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Isabella Graham

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Aug 6/52 Oct 20/52
2/55 expt. to Sawton
& Cunningham &
And advt of death
H.G.

DECEASED
April 17 1887
death of W.H.

(3-232.)

No. 173264

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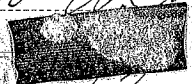
Isabella Graham
Widow

of
James Graham

Rank Priv.

Company C

Regiment 128th W.V. I.



Rate per month \$14

Commencing Feb. 19 1886

Ending **DEAD.**

Certificate dated Jan. 27, 1887,

and sent Feb. 2, 1887.

Payable at Newville Agency.

Summe

United States of America }
 State of South Carolina } additional
 County of Beaufort } Evidence in
 Claim 175-523.

On this the 10th day of December
 AD one thousand eight hundred
 and seventy five - before me -
 Lawrence M. Keuzin, a Notary
 Public in and for the County and
 State aforesaid - duly Commissioned
 - with his seal of office - personally
 appeared Doctor Southwood Smith
 who being duly sworn, states - that he
 is - and has been for many years, a
 practicing Physician in the Com-
 munity of Brighton in the County a-
 fovesaid -

That he personally know the
 Children of Isabelle Epabam
 - widow of the late Moses Epabam
 viz - Amelia - William - Richmond
 and Lavina - that from my per-
 sonal observation - and Judgment
 as a Physician - they are of the ages
 of twenty one - the first named - nineteen
 - the second - sixteen - the third - and
 eleven years of age the fourth, respectively -
 - That her this Affidavit has also seen
 the Record, of the Births of said Children

as kept by Col. A. I. Lewton - the former owner of the said family - and has every reason - morally and professionally to believe, that the same is correct - and accords with his judgment as aforesaid -

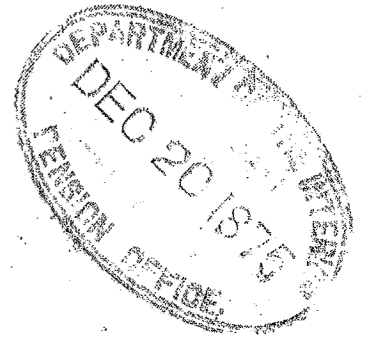
And this affiant further swears - that he has no interest in this claim

Sworn to and subscribed by this affiant the day & year above written -

Southwood Smith
M. J.

L. M. Kuzis
Not Pub.

Pension Office
Widows Division
Additional Evidence
in the Claim for Pension
- No - 175 523 -



State of South Carolina }
 County of Beaufort }

Personally appeared before me a Trial Justice in and for the county of Beaufort & state aforesaid on the 14 day of June 1872 Alexander J. Lewton who being duly sworn deposes & says: that she was the former master of Isabella Graham claimant 175.5'23 for pension, widow of Moses Graham late private in Co. C 128.4809 for 15 years previous to the war 1861-62; that the book which he always kept, which contained a memorandum of the birth and ages of all his servants was lost in 1865 & has never since been seen, but that according to the best of his recollection the following statement of the birth & ages of the children of Isabella Graham is correct & true:

<u>Amelia</u>	born	Nov. 21 - 1854
<u>William A.</u>	"	Sept. 6 - 1856
<u>Richmond</u>	"	May 25 - 1859
<u>Lavinia</u>	"	Oct. 26 - 1864;

That it is entirely impossible to give the certificate of a physician as to the above statement for the reason that a physician was never employed to attend the birth of the children of the colored servants, excepting in extraordinary cases, & that one was not employed in the case of the birth of either of the above children according to the best of this deponent's memory; that Sicilia (or Cecilia) Scott, affiant in an affidavit heretofore forwarded on T's claim, was the midwife in attendance upon the birth of said children & knows the general facts on record & the

with said children although she may not be able to remember accurately the dates and ages; that it is impossible to state the date of the marriage of the claimant & Mrs Graham but he can say that they were married by an old servant called Jack, & sometimes John Taylor, and that the affidavit of James Currier and Cecilia Scott above mentioned was written & sworn to after mature deliberation with this deponent and is to be trusted, the said James Currier being an old servant of deponent & very trustworthy & reliable; & all these matters above referred to are, upon the basis of the Memorandum above mentioned, matters of memory only, that the data upon which the said affidavit of James Currier & Cecilia Scott is drawn of touching the date of the marriage was the memory of the affidants of a certain religious meeting at which they were married, unusual in its nature, by reference to a file of Almanacks kept in deponent's possession he was able approximately to fix the date of said marriage

Sworn and subscribed
 this 14th day of June 1872 Alex. J. Lawton
 before me
 W. Hornell, Justice

State of South Carolina
County of Beaufort

Personally appeared
before me on this 8th day of July A.D. 1872
Isabella Graham together with Alex. J.
Lawton her former Master and duly sworn
and upon examination of the above names I
hereby certify that the said Isabella
Graham and her children Amelia, Wil-
liam, Richmond and Lornia are the
legitimate widow and children of Master
Graham late private Co. E. 128th U.S.I.

R. J. [Signature] D.M.
Beaufort Beaufort Co
S.C.

To
Hon. J. H. Baker
Commissioner of Newlands

I, Isabella
Graham hereby declare that my Post-
Office address is Beaufort - Beaufort Co.
South Carolina and that I reside at
Robert [Signature]
Isabella Graham
witness

Two Witnesses

Witness
Walter M. Smith
L. M. [Signature]

State of South Carolina
County of Beaufort

J. L. McKenzie

hereby certify that the affidavits heretofore taken before me by James Cuyler and Cecilia Scott former colored servants of Alex. Johnston in behalf of Wabilla Graham widow of Moses Graham late private Co. C. 128th U.S. in the presentation of her claim for a pension, were duly read and examined & the said James and Cecilia before they signed their names thereto.
Certified by me this 8th day of July AD 1872 -

J. L. McKenzie
Magistrate
Beaufort Co. S. C.

bonita by
C. A. R. R.

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~~So Carolina~~

~~Beaufort County~~

On this 20th day of August 1869 personally appeared before me David C. Thomson a Notary Public

~~in and for the County and State of~~
 Hebert G. Lantier of the said County & State, who being duly sworn deposes & says that Isabella Graham, a colored Woman, Widow of Moses Graham who was late a private of
 Co. 128th U.S. Col. Troops

was his slave until Slavery was abolished by law; that she was regularly married to the said Moses Graham soon after she arrived at full womanhood, & had by him four children alive at the time of his death, of the names & about the ages stated in her Affidavit claiming Bounty & annuity & arrears of pay for herself & children; that he, the deponent, lived on the same plantation where the said Isabella was employed & resided; that her said husband Moses was the slave of one of his neighbors & lived about one & half miles from his Negroes' quarters, to which he ^{had} free access; that with such opportunity to know the history of the parties he is satisfied that no claim to being his Widow can properly be set up or established by Ellen or by any other Woman in disparagement of the just & lawful claim of the said Isabella as his only lawful Wife, & the only Wife ever heard of or recognized during his life; the deponent further says that he always kept a regular record of the births & deaths of his Negroes, but it was lost near the close of the late Civil War; but he the deponent believes the statement she has made of their ages is substantially correct, & she is doing a Mother's part by her children, & has never married since the death of her husband, Moses; the Deponent further declares that there was no Church or other public Record of the marriage of said Isabella, & she received no Certificate of her marriage because such records & Certificates were not used in the Rep-

tist Church of which she was a member; the Deponent further says that the Person who performed the Ceremony for her Marriage lived on Deponent's plantation, & was regularly appointed by the Baptist Church to perform such Services; that the said person performing said Marriage Ceremony for Isabella, died about the year 1826. That there were several spectators to the said Marriage who can be obtained if necessary to prove the same. And I do reside as aforesaid and have no interest in this claim And there is no record of the ages of the children of said Isabella now in existence

Attest J. Lawton

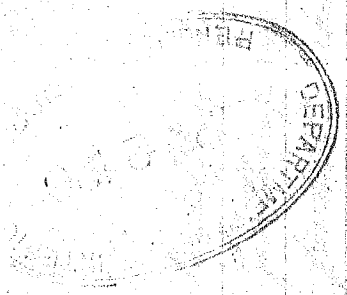
Subscribed and sworn to before me and I certify that the affiant is respectable and entitled to credit and that I have no interest in this claim

D. L. Thompson
Not Pub.

See certified copy of
Nat. Public Land
Commission on file in
Com. Pensions office

[Faint, illegible handwriting at the bottom of the page]

Col. Grant
Gen. Sherman



FOR ATTORNEY'S DESK.

Name Claimant, _____

Claim No. 175523

(Atty) James S. Bell

Town, _____

County, Beaufort

State, S.C.

W.
Examiner.

Room No. 51

2-15-1876

REMARKS.

J. M. COOPER & Co.,
 Booksellers and Stationers,
 Savannah, Ga.

State of South Carolina }
 County of Beaufort }

On this sixteenth
 day of September A^d 1875 - before me
 L. McKenzie - a Notary Public in
 and for the County and State aforesaid
 said ^{appeared personally} Isabella Graham, widow
 of Moses Graham - dec^d - who upon
 being sworn, deposes and says -
 That her present Post office ad-
 dress - is Brighton - Beaufort Cou-
 nty S^c - and that her perma-
 nent residence is in said County

witnessed her mark, ^{her} Isabella X Graham
 L. Anthony McKenzie - mark
~~W. J.~~ Jeremiah Cuyler

Sworn to and subscribed by the affiant
 making her mark - I also certify that
 L. Anthony McKenzie and Jeremiah
 Cuyler, subscribed their names as wit-
 nesses to said mark - and that they are
 credible persons -

Before me the day and
 year above written

L. McKenzie
 Not Pub.

The State of South Carolina

County of Beaufort } Before me
L McKenzie - a Notary Public in and
for the County and State aforesaid, per-
sonally came Doctor Southwood
Smith who being duly sworn, says,
that he is a regular practicing Physician
residing in this Community -

That the Children of ~~Jessie~~ Izabel
a Graham, were this day brought be-
fore him for Examination as to their
respective ages - that he has person-
ally Examined them, and find their
ages according to the best of his judg-
ment, information and belief - to be
- to wit - - Amelia is about the age of
Nineteen - years -

William A. is about the age of
Seventeen years -

Richmond is about the age of
Thirteen years -

Lavinia is about the age of
years -

Sworn to and subscribed before me
The 25th day of July 1874

Sworn to before me the
27th day of July 1874

L McKenzie
Notary Public

Southwood Smith, M.D.

