Knoxville*
Transf'd _____, 18____, to
" _____, 18____, to

Issued _____ *Dec 1*, 189*7*
Mailed _____ *11 9*, 189*7*
Rate and Period, \$ *8*, from *May 5*, 189*7*

Issue. Class *VI 7* Fee, \$ *10*

Deductions:

Entered Disability: *Rheumatism and dis. of urinary organs*

Issued _____, 18____
Mailed _____, 18____
Rate and Period, \$ _____, from _____, 18____

Issue. Class _____ Fee, \$ _____

Deductions: _____

Entered Disability: _____

★ Apr. 30 '97 ★

Act of June 27, 1890

INVALID. (Series)

Cert. No. 826751

Name, Nelson Brown
Rank, Pvt.; Service, Co. G. 128th U.S. Inf.

Agency: Original Roll: Knoxville
Transf'd _____, 18____, to _____
" _____, 18____, to _____

Issued _____, 189____
Mailed _____, 18____
Rate and Period, \$ 8, from May 5, 189____

Deductions: _____

Disability: Rheumatism and dis. of urinary organs

Issued _____, 18____
Mailed _____, 18____
Rate and Period, \$ _____, from _____, 18____

Deductions: _____

Disability: _____

Issued, _____, 18____

Mailed _____, 18____

Rate and Period, \$ _____, from _____, 18____

Deductions: _____

Disability: _____

Issued _____, 18____

Mailed _____, 18____

Rate and Period, \$ _____, from _____, 18____

Deductions: _____

Disability: _____

Accrued Pensions.
ACT OF MARCH 2, 1895.
Accrued Pension Certificate and
Order issued June 29 1906
(Pen. Ctf. ~~not~~ herewith)
Payable to Wid.
Mailed June 12 1906

INDORSEMENTS.
DROPPED FROM ROLLS
MAY 27 1896
PENSIONER DEAD.

See Wid. Ctf. 574613

The State of South Carolina }
Hampton County }

Personally appeared Bella Brown who
bearing duly sworn says that she is the
Widow of Nelson Brown deceased, and
that she has made diligent search for
the Pension Certificate of Nelson Brown
deceased and the same cannot be found.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of July

A.D. 1904

F. M. Daly (S)
Magistrate

her
Bella Brown
mark



affidavit
of

Bella Brown

3-438.
(Old No. 3-562.)

ACCRUED PENSION.

Act of March 2, 1895.

Southern Division. *3 Briefs.*

Certificate No. *826,751.* Last issue *December 1*, 189*7.*

Pensioner, *Nelson Brown.* Act of *June 27*, 189*0.*

Date of death, *January 1*, 189*6.*

Claimant, *Bella Brown Widow.*

Brighton, North

Hampton County,

South Carolina.

Certificate *not* filed.

Submitted for *Sp. Ex.*, *April 6*, 190*3.*

Re " " for *consideration* *J. B. Stockton* Examiner. *May 31, 1904.*

BOARD OF REVIEW.

Approved for admission. *Pay widow as above.*

Geo. S. Livingston Reviewer, *June 15*, 190*4.*

N. S. Woodruff Rereviewer, *June 18*, 190*4.*

CERTIFICATE DIVISION

Accrued Pension Certificate and Order { Issued *June 20*, 190*4.*
Mailed *" 23*, 190*4.*

Payable to *Wid.*

Original certificate and voucher

No M. C. Claimant *does not* writes.

SOUTHERN.

(3-145 a.)

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

INVALID PENSION.
ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

826.751
Knoxville

NEP
with 1892

Claimant Nelson Brown
P. O., ~~C. A. Ramsey~~ Rank, Private
Beaufort Company, G
State, S.C. Regiment, 128th U.S. Inf. Regt.
Rate, \$ 8.00, per month, commencing May 5, 1892.

Disabled by Rheumatism due to urinary organs.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, R. F. Greaves Fee, \$ 10 Agent to pay.
P. O., Beaufort, S.C. Articles filed, None, 1892

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Adm. Oct 28, 1892 Wm S. Fitch Examiner.

Approved for Admission Approved for rheumatism, and disease of urinary organs, \$8.
Jan 19, 1892

Nov 18, 1892 Clapp Byrne Legal Reviewer. Nov. 19, 1892. Medical Referee

Not now pensioned under other laws. Last paid to _____, 18____, at \$ _____
Pensioned from _____, 18____, at \$ _____, for _____

SERVICE SHOWN BY RECORD.

Enlisted Mar 8, 1865 honorably discharged Oct. 10, 1866

Re-enlisted _____, 18____, honorably discharged _____, 18____

Declaration filed May 5, 1892, alleges permanent disability, not due to vicious habits, from Rheumatism, disease of heart, and gravel.

No M.C. - Chart does not write.

LAW: _____

Reissue to _____

Claimant, Nelson Brown

P. O., _____ Rank, Am

County, _____ Company, H

State, _____ Regiment, 128 USC 4th Inf

Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____

DROPPED FROM ROLLS
 MAY 27 1896
 PENSIONER DEAD.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

Revision under Departmental Decision of May 27, 1893, and Office Orders (No. 225) of June 9, 1893, and (No. 240) of August 26, 1893.

Respectfully referred to the Medical Referee for his opinion whether, under the above decisions, the pensioner is entitled to his present rate of \$ _____ ?

Approved for continuance
 at \$ 8 per month

(Call attention to any pending claim for increase, former pension and rate under another law, or other essential fact.)

