

OFFICERS' CERTIFICATE
OF
DEATH OF SOLDIER.

Burgess *Coiffin*
was Private in Co. B. *Regt.*
1st Kentucky *Division*



Witnessed by J. H. West
W. H. Sevenson *Attorney,*
Hiddsville
Clark County
Kentucky

No. 164. 523

Kentucky

Levonia Griffin

WIDOW OF

Major Genl. J. Griffin

Private Co. Co.

S. Kentucky. U.S.

Lexington Agency

per Month \$ 5. 00

commencing 25. July. 1864

of sum of \$2 per Month for each of

children, until arriving at the age of

commencing 25. July. 1866

made C. 22 February 1865

deposited dated 23 April 1874

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Thomas C. Lloyd Attorney

at Lexington

July 1862

18 25

1881 May 9

To Pension for further facts

2 Aug. 81 Above reviewed

DROPPED FR M ROLLS

JUL 1 1886

PENSION DEAD

Aug. 12/10 Status to
Auditor for War Dept.
M.H. Fair.

No 966

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Melvina Griffin
Rock castle Co Ky
Wid of Benjamin Griffin
for Capt Wilson's Co 8 Ky Inf
Died in Madison Co Ky
July 24. 1864 Diarrhea

Pension Office,

186

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

Joseph M Barrett

Commissioner.

Received, April 15 1865.

~~J. H. Hart~~

~~Big Hill~~

~~Morrill~~

~~W. A. Snowden~~

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8 1861
Circ 19 & 21 and required
approval of Clavin as
corroborative of her husband
No. a middle name -

July 1, 1863 -

Oct. 14/67
Circ. 9, 17, 28 to Claimant
Subscribed for entry

Other Circ sent to atty. Jan 24/68

Circ. 16 to A. G. M. L. O. 26 Feb 7
" 14 - A. G. M. L. O. 1867
10th Dec. 1867 -

Letter to claimant, with Circ 9,
17, 28 -

Jan 31/70. Circ 14 to atty.
Feb 10/70 Letter returned unclaimed.

Mar 12/70 Returned 14 with
9-17 & 28 to atty

Waltham -

Oct 2/71 Letter to new
attly for proof marriage
attending physician, con-
dition from dis. Cause
Cause of death &
age of child
P.O. ad. of child.

July 5/72 Sub attly for Dr Price
further attly - date & de-
tails, Other witnesses to con-
dition when arrived and then
after

McLennan Group
Rock Ledge Co. Ky
Widow of
Benjamin Griffin
Rock Ledge Co. Ky
and as Mission Co. Ky
July 24/89

to duplicate box 2172
RPH

Whelpley

That B. Lloyd
& sons of Bristol
Ky
April 15 1889
W. R. Chubb

W. R. Chubb
That claimant was
over by death of father, who
with claimant only names
to Congress for special Act
W. R. Chubb

estate of
W. R. Chubb
falling
death
date & cause of death
W. R. Chubb
W. R. Chubb

State of Kentucky,
County of Estill 355

On this 20th day of February A.D. 1874
Personally appeared before me a Justice of the
Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid
Mrs Melina Griffin. To one well known to be respectable
and entitled to credit and who made oath in due form
of law to the following, To-wit:

That she is the widow of
Benjamin F. Griffin deceased. That she has filed
her Application for Pension as such widow No 8766
That it is out of her Power to furnish Medical
Testimony as to the Condition of her deceased husband
from date of discharge to date of his death in
Consequence of the death of Dr Jacob White who
was his attending Physician upon his return to his father
a few days after his discharge. She begs to refer to the evidence
herewith presented of Messrs Vincent & Thomas Peyton who
were living neighbors at the time he was treated by Dr
White and were familiar with all the Circumstances Connected
with his Sickness and his return home.

John W. John

Melina F. Griffin

William Miller

Given to me and subscribed before me on the day and year first above
written and I hereby certify that I have no interest direct or indi-
rect in the prosecution of this claim

William Miller J.P.C.
Estill County

State of Kentucky,
County of Estill 388

I Henry W Jacobs Clerk of the
County Court in and for said County do hereby
Certify That Thos. Metcalf Esq is and was at the time
of making the foregoing Signature (Which I Certify to be genuine
a Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly
Commissioned and qualified and all his Official acts
as such are entitled to full faith and credit.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed
the Seal of said Court and subscribed
my name as my Officer in and for this
21st day of February A D 1874

Henry W Jacobs Clerk
Estill County Court

Widow's Pension
Act of 1862 & 1873

Adding great confidence

W. H. P. H. H.
Melrose, Buffen
in doubt

Benjamin Buffen
dressed

No. 89. 608 V. 3
CH. V. 3

Enclosed find address
for deeds on the above
mentioned name Ontario
this with the evidence
for the 26th last will
deposited to establish the
claim. Hutchinson

J. E. W. H. H. H.
Washington
March 18th 1874

WIDOW'S PENSION.

(ORIGINAL WITH INCREASE.)

Lat
164-523

Melina Griffin

Benjamin Griffin

Widow of

Benjamin Griffin
Co. E.
Regt. 8 Ky. Inf.
Kentucky
Ky.

Residence of claimant,

Castell

County, and State of

Post office, *Boone*

Name, *Thomas C. Lloyd, Present*

For, *\$ 10*

No contract, and no material evidence filed since July 3, 1876.

Date of pension, *\$ 8.00* per month, commencing *July 20*, 1864, the date of soldier's death, and two dollars per month additional for each child, as follows:

<i>Benjamin</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Commencing</i> <i>July 20</i> <i>1864</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Melina</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>18</i>
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<i>Benjamin</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>18</i>
<i>Melina</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>18</i>

DRIPPED FROM ROLLS
JUL 1 1896
PENS. OFF. DEAD.