Brighton July 30. 1874

Dear Sir

I was in Savannah Geo. for some weeks on a visit to my children there when your first letter of 17th June reached this office, & was subsequently sent to me by steam boat; I gave direction to Isabella Graham who was in Savannah at that time with three other children, to come up here with those children & join the fourth child already up here with her father to have them examined by Doct. Southward Smith, physician of this Community; she came soon after but left her youngest child in Savannah because she had not the means of paying their expenses here & back. I have endeavored to supply the deficiency by an affidavit, & as the Department has the Testimony already of the midwife who waited on her

I variouse other testimony to sustain her
 claim, & as Doct. Smith's Judgment of the
 ages of the three Children he saw corresponds
 so well with the Affidavit of the ~~the~~
 Midwife it seems to be reasonable
 that her whole Statement should be
 received as true; as I firmly believe
 it is substantially. When they are
 prepared to pay this poor Woman what
 is her lawful claim, so many years
 sought after I wish the money paid in
 Savannah, which will be most Conve-
 nient for her & myself & her friend;

Please let me hear from you as
 soon as practicable

W. A. S. Hitchcock,
 Attorney at Law.
 Beaufort.
 S. C.

Respectfully Yours,
 Alex. J. Lawton,

Handwritten notes in the top left corner:
 The State of South Carolina
 County of Beaufort
 before me L. M. Kenzie
 a Notary Public in and for the County and
 State aforesaid
 do hereby certify that the
 following is a true and correct
 copy of the original
 as the same appears in
 my records
 L. M. Kenzie
 Notary Public

The State of South Carolina }
 County of Beaufort - }

Before me L. M. Kenzie
 a Notary Public in and for the County and
 State aforesaid, do hereby certify that
 who upon being duly sworn says that
 the children of Izabella and Moses
 Graham - viz - Amelia - William J.
 and Richmond Graham - was brought
 before Sauthwell Smith, M.D. - for Exam-
 ination as to their age - which he has de-
 cided & sworn as appears by his tes-
 timony hereto annexed -

This affiant further swears - That
 the said three children are the eldest
 and that the said Lavinia is next to
 the said Richmond, and the youngest
 child of the said Moses, and Izabella
 Graham - that affiant was the owner of
 the parties in & saw days - & he knows
 the facts to be true - and the said Lavinia
 Graham, was born about the 26th day of October
 1854, and is the last ~~born~~ child of the said
 Moses & Izabella Graham -

Sworn to and subscribed Alex^r J. Lavoton
 before me the 28th day of July
 A.D. - 1874

L. M. Kenzie
 Notary Public

DEPARTMENT OF
AUG - 8 1874
PENSION OFFICE

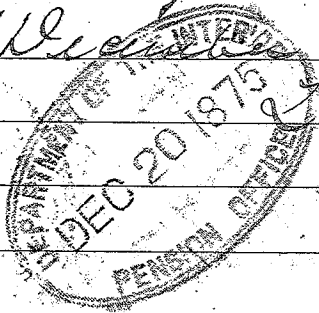
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Additional Evidence
in case of Isabella
Spabam - widow
of Maria Spabam
no 175-323-

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J. M. COOPER & Co.,
Booksellers and Stationers,
Savannah, Ga.

Also at the same time - personally
appeared Col. A. S. Lawton - who
being duly sworn, says - that he was
the owner of Isabella and ~~Moses~~
^{her Children - by Moses Graham}
~~as slaves~~ - up to the time of their
Emancipation - that he has examined
the testimony of Dr. S. Smith, who is
and has been for many years a prac-
tising Physician - and find the
same correct - that he this affiant
kept a Record of the Births of the dis-
trict - their ages &c - but from the Cas-
ualties of the late war - they are mis-
laid - except a Memoranda - from
which he find their births to be about
as follows - Amelia - lawful Daugh-
ter of Moses & Isabella Graham - was
born about the day of Nov - 1854 -
William A. - same - was born about the
day of Sept - 1856 - Richmond
- the same - was born about the day
of May 1859 - and Lavinia - same
was born about the day of October
1864 - That the said Isabella and
Moses Graham were lawfully mar-
ried - as all of the foregoing facts
were duly proved and on file in the
claim of the said Isabella Graham
for the Bounty due her deceased
Husband - and to which this affiant
respectfully refer the Commissions of
Pensions -

Given to and subscribed
 by this agent the 11th day
 of December A.D. 1875 } Alex. G. Sinton
 of McKenzies }
 Not Public }



United States of America
South Carolina
Beaufort County.

Additional testimony
in the Pension claim
of Isabella Graham
- widow of Moses Graham
No - 175-523.

Witness Examined
By Southwood Smith
Col. Alex. Lawton

Forward to

A. S. Hitchcock
Beaufort, S. C.

S. S. D.

REPORT IN CASE

No. 145916173523
 Name, Ellen Graham Sabella Graham
 Residence, Ellen Breakfast, La
Villa Bricchi Breakfast St
 Recommendation, Repet claim of
Ellen Graham admit claim
of Sabella Graham
M E Prunk
 Special Agent.

Money Recovered: May 17, 1878
Ellen 1500

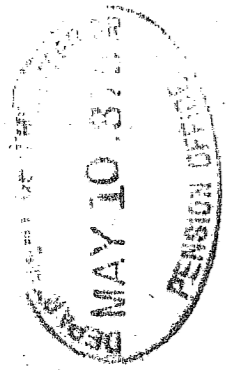
ACTION:

Have Ellen Woodruff, afft,
copied and refer all
the papers to Charles
Off Widows Div for
his consideration.

Agf should have perinty
inquired as to age
of minor, and find
them as to competency
widowhood of Sabella

Lambert
 Chief of S. S. Div.

Investigation: Thorough Apr 3/78
Fair Record Com
Insufficient pleted
 Recommendation: Approved J. W. Barnes
Disapproved Chf S. S. D



EXHIBIT

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this 3^d day of May, 1875, at Beaufort, County of Beaufort State of SC, before me, M E Sinks a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Alex Lawton and Isabella Lawton, who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that ~~the~~ ^{that} age is years, that they reside at Beaufort County of Beaufort, State of SC, and that they are well acquainted with Isabella Graham and Ellen Woodruff alleged widows of Moses Graham. We were both slaves before the war and when owned by Mr Lawton the owner of Isabella Graham and we know of our own knowledge that Isabella Graham is the lawful widow of the said Moses Graham. That Isabella Lawton & Moses Graham were lawfully manied on their old master's plantation some time before the war of 1861 they had three children but we can't tell what year none of them was born. Moses and Isabella Graham were separated before the war of 1861 Moses Graham a short time before he left and went in the war and used to chatit with a woman by the name of Ellen Creen who lived some 5 or 5 miles from from the plantation of Mr Lawton. We know that Moses Graham was never manied to Ellen Creen they were not considered manied by any of their fellow slaves. As it was well known they chatited together Ellen Creen did not take the name of Graham until after Moses Graham left & went in the Army. She took the name of Graham to enable her to get a pension when she well know she was never the lawful wife of Moses Graham. Moses & Ellen did chatit together in Beaufort during the war but it was only a short time. She never took the name of Ellen Graham until after Moses Graham died and further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim leg known only as Ellen Creen.

for a Pension; and further saith not.
Alex^{his} Lawton
Isabella^{wife} Lawton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of May 1875, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

M E Sinks
 Special Agent.

EXHIBIT

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this 5th day of May, 1873, at
Ma Robertsville, County of Beaufort
 State of SC, before me, U. E. Leakes
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Affy Lawton
 who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that ^{she} ~~her~~ age is 60 years, that she resides at Ma Robertsville
 County of Beaufort, State of SC, and that

she and Moses & Isabella Graham were the slaves of Alex
 Lawton previous to the War of 1861. And that she was present
 in the church on her master's plantation when Pauson Lacks
 a colored minister married Moses Graham to Isabella
 Lawton. She can't tell what year they were married but she
 knows they were married and that they were recognized
 to be husband & wife as long as Moses Graham lived and
 she further declares that Moses & Isabella Graham lived
 together continuously in the same house from the day of their
 marriage until some time after the War of 1861 began
 that they had four children after their marriage but affiant
 can't tell their ages she can't tell what year they were
 born. That affiant knows that Moses Graham never
 was the husband of Ellen Cesse Moses Graham did take
 up with Ellen Cesse a short time before he went in the army
 but he never left his wife. They mostly cohabited together
 at times that was all. Ellen Cesse left Moses Graham
 died took his name and applied for a Pension as his
 widow and she knew that it was false all the time
 that I know of my own knowledge Isabella Graham
 has never remarried since Moses Graham died

and ~~she~~ further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of Isabella Galian for a Pension; and further saith not

for
Affy Lawton
with

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of May
1875.

M E Jones
Special Agent.

W. E. Jencks

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Charleston, S.C. May 7th 1875
 Hon S M Baker
 Comr of Pensions
 Sir

I herewith transmit my
 report in the case of Ellen Graham and Isabella
 Graham widows of Moses Graham No 148.976 +
 173:5-23

Post Office Ellen Graham. Beaufort S.C.

" " Isabella Graham. Brighton Beaufort
 Co S.C. Care of Alex Lawton

Investigation to determine which is the widow
 of the Soldier

After a long hunt I found Ellen
 Graham in the person of Ellen Woodruff she
 having married the Thomas Woodruff Dec 24
 1872. (Copy of Cert & Affidavit herewith). I have but
 one opinion of her claim, it is fraudulent gotten
 up by her Atty Mr Bell, three of her witnesses she
 swears she does not know and she knows nothing
 of the whereabouts of the others. Her Affidavit
 explains the case.

Isabella Graham residence
 in near Brighton Beaufort Co some 40 miles from
 Beaufort City I visited the locality but did not
 see her she having gone to Savannah sometime
 during the winter her friends suppose that she has
 gone into service but they could not tell me where

I would be likely to find her. I should have gone
 to Savannah but her son had just come from there
 he had hunted for her but was unable to find her
 under the circumstances, I did not feel warran-
 ted in making the trip. I also her old master
 Col Lawton and here I was unfortunatly again as
 I found him quite childish he is over 80 years
 of age and not competent to make an affidavit
 he said that all he had previously stated in
 relation to the case was true. The residents of Bri-
 ghton say that Col Lawton's reputation for truth
 and veracity is not. No man can sustain a
 better character. The Col. has considerable property
 now before the war he was one of the T. T. T. I do not
 think he has any interest in the claim only to see that
 Isabella gets the Pension instead of Ellen. I saw a
 number of the fellow Slave of Isabella I give the
 the affidavits of Cecelia Scott and Coffey Lawton
 and would remark if their evidence is not re-
 liable there can be no colored evidence produced
 that is reliable they are certainly respectable old
 colored women. As to the ages of the children no
 evidence can be obtained on that point. Col Law-
 ton told me he had no record of their ages. Ce-
 celia Scott did not know what year they were
 born. The ages given are simply guessed at. I have
 no doubt of the legitimacy of the children ^{legality of the} or of the
 Marriage. And I think the ages of the children

and a man as can be correctly given

I am of the opinion that the claim of Ellen Graham No 148976 as Widow of Moses Graham is a fraud. She was never the wife of Moses Graham and would recommend that the claim of Ellen Graham No 148976 be rejected

I am of the opinion that Isabella Graham is the legal widow of Moses Graham that she has never remarried since his death that she was married to Moses Graham as alleged and that she lived with him continuously as his wife until his death, that the children are legitimate

I would recommend that the claim of Isabella Graham No 175523 widow of Moses Graham be admitted and that her name be placed on the Pension Roll,

Very Respectfully
M. E. Smith

Sp. A. Smith

John Smith No 11946. Geo
 Mrs McLane 9869 Geo
 Nancy Duncan 9874 S. C.