[Signature]
[Signature], 1895, Medical Referee.

NOTE.—If the present rate is continued on the above action, cut off the remainder of this blank at this point.

Reference for Notice of Reissue under another Law, Reduction, or Dropping.

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the Notification Section for legal notice to the pensioner that his pension under the above act will be _____

in accordance with the above opinion of the Medical Division
 (If action is solely upon conclusive legal grounds, erase this clause and state legal grounds.)

_____, 189____, Reviewer.
 Final Medical Action after Legal Notice and Hearing.

Upon all the evidence now filed in the case the medical action taken _____, 189____, should _____, Medical Referee.

REVIEWER'S DEPT
 JUN 27 1896
 MEDICAL REF.

Final Legal Action after Notice and Hearing.

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the _____ Legal notice and hearing having been given the pensioner, the decision to _____ the pension _____ in accordance with the _____ action of _____, 189____, is _____, 189____, Reviewer.

NOTE.—If after notification the action is to continue Board of Revision will send case to proper files; if to drop Finance Division will do so; if to reissue under another law or reduce, Board of Revision will forward to Board of Review.

ACTION OF BOARD OF REVIEW.

Approved for _____

_____, 189____, Reviewer

Index Sheet, Claim No. 826,751, New Law,

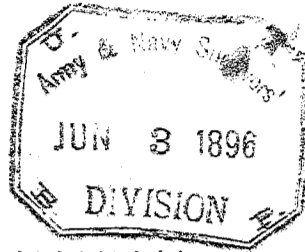
Soldier.

Service, Co. G, 128th M. I. C. I.

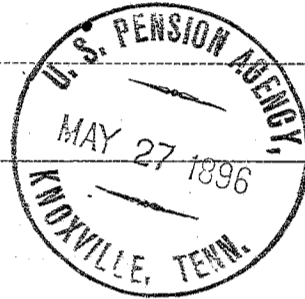
In cases submitted for special examination a separate index should be prepared for each brief and placed immediately under the corresponding face sheet (or sheets). In no instance should any paper be placed between index and face sheets. Dates of examination, and not of filing, should be given in indexing surgeons' certificates, as provided by paragraph 5, order 12, Manual of Practice 1901.

NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1.	Soldier.	May 5, 1892.	Declaration.
2.	"	July 7, "	Origin. Not due to vicious habits.
3.	"	" " "	Service.
4.	A. G.	—	Soldier's Service.
5.	H. J. Kennedy, M. D. Beaufort, S. C.	May 5, 1892.	Soldier's present condition.
6.	Ed. Ex. Surg. Beaufort, S. C.	Ext. July 6, 1892.	Medical Examination.

[S-405.]
(PENSIONER DROPPED.)



U. S. Pension Agency,



Hon. Wm. Lochren,

Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of Nelson Brown, former
Co G 128 U.S.C. Vol Inf, who was a pensioner on the rolls
of this Agency, under Certificate No. 826751, and who was last paid
at \$ 8, to 4 Nov, 1895, has been dropped
because of death

Act of June 27 1890.

Very respectfully,

N. A. Carpenter
Pension Agent.

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.



DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

To be Executed Before any Person who is Authorized by Law to Administer Oaths.

State of South Carolina, County of Beaufort, ss:

On this 2 day of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety two personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid Nelson Brown

aged 61 years, a resident of the Beaufort County of Beaufort State of S. C., who, being duly sworn according to law

declares that he is the identical Nelson Brown who was enrolled on the 8 day of March, 1865, in Co. "H" 128 Regt U. S. I. Here state rank, company, and regiment in military service, or vessel, if in the Navy

in the service of the United States in the War of the Rebellion, and served at least ninety days, and was honorably discharged at Charleston, S. C. on the 10 day of October, 1866.

That he is now at least 3/4 unable to earn a support by manual labor by reason of rheumatism in his left hip, knee and ankle and gravel and heart disease Here name the diseases or injuries from which disabled.

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent; that he has never applied for pension under application No.; that he is a pensioner under Certificate No.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, R. F. GREAVES, of BEAUFORT, S. C., his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim

and to receive therefor a fee of ten-dollars; that his post-office address is Beaufort county of Beaufort, State of S. C.

Nelson Brown
mark
Claimant's signature.

Attest: 1. Abner P. Ramey

Samuel Gilliland
Two witnesses who can write sign

Also personally appeared Albert P. Ramsey residing at Beaufort Island and Middleton Hayward residing at Beaufort Island, 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 Nelson Brown, 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 for 28 years and 18 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Middleton Hayward
Signatures of witnesses

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 2nd day of May, A. D.

1892, 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

[L. S.]

words.....erased and the words.....

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

M. B. Allen
Signature
Notary Public
Official character

NOTES.

The Act of June 27, 1890, requires in case of a soldier:

- (1) An honorable discharge (but the certificate need not be filed unless called for).
- (2) A minimum service of ninety days.
- (3) A permanent physical disability not due to vicious habits. (It need not have originated in the service.)
- (4) The rates under the Act are graded from \$1 to \$12, proportionally to the degree of disability; to earn a supply of, and are not affected by the rank held.
- (5) A pensioner under prior laws may apply under this one, or a pensioner under this one may apply under other laws, but he cannot draw more than one pension for the same period.



ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

SOLDIER'S APPLICATION.

Name Nelson Brown
Service Regt. "4" 15th Regt
W. S. C. Inf

ADDRESS:

Beaufort, A. P. Ramsey
Beaufort, Is.
S. C.

