

DANVILLE BRANCH, NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

P. O. ADDRESS, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Ella A Black

May 13th, 190*4*

#1110 Prospect Ave

Morgan Park, Ill

Madam:—In reply to your ^{request} letter of the *recent date*, I am directed by the Governor

to inform you that the effects of *William J Black*, late *Co., 153^d*

Reg't *Indiana Inf*, deceased, consist of *1 Gold plated watch # 3715828*

valued *\$1⁰⁰*, *1 tel case, 3 Coats, 2 Vests, 1 pr trousers, 1 pr Suspenders, 2 Shirts*
2 Under Shirts, 2 pr drawers, 1 pr Socks, 2 pr Shoes, 1 hat, 2 hats, 2 Neck ties
*1 rule, 1 pr gloves, 1 Knife, 1 purse, 2 pr Spectacles valued @ *\$2⁰⁰**

Cash, \$ *0.12*; Pension, \$ _____; Total, \$ *3¹²*

The pension money is payable under the law as follows: (1) To his widow, if surviving, (2) child or children, (3) legal representative. In case of children an agreement must be had upon one to receive the money and make settlement with the others. Effects, other than pension money, will be surrendered as follows: (1) To the legal representative, (2) the widow, (3) the children, (4) the brothers and sisters. Where there is more than one child or more than one brother or sister an agreement must be had upon one to receive the effects and make settlement with the others. His pension certificate ^{*# 725,827*} has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Pensions. The application for effects, (blank enclosed) when filled up and duly executed, should be addressed to the Governor of this Branch, *Colonel Isaac Clements*, accompanied with all necessary documentary evidence as to the right of the person or persons to receive the pension money or effects.

Letters of administration are not required for the payment of pension money to the widow or children, no matter how large the amount may be. If no widow or children survive, letters of administration are required for the payment of any pension money, no matter how small the amount; and in all cases for other effects where the amount exceeds \$100.00.

Very respectfully,

Geo. W. Davis

ADJUTANT.

Find enclosed 1 Certificate of Army Service of deceased

ELMER E. ROBERTS.

ATTORNEY AT LAW.
OTTAWA, ILLINOIS.
ROOM 23 COURT HOUSE

(Manifold)

TELEPHONES:
OFFICE } BELL 522R
 / HOME 329
RESIDENCE, BELL 452 W-2

December 5th, 1905.

Mrs. Ella A. ~~Black~~, *Moorehead*

Grand Ridge, Illinois.

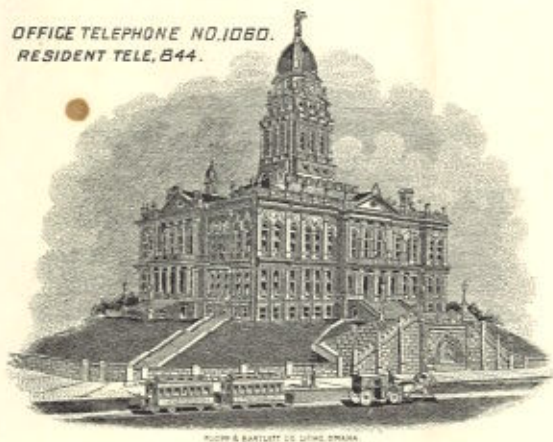
Dear Cousin:

I enclose herewith a letter received from Mr. John W. Morris stating that your pension has been allowed and for you to write to the U. S. Pension Agent, Chicago, Ills. giving your present post office address and name. You had better attend to that at once. He also sends a bill for 40¢ for postage which I will send to him for you.

As father is on your bond in this matter, I would ask as a special favor that when the money is received that you neither expend or invest any of it without first consulting me.

Your Cousin,

Elmer E. Roberts



County Coroner's Office.
Douglas County, Nebraska.

N. P. SWANSON,
UNDERTAKER AND CORONER.
1701 CUMING ST.

Omaha, Aug 26th 1901

Mr. Fred Pike

Normans Grove, Neb.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Lee Hesley received a message from you yesterday A. M. and immediately presented same to us. It was impossible to ship the body except in a zinc lined box. The accompanying bill is as reasonable as we can make it owing to the condition body was in when found.