At the House of Arthur Maddell

This is to certify that the rite of holy Matrimony
 was celebrated between Thomas Woodruff of Beaufort
 South Carolina and in the State of South Carolina
 and Miss Ellen Graham December 24th the one
 thousand eight hundred & seventy two (1872)

Witness (Signed)

Moses Green

Arthur Maddell

Mira Edwards

Minister of the Gospel

I certify the above is a true copy of the mar-
 riage certificate of Thomas Woodruff & Ellen Gra-
 ham in her possession.

M. E. Jenkins Spegt

EXHIBIT

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this 3^d day of May, 1875, at
Port Charlotte, County of Beaufort
 State of SC, before me, M. E. Dulles
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Ellen
Woodruff, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her ^{and her} age is _____ years, that she resides at Port Charlotte
 County of Beaufort, State of SC, and that

She is at this time the wife of Thomas Woodruff to whom she
 was married December 24th 1872 (Cert shown). At the time I
 married Thomas Woodruff I thought I was the widow of Moses
 Graham Pri Co 6128 U. S. C. I ~~had~~ ^{have} previously made ap-
 plication for a Pension as Ellen Graham widow of said
 Moses Graham. And before God I will tell you the whole
 truth about the matter. About the year 1861 I was the slave of
 Mr. Corsee near Roblarville this County my name was Ellen
 Corsee. I became acquainted with a slave of Mr. Lawton
 named Moses Graham who lived about five miles from
 my Master's Plantation. I at that time commenced to co-
 habit with Moses Graham (about 1861) although I knew he
 had a wife living named Isabella, and there ever since
 I was ever married to Moses Graham according to
 the custom among slaves he just used to stay with me
 at times. I think I lived in that manner with Graham
 about one year when he ran away and went in the U. S. A
 about a year after he left I got away from my master
 and came to Beaufort. There I saw Moses Graham again
 he was then a soldier in the Army I commenced to stay
 with him again and staid with him as his wife

as long as he staid in Beaufort I cant say how long
 that was he left Beaufort and was killed in the army
 about the close of the war. Moses Graham did pay the rent
 of a house for me for about a year after I met him in Beau-
 fort I cant say what year it was that I met him in
 Beaufort. I think I was in Beaufort about one year before
 Moses Graham was killed in the army. I was never mar-
 ried to Moses Graham nor according to the custom ~~among~~
 of marriage among slaves we merely took up with one
 another I never had any children by him. I dont think
 Moses Graham ever lived with his wife after he took up
 with me about the year 1864 but he might have done so as
 he and his wife Isabella lived near together. I was told by
 my atty Mr Bell that if I would go to my old home
 and get sworn evidence that Isabella Graham was
 dead I could easily get a pension. I declined to do that
 and then Mr Lawton Isabella Graham old masters heard
 that I was trying to get a pension as the widow of Moses he
 sent me word that if I got a pension he would send word
 to Washington that I was never Moses Graham's wife and
 that would be likely to get me into trouble. I never tried
 to get my pension after that. never. And I never went before
 any one but once to give evidence in my own case and
 then Jack Grant & Phoebe Merriam along if there has
 ever been anything else done I had no knowledge of it
 I do not know the witnesses Samuel Guy or Cecilia Scott
 & Elliot Johnson. I know Amelia Johnson Jack Grant

At Bethsda or Phebe Minor But I do not know where they reside they never lived in Beautifit,

Moses Graham was never with me much after I met him in Beautifit I only saw him occasionally I never took the name of Ellen Graham until after Moses Graham died and I never claimed to have been his wife until after he died

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

by
Elliott Morduff
Morduff

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of May 1875.

M E Decker

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT

CASE OF _____, No. _____

On this 5th day of May, 1875, at
near Robertsonville, County of Beaufort
 State of So, before me, M. E. Seeks
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Cecilia
Scott, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her age is 68 years, that she resides at near Robertsonville
 County of Beaufort, State of So, and that

She has known Isabella Graham widow of Moses Graham
 late a free in the U.S.A. prior to 1861 since her childhood that
 Affiant, Isabella & Moses Graham were the slaves of Alex
Lawton before the war of 1861. That affiant knows positively
 and of her own knowledge that Moses Graham & Isabella
Graham (nee Lawton) were married in the church on their
 Master's Plantation by a Colored Preacher called Rasmus Sack
 who was fully authorized to marry Colored people by the
White Episcopal Church. That affiant was at the church
 when they were married and remembers distinctly that she
 made the cake for the wedding that after they were
 married they commenced to keep house at the Quarters
 on Mr Alex Lawton's Plantation and they lived together
 and were recognized as husband & wife by every body that
 they lived continuously together until some time after the
 war began when Moses Graham went to Beaufort & land
substituted in the U.S.A. That soon after his wife Isabella
 followed him (affiant also went to Beaufort) and there
Moses Graham rented a room for his wife Isabella
 and they were as much together as was possible. That
 after a while Moses Graham had to leave Beaufort

with his Rest and went to Grahamsville & Gillsonville about ten miles from here where he took the small boy and had he was buried at Grahamsville about ten miles from his old home that his wife Isabella followed him to Grahamsville and was living at her old home when he died. That Moses & Isabella had four children born by their marriage namely Amelia William Richard & Lavinia that she was mid wife when all the children were born but she cannot tell what year they were born that she cannot give any date to any of the above circumstances related herein she merely states the facts that Moses and Isabella Graham oldest child is now about 21 years of age at this time.

Affiant also knows Ellen Cesse who ~~was~~ the slave of Mr Cesse near here Affiant knows that she never was or could be the wife of Moses Graham and she never was recognized to be the wife of Moses Graham or ever claimed to be his wife until Moses Graham died when she applied for a pension ~~under the~~ as the widow of Moses Graham giving her name as Ellen Graham. Affiant knows that she was never known by any other name than Ellen Cesse that about the time she was by an Moses Graham took up with Ellen Cesse and it made a heap of trouble between him and his wife Isabella. Moses used to go over and see Ellen Cesse once in a while and that was all there was of it. I never had anything to do with Ellen Graham's pension whatever. Isabella Graham is now at Charleston Savannah but I don't know where her ~~son~~

brother Sam just came from there but he hunted for
 her and could not find her Iw of her children are at
 their Grandparents the others are caring for themselves
 That Isabella Graham is at this time a widow she has
 never remarried since Moses Graham died

and she further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of Isabella Graham for a Pension; and further saith not

Cecilia ^{her} Scott
 make

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of May
 1875-

M. C. S. [Signature]

Special Agent.

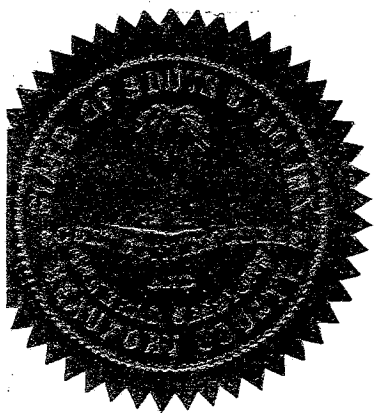
State of South Carolina }
County of Beaufort }

On this 23rd day of October 1868
personally appeared before me a clerk of
the Court of Common Pleas in and for
said County A. J. Wakefield a resident
of Beaufort County aforesaid and know
to me to be a Physician in good stand-
ing who on being sworn according to law
deposes and saith that he has exam-
ined the lad Silas, the son of Ellen
Graham and Moses Graham with refer-
ence to his age and he should judge
from present appearances that he is be-
tween seven and eight years of
age.

A. J. Wakefield

Sworn and subscribed before me
this Twenty third day of October
A. D. 1868.

N. G. Judd C. C. P. Clk.



State of South Carolina

District of Beaufort } 85

On the 3rd day of September 1868 personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the State aforesaid Bathsheba Hener and Jack Grant whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit and who live on Port Royal Island District of Beaufort who on being sworn according to law depose and say that they were well acquainted with Moses Graham late private in Co. B. 128th Reg. U. S. C. T. and are well acquainted with Ellen Graham whose maiden name was Ellen Corsee and were present at a certain house on Corsee Plantation Black Swamp S. C. at Christmas in the year 1864 and saw the aforesaid Moses Graham and Ellen Corsee married by one Jack Lawton a Col. Preacher and we further state that there is no record evidence of said marriage Our means of knowledge are as follows

We always lived near neighbors within one and a half miles of Ellen all our lives before the war and well

a acquainted with Moses Graham
also who lived about five miles from
our place where he had always lived
and we had very frequently been
in his company and we further
say that we do recode one afore-
said and have no interest in
his claim

Sworn to & Subscribed this 30th
September 1868. before me
D.D. Thompson
Not Pub

Bathsheba ^{her} ~~X~~ Maner
Jack ^{his} ~~X~~ Grants
^{mark}
witnesses

J. Johnson
James Thompson

The foregoing affidavit was read & explained
to affiants before signing.

D.D. Thompson
Not Pub

See certified copy of History Pubs
Commission on file in 2^d Auto-
tor's office

Additional
Evidence in
claiming to 103975
Eben Graham
do Caroline

61
126

3-1081.

PENSIONER DROPPED.

United States Pension Agency,

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

APR 12 1904, 190

Certificate No. 173264

Class General Law Widow.

Pensioner Isabella Graham

Soldier Moses Graham

Service Pvt B 128 USG Tr.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the above-named pensioner who was last paid at \$12, to 4 May, 1902 has been dropped because of death. Died 18 July, 1902

Very respectfully,

J. J. Wilder
United States Pension Agent.

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

175.523
Williams Ex'r.

NO 175.523

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

Isabella Graham

Beaufort Co. S.C.

Wid. of

Moses Graham

Priv. Co "C" 128, U.S.C.S.

Died at *Gillisville, S.C.*

Oct. 10, 1866 Small Pox.

other claim.