FILLED BY
R. F. CREAVES
U. S. CLAIM AGENT,
BEAUFORT, S. C.

Date of execution.....
Printed by the NEW SOUTH PUB. CO., Beaufort, S. C.

2/12/23
MR. No claim

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, County of Beaufort, ss

In the matter of Nelson Crown Lot 1009
128, N. S. E.

ON THIS 6 day of July, A. D. 1892 personally appeared before me

A. S. Oscomb in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths
Nelson Crown aged 61 years, a resident of Beaufort

in the County of Beaufort and State of South Carolina

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declared in relation to
aforesaid case as follows:

That about eight years ago he felt the first symptom of rheumatism in his left hip, knee, and ankle, while at Sautonville S.C. That one year previously to that date he felt the first symptom of the gravel. That about the same time at Sautonville he felt the first symptom of this great disease which has increased on him as he is advanced in age. That he is not able to tell the cause of either his trouble or gravel. That the above disability are not due to vicious habits and are permanent in character.

[Note.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.]

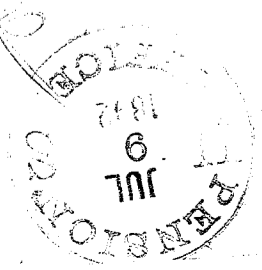
His Post Office address is Beaufort S.C. Co. A. P. Ramsey

further declare that.....no interest in said case and.....not concerned
in its prosecution.

A. S. Oscomb
A. P. Ramsey
[If Affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write sign here.]

Nelson Crown
Signature of Affiant.

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STATE OF South Carolina COUNTY OF Beaufort, S.S.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words erased, and the words added and acquainted with its contents before executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant personally known to me and that he is a credible person.

L. S.]

Benjamin
Official Signature.
Notary Public
Official character.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

CLAIM OF
Wilson Brown
Son of Co. G/1207
U.S. Co. I
AFFIDAVIT OF
Claimant

1109142

P. O. Green
New South Print
JUL 26 1892
Amo. d.d.

Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, &c.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim.

Original
[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]

Pension Claim No. 710914 2

Name and rank of claimant.

Nelson Brown, Rank, private

Claimant's post-office address.

Company B, 124 Reg't U.S.C. Inf. Beaufort S.C. State,

[Post-office address of the Board.]

Beaufort S.C. July 6, 1892
[Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred

Cause of disability.

in the service, viz: Rheumatism & disease of heart & gravel

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line.

and that he receives a pension of _____ dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Original
Rheumatism, gravel & disease of heart
[Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of Instructions.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 80; respiration, 20; temperature, 98 1/4; height, 5 feet 7 inches; weight, 140 pounds; age, 60 years. The heart's action is increased in force but not in frequency nor are there any abnormal murmurs. There is no disease of lungs. He complains however of occasional palpitation of the heart & dyspnoea. He suffers with rheumatism affecting the right hip & left ankle joint. The joints are slightly enlarged & the articulating bones prominent & there is considerable stiffness of joints & limitation of motion equal to the quarter. We rate for rheumatism eight eight tenths. There is no evidence of gravel but there is slight enlargement of the prostate gland accompanied by occasional urgency of urine & spasmodic stricture. There is evidently also some cystitis. For this we rate eight eight tenths. There are no evidences of various habits except as above. No disability is found to exist.

Rate for EACH cause of disability.

He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 8/18 rating for the disability caused by Rheumatism, 8/18 for that caused by urinary affection, and _____ for that caused by _____

Absent, Pres. W. W. Munnery, Sec'y. A. P. Kivela, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Nelson Brown
Co. *128* Reg't *U.S. Eng*

Applicant for *Original*

No. *1109142*

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

July 6, 189*2*
Abner, Pres.,
W. J. H. H. H. H., Sec'y,
A. A. H. H. H., Treas., } BOARD.