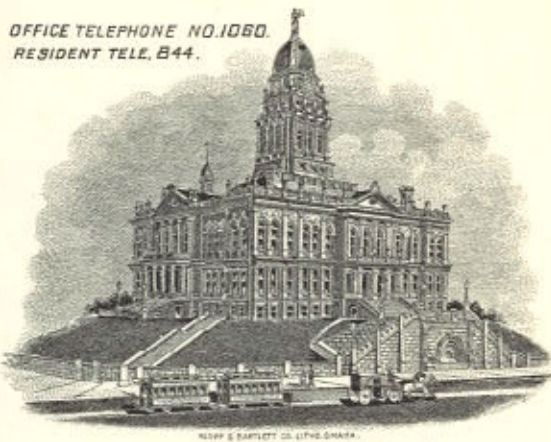
The body is not presentable, and it is not advisable to show it to relatives.

We will ship by express this P. M.

Charges not included in our bill, and you will pay them on receipt of body.

We will send bill inclosed, amount of which you can remit instead of drawing on bank as you stated in your message.

Hoping all will be satisfactory
I am Resp. Yours
N. P. Swanson
Per Chas. Allcott.



County Coroner's Office.
Douglas County, Nebraska.

N. P. SWANSON,
UNDERTAKER AND CORONER,
1701 CUMING ST.

Omaha, Aug. 31st 1901

Mr Fred Fike,
Newman Grove
Nebr.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 27th at hand and contents noted. Am glad to know that everything was satisfactory, for we surely did all that could be done in such a case.

Thanking you for prompt remittance, will enclose receipt in full, and am greatly obliged to you

I remain Resp. Yours,

N. P. Swanson
Per C. Allcott.

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OTTAWA, ILLINOIS,
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| HOME 329
RESIDENCE, BELL 462 W-2

(Manifold)

November 16, 1905.

Mrs. Ella Moorhead,
Grand Ridge, Ill.

Dear Cousin:

Enclosed herewith your letter of Guardianship as
Guardian of Wm. Black, Minor also a receipt for \$1.50
for the certified copy which was sent to Mr. Morris
on the 3rd inst.

Very Respectfully

Elmer E. Roberts

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
U. S. Pension Agency,

Chicago, Illinois, Dec 12, 1905

Relative to the case of *Wife of William T. Black*, Cert. No. *600689*
see paragraph No. *16*...

1. In all correspondence relative to pension matters full name of pensioner and number of certificate must be given.
2. Your letter dated, together with information desired, has been referred to the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions as required by regulations governing such correspondence.
3. Your certificate has been returned to the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions for correction. As soon as received at this Agency it will be forwarded to you with voucher for payment.
4. Your application for payment of pension check No. has been referred to the Hon. Auditor for the Interior Department.
5. Voucher for your payment has not been received. Please execute new voucher enclosed herewith.
6. Voucher upon which your payment was made was returned to you for correction; please make the necessary alterations as indicated and forward same to this office at once, that there may be no delay in making payments in the case in the future.
7. Voucher upon which payment was made you for the quarter ending was rejected by the Hon. Auditor and a new one sent you for execution. No payment will be made in this case until a properly executed voucher for the quarter mentioned above is received.
8. After six months' residence in a district the enclosed application for transfer may be filled out and forwarded to the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.
9. No notice of discharge in the case has been received at this Agency from the Governor of the National Home for D. V. S., and until such notice is received payment can not be made direct to pensioner.
10. On account of extra care required in payment of Original and Increase cases payment is not made until the regular 3-month vouchers have been paid. This case will probably be reached by the instant.
11. When a guardian is appointed a certified copy of the court records showing the appointment must be furnished this office.
12. In case of change of guardian this office must be furnished with certificate of death or discharge of former guardian.
13. When a pensioner is restored to his rights as a citizen furnish this office with certificate of court showing that such action has been taken; also certificate of discharge of guardian.
14. If pension certificate is lost application for a duplicate should be made to the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.
15. In order that payment may be made you please furnish this office with full name of your present husband and date of remarriage.
16. Papers were sent to address furnished, *Morgan Park Ill. Dec 9, 1905*
17. Payment of your fee has not been made for the following reason:

Very respectfully,

J. Merriam
U. S. Pension Agent.

Grand Army of the Republic

DEPARTMENT OF Iowa

Headquarters *Harden*

Post No. *157*

TO ANY POST OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, GREETING:

This Certifies that Comrade *William J Black*, a member in good standing of this Post, and having paid all dues we have granted him this **TRANSFER CARD** and recommend him for admission into any Post of this Order.