Annannah E.

NEW YORK

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.
Amount, *18*
Received, *April 10 1874*

DATE SHOWS BY PAPERS.

Enlistment, <i>October 17 1861</i>	Widow's app. filed, <i>April 18 1865</i>
Master into cash, <i>Jan 18 1864</i>	Claims completed, <i>18</i>
Discharge, <i>January 18 1864</i>	Former marriage of soldier, <i>None</i>
Death, <i>July 24 1864</i>	Death of former wife, <i>18</i>
Invalid app. filed, <i>None</i>	Claimant's marriage to soldier, <i>Apr 1841</i>
Invalid last paid to, <i>18</i>	<i>18</i>

This claim was rejected Feb. 20, 1873 under Sec. of Act of July 4, 1864, now refused and additional evidence filed. W. H. Brewster, former attorney, consents to appointment of J. E. Doyce

ALLEGATIONS OF CLAIMANT.

Other children of soldier by former wife, *None*

Other children of soldier by claimant,

Loyalty of claimant, *None*

SUMMARY OF PROOF.

FORMER MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER *None*

The marriage of

is shown by

DEATH OF FORMER WIFE *None*

MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER TO CLAIMANT.

The marriage of Benjamin J. Griffin & Melvina Prumbaugh is shown by official copy of marriage bond and proof of cohabitation for 12 years and certificates of marriage

DATES OF BIRTHS OF CHILDREN.

By testimony of witness present

DATES OF DEATH OF CHILDREN.

None

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN BY FORMER MARRIAGE.

None

THROU AIR TO DEATH

Memorandum of Bryan

also the rank, company, and regiment, and the date of *disposition of property and assets*
mentioned on preceding page. The also reports

THROU AIR TO DEATH

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WIDOW'S BRIEF No. 2.

Claim No. 89,606

Soldier, Benjamin Griffin
Keulemans, Ex'r.

Room No. 51

Admitted

Immediate cause of death

Chronic diarrhoea

Remote cause

Diarrhoea

which originated in the
service of the
United States

Admit

J. H. Graham

Med. Ex'r.

Approved April 7, 1874

W. H. Wood

Chf of Med Div.

Wm. K. Ryan

I Melvina Griffin widow of Benjamin Griffin deceased who was late a Private in Co H 8th Regt Ky Inf in the Army of 1861 Do hereby Certify That my present Post office Address is Irvine Estill County Kentucky She further States That She is unable to procure medical testimony as to the Physical Condition of her late husband from the date of discharge to the date of his death and She prays to furnish testimony of Credible persons who knew him from the date of discharge to date of his death and Cause of death

James C. Langley
William H. Durbill

Melvina Griffin
Widow

Witness to and subscribed before me a Justice of the Peace in and for Estill County Kentucky on this 1st day of November 1871 and I hereby Certify that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim That the contents of the foregoing affidavit made by Melvina Griffin was read over to and fully understood by her before signing and swearing, to the same
Hiram H. Heston J. P. 1871

State of Kentucky
County of Estill

I Henry W. Jacobs Clerk of the County Court in and for said County do hereby certify that Hiram Heston whose name appears in the foregoing certificate is and was at the time of signing the same an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State duly qualified to act as such

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the Seal of said Court and subscribed my name at Office in Irvine this 27 day of June
A. D. 1872

State of Kentucky,
County of Estill 358

On this 31st day of June A. D. 1871

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs Melvina Griffin who being first duly sworn on her oath depose and say that she is the identical Melvina Griffin widow of Benjamin Griffin Dea who was a private in Company A commanded Captain John Wilson 8th Regiment of Kentucky Infantry and commanded by Colonel Sid M. Bowers in the war of 1861

That she has made application for Pension under act of July 1862 which claim is numbered in the Pending claim at the Pension Office at Washington D. C. No 87606 She declares that she has not again married since the death of her husband the said Benjamin Griffin but to this date remains his widow and that the following are the name of the only child of herself and husband on the 20th July 1866 viz

Rose Ann Griffin was born 25th day of February 1862 and that claimant now abandoned the support her child was permitted her to be adopted by any person and that she is the only legitimate child under sixteen years of age on 20th July 1866 That her said husband had not been previously married That claimant is unable to obtain medical testimony as to the origin of the disease of which her said husband died and refers to the testimony of her neighbors Moore and Pleasman who were comrades in Arms with her said husband

Melvina Griffin (Seal)

Witness

Lewis Spivey
David Lynch

Given to and Subscribed before me on the day
and year first above written and I hereby
certify that I have no interest direct or indirect
in the prosecution of this claim that the contents
of the foregoing Affidavit was read over to and
fully understood by the affiant before swearing
and signing

Thomas H. Kelly, J.P.

State of Kentucky,
County of Estlin

I Henry W Jacobs Clerk of the
County Court and for said County do hereby
certify that Thomas H Kelly is a Justice of the Peace
in and for said County, duly commissioned and
qualified to administer oaths and that the above
is his genuine signature

Given under my hand and seal of
said Court this 11th day of July
A. D. 1871

Henry W Jacobs Clerk
Estlin County Court

This August 25th 1870
at the undersigned state we the
was well acquainted with Benjamin
Griffin a private in company
C 5th Regt. Inf. we further
state the said Benjamin Griffin
was a healthy man ^{when entered military} for the last
ten or twelve years ~~was~~
~~well acquainted with him~~

Daniel Hoover
Henry Bowman

I certify that I am well acquainted
with the above witnesses Daniel
Hoover and Henry Bowman I further
certify they are creditable men
and under my hand this 2nd
of August 1870

Saml. Under J.P.C.