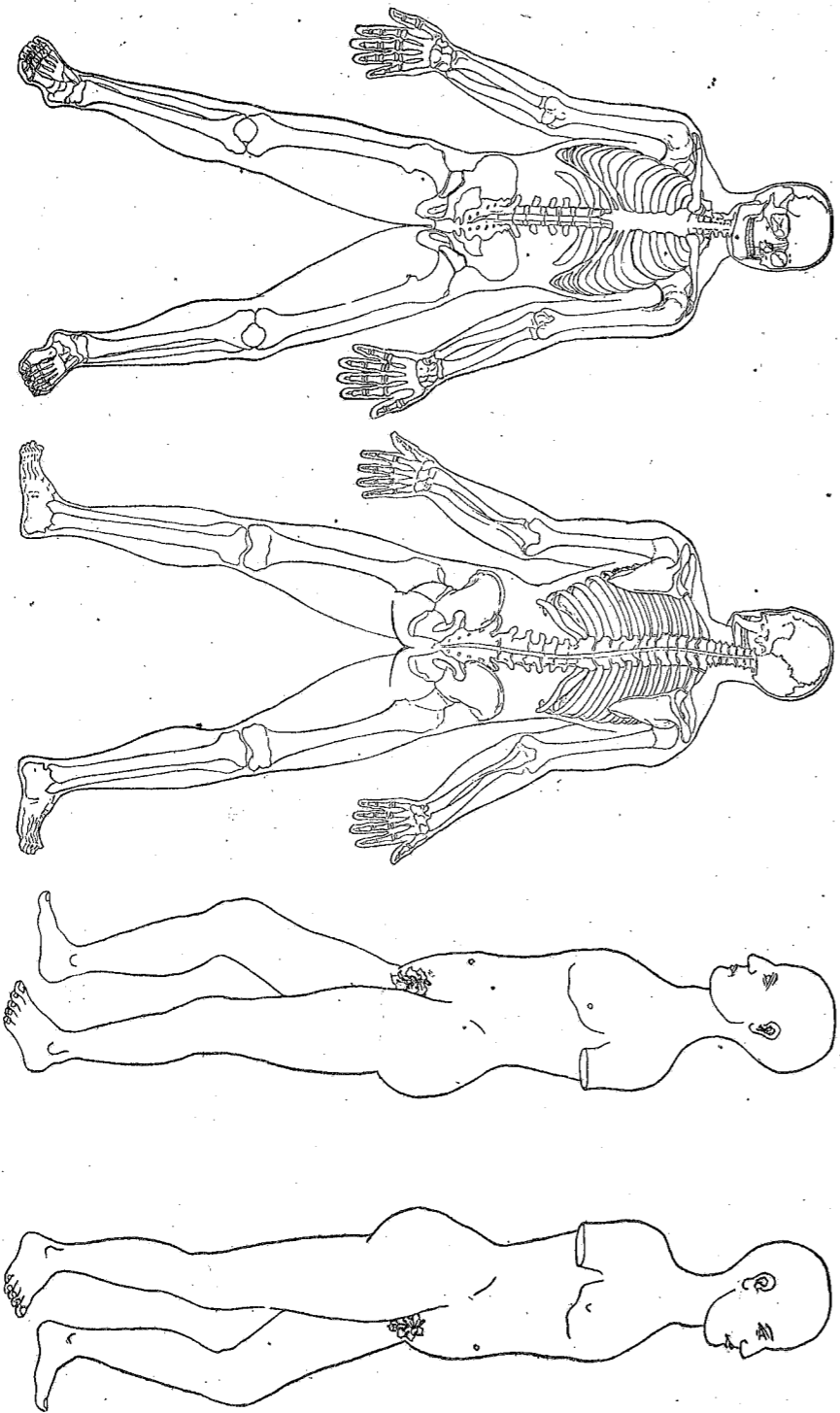
Post office, *Beaufort*

County, *11*

State, *South Carolina*

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plainly and in full.

Daughter



Single surgeons will use this blank, changing "we" to read "I," and "our" to read "my." They will erase the words "Pres.," "Sec'y," "Treas.," and "Board" where the words appear, and sign at the foot of the certificate, and also on the back of the same.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.]

CLAIMANT'S AFFIDAVIT.

State of *South Carolina* County of *Beaufort*, SS :

In the matter of Pension Claim No. *110914* of *Nelson Brown*
late of Co. *E* of the *125* Reg't *U.S.C.T.* Vols.

On this *6* day of *July*, A. D. 18*92*, personally appeared before me
a *Notary Public* in and for the aforesaid County authorized to administer
oaths *Nelson Brown* aged *61* years, a resident of *Beaufort*
in the County of *Beaufort* and State of *S.C.*
well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in relation to
aforesaid case as follows:

That he enlisted in Co. *E* of the *125* Reg't of *U.S.C.T.* Vols.
on the *7* day of *March* 18*66*, at *Beaufort* and
was honorably discharged at *Charleston S.C.* on the
day of *Oct* 18*66*

(If any other service, state Co. and Reg't together with date of enlistment and discharge.)

and that he has not been employed in the Military or Naval service of United States since the
day of *Oct* 18*92*

The disability on which he claims pension was incurred as follows, viz:

(Here state when, where and how all of his disabilities were incurred.)

His name in full is *Nelson Brown* and his P. O. address
Beaufort County of *Beaufort* State of *S.C.*

A. W. Ramsey
A. J. Bascomb *3*
Nelson Brown
(Signatures)

If affiant signs by mark, two witnesses who write sign here.

STATE OF South Carolina COUNTY OF Beaufort

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that he is a credible person.

Wm. J. ...
Official Signature
Notary Public
Official Character

[L. S.]

NOTE.--To be executed before a Notary Public or any other officer competent to administer oaths. If the officer has no official seal a general certificate of his official character must be filed in the Pension Bureau.

Act of June 27, 1890.

Pension Claim No. 1109142

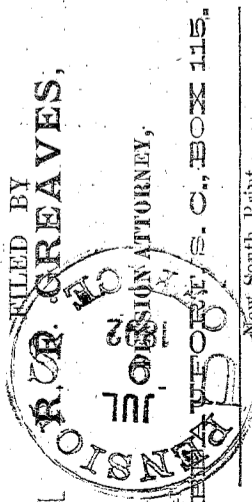
Nelson Brown
OF
Co. A of the 12th Reg't of

U. S. A. Vols.

History of Claimant's Disability in reply to Call No. 2, and also Affidavit in reply to Call No.

3 and 5.

FILED BY
R. OR. GREAVES,



New South Print.

JUN 10 1892 683097

(3-060 a.)

MILITARY SERVICE.

War Department,

Record and Pension Division,

JUN 10 1892

Write nothing above this line.

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Nelson Brown

Respectfully returned to the

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

To, Div. Bureau of Pensions, Ex'r.