If at the expiration of One Year from date hereof, he has not been admitted to membership in any Post, this Transfer Card shall be void, and the holder be considered honorably discharged from the Order.

THE FOLLOWING IS A CORRECT TRANSCRIPT FROM THE RECORDS OF THE POST:

Comrade *Wm J Black* is *40* years of age, was born in _____
State of _____ and is by occupation a _____ entered the service on the
10 day of *Mar* 1865 as a *Private* Co. *K* Regt. *155*
and was finally discharged on the *4* day of *Aug* 1865 as *Private* Co. *K*
155 Regt. *Ind* by reason of *expiration*
having served _____ years *6* months. Joined this Post by *Musters* 18*93*

Dated at *Forest City* this *22* day of *Aug* 18*93*

V. A. Long
Adjutant.

J. B. Bullock
Post Commander.

Offices held by the Comrade in the G. A. R.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY,

Chicago, Illinois, December 19, 1905.

Ella A. Black now Moorhead,
R. F. D. 17, Box 31,
Grand Ridge, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Replying to letter relative to pension of the minor child of William T. Black, certificate No. 600,689, Act of June 27, 1890, I have to request that you furnish me with certified copy of the record of marriage, in order that properly prepared voucher may be forwarded you to execute.

Very respectfully,

J. Merriam

U. S. Pension Agent.

R.

George Simmons

February - 1886

Worshead Pineo
May 28 - 1889

JOHN W. MORRIS,

(LATE PRINCIPAL EXAMINER U. S. PENSION BUREAU.)

Attorney at Law,

Washington, D. C., Sept 2, 1904.

Dear Madam:

The testimony of the physician who attended your husband during his last illness will not be accepted by the Com^{rs} of Pensions that the rheumatic disease of heart of which he died was due to the result of his military service.

You must prove by the testimony of Comrades where, where, & the circumstances under which he contracted rheumatism while in the army, and prove by the affidavits of others that he suffered

from rheumatism, more
or less, from the time of
his return home from
the army.

Sincerely

J. W. Morris.

Mr. W. A. Black.

Peru Ind Sept 24th 1904

Mrs Ella A. Black

Dear Madam,

I have received your letter and made affidavit as requested, not being a member of his Company I could not state that William Contracted Rheumatism while in the service, but have stated that he had said disability since the service. I have sent it with all the papers to Sam Black requesting him to make affidavit and return them all to you. If there is anything further I can do let me know and I will cheerfully do it. We are all well. Please extend my regards to Parmer and Family.

Very Truly,
L. P. Holman

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS
CHICAGO, COOK CO., ILL.

At _____
July 19th, 1905

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of _____, No. _____
To Emma A. Black, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the
22nd day of July, A. D. 1905, and continuing thereafter as long as may be
necessary, at Chicago, County of Cook and State
of Ill, and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension
claim, at which time and place all available and material witnesses will be heard.

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

Special Examiner.

CERTIFICATE DIVISION.

Act of June 27, 1890.

3-657.

ACCRUED PENSION NOTICE.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., March 30, 1905

Madam

You are hereby notified that the pension agent at
Chicago Ill, has this day been directed
to pay to you as the Widow
of William T. Black, deceased, pensioned by
certificate No. 725, 827, whatever pension had accrued
in the case to and including the date of his death.

Very respectfully,

V. Warner

Commissioner.

Mrs. Ella A. Black

1112 Washington Ave
Morgan Park, Ill

WORTHLESS IF EXECUTED BEFORE JULY 4th, 1904.

3-1001.

Act of June 27, 1890.

UNLESS THE INSTRUCTIONS ON FACE AND BACK OF THIS VOUCHER ARE SPECIFICALLY FOLLOWED, THE VOUCHER WILL BE RETURNED FOR CORRECTION.