I can have this authenticated if
required

W. J. Under

Robert's penmanship is the
best in the class, and
is sufficient to be
sent to the school.
Thank you, J. J.

State of Kentucky
County of Waller

whom I certify to be respectable and entitled
to credit, and who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, do depose and say,
that she well known Berjamin Scripps deceased, late a
Private of the 1st of the 5th Regt. 1st Kentucky Infantry
Volunteers, and Melissa Scripps his wife

swear that said Soldier left her awaiting the following named child born
during conflict, as follows, to wit:

Anna Anna Scripps was born February 25 1862

and she further says that her knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the fol-
lowing source, viz:

That she attended to the burial the said
Melissa Scripps in her illness at the birth of each of said child
and that the date of the birth of said child was, as above stated,
and that she has no interest nor concern in the prosecution of a claim for
Pension in case of said Soldier.

(The witness signed this and is able.)

William Thomas
Notary Public

Elizabeth ^{Wife} Hagan

William H. ...
...

Walter ...

From the said abstract before me this ... day of ...
... A. D. 18... and I hereby certify
that I have an interest in the premises of said state, and that
I find the bringing in the deposit and that be abstracted and serve in
the same with a full knowledge of its contents.

...
...

...

History of New York
Historical Society

Some of the things I have observed in the course
of my travels is a great deal of ignorance of the
local history and the antiquities of the country.
I have seen many places where the remains of
the past are still to be seen, but the people
know nothing of their history or the events
of the past. I have seen many places where
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or the events of the past.

History of New York
Historical Society

State of Kentucky
County of Clark 388

On this 30th day of May A.D. 1872
Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace
within and for the County and State aforesaid
William Broomback and Elvaine Broomback
Residents of Edill County Kentucky to me well
to be respectable and entitled to credit and who were
Oaths in due form of Law to the following Statem-
ents to be filed as evidence in the claim for Pension
of Mrs William Griffin as widow of Benjamin
F. Griffin deceased who was late a private in
Company H 8th Regiment Ky Infantry in the
war of 1861. Vigs

That applicants were well and
and intimately acquainted with said Benjamin
F. Griffin deceased for at least thirty years prior
to his enlisting in the Service of the United States
and we know of her own knowledge that prior
and at the time of enlistment that he was a man
in good sound physical health that he came home
from the Army afflicted with what was called
Chronic Interstinal disease of which he died at
applicants father Charles Broomback. That deceased
lived at the time of enlistment in a secluded part of
Edill County Kentucky and remote from the County and
and at least fifteen miles from any Doctor or
Physician that during her acquaintance with
him he never was sick or had cause for a
Physician or need of medicine. That we were
present at the house of Charles Broomback in
the County of Madison State of Kentucky and
saw the rites of marriage solemnized between the
deceased and applicant by one William Yates

A Minister of the Gospel That said marriage
was solemnized on or about the 25th day of April
1841 That the minister who has been dead some
several years That affidavits are sworn and Brother
is applicant But we have no interest direct or
indirect in the prosecution or result of this claim
and only make these statements as an act of justice
to the applicant That we know of no person now
living who were present at the marriage

That
William ^{of} Brownback
William ^{of} Brownback
Wm ^{of} Brownback

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day
and year first above written and I hereby certify
that I have no interest direct or indirect in the
prosecution or result of this claim That the
contents of the foregoing affidavit was read over
to and fully understood by the affiants before
signing this evening to the same

J. Low J.P. of
Clark County

State of Kentucky County of Clark J.C.T.
I Sam Catherwood Clerk of the County Court in and
for said County do hereby certify That J. Low whose
Signature appears to the foregoing certificate is and
was at the time of making the same a Justice of
the Peace in and for said County having been
duly commissioned and qualified and all his
official acts as such are entitled to full faith
and credit In testimony whereof I have hereunto
affixed the Seal of said Court and sub-
scribed my name at Winchester this
1st day of June 1872

Sam Catherwood J.P.
Clark County Court

Book
No. 57686

Applicant, *Blair*...

Residence, *...*

648
JUL 11 1906
RECORDS DEPT.
CITY OF CINCINNATI

Filed by

W. H. ...

Attorney

Kiddell

Black County
Kentucky

Writ of Habeas Corpus and Charles
Dumbar v. Griffey &c
Washington D.C.

Known all men by these presents that
we Benjamin D. Griffey and Charles
Dumbar are held and firmly bound
unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in
the just and true sum of 50 pounds of lawful
Money to which payment well and
lawly to be made, we bind our selves our
heirs or jointly and severally by these
presents that and dated this 14th day
of April 1841 - The Condition of the
above obligation is such, that whereas
there is a marriage shortly intended to
be had and solemnized between the
above bound Benjamin D. Griffey and
Malvina Dumbar of Madison County,
then if there be no lawful cause to
obstruct the same then this obligation
to be void, else to be and remain in
full force and virtue.

Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of April 1841
Benjamin D. Griffey
Charles Dumbar

State of Kentucky
Madison County

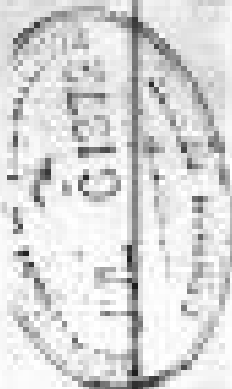
J. G. (Seaman) good
Clerk of the County Court do hereby
do Certify that the foregoing is a true
Copy of the Marriage Bond and the



• The above named made known freely
Consent of Charles Brumbach to the
marriage of Malvina Brumbach and
Benjamin J. Giffey, which is the
only acceptable evidence of said marriage
that I find in this office

I am under my hand and
seal of office this the 19th
day of January 1872.