187

Clerk.

Application filed: *May 24, 1869*

Attorney: *James D. Bell,*

P. O. *Beaufort,*

Beaufort Co.,

S.C.

Exhibit

Date

Oct. 2 atty
Med. v. probate
agreement

Nov. 24/76 atty same
settle for insurance

Witness

~~No. 1177~~

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Ellen Graham
Dist of Beaufort S.C.

Wife of
Moses Graham

Pr Co. C. 12. 8. 21st Regt,
Died at Gillisville S.C. March
1862

Pension Office, *Small post*

186

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

Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

Admtd

one child born in 1862

Received, *June 22*, 186*4*

James D. Bell

Beaufort

S.C.

Attorney

Aug 24, 1867

Ci 17438

Sept 12, 1867

Let to atty

Evil of marriage not
good on case of Volney, before
whom affd was made
not being substantiated

Sept. 17, 1868

Let to atty

For better evd. of marriage
affidavit not good - Noting
having filed both of them
unsatisfactory - evd of Phe
as to present appearance.

Nov 1, 1868

Let to atty. Chel

to former marriage under
entitled to receive a full
of July 27, 1868. - Steps to be
taken to include them
Wd Thomson not. Pub n
filed in this office - It
must file

Dec. 7, 1868

For discrepancy as to age of
child, must be explained, affidavit of all
that she has not had the care & custody of
the child by former marriage. The death
of former wife must be shown going date
& place.

Jan. 15/69. James H. Black
Richard Case my brother -
I signed that child was not
the mother of James

Dec. 3/69

Rejected - claim a former
soldier's first wife living & rem
with widow claim. 175.5

No. 173.264

X

South Carolina

Isabella Graham

WIDOW OF

Moses Graham

Rank Priv., Co. C,

Regt. 128. U. S. G. I.

Knoxville (Washington D.C.) Agency.

Rate per Month, \$ 8

Commencing 7 Feby 1866

Additional sum of \$2 per Month for each of the following children, until arriving at the age of 16 years, commencing 25 July 1866

Amelia 20 Nov 1870

William 5 Sept 1872

Richmond 24 May 1875

Lavinia 25 Oct 1880

Arnwald

Certificate dated 4 May, 1876

Sent 10 " " , 1876

James D. Bell Attorney.

Act 14th July, 1862.

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Clerk.

Reissue to change rate - certificate lost. (3-128.)

WIDOW'S PENSION.

173-264
Journal

Claimant Isabella Graham Soldier Moses Graham
P.O. Savannah Rank Pvt., Co. "B"
County Chatham, State Ga. Regiment 128th U.S.I.

Rate, \$ 12.00 per month, commencing March 19, 1886, date of the Act. and two dollars a month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	{	Born,	18	}	Commencing	18	
	{	Sixteen,	18	}			
	{	Born,	18	}		"	18
	{	Sixteen,	18	}			
By last marriage.	{	Born,	18	}	"	18	
	{	Sixteen,	18	}			
	{	Born,	18	}	"	18	
	{	Sixteen,	18	}			
	{	Born,	18	}	"	18	
	{	Sixteen,	18	}			
	{	Born,	18	}	"	18	
	{	Sixteen,	18	}			

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

All pension to terminate _____, 18____, date of _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name _____ Fee \$ _____ Agent _____ to pay.
P. O. _____ Articles filed _____, 18____

APPROVALS:

Submitted for issue January 27, 1887, W. G. Hartwell, Examiner.

WAR OF 1861.

Act of July 14, 1862, and July 25, 1866.

CLAIM FOR WIDOW'S PENSION, WITH MINOR CHILDREN.

BRIEF in the case of *Ellen Graham*, Widow of

Moses Graham jr. Co. "D", 128th W.S.C.T.,
Resident of *Beaufort* County, and State of *South Carolina*
Post Office address:

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service. *The soldier was enrolled as per Adj. Gen's report on the 1st March 1865,*

Death. *And died at Sellonsville S.C. Feb 7th 1866 of Confluent Small Pox*
"The Surg. Genl. W.S.A reports that the Soldier died Feb 7. 1866, Grahamsville South Carolina of Small Pox."

Marriage. *No record, Proved by the affidavit of person present, Moses Graham + Ellen Corse Dec. 25th 1861.*

Names and dates of birth of children.	<i>Silas</i>	, born <i>July 14</i>	1862, who will be 16 years old	<i>July 13th</i>	, 18 <i>66</i>
	"	"	"	"	, 18
	"	"	"	"	, 18
	"	"	"	"	, 18

The soldier left by a former marriage, three children aged as follows: William 14, Cornelia 12 + Richard 10.

"	"	18	"	"	, 18
"	"	18	"	"	, 18
"	"	18	"	"	, 18
"	"	18	"	"	, 18

Proof of ages. *Proved by affidavit of persons who were present, Also by Affidavit of Physician who states that from appearance, he should judge the child to be between seven + eight years old,*

Loyalty. *Shown,*

Agent, and his P. O. address.

Issue certificate for _____ dollars per month, commencing _____, 186____, and two dollars per month additional for each of the above-named children, commencing _____ day of _____, 186____.

Passed _____, 186____. _____, Examiner.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

July 25th, 1867.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 1148, 976, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Moses Graham was enrolled on the 1st day of March, 1865, at Beaufort S. C. in Co. 'C', 128th Regiment of W. V. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Sgt on the 9th day of March 1865, at Hilton Head S. C., in Co. 'C', 128th Regiment of W. V. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. 'C' of that Regiment, for the months of January & February 1866 he is reported "Died at Hilton Head S. C. Feb'y 7th 1866 of confluent Small Pox."

I am, Sir, very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

W. H. Raymond

Assistant Adjutant General

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

1st St. U. S. A. in charge of Bureau for level. Struck

Memoranda

Name of applicant

Address

Application for Arrears of Pension under the Act of Congress approved January 25, 1879.

To the Commissioner of Pensions,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

I, Isabella Graham, a pensioner under
(Name of Claimant.)

Pension Certificate No. 173264, do hereby apply for the Arrears due me under the Act granting Arrears of Pension, approved January 25, 1879.

My Post-Office address is Savannah - Chatham
(Town, County, and State, and if residence is in a City, name and number of street

County, State of Georgia Care of
(must also be given.)
Genl A. R. Lawton

Isabella Graham
(Claimant's Signature)

J R Lawton

Two witnesses
WHO WRITE
sign here.

Thos A Rossen

STATE OF Georgia
COUNTY OF Chatham } ss:

Signed in my presence by Isabella Graham
(Name of Claimant.)

who is known to me to be the person she describes herself to be, and at the same
(He or she.) (Him or her.)
time she exhibited to me her Pension Certificate, which is numbered 173264
(He or she.) (His or her.) (Insert number of Certificate.)

[L. S.]

J R Saussy Not Public
(Signature of Civil Officer.)

The Pension Certificate should not be sent to the Pension Office, but it must be exhibited to the Magistrate.
If this blank is executed before a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, the Certificate of the County Clerk is NOT required ; but is required on all other papers filed in Pension and other claims.
N. B.—Messrs. GEORGE E. LEMON & Co., Editors and Publishers of "THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE," will furnish a blank similar to this, to each REGULAR SUBSCRIBER to the paper, and will file the claims of such for Arrears of Pension in the Pension Office entirely free of charge. Pensioners desiring the receipt of this application acknowledged, will please inclose one three-cent postage stamp.

Surgeon General's Office,

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., August 13th, 1867

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that Frank Hoops Graham
Co. "C", 128th Regiment U.S.A., is reported to this
Office by Henry P. Barrant Surgeon, as having died
February 7th, 1866, at Grahamville, Ga.
Camp of 128th Regt
Small Pox

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

J. J. Woodward

Brevet Major and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army.

WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR PENSION.

State of South Carolina }
County of District of Beaufort } ss.

ON THIS thirteen day of June, 1867, personally appeared before me, a Pension Agent, of a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid, Ellen Graham a resident of Post Royal Island in the County of Beaufort and State of South Carolina aged 30 years, who being duly sworn, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the Pension provided by the Act of Congress approved **July 14, 1862**. That she is the widow of Noses Graham who was a private in Company "C" commanded by Capt. S. G. O. C. in the 128 Regiment of N. S. Colored troops vol in the War of 1861; that her maiden name was Ellen Corsee and that she was married to said Noses Graham on or about the 25th day of December 1861, at Black Swamp in the County of Beaufort and State of South Carolina by Jack Sawton colored and that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage.

SHE FURTHER DECLARES that said Noses Graham her husband, died in the service of the United States as aforesaid at Gilksborough in the State of South Carolina on or about the March day of 1866, of Small Pox

She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said Noses Graham and that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints James J. Bell of Beaufort S. C. as her lawful Attorney, with power of substitution, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive her pension certificates. The following is the name date of birth and place of residence of all the children of her deceased husband who were under sixteen years of age at the time of his death: Silas Graham born July 14th 1862 & now resides with her at Ross Charlotte Place, Post Royal Island District of Beaufort State of So. Ca.

My Post Office address is Beaufort State of So. Ca.

If mark is made, two witnesses who write sign here.

Geo. W. Woodman
Chas. M. Fogg

Ellen Graham
made (Signature of Claimant.)

ALSO PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Elliott Johnson and Emelia Johnson residents of Beaufort County, and State of South Carolina to me well known as credible persons, who being duly sworn, declare, that they were present and saw said Ellen Graham

sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said applicant, and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and know that said deceased recognized said applicant as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the community in which they resided; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

That they have been well acquainted with Ellen's Noses Graham for ten years, living near neighbors, & attending same church

Geo. W. Woodman Signatures of Witnesses
Chas. M. Fogg

Elliott Johnson
Emelia Johnson

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this ~~thirteenth~~ day of June 1867; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. And that the contents of the above were made known and explained to applicant and witnesses before signing. *Two or three printed words erased before execution hereof*

Edridge G. Dudley Pension Notary
(Official Signature.)
for South Carolina

[SEAL]

I James D. Bell of Beaufort in said State and District on oath say that I have no interest in the Pension claim beyond the fee allowed by law for collection

James D. Bell

*Subscribed & sworn to this 14th day of June 1867
Before me E. G. Dudley Pension Notary*

NOTE.—If there is any record evidence of the marriage, insert—except that of which a true copy is herewith annexed, and append a certified copy of the record accordingly. The cause of death must be specified in the second clause of the declaration. The declaration and evidence of identity, must be made before a Court of Record, or before some officer of such a Court duly authorized to administer oaths, and having custody of its seal, which must be attached.