A Roll No. 7535 INVALID A

Be it known, That I, William J. Black, do solemnly swear that I am the identical person named in pension certificate No. 725827, dated the 16 day of Feb, 1892, in my possession and now exhibited; that I served in Company K 155 Regiment, Ind., Volunteers; that my name is inscribed on the rolls of the CHICAGO Agency, at the rate of 12 dollars per month

That I have not been employed or paid in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States from the 4th day of April, 1904, to the present time; that I am entitled to the pension described in this voucher; that I have not forfeited my right, title, or interest therein; and that my post-office address is No. Street, City or Town of County of State of

(If pensioner signs by mark, or illegibly, two witnesses who can write.) (Pensioner's signature.) (Signature must be written letter for letter as it is written in the pension certificate.)

OFFICER MUST MAKE THE CONTENTS OF THE AFFIDAVIT FULLY KNOWN TO THE PENSIONER BEFORE SIGNING OR SWEARING.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE MUST BE EXHIBITED TO THE MAGISTRATE WHEN THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

State of County of, ss:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 1904, and I certify that the pensioner, above named, has this day exhibited to me his pension certificate, above described, and was fully identified as the pensioner named therein, and that he signed the following duplicate receipts in my presence.

(The magistrate must certify to any erasures or alterations.) (Magistrate's signature.) (Official character.) (P. O. address.)

Officer's Seal here.

ORIGINAL RECEIPT: \$ 36 (ASS'T TREASURER) CHICAGO. July 1904 Received of JONATHAN MERRIAM, U. S. Pension Agent at CHICAGO, ILL., THIRTY-SIX dollars by check No. dated 1904, being for 3 months' and days' pension due me on pension certificate above described, from the 4th day of April, 1904, to the 4th day of July, 1904, for which I have signed duplicate receipts. (Witness who can write.) (Sign name as above.)

THE PENSIONER WILL SIGN THESE RECEIPTS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MAGISTRATE.

DUPLICATE RECEIPT: \$ 36 (ASS'T TREASURER) CHICAGO. (A.) July 1904 Received of JONATHAN MERRIAM 725827, U. S. Pension Agent at CHICAGO, ILL., THIRTY-SIX dollars by check No. dated 1904, being for 3 months' and days' pension due me on pension certificate above described, from the 4th day of April, 1904, to the 4th day of July, 1904, for which I have signed duplicate receipts. (Witness who can write.) (Sign name as above.)

P. O. address of pensioner must appear on face and back of voucher.

Roll No. 7535

(A.)

Act of June 27, 1890.

ARMY VOUCHER NO.

INVALID.

William T. Black

\$ 36, 190

Return this voucher for payment to

Jonathan Merriam,
U. S. Pension Agent.

CHICAGO,

ILL.

6-1001

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, ss:

I, _____, Clerk of the _____ Court of the
County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that _____
is _____, duly commissioned and qualified, and that he has authority to
administer oaths for general purposes; that his commission was dated on the _____ day of
_____, 1 _____, and will expire on the _____ day of _____, 190 _____, and
that his signature within written is genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court this _____
day of _____, 190 _____

Clerk.

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS VOUCHER
IS EXECUTED.

The magistrate must carefully compare this voucher with the pension certificate exhibited to him.

Vouchers may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If he has a seal and is required by law to use it to authenticate his official acts, it must be affixed; if not, a certificate of the proper officer, showing the commencement and termination of his term of office, and his signature, must be filed in **this Agency**. Vouchers may also be executed before fourth-class postmasters, their mailing stamps to be used as seals.

The officer will also see that the correct post-office address of the pensioner is inserted in face and in back of voucher, giving street and number (when so designated). He will also give his own post-office address after his official title on face of voucher.

No checks will be sent in care of any person.

The officer will be held strictly responsible for the correctness of his certificate of identity of pensioner, in every particular, pursuant to Act of July 7, 1898.

WRITE NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS PLAINLY HERE.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City or Village: _____

County: _____

State: _____



GEO. H. THOMAS POST No. 5,

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

MARCUS H. BUZZELL, Commander, Memorial Hall.
THOMAS H. GAULT, S. V. Commander. RICHARD H. PETERSON, J. V. Commander.
GIDEON VON BACHELLE, Surgeon. WILLIAM WHITE WILSON, Chaplain.
CHARLES W. PIERCE, Quartermaster, Memorial Hall. ALEX C. RAY, Adjutant, Memorial Hall.
H. M. PENSE, O. D. F. H. LYMAN, O. G.
S. J. HANNAN, Q. M. Sergt. GEO. W. SPENCER, Sergt. Maj.

