

Benjamin Sayer Papers

Individual Summary for Benjamin Sayer

Born on 28 Jan 1837 at Heuvelton, St. Lawrence, NY
Christened on [blank] at [blank]
Died on 31 Dec 1862 at Murfreesboro, Rutherford, TN
Buried on [blank] at Murfreesboro, Rutherford, TN Sex: M ID: 48SAY316
Father: James SAYER-309
Mother: Jane THURLING-315

Notes

!SOURCES:

BIRTH: 1850 U.S. Census. See notes for father, James Sayer, RIN 309. It states that he was 12 and born in England.

BIRTH/DEATH: Cemetery Book Town of Macomb Oldsville Cemetery. pp 51-100.

NOTES: Traveled to Illinois about the age of 21.

Enlisted in Illinois. U.S. Volunteers. 36th Infantry. (Did not count in quota for Town of Macomb.) He was killed during the Stones River Battle, at age 24 years.

PENSION RECORDS FROM CIVIL WAR – NOTES FROM DOCUMENTS – WC-300-170. National Archives and Records Administration. General Reference Branch (NNRG-P). 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, D.C 20408

Civil War Pension Records. Request made by mother, Jane Thurling. Includes letters that Benjamin wrote his family before his death, letter from those who witnessed his death and then information sent to prove Jane's need for money.

Letter #1 to His parents

Rienrie [sic] July 19th 1862

Dear Parents,

I received a letter from you a few days ago and was glad to hear from you again and hope these lines may find you all in good health but I don't expect to hear of father health being good but I am glad he is able to be around. Since I have been in the army I have learned what it is to be confined to bed. I am well now and have been for the last 6 months but to refer back to the time we were in Rolla for most 3 months I was hardly able to get out of dores [sic] but my health is good and have been so since last spring and summer. I have not missed an hours [sic] duty since I joined our company last April. Hiram have [sic] been verry [sic] sick but is better now times seams [sic] better to us

now for our mail once more comes regular we get the papers here so we get the news from all parts of the war we get some news that is encouraging and some that is not so there have been some fighting lately in Kentucky one Mich. regiment taken prisoners we understand the government [sic] now calls for 3 hundred thousand additional [sic] troops to serve for the period of one year it is the rong [sic] time a year for the men to leave home conveniently [sic] but as we have got them so repulsed. I hope the boys will turn out freely and help to end the mighty struggle [sic] as soon as possible. I don't like to persuade [sic] boys or men to leave their homes and parents and friends to come into the army but all this last call of 300,000 I think none will see a battle. I think the policy will be to let the old troops make the forward moovments [sic] and the new recruits or troops to garison [sic] the places that are taken. I think as soon as richmond [sic] is ours it will end the hard fighting but it will probly [sic] cost a great many more lives than it allready [sic] have done. I heard a liet. [sic] say he saw a searsh [sic] report that if they lost richmond [sic] they were going to give up the task but this is about like all other reports we get now days. Once the great battle at Corrinth [sic] was going to end the strife we had them cut off from the water so they had to hall [sic] their water by railroad from Memphis and now we are encamped on their old ground and the beautifulst [sic] kind of springs are plenty water is plenty and that that [sic] is good and near by and so goes the news reports are plenty but it is all a maybe so we are expectiing [sic] our paymaster round every day and as soon as I geeet [sic] my pay again I think I shal [sic] send it home. I think I can make a rase [sic] of fifty dollars then and send home I could have sent it before but we have been where we could not get mail so I thought it most to [sic] resky [sic] to send it so I have loaned it to the company it is good as soon as payday and payday is due us now we are expecting it so I think I can send it in service for you to use some for your harvest if you neede [sic]. I sent five Dollars to James for the 4th did he get it. When you direct me omit the care of Capt. Fish he is no more our capt [sic] he resigned and is now on his way home the co E is sufficient. Our 1st Lieut [sic] Hobbs is now our capt [sic]. We have had a fine lot of blackberrys [sic] the [sic] are now about done but green corn is come and fruit but they have furnished a guard for every house whare [sic] there is an orchard and they are beginning to arrest boys for fetching in green corn but don't think they will make out much the citisens [sic] here are all sesesh [sic] they preach it to our faces so I think we will help ourselves to their corn in spite of all the guards it gives them that made us this terrible and now they must abide withe [sic] loss of a little green corn. Well I should close with my love so no more.