J. R. Staufferford Clerk
Madison County Court



Wm. Giffey

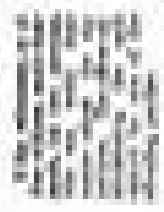
Proof of Cohabitation--Time, Place, and Cause of Soldier's Death--Continued (Witnesses, &c.)

JOINT AFFIDAVIT, ARMY PENSION--WIDOW CLAIMANT.

I, Daniel Hoover, of legal age, a resident of the (3) A County, in the State of Kentucky, do hereby depose and swear that we are personally well acquainted with Mrs. Melissa Griffen, widow of (2) Benjamin Griffen, now deceased, and was was in a (1) Company 26 commanded by Captain John Nelson in the (1) Regiment of (2) Kentucky Infantry, who was wounded by General (1) John Nelson in the war of 1861.

We further declare that we were likewise personally well acquainted with the said (2) Benjamin Griffen, deceased, and his said wife, the said Mrs. Melissa Griffen, during the lifetime of the former, and know that they lived and cohabited together as husband and wife for the period of least of (4) (1) years prior to his death, which length of time is the longest period of cohabitation known to us. That said parties were reputed as husband and wife, and that we never heard a question raised or a doubt expressed in the community as to their being such. Furthermore, we have often heard the said (2) Benjamin Griffen call the said Mrs. Melissa Griffen "wife" and always heard him speak of, and know that he ever treated and respected her as such relative. We also state that she is esteemed and known as a respectable woman in the community of her residence.

We further declare that at the time of service, we resided in the same neighborhood, County and State with the deceased soldier, and know that he, the said (2) Benjamin Griffen, previous to his entering the said service of the United States, was a man of good moral physical health. Our knowledge of said soldier's physical condition prior to enlistment, as above stated, is founded upon actual observation and intimate acquaintance with him and not based upon information derived from others, nor upon general reports. That he died (1) during the service of the (3) County of Madison, in the State of Kentucky, on or about the (1) day of (1) A. D. 1864, from the effects of (2) incurred in the service of the United States, and as we truly believe from general reports, and without the slightest doubt to the contrary, while in the line of his duty therein. That Mrs. Melissa Griffen his widow aforesaid, applying for Army Pension by reason of the above named military service of her husband, and has remained such ever since the death of her said husband, the said (2) Benjamin Griffen, above mentioned. That we make this affidavit as a simple act of justice in the application, and for no other purpose, having no interest in so doing whatsoever. That we fully understand the import and meaning of all the laws embodied in this affidavit, and to which we freely testify.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this (1) day of (1) A. D. 1864.

Daniel Hoover
Henry P. ...

Shewn to and subscribed before me on this 21st day of December in the year 1877, and I hereby certify that I have the records in my custody of the records, and that they relate in detail to the foregoing facts asserted. I also certify that said records are well kept and well preserved by them, before they signed the same. I also certify that I am not a party interested in the matter.

Wm. H. [Signature]
[Signature]

State of Franklin County County of Willie 88

L. Mendenhall for plaintiff

Case of the Grant

Deen with and

vs. the Defendant Deen against the Deen Deen

By, before

where the foregoing joint affidavit was made, and also the therein signed by name, and in the face of so doing a Deen Deen and for the Deen and Deen above named, duly constituted, qualified and sworn, that all the affidavits were made in full faith and credit, and that the said signatures on it above appears in justice. I therefore certify that, in the face of my knowledge and belief, the contents substantiating the foregoing affidavit are credible and of good standing in the necessary in what they make. That I have no interest in the matter.

To testify all which I have sworn on my hand and the seal of my said Court

Wm. Mendenhall this
1st day of July 1888

Henry Deen Clerk
Court

Witness my hand and the seal of my said Court at the City of Franklin this 1st day of July 1888.

C E R T I F I C A T E.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

It is hereby certified that the contents substantiating the foregoing joint affidavit are credible and of good standing, and made in good faith.

To testify which I have sworn on my hand at

in the Court of _____ on this _____

day of _____ 1888



State of Ky County of Lee 30.

on this 20th day of April 1861

Personally appeared before me Wesley P. Thacker
a Justice of Peace in and for the Co & State a
fore, sd. Melvina Griffin well known to me to
be reputable & entitled to credit who being by
me duly sworn according to law deposes & says
that she has no knowledge of any receiving
or endorsing a check to W. A. Snowden &
further that she never received any money
Some Hundred and twenty four dollars on her first
check or voucher

Louis Sparks &
Melvina Griffin

Melvina Griffin

Sworn to acknowledged & subscribed before me
this day & date a true written

Wesley P. Thacker, J. P. C.

U. S. Pension Agency,

Leicester, Ky.,

July 1, 1896

AG
Hon. W. J. Murphy,
Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of Malvina Griffin,
widow Peck, who was a pensioner on the rolls
of this Agency, under Certificate No. 16 of 523 and who was last paid
at S/D. on 4 Nov 1895, has been dropped
because of death, Dec 9, 1895.