MEETS SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAY
EVENINGS EACH MONTH

MEMORIAL HALL,

HEADQUARTERS MEMORIAL HALL
OPEN EVERY DAY FROM
12:30 TO 2 P. M.

Michigan Avenue and Randolph Street,

Chicago,

Nov 10

1905

Mrs Ella Moorehead.

Your letter of the 5 caused me to smile out loud. It seems you not only changed your mind, but changed your name also. Well I hope you will never have occasion to do that again, and that your fondest anticipations will be realized.

I am pleased to know that Willie is contented at Normal, and I hope you will keep him there as long as he can stay. Inclosed find discharge papers.

Very Truly

W. H. Rose

Executive Department Indiana



ADJUTANT GENERALS OFFICE,

INDIANAPOLIS,

June 23 1881



This Certifies, That the official records of which I am the lawful custodian on file in this office show that William T Black

joined for duty and was
enrolled as a Private of Company ("K"); 155th
Regiment, Indiana Volunteers at Peru Ind on
the 16th day of March 1865, by Lt Moore
and that he was duly mustered into the Military
Service of the United States, at Michigan City Ind on the 15th
day of March 1865, for the term of One year by
Capt. Wallace Mustering Officer

Discharged August 4th 1865. Camp near Dover, Del.

This Certificate is given as official evidence of enlistment, service and
Honorable Discharge of William T Black of
Company "K" 155th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers.

Witness my hand and official seal.

N. R. Ruckles
Adjutant General, Indiana.

William T Black

Private, Co. "K" 155th Regt. Ind. Vol.

Affidavit.

State of _____, County of _____ ss:

In the Pension Claim of _____

late of _____
Company and Regiment of Service, if in the Army; or Vessel and Rank, if in the Navy.

personally came before me, a _____, in and for the

County and State aforesaid, _____

whose residence and Post Office address is _____

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

Palmer Black
He, or I, knew the deceased soldier
William F. Beach for ⁵⁶ years. He was
first married to Martha E. Deuel from
whom he was divorced by the Circuit Court
of Cass County Ind. in 1881. He afterward
married Ella Adelaide Simmons, his
present widow, by whom was born to him
the child, William F. Beach, and the latter
was always recognized as his offspring
and was regarded by and treated by
him with tender affection
to the time of his death.

He, or I,
know these facts and obtained
our or my knowledge of them from
acquaintance with Wm F. Beach, the
deceased, and with his family
affairs from 1849 to the
time of his death. In fact all his life

He further declares that he has no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of said claim.

Affiant sign here.

Application No.

Certificate No.

PENSION CLAIM OF

Co. Reg't.

Vols.

AFFIDAVIT OF

RELATIVE TO

FILED BY -

J. W. MORRIS

LATE PRINCIPAL EXAMINER U. S. PENSION BUREAU.
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

My acquaintance ^{with William T. Black, deceased} the above named soldier has been from the time ~~up to~~ date of death of his marriage to Ella Adelaide Simmons in 1886 up to the time of his death. I also have known William ~~Thomas~~ Black from the time of his birth in 1891 up to the time of his father's death. And know that he, William ~~Thomas~~ Black, was regarded by William T. Black as his ~~rightful~~ ^{offspring} son and legal heir.

NOTE: This may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths. If he has a seal and uses it, no certificate of the Clerk of a Court will be necessary; but if no seal be used, the Prothonotary, County Clerk or the Clerk of a Court or the Clerk of a Court must certify to his signature and official character.

[17.]

Official Character.

Official Signature.

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

erased, and the words

known to him before swearing thereto, including the words

I certify that said affiant is a reliable person, that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

day of

A. D. 190

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

3-649.

P.H.
CERTIFICATE DIVISION.

NOTICE OF ISSUE.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Madam

Nov 22 -, 1905.

You are hereby notified that a certificate, No 6000 689,
for Orig. pension has this day been issued in favor of
The minor child of William F. Black payable to
Ella A Black Gen. and that the
pension is payable by the Pension Agent at Chicago.
who will also pay to J. H. Morris of Washington D.C.
attorney, a fee of \$ 10.

Rate of pension, \$ 8 per month from June 15 -, 1904
and " 2 " " " " "
additional for child.