The rolls show that

No. 1109142 June 9, 1892

Nelson Brown

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mentioned in the preceding indorsement, was enrolled

SIR:

It is alleged that the above-named man enlisted

Feb 8, 1865, and served as a privt in Co. G, 128 Reg't U.S. Inf

Mich 8, 1865, and M.O. as privt Oct 10, 1866

also as a in Co. Reg't

and was discharged at

Charleston, S.C. on Oct 10, 1866

No. of prior claim

The War Department will please furnish an official statement in this case, showing date of enrollment and date and mode of termination of service.

Very respectfully,

Green Braun

Commissioner.

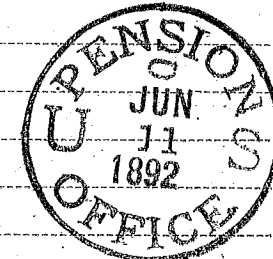
THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Peainworth

Col. Major and Surgeon, U. S. Army.

Per m.



Chas. Southern Division.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *May 5* 1897.

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the Record and Pension Office, War Department, requesting a full military and medical history

and *personal* description
(Descriptive list.)

of the soldier.

Please examine all records likely to afford any information as to diseases, wounds, or injuries incurred by him while in the service.

No other report on file.

Wid. 657,068
Claim No.

Name *Nelson Brown*

Co. *G. 128 Reg't. U.S.C. Inf.*

W. H. P.
Commissioner.

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

Nelson Brown

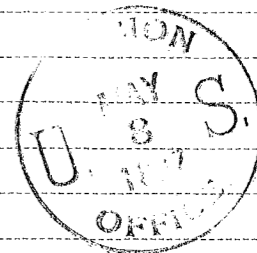
Co. *G.*, 128 Reg't U.S.C. Inf.
was enrolled *Mch. 8*, 1865,
and M.O. *Oct. 11*, 1866,
to date *Oct. 10/66*.

Ages 30 - Eyes Hair x Com.
Black - Height 5.7 - Born
Beaufort Dis. S.C. - Oc. Farmer

From *En*, 186, to *M.O.*, 186,
he held the rank of *Priv.*

and during that period the rolls show him present except as follows *(Oct. 31/65 Detach.*
attendant on board Hoopl
Steamer Cosmopolitan

The medical records show him treated as follows: *M*
Nelson Brown, Priv. Co. H. 128
U.S. Cold. Inf. Oct. 9, 65, Feb
Int. tert.
Nothing additional found.



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By AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

P. H. S. W.
Colonel, U. S. Army, Chief of Office.

Per *Wm.*
Washington, D. C., **MAY 7 1897**

(COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.)

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

PROOF OF PHYSICAL DISABILITY.-----Act of June 27, 1890.

TAKE NOTICE.—The affidavit should be, if possible, in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions must be carefully observed before writing out the statement. All the facts in possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be set forth, and the dates of treatment should be specifically given.

State of South Carolina County of Georgetown

In the Pension Claim No.
of Nelson Brown

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State W. J. Kennedy M. H. a citizen of Beaufort S. C. whose Post Office address is Beaufort S. C.

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows :

That he is a Practicing Physician, and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about 5 years, and that

Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or interlineations will be permitted unless

the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.

This certifies that I have examined Nelson Brown & find him suffering from rheumatism affecting the left hip, knee & ankle. These joints are enlarged & the fibrous structures thickened. He also suffers with gravel, & palpitation of the heart of an aggravated nature. Accompanying the gravel he has difficulty in micturition. He is very poorly nourished for a man of his age but there are no evidences of vicious habits. W. J. Kennedy M.D.

NOTES.

The Physician's Affidavit must show the following facts:
1a. A complete diagnosis of the disabilities upon which the claim for pension is based, and the period during which he treated him.
2a. That the soldier is suffering at present from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character not the result of his own vicious habits which incapacitates him for the performance of manual labor to such a degree as to render him unable to earn a support. The degree or extent he has been disabled since the filing of his application should be plainly stated.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of May 1892 I have
no interest in the prosecution of this claim for peniside

G. W. Anderson
Official Signature.
Notary Public



**PHYSICIAN'S
EVIDENCE.**

Act of June 27, 1890.

CLAIM OF

Nelson Brown

Nature of Claim *Prognosis of Cancer*

Under Act of June 27, 1890

Soldier *William Brown*

Co *A*, *128* Regt.

U. S. A. Vols.

No.

Filed by

R. F. Greaves,

U. S. Claim Agent.

BEAUFORT, S. C.

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Ex'r.
Wid. Claim No. 651,068
164 1/3 Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

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W. Va. death & cause of death -
personal description of col-
transcript from plantation

Bella Brown
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Nelson Brown
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No other claim. than
N. O. 651,068
D. C. 826,757
May 5, 1897. J.B.F.
Clerk.

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N. C.
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FLA.
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MISS.
LA.
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KY.
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MO.
ARK.

June 29, 1904. Letter
of rejection to clmt
stating cause. N.S.H.

REJECTED

Application filed: *Mar 15*, 1897.
Attorney: *E. J. Warren*
P. O. ?
1919

D. C.
U.S.C.T.

No.

3-296.
(Old No. 3-450.)

S. E. D.

MAY 26 1904

No. 651068

Claimant: *Bella Brown*

Soldier: *Nelson Brown*

P. O. address: *Scotia*

County: *Hampton* State: *S. C.*

Recommendation: *Chief Bd. Rev.*

Dow McLain
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

MAY 31 1904, 190

Respectfully referred to
Chief, Board of Review, for
consideration.