Very respectfully,

Geo. M. Adams
Provis. Agent

State of Kentucky,
County of Jackson } 1865

On this 11th day of January 1865 James
appeared before me James on as a resident
of the County Court of said County and she
Melvina Griffin aged 61 years being first
sworn by me as the law directs, Declares that
she is the Widow of Benjamin Griffin and
she was a private Soldier in Capt. Williams
Co. Col. Barrens 8th Regt that her said
husband enlisted in the service of the U.S.
from the County of Estill Ky about the month
of September 1861 for 3 years and before
discharge from the Military Service that her
said husband Benjamin Griffin died on
the 24th day of July 1864 in the County
of Madison State of Kentucky, of Chronic
Diarrhea which Disease was incurred in
the service of the U.S. and died in line
of his duty and was at the same time
a Soldier of the U.S. she further states
that she was legally married to the said
Benjamin Griffin Decd in the County
of Madison State of Ky and refers
to the Record proof and affidavits hereunto
enclosed to sustain her claim she further
states that she now resides in North Castle
County State of Ky and that her Post
office address is Big Hill Madison

and that the following are the only
surviving children all born by her
husband Benjamin Coffin under the name
of Mrs. M. C. Coffin aged 18 years and
Nesamath O. Coffin aged 15 years and she
further declares that she is and ever
has been loyal to the Constitution and
Laws of the U.S. done all in her power to
sustain the supremacy thereof and
claims the provisions of the laws
concerning just, the U.S. she further states
that she is still a widow having
never remarried since the death of
her said husband and that her post
office address is Big Hill P. O. Madison
County, Ky. and appoints Pitt West
her agent to prosecute her claim & receive
the said funds.

Melvin L. Coffin
Wife

Also at the same time and place
personally appeared Harrison Jones
and W. Jones residents of

The report to President Hoover shows
the cost of the

William F. Buckley
New York

Also see the same time and place
presumably of the same information
and the same.

Presumably the same strategy of
William F. Buckley to capture the
attention of the public and the
press. See also the same strategy
of the same person. See also
Buckley's sign for the same.

her name to the foregoing declaration
and they further swear that they have
Every reason to believe from the appea-
-ance of the applicant and their acquaintance
with her that she is the identical person
she represents herself to be and that they
have no doubts in the prosecution of
this claim and that they are able to
state these facts from personal know-
-ledge being personally acquainted with
the parties and we further certify that
we were personally present witnesses
and witnessed the marriage of Benjamin
Griffin & Melvina Griffin legally
married in the County of Madison
state of Ky. about the year
and that the applicant is a legal citizen
and we have no doubts in this claim and
the facts set forth in her declaration are true
and that she is still a widow. Yours truly
N. J. G. [Signature]

Dear Mr. [Name],
I have the pleasure to inform you that
the [Name] has been appointed
to the position of [Name] in the
Department of [Name] and
will be commencing his duties
on the [Date].
I am sure that you will find
him a most capable and
efficient officer.
Yours faithfully,
[Name]

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.
March 1, 1867.

32.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 57, 606, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that John J. Griffin was enlisted on the 15th day of October, 1861, at Dunnell Ky in Co. C, 5th Regiment of Ky Volunteers, to serve 3 years, and during the war, and captured into service as a Private on the 15th day of January, 1862, at Lebanon Ky, in Co. C, 5th Regiment of Ky Volunteers, to serve 3 years, and during the war. On the 15th day of January, 1862, he is reported to have been discharged on account of Chronic Diarrhea. There is no roll of death on file.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John P. Deane

Adjutant General

The Commissioner of Pensions
Washington, D. C.

JMS
L.H.

J.P.D.

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WAR OF THE REBELLION.

Act of July 14, 1862, and subsequent acts.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

(ORIGINAL WITH INCREASE.)

Melanie Cropper
Benjamin Cropper

Wife of

Benjamin Cropper
Benjamin Cropper
Benjamin Cropper

Residence of deceased, *Still*

County, and State of

Post office, *Argonne*

Attorney, *W. H. Snowden*

Lexington, Kentucky

Vol. 8

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:

Benjamin Cropper	18	Commencing	18
Melanie Cropper	18	"	18
Benjamin Cropper	18	"	18
Melanie Cropper	18	"	18
Benjamin Cropper	18	"	18
Melanie Cropper	18	"	18
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Melanie Cropper	18	"	18

Melanie C.
Benjamin C.

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of the above shall be deducted.

Payment on all above mentioned events any portion of 1941 to be reported

Approved: John W. [Signature] Secretary
Robert [Signature] Treasurer
 (Check 5 and 2000 July 64)

DATES SHOWN BY TABLE

Payments,	October 27	19 67	Robert's exp. bill	October 15, 1967
Member's exp. bill,	Nov 1967	19 67	John's exp. bill	Oct 1967
Disbursements,	January 1968	19 68	Robert's savings of salary,	Jan 1968
Death,	January 20, 1968	19 68	Death of former wife,	"
Board exp. bill,	Jan 1968	19	Robert's savings to widow,	April 19 1968
Board last paid to	"	19		"

Name of member: Almond [Signature] Place of birth: Albany

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

ALLEGATIONS OF CLAIMANT.

Other children of soldier by former wife,

None

Other children of soldier by claimant,

" under 16

Loyalty of claimant,

Absent

SUMMARY OF PROOF.

FORMER MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER

None

The marriage of

is shown by

DEATH OF FORMER WIFE

None

MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER TO CLAIMANT.

As follows

The marriage of

*Benjamin S. Boyer & Melvin R. Rindbeck
is shown by Official copy of Marriage Bond and proof
of cohabitation for 12 years and intention of marriage*

DATES OF BIRTH OF CHILDREN.

Proved by various means

DATES OF DEATH OF CHILDREN.

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN BY FORMER MARRIAGE.