Very respectfully,

Ella A. Black,
Morgan Park
Ill.

V. Warner
Commissioner.
Amoy

The Act of July 4, 1884, provides that the fee for the prosecution of a pension claim shall be \$10 only, unless a larger fee, not exceeding \$25, is agreed upon under a special written contract. The fee will be paid to the attorney, or other person entitled thereto, by the Pension Agent out of the pension allowed. Should the attorney or other person demand or receive for his services any greater compensation, he would subject himself to the penalties provided in the statute, as follows:

Any agent or attorney or other person instrumental in prosecuting any claim for pension or bounty land who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, or receive or retain any greater compensation for his services or instrumentality in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than is herein provided, or for payment thereof at any other time or in any other manner than is herein provided, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of the pension or claim allowed and due such pensioner or claimant, or the land warrant issued to any such claimant, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall for every such offense be fined not exceeding \$500, or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

POSTAGE.—Persons writing me should bear in mind that I am corresponding in regard to their own business, and should furnish one or two-cent stamps enough to pay the postage, as my bill for postage is heavy.

OFFICE OF

JOHN W. MORRIS,

(LATE PRINCIPAL EXAMINER U. S. PENSION BUREAU.)

Attorney at Law,

Washington, D. C. *Oct. 31* 1904.

Dear Madam

The court records show that Ellen Black and William E. Black were divorced in Cass County, Indiana, on April, 15, 1881. If the parties therein named were identical with the deceased soldier William J. Black and his former wife Martha E. Frel, the facts must be shown by witnesses having personal knowledge of the matter and clearly showing how they know that Wm E. Black & Ellen Black named in the record of divorce were Martha E. Black nee Frel and William J. Black, the deceased soldier and your late husband.

In the enclosed

affidavits the date of the divorce of
the former wife from the deceased
society is 1886. The record
has it April 25 1881.

Sincerely
J. Morris

Mrs. E. A. Black.

April 21, 1881 is correct
as record shows & is the
only record at Lyonsport
they claim I sent there
& paid \$100 for copy but
were very careless about
it & sent wrong date but
rectified it after the history
here wrote them

Record
DivisionW ClerkDEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Pensions
WASHINGTONJune 19 1919Mrs. Ella A. Morehead
Wilburton
Okla.

Madam

The claim of Ella A. Morehead
 Act of September 8, 1916. Widow of William J. Black
 late of K 153-2nd Inf
 for pension, was received June 13 1919, and has been
 numbered 142437. This number, together with the
 soldier's name and service, should be indorsed on every
 paper hereafter filed in the Bureau relating to the claim.

Because of the volume of business resulting from new pension legislation the Bureau is behind with work, and you are respectfully urged to be patient and refrain from writing letters of inquiry, as the time required to answer them would be taken from the more important work of adjudicating claims.

When this claim is reached for consideration you will be fully advised what evidence, if any, is necessary.

Very respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER,

Commissioner.

WRITE NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS PLAINLY HERE.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City or Village: _____

County: _____

State: _____

The magistrate must carefully compare this voucher with the pension certificate exhibited to him. Vouchers may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If he has a seal and is required by law to use it to authenticate his official acts, it must be affixed; if not, a certificate of the proper officer, showing the commencement and termination of his term of office, and his signature, must be filed in this Agency. Vouchers may also be executed before fourth-class postmasters, their mailing stamps to be used as seals. The officer will also see that the correct post-office address of the guardian is inserted in face and in back of voucher, giving street and number (when so designated). He will also give his own post-office address after his official title on face of voucher. No checks will be sent in care of any person. The officer will be held strictly responsible for the correctness of his certificate of identity of the guardian in every particular, pursuant to Act of July 7, 1898.

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this _____ day of _____, 190_____

_____ bond to said court in the sum of \$_____.
said court, and is still the legal and acting guardian of said ward; that the said guardian has given a
on the _____ day of _____, I, _____, as appears on record in the office of
_____, as named therein, was appointed guardian of said ward

for said County, do hereby certify that _____, whose signature appears
to the annexed oath or identity as guardian of the child of _____

I, _____, Clerk of the _____ Court in and
STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, ss:

CERTIFICATE OF COURT AS TO GUARDIANSHIP.
(To be obtained when required by the United States Pension Agent.)