A. L. CRAIG,
Chief, S. E. Division.
Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION. *9*
_____, 190

Reviewer.

ACTION.

_____, 190

Commissioner.

CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION HCase of Bella Brown, O, No. 651068

On this 18th day of April, 1904
 at Srotia, county of Hampton
 State of S. C., before me, Dow McLain, a
 Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Bella Brown

....., the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

Q. If it should become necessary to further examine your claim, by taking testimony of witnesses elsewhere, do you desire to be present in person or be represented by an attorney, or both, at such further examination? If so, you will be notified as to the place and time when it is to be made.

A. I cant go with you or be represented.

Q. Should you change your mind and desire to be present, or be represented by an attorney during any further examination of your case, will you *at once* address a letter to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C." giving the name and the number of your claim, informing him that you have so changed your mind, and desire to be notified when your claim is to be further examined?

A. yes.

Q. State the names of the person or persons instrumental in the prosecution of your claim for pension, and their post-office addresses.

A. I dont know if I have a lawyer, Mr. Smith, p. m. of Brighton, has done my writing. He has someone in Washington

Q. State what contract or contracts you have made with such person or persons for their services in prosecuting your claim for pension, and whether such contract or contracts were written or verbal.

A. I only agreed to pay what it worth.

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Q. State the amount of fees paid by you or at your instance, to whom paid, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction.

A. I paid Mr. Smith \$1.00.

Q. Please give me the names of all witnesses that you desire examined elsewhere, with their post-office addresses, and also state what you expect to prove by each witness.

A. Only the ones I have already furnished. You can see more if you wish.

Q. Have you any complaint to make as to the conduct, manner, or fairness of the examination of your claim? If so, please state specifically what it is.

A. None

Q. Do you desire to introduce any more testimony before me?

A. None here.

Attest:

W. J. Brown

Bella ^{her} ~~mark~~ Brown

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of Apr., 1904.

and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Don McLean

Special Examiner

DEPOSITION *9*Case of *Bella Brown*, No. *651058*

On this *18th* day of *Apr.*, 1904, at
Scotia, county of *Habington*,
 State of *S. C.*, before me, *Dow McElain*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Dr. Marion G. Peoples, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *33* years of age, P. O. and
 residence at *Above*, "regular" physi-
 cian and surgeon.

I attended *Nelson Brown et. in*
his last illness. I have no record of
 his death cause. I judge that his
 illness was of short duration as I
 only visited him from Dec. 26 to 31.
 I only conclude from my last ^{entry} that
 he died Dec. 31 on the following day.
 I have no entry of a subsequent
 visit.

Bella, his widow, has not re-
 married. She has no property or
 income. She is a field hand.

I have heard my answers and
 they are correct.

M. G. Peoples, M.D.

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of Apr,
 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

Don McLean

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION ⁷Case of Bella Brown

C, No. 651068

On this 19th day of April, 1904, at
Shirley, county of Hampton
 State of S. C., before me, Douglas Blair, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Abram Johnson, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I can't tell my age. I am
 in my 70's.

I knew Nelson Brown. We
 belonged to one owner.

Nelson had two wives in slave
 time, Matilda and Laura.
 Laura was the last in slave
 time. When Nelson go in the
 army, Laura refuge away.
 When he came home from the
 army he went after Laura
 but he did not get her. He
 came back and married Bella
 in a few years. I give it
 straight. I know all about
 it. No person who knows
 will tell it different from me.

I have heard my answers
 and they are correct.

Abram ^{th's} Johnson
 mark

Attest:

Alma Parker

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of April, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Don McBlain

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *E*Case of *Bella Brown* *E*, No. 651068

On this *18th* day of *April*, 1904, at
Scotia, county of *Hampton*
 State of *S. C.*, before me, *Dow McLain*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Wm T. Blount-White, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *56* years of age, *P. O.*,
Scotia, S. C. I live *3 1/2* miles *N. W. P. O.*
 I am a farmer

I have lived in this neighborhood
32 years. I have known this claimant,
Bella Brown, for about *20* years. I
 was married *Nov. 11, 1887*. But one
 child has been born to her since I knew
 her. I know one child was born
 to her after I was married. She has
 lived with me on my place three
 different times. I knew her husband,
Nelson Brown. He was one of my
 hands. This claimant lived with her
 husband until he died in about *1896*.
 I account her a good woman, above
 the average. She is truthful and re-
 liable and virtuous, in my opinion.
 She is now a tenant of mine.

I have heard my answers and
 they are correct.

William T. Blount

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of Apr.,
 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

Lawrence M. McLaughlin

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION ²⁰Case of Bella Brown O, No. 451068

On this 19 day of April, 1904, at
Shinley, county of Hampton
 State of S. C., before me, Dow McLain, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Peter Small, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 43 years of age, P.O. as
 above, farmer.

I have known Bella Brown, claim-
 ant herein, for 29 years. I am
 no relation to her and have no
 interest in her claim.

When I first became acquainted with
Bella, she and Nelson were living
 together as husband and wife. They
 lived together until Nelson died.
 They had seven children. James and
Henry Lee are the youngest. Henry Lee
 now lives with Bella. James lives
 in Savannah, Ga. I saw James last
January. I see Henry Lee frequently.
 I would guess Henry Lee to be 17 years
 of age. I would guess James 20 or
 more.

I know Nelson is dead. I helped
 lay him out.

I know Bella has not re-married
 since Nelson died.

Bella is very poor, has no prop-
 erty or income, and depends on her
 work in the field for support.