State of Kentucky
County of Madison 38

On this 20th day of August A D 1828
Personally appeared before me a Justice of
the Peace in and for said County and State
Winton Dean and J. W. Tucker two men
well known to be respectable and entitled to credit
and who being duly sworn according to law
doth on their oaths make the following statements
to be filed as evidence in the claim for Pension
of Melina Griffin as widow of Benjamin F
Griffin deceased, viz

That affiant was well
acquainted with said Benjamin F Griffin that
he came home from the army sick weak and
much emaciated. That he was unable to perform any
labor from the time he came home until he
died. That he died some time in the summer
after he came home. date of death not recollecting
nor character of disease. That affiant lived within
half mile of deceased from the time he came home
until he died. That the affiant Deane assisted in
making the Coffin and hope bury him and that
we have no interest whatever in the claim and only
make these statements as an act of Justice to the
applicant Mrs Melina Griffin as widow of deceased

J. W. Tucker
J. W. Tucker

Shown to and subscribed before me on the day and
year first above written and thereby certify that I have
no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution
or result of this claim

J. P. Kinross J. P. M. C.

State of Kentucky

County of Madison

I G. A. Standaert Clerk of
the County Court in and for said County do
hereby certify that J. P. Kinross is and was at
the time of making the foregoing signature a
Justice of the Peace duly commissioned and
qualified and all his official acts so such are
entitled to full faith and credit and that the above
is his genuine signature

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed
the seal of said Court and subscribed
my name at Office in Richmond this
5th day of September A. D. 1872

G. A. Standaert Clerk
Madison County Court



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Stated is founded upon actual observation and intimate acquaintance with him and not based upon information derived from others or upon general report. That he died in the County of Madison in the State of Kentucky on or about the 24th day of July 1865 from the effects of what Dr Dillard & Price termed Camp or Chronic Diarrhea, incurred in the Service of the United States and as we verily believe from general reports and without the slightest doubt to the contrary, while in the line of his duty therein.

That after his discharge and on his arrival at Richmond Kentucky he was very weak and greatly emaciated; being unable to walk or ride on horseback he was conveyed to his home upon a wagon about seven or eight miles distant from Richmond & as aforesaid.

That after his return home he continued to languish under said disease until he died as above stated. That he was unable and never did perform any kind of labor from his discharge until his death being prostrated all the while. That he had no medical treatment as applicants know of only perhaps one or two visits by Dr Dillard & Price of Clark County a few days previous to his death.

That from all the tangible Circumstances we verily believe that the statement and voice of said Benjamin T. Griffin was the sequance of his death.

That we make this affidavit as a simple act of Justice to the applicant and for no other purpose not being of

State of Kentucky
County of Madison 3d

On this 17th day of November A D 1878

Personally appeared before the undersigned authority within and for the County and State aforesaid
J. A. Deason and Joel P. Russell

Residents of Madison County in the State of Kentucky
persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled
to be believed and who being by one first duty sworn
according to law doth in their oaths make the
following statements to be filed as evidence in support
of the claim of Mrs. Mehanna Griffin for Pension
as widow of Benjamin F. Griffin Deceased who was
late a private in Co. G 8th Regt Ky Infantry in the war
of 1861

viz

That affiants were well and intimately
acquainted with said Benjamin F. Griffin for at
least twenty years prior to his entering in the
Service of the United States

He further declares that at the time of enlistment
he resides in the same neighborhood County and State
with the deceased soldier and knew that he the said
Benjamin F. Griffin previous to entering the said
Service of the United States, was a man of good sound
Physical health earning his subsistence and that of his
family by his daily labor and knowledge of said
Soldiers Physical Condition prior to enlistment as above

Seen by and subscribed before me on the day
and year above written and I hereby certify that I have
no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution or
result of this claim

J. J. Kinard J.P.
Madison County

State of Kentucky
County of Madison J.S.

J. S. S. Shackelford
of the County Court in and for said County do
hereby certify that J. J. Kinard J.P. is and was
at the time of making the foregoing signature
(which I certify to be genuine) an acting Justice
of the Peace in and for said County having been
duly commissioned and qualified and all his
official acts as such are entitled to full faith
and credit

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed
the seal of said Court at Richmond Ky
this 21 day November A.D. 1878

Attest J. S. Shackelford J.P.
Madison County Court

knows the facts and having no interest in so doing
Whitcomb that we fully understand the import and
meaning of all the facts embodied in this affidavit
which we fully believe

That affidavits have been taken and believed in this case
But not in detail and we believe the foregoing contains
a clear and succinct statement of all the facts
connected with the enlistment, service & death
of this soldier - That the date of death may not
be precise may be corrected by better authority
the Post Office records determine by

J. A. G. ...
J. A. G. ...

Additional evidence
No. 57006

State of Kentucky
County of Madison 188

On this 15th day of February A.D. 1874
Personally appeared before me, a Justice
of the Peace within and for the County
and State aforesaid John C Cole
James P White to me well known to be
respectable and entitled to credit and
who made oath in due form of law to
the following statements, VIZ That
Affiants were well and intimately acquain-
-ted with Dr Jacob White deceased
in his lifetime That he was a regular
Practising Physician in good standing
and of reputation for Skill and integrity
in his profession That Said Dr White
died at his residence in Madison
County Kentucky on the 27th day of
December A.D. 1867 That the Dr
Jacob White referred to in this affidavit
is the identical Jacob White referred to in
the affidavits of Green & Wood
Vincent Kiddrell and Peyton Kiddrell
That affiants has an interest whatever
in making these statements

John C Cole
James P White

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on this
day and year first above written and I hereby
certify that I have no interest whatever in
this matter