Clerk.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court this _____ day
of _____, 190_____

that his signature within written is genuine.
I, _____, and will expire on the _____ day of _____, 190_____, and
administer oaths for general purposes; that his commission was dated on the _____ day of _____
is _____, duly commissioned and qualified, and that he has authority to
County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that _____

I, _____, Clerk of the _____ Court of the
STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, ss:

ORIGINAL.

Roll No. 30571 (D.)

ARMY VOUCHER No.

CHILDREN OF

William E. Black ^{decd.}

190_____

\$ 156.33

Return this voucher for payment to

Jonathan Merriam

U. S. Pension Agent.

CHICAGO

ILL.

UNLESS THE INSTRUCTIONS ON FACE AND BACK OF THIS VOUCHER ARE SPECIFICALLY FOLLOWED, THE VOUCHER WILL BE RETURNED FOR CORRECTION.

D 30571 CHILDREN WITH TWO DOLLARS PER MONTH ADDITIONAL. D

Be it known, That I, Col. A. Black, do solemnly swear that I am the guardian of (1) William G. child of William G. Black, who was a Company K 155 2nd Inf Volunteers; that said child is still living (2) and is the identical person named in pension certificate, No. 600689, dated 22 day of NOV 1905 in my possession, and now exhibited, and whose name is inscribed on the rolls of the CHICAGO Agency, at the rate of dollars per month, and two dollars additional for each child; that said child reside at and that my post-office address is No. Street, County of State of (If guardian signs by mark, two witnesses who can write.) (Guardian's signature.)

OFFICER MUST MAKE THE CONTENTS OF THE AFFIDAVIT FULLY KNOWN TO THE AFFIANTS BEFORE SIGNING OR SWEARING. DEPOSITION OF TWO WITNESSES.

We, the undersigned witnesses, do solemnly swear that the above oath of identity has been read to or by us, and that, to our certain knowledge, the ward and pensioner (1) William G. declared therein by the guardian, Col. A. Black to be alive, personally known to us to be still living and reside at and (2) (One person, other than magistrate or guardian, who can write, must attest the signature of one or both witnesses, if by mark. Witnesses must not attest each other's signatures.) (Witness' signature.) (P. O. address.) (Witness' signature.) (P. O. address.)

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE MUST BE EXHIBITED TO THE MAGISTRATE WHEN THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

State of , County of , SS: Personally appeared before me, this day of 1905 the witnesses, whose signatures and post-office addresses appear above, whom I believe to be credible persons, and the guardian, above named, and made oath in due form of law to the truth of the foregoing statements subscribed by them; and I certify that the aforesaid guardian has this day exhibited to me the pension certificate of his ward, above described, and signed the following duplicate receipts in my presence. (The magistrate must certify to any erasures or alterations.) (Magistrate's signature.) (Official character.)

10 fee paid J. W. Morris

ORIGINAL RECEIPT: \$ 156.33 (ASS'T TREASURER) CHICAGO, 190 Received of JONATHAN MERRIAM U. S. Pension Agent at CHICAGO, ILL., One hundred fifty six and 33/100 dollars by check No. dated 1905, being for 15 months' and 19 days' pension due my ward on pension certificate above described, from the 15 day of June 1904 to the 4 day of OCT 1905, 1905, for which I have signed duplicate receipts. (Witness who can write.) (Sign name as above.) Guardian.

THE GUARDIAN WILL SIGN THESE RECEIPTS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MAGISTRATE.

10 FEE.

DUPLICATE RECEIPT: \$ 156.33 (ASS'T TREASURER) CHICAGO, (D.) 190 Received of JONATHAN MERRIAM U. S. Pension Agent at CHICAGO, ILL., 156.33 dollars by check No. 600689 dated 1905, being for 15 months' and 19 days' pension due my ward on pension certificate above described, from the 15 day of June 1904 to the 4 day of OCT 1905, 1905, for which I have signed duplicate receipts. (Witness who can write.) (Sign name as above.) Guardian.

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JOHN W. MORRIS,

(LATE PRINCIPAL EXAMINER U. S. PENSION BUREAU.)

Attorney at Law,

Washington, D. C. *Feb 1* 1905

Dear Madam:

Your claim
 yet awaits the testimony
 of another witness to
 corroborate that of
 Palmer Black showing
 that the deceased Soldier,
 William J. Black was
 never married to any
 other than yourself and
 Martha E. Ingle. The witness
 to clearly state how the
 facts are known to
 him.