WIDOW'S CLAIM

FOR

PENSION

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Mrs. *Ellen Graham*

Widow of *Mary Graham*

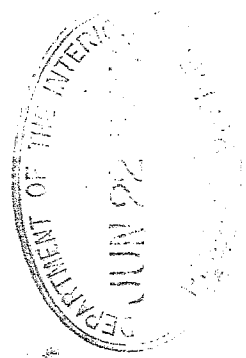
Regt. *Co. "E" 128*

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

State of South Carolina
County of Beaufort } ss.

On this 10th day of September 1868, personally appeared before me, a Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County and State who, being first duly sworn, on her oath doth depose and say, that she is the identical Ellen Graham widow of Moses Graham deceased, who was a private in Co. B, Reg't. 128 U.S.C. Troops Volunteers; that she has made application for Pension under the provisions of the act of July 14, 1862, which said claim is numbered, in the pending claims at the Pension Department at Washington, D. C. 148976: that in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the second section of the act entitled "An act Increasing the Pensions of Widows and Orphans, and for other purposes," approved July 25, 1866, she further declares that she has not remarried since the death of her said husband, but to this date remains his widow; and that the following are the names and dates of birth of all the children, under sixteen years of age, of the said deceased soldier and this deponent, viz:

- Silas born on the 14 day of July, 1862
- born on the _____ day of _____, 18____
- born on the _____ day of _____, 18____
- born on the _____ day of _____, 18____
- born on the _____ day of _____, 18____
- and _____ born on the _____ day of _____, 18____

And she further declares that her said husband* was previously married and had three children viz William, Cornelia & Richard aged respectively about 14, 12 & 10 years

And that she, the claimant, has never abandoned the support of her child ~~any one of the above named~~ children under sixteen years of age, nor permitted any one of them for whom increase is claimed to be adopted by any person or persons whatever; that she is ~~they are~~ the only legitimate children of herself and her deceased husband, now living; and that she they reside with her at Port Royal Island near Beaufort South Carolina

Ellen Graham
(Signature of Claimant.)

Also personally appeared Bathsheba Green and Jack Grant of Port Royal Island in the County of Beaufort and State of South Carolina persons known to me as respectable and entitled to credit,

and who, being by me duly sworn, on their oath say they were present and saw her make ~~her~~ mark and saw her sworn to the foregoing statement; and that they are, and have been, both personally acquainted with

* Had never been previously married; or, was previously married and had children, etc., as follows; as the case may be.

her and her whole family for... 15 years... years past, and know from their own personal knowledge that she, the said... Ellen Graham... has never remarried since the death of Moses Graham... her late husband, nor abandoned the support of any one of the above-named children under sixteen years of age; nor has she ever permitted any one of them to be adopted by any person or persons whatever, but retains them with her residing. And they further declare that they know the said children above-named are the only legitimate children of the said... Ellen Graham and Moses... the deceased soldier, and the applicant; and they have no interest whatever in this claim.

attest
J. Ameryfort
E. Hutchinson

Bathsheba ^{nee} Meser
Jack ^{nie} Grant
Mark
(Signature of Witnesses.)

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this... 10th day of... September... 1868; and

I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim; and that the contents of the above was carefully read and explained to applicant and witnesses before signing the same.

Henry G. Inad
Clerk C. C. P. ES

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WIDOW'S PENSION CLAIM.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT UNDER ACT JULY 9th, 1866.

No. 148976

Mrs. Ellen Frankina Claimant.

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WIDOW'S PENSION
CLAIM.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT UNDER
ACT JULY 25, 1866.

No. 148976

Mrs. *Ellen Graham* Claimant.

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James D. Bell
Beaufort
South Carolina

State of South Carolina }
County of Beaufort }

J. Henry G. Judd,

clerk of the Court of the Common Pleas in and
for the County of Beaufort, State of South Carolina, do
hereby certify that Lawrence M. McKenzie was
during the years 1870 & 1871, to about August a
Magistrate in and for said County and
State above named duly commissioned &
sworn; that all his official acts, as such,
are entitled to full faith & credit, during
said years

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and official seal at
Beaufort, this 14th day of June 1872

J. H. Judd
Clerk of Court

APPLICATION FOR A NEW CERTIFICATE.

Instructions must be strictly observed.

A blank space is left at the close of applicant's affidavit that the time, place, and manner of the loss or destruction of the original certificate may be set forth. In case of loss of certificate, it should be shown that proper efforts have been made for its recovery. The pensioner's oath must be supported by the evidence of another person as to identity. The witness must swear that he or she well knows applicant to be the same person described in his or her affidavit, and the magistrate must certify that the deponent is a person of veracity. When a person acting as agent or attorney for a pensioner loses the certificate, the affidavit of that person, duly authenticated, is also required. The official character and signature of the officer before whom the affidavits are made must be authenticated by the certificate of the proper officer, under his seal of office.

STATE OF Georgia, COUNTY OF Chatham, ss:

On this Fifteenth day of January, 1887, before the subscriber, Notary Public in and for said county,

appeared Isabelle Graham, who on oath declares that she is the widow of Moses Graham who belonged to Company B

in the 128th Regiment of U.S.C.T., in the service of the United States, in the war late between the States; that her name was placed on the pension roll of the State of South Carolina; that she received a pension certificate numbered 173264

and bearing date the 4th day of May, 1876; that she was last paid at Knoxville, Tenn. Agency, to include the 4th day of June, 1886;

that she has not bartered, sold, assigned, or pledged her pension certificate, or any interest therein; but that on or about the _____ day of June, 1886, at or near Savannah

in the County of Chatham State of Georgia she said her certificate was lost. that she has made every effort to find said certificate without success, and that as far as she knows, or believes, the said certificate is hopelessly lost.

My post-office address is Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

(Signature of applicant.) Isabelle Graham

Also, personally appeared A. C. Wright, who on oath declares that he well knows Isabelle Graham, who has executed the foregoing affidavit, to be the identical pensioner named therein.

(Signature of witness.) A. C. Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid, the contents being first made known, and I certify that the affiants are persons of veracity.

J. L. Whately
Not. Pub. Chatham Co. Ga.

STATE OF Georgia, COUNTY OF Chatham, ss:
 I, Barnard E. Bee, Clerk of the Superior Court
 of the county and State aforesaid, certify that J. L. Whalley is
 a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified; that his commission
 was dated on the 8th day of December, 1884, and will expire on
 the 8th day of December, 1888, and that his signature above written is
 genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Superior Court
 this nineteen day of January, 1887.

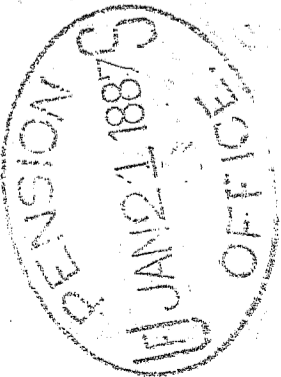
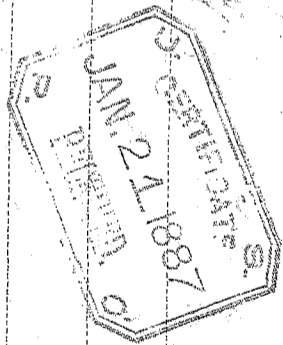
Barnard E. Bee
Clerk S. C. C. C.

Application for a New Certificate

Laurel by Whalley

This blank form may be used also in applying for "Permit" to execute vouchers without presenting the certificate.
 In applying for "Permit," applicant must state distinctly whether the certificate has been sold or pawned, and if mislaid the circumstances should be set forth, and evidence furnished that due diligence has been exercised to recover the same.
 If certificate is hopelessly lost or destroyed, an application should be made for a new certificate with a full statement of how the loss occurred, and other satisfactory evidence corroborating his statement.
 Attention is call to instructions at head of this blank.

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Application for a New Certificate

Leibel BY *Godwin*

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PENSION
JAN 21 1887
OFFICE

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JAN 21 1887
OFFICE

LAW OFFICES OF
JACKSON & WHATLEY,
118 BRYAN STREET.

HENRY R. JACKSON.
J. LAWTON WHATLEY.

Savannah, Ga., Jan'y 19 1887

Hon John C. Black
Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 10th inst
addressed to Gen. A. R. Swinton, of this city, with
enclosure - blank application for new pen-
sion certificate - was received by him
in due course and turned over to me.

I beg leave to return you here with the
~~Application~~ certificate, with the blanks filled up, or
as nearly so as is possible with the information
at hand.

Trusting that it will meet all the
requirements of the case, and that the new
certificate will be sent to the applicant,
Isabel Graham, or to myself at your
early convenience, I remain,

Very Respectfully,
Yours obt. Servt
J. L. Whatley

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

Act of July 14, 1862, and subsequent acts.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

(ORIGINAL WITH INCREASE.)

173.264

Isabella Graham

Widow of
Masses Graham

Rank, *Priv. Co.*
Company, *128th N.Y.*
Regiment, *128th N.Y.*

Residence of claimant, *Beaufort* County, and State of *South Car.*

Post Office, *Brighton, Beaufort Co. S. C.*

Attorney, *James D. Bell, Beaufort, Beaufort Co. S. C.*

Fee, \$ *20.00 per contract.*

No contract and no material evidence filed since July 8, 1870.

Rate of pension, \$ *8.00* per month, commencing *Feb. 7th*, 18*66*, the date

of *John's death*, and two dollars per month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	<i>Wail</i>	{ Born, 18 . }	} Commencing	, 18 .
		{ Sixteen, 18 . }		
	"	{ Born, 18 . }	} "	, 18 .
		{ Sixteen, 18 . }		
By last marriage.	<i>Amelia</i>	{ Born, <i>Nov. 21, 18 54</i>	} "	<i>July. 25, 18 66.</i>
		{ Sixteen, <i>" 20, 18 70</i>		
	<i>William</i>	{ Born, <i>Sept. 6, 18 56</i>	} "	" " , 18 "
		{ Sixteen, <i>" 5, 18 72</i>		
	<i>Richmond</i>	{ Born, <i>May 25, 18 59</i>	} "	" " , 18 "
		{ Sixteen, <i>" 24, 18 75</i>		
	<i>Larinda</i>	{ Born, <i>Oct. 26, 18 64</i>	} "	" " , 18 "
		{ Sixteen, <i>" 25, 18 80</i>		
	{ Born, 18 . }	} "	, 18 .	
	{ Sixteen, 18 . }			

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

ADMITTED, *Feb. 15th*, 18*76*. *Paul E. Williams*, Examiner.
APPROVED, *" 21*, 18*76*. *B. P. Jones*, Reviewer.
Chief of Division.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

Enlistment,	<i>Mar. 1</i>	, 18 <i>65</i> .	Widow's app. filed,	<i>May. 24, 18 69</i>
Muster into rank,	<i>" 9</i>	, 18 <i>"</i> .	Claim completed,	<i>Dec. 20, 18 70.</i>
Discharge,	<i>Wail</i>	, 18 <i>"</i> .	Former marriage of soldier,	<i>Wail</i> , 18 <i>"</i> .
Death,	<i>Feb. 7</i>	, 18 <i>66</i> .	Death of former wife,	<i>"</i> , 18 <i>"</i> .
Invalid app. filed,	<i>Wail</i>	, 18 <i>"</i> .	Claimant's marriage to soldier,	<i>Feb. =</i> , 18 <i>54</i>
Invalid last paid to	<i>"</i>	, 18 <i>"</i> .		, 18 <i>"</i> .