W^m Miller J P M C

State of Kentucky
County of Madison § 55

J. G. D. Shackelford
Clerk of the County Court in and for said
County do hereby Certify That W^m Miller
Esq. who hath signed his name to the
foregoing affidavit was at the time of
so doing a Justice of the Peace in and
for said County and State duly commis-
sioned and sworn that all his official
acts as such are entitled to full faith
and credit and that his signature
thereunto is genuine

In testimony whereof I have here-
unto affixed the Seal of said
County and subscribed my name
at office in Richmond
this 14 day of February 1874
J. G. D. Shackelford Clerk
Madison County Court

th of
1874

State of Kentucky

County of Madison

Dec this 6th day of October A D 1872

Personally appeared before me the undersigned
Authority in and for said County & State

Edwarrn Trooper and Joel P. Powell, residents
of Madison County in the State of Kentucky
Persons whom I believe to be respectable and entitled to
be believed and who made oath in due form of law
to the following statements to be filed as evidence on
the claim of Mrs Melvina ^{of the firm} Griffin, as the widow
of Benjamin F. Griffin Deceased who was a poss
in lot 6 to 6th West 1st of sect. 10 in the town of
18th 1/2.

That affiants were well and intimately ac-
quainted with Benjamin F. Griffin deceased as ifriend
for at least twenty years prior to his enlisting in the
Service of the United States as a private That at the
time he enlisted deceased was a man of good sound
Physical health That when he arrived at his home
in Madison County Ky he was afflicted with what
was termed by his physician Chronic Bronchitis from
of which he died in the month of June or July after
his discharge that from the time he arrived at home
until he died he was unable to perform labor of any
description whatever That we do not recollect the
time that he came home nor date of his death only
as above stated That affiants Opinion is that he
died in the month of June A D 1865 That

at the time of his arrival at home he was greatly
reduced in flesh and continued to weaken down until
he died That affiants lived within half mile of
the house at the time he died That the affiant Scarpin
lived and boarded in the family from the time that
deceased came home until he died That we know all
the circumstances about which we testify That we have
no interest in the prosecution or result of this claim
That we are out of claim to the applicant nor are
That our Post Office address is Waco & Richmond
Madison County Ky

Solomon Scarpin
J. P. Powell

Seen to and subscribed before me on the day and
year first above written and I hereby certify that
I have no interest direct or indirect in the
prosecution or result of this claim

J. P. Douglas J. P. M. C.

State of Kentucky
County of Madison 188

I J. P. Douglas Clerk of the
County Court in and for said County do hereby
certify that J. P. Douglas is and was at the time
of making the foregoing signature (which
I certify to be genuine) an Acting Justice
of the Peace in and for said County
and State having been duly commissioned

Dear Family, I have been thinking about
you and I hope to see you all soon
in the future. I have been
thinking about you and I hope
to see you all soon. I have
been thinking about you and
I hope to see you all soon.
I hope to see you all soon.

Yours truly,
John D. Smith

State of Kentucky

County of Madison

On this 11 day of February A D 1874

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority within and for the County and State aforesaid, D. C. Abenault to me well known to be respectable and entitled to credit and who made oath in due form of law to the following statements viz.

That some time on the latter part of the year 1864 or the beginning of the year 1865. This affiant then being a regular practicing Physician in this city was professionally called to examine and prescribe for some individual unknown to affiant at the time who was then lying in a wagon on the streets of this city (Presumably) and upon the examination found the individual referred to afflicted with Chronic Diarrhea very feble greatly emaciated and believed him almost incurable at the time and advised him to stop taking strong laxative medicine in his exasperated condition and to go to his home in the Country take the fresh air and only take some Simple Soup &c and he should improve very little. Affiant then and he would come out to see him.

That the next time affiant ^{heard} from him he was dead and from all the circumstances and recollections information the individual referred to was Benjamin G. Griffin on his return from the Army affiant will remember the circumstances but has no name to

refer to Consequently Court gave precise date that
Affiant has no interest whatsoever in making these statements
and only make them as a simple act of justice to Mrs
Melvina Griffin who I am credibly informed has
applied for Army pension as the widow of Deceased
and for no other purpose

R. C. Chenuant M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day
and year first above written and I hereby certify
that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prose-
cution or result of this claim and I hereby certify that
I am acquainted personally with the affiant Dr
R. C. Chenuant and know him to be a respectable
Physician in good standing and of reputation for skill
and integrity in his profession that his oath is entitled
to full faith and credit and that I have no
interest whatsoever in this matter

Att: E. D. Shaefferford
Ch. Madison
County Court.

State of Kentucky, Clark County, Va.
On this 26th day of August A.D. 1872, personally appeared before the undersigned
notary in and for said County & State,

Doctor Willard F. Price who being
first duly sworn, says that he is the same
Doctor Willard F. Price who heretofore
gave his affidavit in the claim of
Benjamin Griffin as applicant for a pension.
I now further state that I have no memo-
randum of the date of my visit to said
Benjamin Griffin, as I make no charge
against him for my visit & prescriptions,
when I visited him I found that all
his symptoms showed that he had Chronic
Disease, which disease I believe
was the cause of his death, I am not
interested in his widow's claim for a pension
W. F. Price, M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by
Doctor Willard F. Price, whom I
certify to be a person of credibility and of
high professional reputation, I am not
interested in said claim.

In Witness whereof I set my hand and
the seal of Clark County Va. this 26th August
1872
My testimony is given
to the testimony of Clerk

Dr Price a practicing
Physician having this day
personally appeared before
me a justice of Peace in &
for Delaw^{re} his state of Del^{aware}
and testified that he knew
Beyanow Scripps and
visited him here before
his death. and that he was
laboring under a chronic
dysentery & said he contracted
it while he was in the
service of the United States

D S Price

Subscribed & sworn to before me
by the price this Sept 2nd 1871
James F. Haggard J.P.