There is also required
 the testimony of two persons
 who have known you
 since you became of

marriageable age stating
that fact and showing
whether Anthony D. Sim-
mons and Dr. J. Black,
were the only husbands
you ever had. This
will complete the claim.

Sincerely
J. Morris

Mr. Ellis & Black

1114 Washington Ave.

Morgan Park.

Ill.

don't bother about
Papas part of letter
have that all right
just my 2
marriage is all
you need say

Roll No.

30577

Case of

Wm. J. Black

Cert. No.

600689

U. S. Pension Agency,

CHICAGO, 189..

In the above entitled case a certificate of court must be furnished in the space reserved for that purpose on the back of the voucher herewith enclosed, showing not only the fact and date of appointment of a guardian conservator, but the amount of bond as well, which has been given for the protection of the interest of the ward, which bond should be in the penal sum of not less than \$.

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J. MERRIAM,

U. S. PENSION AGENT.

WILLIAM BLACK)

TO)

MARTHA E. FREAL)

SS:

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 2nd. day of February, 1869, the following Marriage License was issued, viz:

STATE OF INDIANA, CASS COUNTY, Sct.:

The State of Indiana to Any Person Empowered by Law to Solemnize Marriages in Said County---Greeting :

Your are hereby duly authorized to join together as Husband and Wife, William Black and Martha E. Freal.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, H. M. Bliss, Clerk of the Cass Circuit Court, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Logansport, this 2nd. day of February, A.D. 1869.

H. M. Bliss, Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER REMEMBERED, That on this 5th. day of February, 1869, the following Certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

STATE OF INDIANA, CASS COUNTY, Sct.:

I, C. R. Quick, a Minister of the Gospel in said County, do certify that on the 4th. day of February, 1869, I joined together as Husband and Wife, William Black and Martha E. Freal.

Given under my hand, this 4th. day of February, 1869.

C. R. Quick.

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I, Harry S. Elliott, Clerk of the Cass Circuit Court of Indiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Marriage License issued to William Black and Martha E. Freal, on the 2nd. day of February, 1869, and also a full, true and complete copy of the return made thereon, on the 5th. day of February, 1869, as recorded in Marriage Record #4, page 530; which record forms a part of the official records of the office of the Clerk of the Cass Circuit Court of Indiana, and which record is now legally in my possession.

WITNESS, My hand and the seal of the Clerk of the Cass Circuit Court of Indiana, this the 21st. day of February, 1905.

Harry S. Elliott
Clerk Cass Circuit Court of Indiana

JOHN W. MORRIS,

Late Principal Examiner U. S. Pension Bureau.

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

Washington, D. C., *Dec 5*, 189*4*

Dear Sir:

In your claim for pension, you should obtain and forward to me the affidavits of each physician who attended you, or of such as you can get, showing treatment for or the existence of

affection of lungs

during the period from *discharge*

to *1887*, or you should

state why you cannot do so. *Is deafness*

a result of typhoid fever?

Every witness should state how he obtained

knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. MORRIS.

Notify me promptly of any change in your post-office address

See Copy of Order 229 to e with

Office of
Clerk of the Circuit Court
La Salle County
JOHN L. WITZEMAN, CLERK

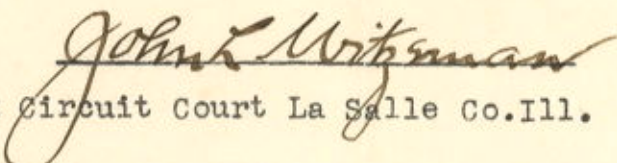
Ottawa, Ill. June 12th, 1919.

Mrs. Ella A. Black,
Wilburton, Okla.

Dear Madam:*

In reply to your letter with reference to the
Divorce Decree in the Matter of Ella Simmons vs Anthony
Simmons, would say that we will forward to you a cer-
tified copy of said decree upon the remittance of \$1.50.

Yours truly,


Clerk Circuit Court La Salle Co. Ill.

Simmons Disease

Feb 2 1896

missed Aug 31, 1877

by William Ewing

Black Throat Feb 1869

Missed 1877 April 21

21 day of Feb 1893