Yes, I have signed as a witness
 in her case. I recognize my
 signature on B.G. 14. I re-affirm that
 statement all but the year of his death.

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I know he died Jan 1" just as the new year came in. It was a little after midnight of the last day of Dec. Dr. Peoples attended him in his last illness.

The youngest child who lives with Bella is her grand child. He is Cleveland Brown.

I have heard my answers herein and they are correct.

Peter Small.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of Apr. 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Dow McLean

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *h*

Case of *Bella Brown* C. No. *561068*

On this *19* day of *Apr.*, 1904, at *Shirley*, county of *Hampton*

State of *La.*, before me, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Matilda Thomas, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I did not attend Bella when Henry Lee was born. If the paper so states, it is a mistake.

Matilda Thomas
mark

Attest:

Peter Small

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of April,
 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

Dow McElarn

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *le*Case of *Bella Brown* O. No. *561068*

On this *19th* day of *April*, 1904, at
Shirley, county of *Hampton*
 State of *Pa.*, before me, *Don McLain*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Matilda Thomas, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *72* years of age, P. O. at
above, residence *one mile E. of P. O.*
 I first knew *Bella Brown*, claimant
 herein, the third year after freedom.
 Her name was *Bella Duncan*. I
 knew *Nelson Brown*, her husband,
 since I had sense. He was my
 own brother. He married *Bella*
 married *Bella* soon after I became
 acquainted with her. They were
 married on the *McBride* plantation
 I can't remember who married them.
 I was not present at the marriage,
 but I heard about it at the time.
Bella and *Nelson* lived together until
Nelson died *Jan. 1st*, eight years ago
 this coming *Jan.*

Bella had not been married, to
 my knowledge, before she married
 my brother *Nelson*. *Nelson* was
 a year and nine months older
 than I. He had good health up to
 his last sickness and was a
 splendid field hand.

Bella has not re-married since
Nelson died.

Nelson had two wives in slave
 time. The first *Matilda*. She was
 a "broad" wife and his master

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made him give her up. He then married Laura. She was a "good" wife, but closer. He had Laura when he went in the war. When Nelson went in the war Laura refugeed to Bluffton, S. C. When Nelson came back from the war he went after Laura, but another man had her and he did not get her. In about two years Nelson married ^{Bella} ~~Laura~~ and had her for a wife until he died. Nelse and Bella had seven children. The youngest are James and Henry Lee. Both are living. All the others were over 16 when Nelson died. I cant give the date of birth of either James or Henry. I was present the next day after James was born.

Nelson and Laura had one child born in slavery. Her name is Esther. She was a baby when Nelse went in the army. She married Gynus Brown and lives in Savannah. The man who took Laura was named Hamilton.

Bella has no property and no income except her work.

The child Grover who lives with Bella is the child of Bella's daughter, Rebecca. I was the "Granny" when that child was born. Rebecca was not married then. I have heard my gupmens and they are correct. I think I have signed two or three times in this case.

Attest:

Peter Small

Matilda ^{Wife of} Thomas
mark Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of Apr, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

How McLean

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *B*

Case of *Bella Brown*, *C*, No. *651068*

On this _____ day of _____, 190____, at
Leontine, country of _____
State of _____, before me, _____, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared _____

Allen K. Miller, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

*name is Lyman Brown. He works
at cotton on the wharfe. Laura
and Hamilton had one child, James.
He went to Boston. Hamilton and
Laura are both dead. Matilda, the
first wife is dead about ten years.
Her husband, Jake Solomon, is dead.
They left no children.*

*I am sure my uncle Nelson
never had any wife after freedom
but Bella, the claimant.*

Allen Miller

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of Apr.,
 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

Don McLann

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION BCase of Bella Brown O, No. 451068

On this 19th day of Apr., 1904, at Shively, county of Hampton, State of I. O., before me, Row McElaine, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Allen N. Miller, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 49 years of age, P. O. at above, residence one mile E. of my P. O., farmer.

I have known Bella Brown, the claimant herein for, about 32 years. When I first knew her, she and Nelson Brown were living together as husband and wife and so continued until Nelson died Jan. first. I can't give the exact year. I am sure it was Jan. first that he died. I attended his funeral.

I know Bella had not re-married since Nelson died. She has lived in my neighborhood all the time. Had she re-married, I would have known of it.

To my knowledge Bella has had seven children. James and Henry Lee are the two youngest. Both are living. James and Henry Lee were her only children under 16 when Nelson died.

Bella is a very poor woman. She has no property and no income except her daily labor.

Yes, I have signed a paper in her claim - two times. I recognize my signature on B. J. 11 and also on B. J. 17. After hearing those papers read, I say

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each is true. Yes, I know Bella well before she married Nelson. She had no man before she married Nelson.

I meant to say I knew her to be married 32 years. I knew her before she was married. I think I first knew her the third year after freedom. I have known Nelson all my life. He is my uncle. He is my or was my mother's brother. I knew the first wife of Nelson. Her name was Laura No, I tell you right. Matilda was Nelson's first wife. He then had Laura for a wife. Both were in slave time. I have been to his house when he had Matilda for a wife and also when he had Laura for a wife. Laura was his first slave wife. I remember well when Nelson went off to the war and when he came back. After he went off to the war, Laura refugeed down to Bluffton, S. C. When Nelson came back he went after Laura but another man had her and when Nelson came back he brought me a knife. Laura had a man named Hamilton. I afterwards knew Hamilton. He told me when my uncle, Kelse came for his wife Laura, that he tried to kill my uncle. Laura had one child by Nelson, my uncle. That child was named Esther. She married and now lives in Savannah, Ga. Her husband's

A. Miller

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of Apr., 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Dora McBlair

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION ^A

Case of Bella Brown ^O, No. 451068

On this _____ day of _____, 190____, at
Leontine, county of _____
State of _____, before me, _____, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
claimant, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I make my living by digging in
the ground. The hole is my only source
of income. I am a hoer.