State of Kentucky

County of Clark 388

I Sam Lathenwood, clerk of the
County Court in and for said
County do hereby certify that
James P Haggard is and was at the
time of making the foregoing

return of the fact in and for said
County duly commissioned and qualifi-
ed to administer oaths

Given under my hand and
official seal at Winchester
this 1st day of September
A D 1871.

Sam Lathenwood, clerk
S. Lathenwood, Jr.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington D. C.

May 11 1865

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 8742, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of the Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Quartermaster G. S. [Name] was enrolled on the [Date] of [Month] 1861, in the [Regiment] of [State] Volunteers, to serve [Term] years, and during the war, and was engaged in service as a [Rank] on the [Date] of [Month] 1862, at [Location], in the [Regiment] of [State] Volunteers, to serve [Term] years, and during the war. On the Muster Roll of the [Regiment] of [State] Volunteers, for the month of [Month] 1864, he is reported as [Status]. The report does not appear upon any subsequent roll of the [Regiment] until the [Date] of death on file in this Office.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[Signature]

Adjutant General

The Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D. C.

Remittance
Name of applicant
Address

State of Kentucky
COUNTY OF Madison } ss.

In the matter of claim for Pension
of Melissa Griffin widow of Benjamin G Griffin Deceased late
of County Madison State Kentucky Vs

Personally came before me Judith of the Peace in and for
aforesaid County and State Green T. Reed Peyton H. Haddock and Vincent Haddock
citizens of the County of Madison State of Kentucky, legally
and qualified to testify, and who, being duly sworn, depose in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows: 189

That in the latter part of the year 1863 said Benjamin
G. Griffin Deceased came to his father J. G. Griffin
who was at that time living in the immediate
neighborhood of that deceased was sick with typhoid
fever and he told affiants he contracted the disease
while in the Service of the United States That during
his illness he performed any kind of labor after his
discharge he returned home That he remained there
for some length of time and was conveyed to his
father in law Mr Charles B. Haddock about 18 miles from
the place where he first contracted the disease
That Dr Jacob White was his attending Physician
while he was in this neighborhood That Dr Jacob White
died on or about 31st day of December 1867 That
not one of affiants lived more than one mile
distant while he lay sick at his father's residence
within fifty miles Peyton Haddock within 10 miles
That the above contains substantially about the
facts regarding the subject matter That we make
these statements from our personal knowledge and
observations That affiants has no doubt but the
cause of which said Griffin died was contracted



These conditions shall apply to the use of the land and the
use of the water in the State of New York and shall be
subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the State and
the laws of the State and shall be subject to the provisions
of the Constitution of the State and the laws of the State
and shall be subject to the provisions of the Constitution of
the State and the laws of the State.

Notwithstanding the above, the provisions of this section shall not be construed to be
applicable to the use of the land and the water in the State of New York and shall be
subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the State and the laws of the State.

[Signature]
Secretary of the State

Present to Mrs. Brewster's report on the day by the above named witness, and I certify that I read and
returned to said witness, and deposited them with the records before they reached the office. I further certify that
I am in no way interested in said case, nor am I connected in its prosecution. *Wm. H. Miller*

Wm. H. Miller
Wm. H. Miller

Witness my hand and official seal this 14th day of *Sept* 1894

Wm. H. Miller
Wm. H. Miller

There is no record to show in books a return of record in certain cases. It is shown a return was
made of certain cases and was in possession of the land being, and was in possession of the

Wm. H. Miller
Wm. H. Miller, Clerk of the County Court is and the above
County and State, do hereby this *Wm. H. Miller* day, who has signed his
name to foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing *Wm. H. Miller* in
and the said County and State, duly constituted and sworn; that all the official acts are recorded in full books and
books, and that the signature thereon is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 14th day of *Sept* 1894

Wm. H. Miller
Clerk of the Court

Courcy and Swan, do certify that A. D. Shattford, Esq., who hath signed his name to foregoing exhibits, was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace in and for said Courcy and Swan, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature therein is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 14 day of February, 1864,
A. D. Shattford
Justice of the Peace in and for said Courcy and Swan

Widow's Pension
act of Oct. 3, 1851

Additional Evidence
CLAIM FOR

Mr. Nelson for
Widow of Benjamin
Sec. late Private Co.
U. S. A. Regt. 4th Cal.
Artillery Armed 1847

No. 89,606

APPROVED

L. S. Stone S. P. & S. District

FILED BY

L. S. Stone
Washington
Feb. 16th 1864 D. C.

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Officers' Certificate of Death of Soldier.

I, John Wilson, do hereby certify that Benjamin Griffin a Private of Company C of the 5th Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers; That said Benjamin Griffin was at the time of entire sound a man of good sound physical health to the best of my knowledge. That date and date of death is oblivious to this applicant

My knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following source, viz: That applicant Benjamin Griffin and Benjamin Griffin

and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, nor concerned in the procurement of the claim Benjamin Griffin for Pension

I, John Wilson, Captain Co. B, 8th Regt. Kentucky Vol.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of August A. D. 1877, and I certify that I have no interest nor concerned in the procurement of said claim, and that the officers are respectable and entitled to credit.

Elisha Kirby J.P.
Etell County

Wright & Kimball
January 1st 1882

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I have the pleasure
to acknowledge the receipt of your
kind letter of the 27th inst. and
in reply to inform you that
the same has been forwarded
to the proper authorities
for their consideration
and I have no doubt
that they will be
satisfied with the
result.