CAUSE OF DEATH, *Small Pox*. PLACE OF DEATH, *Gilmerville, S. C.*

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

*Claim of Ellen Abraham, Contesting widow, Lawrence
rejected, v. evidence on this brief.
Discrepancies in facts explained.*

ALLEGATIONS OF CLAIMANT.

Other children of soldier by former wife, *None*
Other children of soldier by claimant, *"*
Loyalty of claimant, *Absolved*

SUMMARY OF PROOF.

FORMER MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER.

The marriage of _____ to _____
is shown by _____

None
DEATH OF FORMER WIFE.
None

MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER TO CLAIMANT.

The marriage of *Moses Abraham* to *Isabella Lawton*
is shown by *witnesses present at marriage & by former owner - (see display of evidence)*

DATES OF BIRTH OF CHILDREN.

*Shown by midwife who attended at accouchement.
by affidavit of former owner, & by medical opinion.*

DATES OF DEATH OF CHILDREN.

None

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN BY FORMER MARRIAGE.

PROOF AS TO SERVICE.

The Adjutant General U. S. A. reports name on Rolls as *Moses Graham*
 also the rank, company, and regiment, and the dates of *enroll. must. & death*
 as stated on preceding page. He also reports

PROOF AS TO DEATH.

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|----------------------------------|--|
| 1st. Report of Adjutant General. | 5th. Testimony of Officers. |
| 2d. Report of Surgeon General. | 6th. Testimony of Fellow Soldiers. |
| 3d. Certificate of Disability. | 7th. Testimony of Attending Physician. |
| 4th. Testimony of Army Surgeon. | 8th. Other testimony. |

*A. G. reports him died at Gillsborough P. C.
 Feb. 7th 1866 of "Confusion Small Pox."*

*A. G. reports him died Feb. 7th 1866. at Grahams-
 ville, S. C. of Small Pox.*

*2nd Auditor, reports payment allowed Isabella
 Graham to include Feb. 6th 1866*

as stated on preceding page. He also reports

BRIEF NO. 2.

Exr.

Col. Alex. J. Lawton, says he owned Claimant as his slave up to her emancipation. The soldier was owned by a neighbor who lived 1 1/2 miles distant. Affiant knows that Claimant and Soldier were regularly married on his plantation, Feb. 1854, by one John Taylor, a Baptist preacher, and also a slave of affiant. The soldier had free access to affiant's plantation & lived as husband with Claimant until 1865 when he enlisted. After he had died, Claimant went west to Beaufort & made herself known as his widow. She had four children by him, & affiant kept a record of the names & births which has been lost, but he recalls well the facts and the dates. Claimant was at each time attended by a mid-wife, but no physician was called. Affiant also testifies that Claimant has remained the widow of the soldier.

Cryler & Sicron Scott say they knew Claimant and Soldier before the marriage & after. They were present at the marriage, by John Taylor, and lived as man & wife up to the enlistment of the soldier. She is yet the widow of soldier.

Col. Lawton further says that Claimant was the only wife of Soldier & that the claim of Ellen Cross is

a false one, and the allegation that she was married by John Taylor is not true.

Claim investigated by Special Agent to determine who is the widow of soldier. The agent finds the witnesses Col. Taylor & Scatt's reliable persons in every way. Ellen Woodruff, says she was married to Thomas Woodruff Dec. 24th 1872. & she is the same person who made affidavit as Ellen Graham as widow of Moses Graham. She declares, before God!, that in 1861 she was the slave of Mrs. Conner & then met the soldier who lived five miles away, and cohabited with him, altho, knowing he had a wife living. Was never married by any form to Graham. "He just used to stay with me at times". She lived with him so about one year, when he left for the army. Affiant afterwards found him at Beaufort, & lived with him again, & he paid for her house. Affiant was persuaded by her attorney, (Bell) to apply for papers. But Mr. Taylor (former owner of Isabella) sent her word that he would inform the Pension Office that she was not the widow, so she never did anything more in the claim.

Col. Taylor, Scatt & et al. testify before the agent, as in former affidavits.

WIDOW'S BRIEF No. 2.

Claim No. 175523

Soldier, Moses Graham

Paul E. Williams Ex'r.

Room No. 51

Out. for final rev.

Feb. 15 / 76

EXHIBIT

CASE OF *Ellen Graham & Isabella Graham* No. 148916 & 175503.

On this 3^d day of May, 1875, at
Port-Charlotte, County of Beaufort
 State of Fla., before me, Me. E. Jenks
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Ellen
Woodruff, who being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her age is about 40 years, that she resides at Port-Charlotte
 County of Beaufort, State of Fla., and that

she is at this time the wife of Thomas Woodruff to whom she was married Dec 24, 1872.
 (Court show) at the time I married Thomas Woodruff I thought I was the widow of
Moses Graham Pin. No. 6. 108. U.S. 7. I had previously made applications
 for a pension as Ellen Graham, widow of said Moses Graham, and before God
 I will tell you the whole truth about the matter, about the year 1861. I was the
 slave of Mr. Corsee near Robertsville this County, my name was Ellen Corsee
 I became acquainted with a slave of Mr. Sawton named Moses Graham, who lived
 about five miles from my master's Plantation, at that time I commenced to cohabit
 with Moses Graham (about 1861) although I knew he had a wife living named
Isabella, and three children, I was never married to Moses Graham even accord-
 ing to the custom among slaves, he just used to stay with me at times, I think
 I lived in that manner with Graham about one year, when he ran away and
 went in the U.S.A. about a year after he left, I got away from my master and
 came to Beaufort, there I saw Moses Graham again, he was then a soldier in the
 Army, I commenced to stay with him again, and staid with him as his wife
 as long as he staid in Beaufort, I cant say how long that was. He left Beaufort
 and was killed in the Army about the close of the war. Moses Graham did pay
 the rent of a house for me, for about a year after I met him in Beaufort, I cant
 say what year it was that I met him in Beaufort about one year before Moses
Graham was killed in the Army, I was never married to Moses Graham
 even according to the custom of marriage among slaves, we merely took up
 with one another, I never had any children by him, I dont think Moses

Graham ever lived with his wife after he took up with me, about the year 1861, but he might have done so, as he and his wife Isabella lived near together, I was told by my Atty. Mr. Bell that if I would go to my old home, and get sworn evidence that Isabella Graham was dead I could easily get a pension, I declined to do that, and then Mr. Sawton, Isabella Grahams old master heard that I was trying to get a pension as the widow of Moses he sent me word that if I got a pension he would send word to Washington that I was never Moses Grahams wife, and that would be likely to get me into trouble I never tried to get my pension after that, never, and I never went before any one but once to give evidence in my own case, and then Jack Grant & Phebe Menor was along, if there has ever been any thing else done, I had no knowledge of it, I dont know the witnesses Samuel Cuyler, Cecelia Scott, & Elliot Johnson, I know Amelia Johnson, Jack Grant & Bathesba or Phebe Menor, but I do not know where they reside, they never lived in Beaufort. Moses Graham was never with me much after I met him in Beaufort - I only saw him occasionally, I never took the name of Ellen Graham until after Moses Graham died, and I never claimed to have been his wife until after he died.

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

(Signed) Ellen ^{nr} Woodruff
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of May
1875.

(Signed) W. C. Jenks.

Special Agent.

WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR PENSION.

ACT JULY 14, 1862.

State of South Carolina }
County of Beaufort. } ss.

On this 18th day of May A. D. 1869, before me, a Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas a Court of Record in and for the County and State above named, personally appeared Isabella Graham a resident of Robertsville County of Beaufort State of South Carolina aged 34 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress approved July 14, 1862; that she is the widow of Moses Graham who was a Private in Company C commanded by Captain Squad of the 12th Regiment of Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Col. Howard in the war of 1861, and that the said Moses Graham died at Ellisonville S.C. on the 10th day of October A. D. 1861 in consequence of Small Pox in the Service of the United States.

And she was married to said Moses Graham at Col. Sawtons Plantation on the day of Friday 1857, by Jack Taylor and that there is no record evidence of her marriage now in existence, and that the said Jack Taylor who married her to said Moses Graham died in 1862 at Col. Sawtons Plantation and the best evidence she can furnish of her said marriage is the testimony of eye witnesses who were present,

She further swears that the following named children of her deceased husband and herself, under Sixteen years of age, are now living. their names, date of birth, age, and present place of residence being as follows, to wit: four children all living with me on Col. Sawtons plantation near Robertsville S.C. Amelia born Nov. 25, 1854. William A. born Sept 6 1856 Richmond Va. May 25 1859. Leavinia born Oct. 26 1864.

She further declares that she has not remarried since the death of her said husband, nor has she abandoned the support of any one of the children above named, nor permitted any one of the same to be adopted by any other person or persons as his, her, or their child.

And that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States: And she hereby constitutes and appoints JAMES D. BELL, of Beaufort S. C. her true and lawful attorney, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for all orders or certificates that may be issued in consequence thereof, hereby revoking all Powers of Attorney, if any, heretofore given by her for a like purpose. My Post Office address is Robertsville S.C.

M. J. Sturbeck Isabella nee Graham
Wm. W. Cannon mark

Also personally appeared before me, at the time and place aforesaid, Ellick Sawton and Jeremiah Kiler of the County of Beaufort State of South Carolina, whom I certify to be capable persons, who being duly sworn according to law, declare, each for himself, that they well know Isabella Graham widow of Moses Graham deceased, who signed the foregoing declaration in their presence, and that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; they have been acquainted with the said applicant and the said deceased for 25 years, and know that said deceased recognized said applicant as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the community in which they resided. That the following are the names, age, date of birth, and present place of residence, of all the children of her deceased husband, and herself, who are now

Witness

under sixteen years of age, to wit: *Amelia Corn Nov 21 1857 William A Corn*
Sept 6 1856 Richmond May 25 1859 Leannina Corn
October 26 1854, and we know the ages of the above named
children from being present at the time they were born and that no
record evidence of their ages is now in existence all being destroyed during
the late war
 That she is still remaining the widow of the said *Moses Graham*

They further swear that they, or either of them, have no interest in this claim, either present or prospective, and that they are not concerned, directly or indirectly, in its prosecution.