My husband died of fever. He was
sick three weeks only. Dr. Peoples, of
Scotia attended him in his last illness.
I cant give the date of his death. He died
the night before New Year's day. He was
dead a year or more when I put in
for a pension. He has been dead 8 or 9 years.

I have heard my answers herein
and they are correct.

Attest:
W. J. Blount

Bella ^{her} Brown
mark

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of Apr.,
1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Dow McLean
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION ACase of Bella Brown O, No. 451058

On this 18th day of Apr., 1904, at
Scotia, county of Hampton
 State of S. C., before me, Dow McElain, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Seclairant, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I cant tell my age. I think I
 am in my 50's. I live $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles
 N. W. of my P. O., Scotia. I am the
 widow of Nelson Brown on account
 of whose service in the U. S. army
 during the war of the Rebellion and
 subsequent death I claim a pension.

I was born in this Co., the slave
 of Wm Mc Bride and remained his
 slave until freedom. I have always
 lived in this Co.

My father was named Gabriel
 Duncan. I titled Duncan until I
 married Nelson Brown. I was never
 married or lived with a man as his
 wife, until I married Nelson Brown.
 I have not married since he died.

I met him only about 6 months
 before we married. He was in good
 health when I married him and
 his good health continued until
 he commenced to get old.

We were married by the Rev. Reed,
 dead. He had no license. (Not required.)
 X Matilda Miller, of Shively, S. C., was
 present at our marriage. We lived to-
 gether when he died. I buried him.

I had 9 children by Nelson Brown.
 Seven are living. Only two children,

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James and Henry Lee, were under 16 years of age when my husband died. Both are now living. James lives in Savannah, Ga. Henry Lee lives with me. (Henry Lee is present and has the appearance of being about 16 years of age.) I have no record of dates of birth of either of them. I know they are three years apart. James was born Oct. 15. Henry Lee was born Nov. 7. I am sure of this. I know Henry Lee was born the year after Mr. Wm Blount was married. I live on the place of Mr. Wm Blount. I am certain James is three years older than Henry Lee. The "granny" of Henry Lee die. Mary Small was "granny" for James. Neither has been baptised or christened.

The child Leleveland ("leleborn" in declaration.) named in declaration, is my grand child. I told no one to write that name. I never claimed pension for him. I cant tell you how his name came to be in that paper.

my husband had a slave wife. He told me he only lived with her two years. I cant tell when that was. I knew her before she died. She died about ten years ago. She had no children by Nelson, my husband.

I own own no property in the world but my beds and the things I cook with. I own no stock of any kind.

Attest:

W. C. Blount

Bella ^{her} Brown
mark

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of April, 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Dora McElain

Special Examiner.

No. 6 5 I 0 6 8

Bella Brown, Wid. of

Nelson Brown

G I 28 U. S. C. V. I.

Beaufort S. C., may 23, 1904.

Hon. Com. of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith the papers in the above-cited claim for pension and to submit the following report:

This claim was sent to the field to determine exact date of soldier's death and dates of birth of children and incidentally, the death cause of the soldier. (See slip of Chief of Board of Review.) The evidence I was able to obtain is not altogether satisfactory, as it does not cover all points with exactness and precision. It is impossible to fix the exact dates of birth of the children as there is no record and the memory of witnesses is uncertain. But two children, James and Henry Lee, were 16 at time of soldier's death. The child "leborn" which the claimant says should read Cleveland, is not the child of claimant, but the illegitimate child of her daughter. I saw Henry Lee and he has the appearance of being no older than is claimed. Both are alive but I was unable to find James in Savannah, where it is alleged he had gone. These children are aged, approximately, as follows:

James was born Oct 15, 1885.

Henry Lee was born Nov. 7 1888.

Soldier died Jan. 1, 1895

There is absolutely no grounds for the claim under the Act of July 14, 1862 and the Act of March 3, 1873.

It seems from the testimony that the soldier had two slave.

wives, the latter being named Laura, who "refugeed Blufton way" while the soldier was in the service and on his return he found her with another man, named Hamilton. I delayed the report of this case until I visited Blufton to find out about Laura, but could get no trace of her. While in Savannah I also searched for Esther the alleged child of Laura and now the wife of Lymus Brown, but was not able to locate her. The testimony seems to be strong as to soldier not living with Laura after the war and I deemed it unnecessary to hold the case for a further search for her.

Daniel ~~SMXXX~~ Samuel B. J. IO and ¹⁸ John Nek, B. J. IO
I8 and I9 are dead.

Allen Miller, B. J. I7 and A. N. Miller, B. J. II are one and the same person.

I was unable to locate E. T. Lauton, B. J. I2. Eugenia Brown B. J. I6 and Simon Myers, B. J. I9, not found. The testimony of these witnesses would have been as to established points an only cumulative.

I recommend reference to the Chief of the Board of Review for his consideration.

Very respectfully,

Dow McElain

Special Examiner.