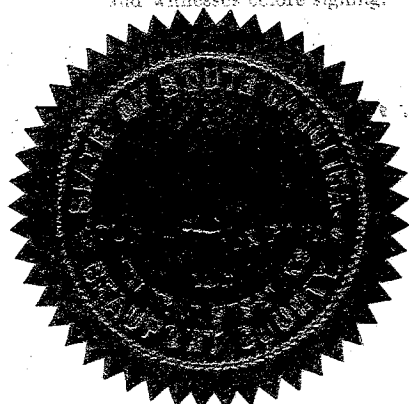
W. J. Humbert
Wm Wilson

Mr
Elli + Sawton
mark
mark
mark

Witnesses

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this *18th* day of *May* 18 *64*, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. And that the contents of the above was made known and explained to applicant and witnesses before signing.

H. G. Sudd
 Clerk Common Pleas
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7-11-89

WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR
PENSION.

CLAIM OF

Isabella Graham

WIDOW OF



FILED BY

James D. Bell,
Beaufort, So. Ca.

State of South Carolina }
 Beaufort County } On this 28th
 day of September A.D. one Thousand Eight
 Hundred and sixty nine, personally ap-
 peared before me, a Magistrate in and
 for the County and State aforesaid - James
 Creyler and Sicilia Scott, who being duly
 sworn according to Law, depose and say,
 that they knew Moses and Isabella Graham
 for a number of years before and ever since their
 marriage - They the said Moses and Isabella
 were lawfully married by the Rev. John Taylor
 in the Baptist Church near Robersonville in the
 said County, many witnesses were present at
 the marriage Ceremony and saw them mar-
 ried - The said Moses and Isabella were
 married in the presence of these affiants, and they
 lived together as man and wife without inter-
 ruption and until Moses Graham went into the
 United States service about the tenth day of March
 1865, and departed life in the said service about
 the day of March 1866 - That the said Moses
 Graham was a private in Co. C. 128th Regt.
 M. S. Col. Troops. - That the said Isabella Gra-
 ham is still a widow - and we have no in-
 terest whatever in her claim to Pension or
 Bounty - The Post office address of these
 affiants as also the Magistrate before whom

These affidavits have come, is that of Brighton
Beaufort County So. Ca.

^{witnesses}
Southward Smith -

Alex. J. Lawton,

^{his} James Cuyler

^{witness} ^{her} Sicilia Scott

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day
and year above written, and I hereby certify that,
from the reputation given these affidavits by one of
the most reliable citizens in the County, I believe
they are credible persons and their statement en-
titled to full faith and credit, and that I have
no interest in this claim

L. McKenzie
Magistrate
in full

South Carolina }

Beaufort County } On this 28th day of September
AD 1869 also personally came before me - a
Magistrate in and for the County and State afore-
said - Sicilia Scott, of the age of sixty two
years, who being duly sworn according to Law
deposeth and says, that she has been for a great
many years, and is still a Mid wife, in the
neighborhood of Moses Graham, late a private
in Co C, 128th Regt W. I. Col. Troop - and his
wife Isabella Graham - that the facts stated
in the foregoing affidavit, having been read to
me, are strictly true - that the said Moses
and Isabella Graham had four children
of their marriage, and at the birth of each
this affiant was present and personally knew
the dates of their several births - that the first

Amelia - was born Nov. 21st 1834

William A. " " Sept. 6th 1856

Richmond " " May 25th 1859

Lavinia " " Oct 26th 1864

That the said Isabella is still a widow, and I have no interest in this claim

Witnesses
Southwood Smith
Alex. J. Lawton

James [unclear]
Sicilia [unclear] Scott
marks

Sworn to and subscribed by said affiant be
fore me the day and year above written - that
from the reputation given her by one of its most
reliable citizens in the County, as well as that of
several reliable col^d persons, I believe her
to be a credible person and her statement en-
titled to full faith and credit - and that I
have no interest in this claim

L. M. Kenzie
Magistrate
[Signature]

P.O. address of Magistrate
and witness

Orange

So. Va.

Wm. H. Wells

*Additional Testimony
in the claim for Pension
& Bounty of Isabella
Graham Widow of Moses
Graham Col. 20th Regt. U.S.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MAY 10 1875
PENSION OFFICE

MAY 10 1875

State of South Carolina }
 County of Beaufort } On this 17th

day of August 1872 - personally came before me L. McKenzie a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Col. Alex. J. Lawton who being duly sworn, in addition to his affidavit made herein, on the 16th instant - further deposes and says, that the said Isabella Graham, being a slave of this deponent, as within stated, he employed a competent midwife, in each case of her confinement, and in no instance, did she need the services of a practicing Physician - and by the said midwife, the births and ages of the said four children has been fully proved and on file at the person office - that the several Physicians who practiced in deponent's family in those days are dead or removed from the limits of South Carolina - that the Examining Surgeon in Beaufort is now absent indefinitely from Beaufort - and he has no means of obtaining the testimony of either, deponent further states, that the said four children are still under the control of their mother and supported by her - and that he has no interest in her claim beyond the duty he feels towards one of his emancipated slaves -

Alex. J. Lawton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

The day and year above written - and I
hereby certify that from the well known char-
acter of the deponent, the facts stated are
attested to the utmost faith and credit -

L. McKenzie
N. P.

State of South Carolina }
County of Beaufort }

J. Ridley K. Carlston

Judicial Justice in and for the said County
and said State, do hereby certify that
S. McKenzie whose signature is annex-
ed to the foregoing affidavit - is a
lawfully appointed Notary Public in and
for said County, and that the above
signature is in the hand writing of
said McKenzie

Ridley K. Carlston
Judicial Justice

State of South Carolina }
 County of Beaufort } On this sixteenth
 day of August AD one thousand eight hundred
 and seventy two, personally came before me
 L. M. King, a Notary Public in and for the
 County and State aforesaid - Col Alex. J.
 Lawton, who being duly sworn according to Law,
 deposes and says - That he was well acquainted
 with Isabella Graham and Moses Graham - her
 husband - that the said Isabella and Moses Gra-
 ham were lawfully married in February 1854
 and lived together as man and wife uninter-
 ruptly until the said Moses joined the United
 States service in March 1865 - That the said Is-
 abella was a slave, belonging to this affiant
 for several years previous to her marriage with
 Moses Graham and up to the time of her Eman-
 - cipation and he thus well knows the parties
 as also the children of the said marriage -
 viz - Amelia - William - Richmond and La-
 vinia, Born respectively in the year - 1854
 - 1856 - 1859 & 1864 - That the said Isabella
 Graham, made her application at the Pension Of-
 fice during the year 1869 - as widow of Moses Gra-
 ham - for the Bounty and arrears due him and
 received the same and that said claim, No-
 175, 523, was based upon the following facts,
 testified to in the presence of this affiant, and of
 which he preserved a Memoranda - to wit,
 - by James Cuyler and Sicitia Scott.
 They knew Moses Graham and Isabella, his wife
 for many years before their marriage - that they
 were married in the Baptist church, near Robertville

in the County of Beaufort, lawfully, by the Rev. John Taylor in presence of a large number of Spectators in the month of February 1854. - The then affiant saw them married - that they lived together without interruption as man and wife, until Moses went into the United States military service about the tenth of March 1865, and that the said Moses departed life about the day of March 1866 - and that the said Isabella was still a widow - also that the said Moses Graham was a private soldier in Co. C 128th U.S. Col^d Troops - also by Sicilia Scott - that she was sixty two years of age - was a regular practicing midwife upon the plantation of this affiant, and was present and officiated as such midwife at the birth of each of the children of the said Isabella Graham - and that their names and birth were -

Amelia - Born Nov 21st 1854

William A. " Sept 6th 1856

Richmond " May 25th 1859

Lavinia " Oct 25th 1861 -

This affiant further states - that he was also in a position to know the facts stated by the above named witnesses, and from recollection, information and belief - he believes the same to be strictly true - that all of the foregoing facts having been already fully proved and now on file in the Pension office, Department of the Interior and this application being to continue the said Isabella Graham, a Pensioner - he would respectfully refer to the claim on

do respectfully refer to The Claim on

File No - 175-523 - for the required proof -

That the ^{Lady} Isabella Graham is still a widow
and I have no interest in her claim -

Alfred J. Lawton

I was to and subscribed before me the day and
year above written - and I hereby certify, that the said
affiant is a credible person, and it is well known to
me, that he was in a position to know the facts to which
he has testified, and his statement entitled to full
faith - I further certify, that all of the aforesaid
parties are known to me - are of good repute, and
I believe the statements there^{made} as well as the present
strictly true - and that I have no interest what-
ever in this claim

L M Kenzie
Notary Public.

Col. Lawton

Additional Evidence in
The Pension Claim of

Isabella Graham

No 175-523

Beaufort County
South Carolina

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State of South Carolina }  
 District of Beaufort } 350

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1868 personally appeared before me Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Beaufort Bathsheba Minor and Jack Motson whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit who on being sworn by me according to law depose and say that they are well acquainted with Ellen Graham widow of Moses late private in Co. C. 128<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.S. and know that she has one child and no more by her late husband, which was born about the middle of July 1862 and we know that that there is no baptismal or other record of the same and that there was no attending Physician in the case. Our knowledge is obtained from the fact of being near neighbors and the continual passing and re-passing of our people back and forward and immediately reporting all such information and spreading it far and near. And we further say that we do live as aforesaid and have no interest in this claim.

Bathsheba <sup>her</sup> Minor  
 Jack <sup>his</sup> Motson  
 + Grant  
 marks

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1868. and I certify that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim, and that the contents of the above was carefully read and explained to applicant the witnesses aforesaid

before signing the same.

Henry G. Judd  
Clerk C. C. P.

S.S.

Brighton S.C. May 28<sup>th</sup> 1870.

James D. Bell Esquire,

Dear Sir,

My long absence from this place has been the cause of my not answering sooner yours of 2<sup>nd</sup> April last which arrived here after I had left.

I did hope with the last papers sent you, supplementary to several others, got up with several others at considerable expense & trouble for the poor Widow of the deceased U.S. Col<sup>d</sup> Soldier Moses Graham, viz. Isabella Graham, that her claim for herself & his children by her, would at last be allowed.

I shall get & enclose the Certificate required of the nearest Post Office to her.

In regard to the other Affidavit required of her to explain her reasons for signing her name at one time as Ellen Graham & at another time as Isabella Graham, she never did so, & the testimony given in her favor, contained to be seen in her papers on file in Washington, will show that this "Ellen Graham" was only a Camp Mistress of Moses Graham for a short time after he joined the Federal Army, & never was known as his Wife. She was in Beaufort & put in her spurious claim sometime before his lawful Wife Isabella knew that she had a claim, & then she went down to Beaufort & placed in your hands her claims. For some cause which you can best explain, you retained in your hands for sometime the Document executed in Beaufort setting forth her rights as Moses Graham's lawful Widow, & when you finally were convinced that she Isabella, was alone entitled to

that position I presumed you would explain the whole matter to the Department there, which I trust you have now done, as you state you wrote immediately to the Auditor having charge of the Matter. Knowing that Isabella Graham never signed her name as "Ellen" Graham, & that you can best explain the cause for sending the document signed by "Ellen" Graham, I have concluded not to put her to the trouble & expense of explaining the matter, trusting that the Auditor will be satisfied with your explanation. It is a long time indeed since this poor woman has been looking for & hoping to have her Just Claim allowed, & I trust this will be satisfactory to that Officer, & she will now be paid her dues according to law.

I am respectfully

Yours,

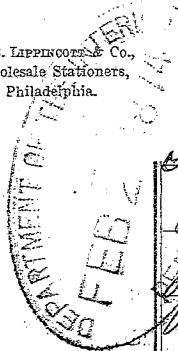
Wm. J. Lawton,

P.S. I am quite willing this letter should be sent on to Washington as testimony in the case, & would qualify to it before a Magistrate if necessary. Do write to the Auditor fully explaining that Isabella Graham never did sign her name as "Ellen" Graham.





J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co.,  
Wholesale Stationers,  
Philadelphia.



State of South Carolina 2  
 County of Beaufort 3 On this 27<sup>th</sup> day  
 of January A.D. 1874 personally appeared  
 before me, L. McKenzie - a Notary Pub-  
 lic, in and for said County and State -  
 Col. Alex. J. Lawton, who being duly sw-  
 own, deposes and says, that in addition  
 to the testimony heretofore adduced, in the  
 Claim No 175,523, of Isabella Graham, as  
 widow of Moses Graham, deceased Colored  
 Soldier of the U.S.A., he further states - that  
 the claim of one Ellen Corsee, to have been  
 married, to Moses Graham in Dec 1861 by  
 Jack Lawton, at Black Swamp - has long since  
 been proved to be false and fraudulent,  
 and upon which proof, the said Isabella -  
 widow of Moses Graham - received the Bounty  
 and arrears of pay due her dec<sup>d</sup> husband -  
 Moses - in June 1871 - that the said Isa-  
 bella was a slave of this affiant, living on his  
 plantation and in House furnished by him,  
 where they raised their family of children,  
 who are still alive - that the said Moses and Isa-  
 bella were lawfully married, as before proved  
 by one Jack Lawton, alias, John Taylor,  
 a Col<sup>d</sup> Preacher, authorized by his Church  
 to perform marriage ceremony among the  
 Colored People - and did actually perform the  
 ceremony, with the said Isabella and Moses  
 Graham in the year 1854 - that upon the  
 death of Moses Graham at Gillespieville in  
 said County, in March 1866 - the said Isabella

went down and made herself known as his widow  
- has been so recognized by all who know her and  
is still his widow, never having since married

That the said Jack Lawton - alias - John  
Taylor - whom Ellen Corser, alleges to have  
married her to Moses Graham in Dec. 1861 -  
was an old family servant of this affiant, and  
highly respected by all who knew him - and  
no person who knew his character, would for  
a moment believe the statement of Ellen  
Corser, at which, many have already ex- pressed  
their amazement - and believe, as affi-  
cant does, her statement, a glaring falsehood  
to rob a poor widow and orphan of their  
just rights - affiant further states - that  
the claim of Ellen Corser, has once before  
been put in, as widow of the said Moses - and  
the same, set aside, in favor of the said  
Isabella as the true widow of the said Moses  
Graham, to which proof, reference is re-  
quested -

Sworn to and subscribed by this affi-  
cant the day and year first above written  
before me -

L. M. Reuzie  
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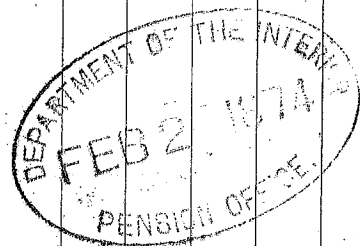
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*Case Lawton*

*Claim of Isabella Graham*

*No 175.523*

*Additional testimony*



WAR OF THE REBELLION.

Act of July 14, 1862, and subsequent acts.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

(ORIGINAL WITH INCREASE.)

Ellen Graham, now Woodruff  
Moses Graham

Prv., widow of

Rank, .....  
Company, .....  
Regiment, 128. N.C.I.

Residence of claimant, Beaufort County, and State of S. C.  
Post Office, Port Charlotte, Beaufort Co. S. C.  
Attorney, James D. Bell, Beaufort, S. C.  
Fee, \$

No contract and no material evidence filed since July 8, 1870.

Rate of pension, \$ per month, commencing 18, the date of , and two dollars per month additional for each child, as follows:

|                         |      |                         |              |                         |     |        |
|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----|--------|
| By former marriage.     | None | { Born, ..... 18 . }    | } Commencing | , 18 .                  |     |        |
|                         |      | { Sixteen, ..... 18 . } |              |                         |     |        |
|                         |      | { Born, ..... 18 . }    | } "          | , 18 .                  |     |        |
|                         |      | { Sixteen, ..... 18 . } |              |                         |     |        |
|                         |      | { Born, ..... 18 . }    | } "          | , 18 .                  |     |        |
|                         |      | { Sixteen, ..... 18 . } |              |                         |     |        |
|                         |      | { Born, ..... 18 . }    | } "          | , 18 .                  |     |        |
|                         |      | { Sixteen, ..... 18 . } |              |                         |     |        |
|                         |      | By last marriage.       | "            | { Born, ..... 18 . }    | } " | , 18 . |
|                         |      |                         |              | { Sixteen, ..... 13 . } |     |        |
| { Born, ..... 18 . }    | } "  |                         |              | , 18 .                  |     |        |
| { Sixteen, ..... 18 . } |      |                         |              |                         |     |        |
| { Born, ..... 18 . }    | } "  |                         |              | , 18 .                  |     |        |
| { Sixteen, ..... 18 . } |      |                         |              |                         |     |        |
| { Born, ..... 18 . }    | } "  |                         |              | , 18 .                  |     |        |
| { Sixteen, ..... 18 . } |      |                         |              |                         |     |        |

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.  
Approved, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1876 Paul C. Williams, Examiner.  
APPROVED, " 21, 1876. B. Ruford, Reviewer.  
Chief of Division.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

|                      |        |          |                                 |         |         |
|----------------------|--------|----------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Enlistment,          | Mar. 1 | , 1866.  | Widow's app. filed,             | June 22 | , 1867. |
| Muster into rank,    | " 9    | , 18 "   | Claim completed,                |         | , 18 .  |
| Discharge,           | None   | , 18 .   | Former marriage of soldier,     |         | , 18 .  |
| Death,               | Feb. 7 | , 18 66. | Death of former wife,           |         | , 18 .  |
| Invalid app. filed,  | None   | , 18 .   | Claimant's marriage to soldier, |         | , 18 .  |
| Invalid last paid to | "      | , 18 .   |                                 |         | , 18 .  |

CAUSE OF DEATH, Small Pox . PLACE OF DEATH,

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

*Claim rejected on the ground that she was not the widow of the soldier. See display of evidence on brief of claimant of Isabella, No. 175523, herewith admitted.*

ALLEGATIONS OF CLAIMANT *See below.*

Other children of soldier by former wife,

Other children of soldier by claimant,

Loyalty of claimant,

SUMMARY OF PROOF.

FORMER MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER.

The marriage of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
is shown by \_\_\_\_\_

DEATH OF FORMER WIFE.

MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER TO CLAIMANT.

The marriage of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
is shown by \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF BIRTH OF CHILDREN.

DATES OF DEATH OF CHILDREN.

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN BY FORMER MARRIAGE.

*\* Claimant Ellen testifies before Special Agents that she never was the wife of the soldier, but lived with him knowing that he had a wife living, and children.*

PROOF AS TO SERVICE.

The Adjutant General U. S. A. reports name on Rolls as  
also the rank, company, and regiment, and the dates of  
as stated on preceding page. He also reports

PROOF AS TO DEATH.

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1st. Report of Adjutant General. | 5th. Testimony of Officers.            |
| 2d. Report of Surgeon General.   | 6th. Testimony of Fellow Soldiers.     |
| 3d. Certificate of Disability.   | 7th. Testimony of Attending Physician. |
| 4th. Testimony of Army Surgeon.  | 8th. Other testimony.                  |

*Adj. reports soldier died of Small Pox, Feb. 7-  
1866, at Greenville, S. C.*

*Adj. reports same.*

*Rejected.*

WIDOW'S BRIEF No. 2.

Claim No. 148976

Soldier, Moses Graham

Paul E. Williams Ex'r.

Room No. 51

*Out. for final rev.  
Feb. 13 /76.*

*Board of Appeal  
March 22, '76.  
Rejection affirmed  
~~But in~~*

*J. Ryan*

No. 15523

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Isabella Graham  
Beaufort Co. S.C.

Wid. of  
Mrs. Graham  
D. L. C. 12870 S.C.  
Died at Gillisville S.C.  
Oct 10th 1864

Dec 28/874 Con. to att. N.H.S.S.

July 3d 1875

Atty. Official Char.  
Notary and P.O. address of  
Clark

Received May 24 1869  
James Bell  
Beaufort  
Beaufort Co  
Attorney



Letter & Atty. & know who  
filed two applications for  
fact of death of same soldier

Sept. 4. 1869 Letter to Atty for date  
of marriage & satisfaction  
proof of birth of children

Nov. 25/69 - Letter -

Dec 9/69. Letter to Atty  
to prove date of  
marriage

Strecher

1871 Aug 6 4<sup>th</sup> = P. Drew (to have both  
by insurance agent at Norfolk)

1872 May 13. Atty (Owens to give date of marriage  
ages of children by physician  
present resident of P.O. address  
identity.)

July 29 Atty (date of marriage; ages of  
children by a physician)  
writing a law.

1874 July 8. Atty (calling attention to claim of  
Ellen. No 148,976. and requiring  
testimony of soldier's former  
Owens as to marriage &  
recognition by soldier as  
his child.)

June 10. To P.M. at Brighton S.C. as to  
identity of descendant of children  
as to Alex. J. Leister being the  
former owner of soldier's  
as to his interest.

Atty 1 ages of children by a physician

2<sup>d</sup> Another (with whom to contact)