Yours truly,
Ben Sayer

Letter #2 to his Parents
Camp near Crab Orchard
Oct 16 1862

Dear Parents,

I now write a few more lines to let you know that I am well. We have been marching every day since the 1st of the month. We have been driving ole Brags [sic] army [sic] there have been artillery fighting going on more or less every day since the battle on the

8th. I believe that battle is called the battle of Perryville. We hear that Gen Wallis is after a part of his army [sic] on another road. Yesterday we heard he had taken 400 wagons from him on the 12th. Our advance fought their rear all the afternoon and yesterday it who (was) about the same today. We have halted here and what it is for is more than I can imagine [sic] unless it is to let some get round him. I think Gen Brags [sic] will find that Kentucky is not a very good place for him and Gen Blosengrants [sic] is driving old Price in Miss. I think that this thing is going on nicely in the western department but we hear nothing from the eastern department I would like to know where [sic] the 60th is now about the last boys that went from Macomb the number of their regt [sic] and co about Uncle Thomas Johnson and about how [illegible] [illegible] Lieut [sic] commission get along. I received a letter a few days ago we probly [sic] will leave here tomorrow if not today we are now near the center of the state we have no tents with us and we know not when we'll have left Louisville on the 1st of the month and we have not seen a shelter since. we have had 2 or 3 rainy days it is about time you should get my trunk from the west write and tel [sic] me. I received a letter from him over a 3 weeks ago and he said he was going to send it the next week about how many apples die [sic] you have this year and how does butter sell. I don't know as I can write much more this time you need not be surprised if you should not hear from me very often for a while for we are on a march and I may not get an opportunity. I am well and hope this will find you all well as normal.

Direct to Louisville, Ken.

Benjamin Sayer

Here is a note I have carryed [sic] in my pocket a long time I will let you take it with the rest when we get our pay the next time if we are away back in the country I may not send it home for it mite [sic] get picked.

Letter notifying parents of Benjamin's death.

Camp near Murfreesboro.

Jan 12 / 62

Dear Friends

It becomes my painful duty to inform you of the death of your son and brother.

Benjamin was shot dead on the last day of Dec at the Great Battle of Murfreesboro Tenn. Our Co lost 32 killed and wounded in that Battle amongst the wounded is my brother Joel he is wounded in the face but I think not dangerous we had 212 killed and wounded out of our reg 45 killed in that days [sic] fight and we had to fall back and we had to leave our dead and wounded in the hands of the enemy we afterwards whiped [sic] and drove the rebels from this place and then I went to the place where Benjamin was killed and buried him he had been striped [sic] of his clothing and knapsack and his money he told me a few days before that he had \$12.00 to last him until the next pay day. Poor Benny he was loved by all who knew him and we all simpathise [sic] with you in the loss of your noble son and brother.

I read the letter last night that Thomas wrote to him containing six postage stamps I will enclose the stamps in this letter and send them back to you. Father has the note against M Fish for Benjamin write if you want the money you had better word to father

he will collect and send it to you. [illegible] owed [illegible] pay to a day. I will see that his final statement is made and sent to Washington and think you [illegible] draw his pay. I must close at this time.

Yours with regret,
W.D. Wagner

Joel Wagner Affidavit September 30, 1887

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Illinois, County of De Kalb, ss.

In the matter of Jane Sayer as Mother of Benjamin Sayer
late private Co. "E" 36th Ill. Infantry

ON THIS thirtieth day of September A.D. 1887; personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Joel Wagner aged 52 years, whose Post Office address is Hinckley [crossed out] Big Rock in the County of De Kalb [crossed out] Kane and State of Illinois well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

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

I was in the same Company with Benjamin Sayer the soldier above named in Co "E" 36th Ill. Infantry and I was well acquainted with him. I saw him every day in the Company up to the Battle of Murfreesboro in Tennessee December 31st 1862 and I never saw him afterward. I have not personal knowledge of his death as I was myself severely wounded at the same battle but was told at the time and have always understood that said Benjamin Sayer was killed in the ranks at the Battle of Murfreesboro I knew him and his parents before the war in Macomb St Lawrence County New York his parents were James Sayer and the claimant Jane Sayer.

30 Sep 1887 W D Wagner Affidavit

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF Jane Sayer Mother of Benjamin Sayer

No. 361690

[stamp: US NUREAU OF PENSIONS JUN [illegible date] 1889]

Affidavit of

H D Wagner

Hinckley De Kalb Co. Illinois

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Gouverneur N.Y.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Illinois, County of De Kalb, ss.

In the matter of Jane Sayer as Mother of Benjamin Sayer
late private Co. "E" 36th Ill. Inf.

ON THIS 30th of Sept. A.D. 1887; personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

H D Wagner, aged 50 years, whose Post Office address is Hinckley, in the County of De Kalb and State of Illinois well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

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

I well knew the soldier Benjamin Sayer who was a private in Co "E" 36th Regt. Ill. Inf. of which company I was a Corporal. Said Benjamin Sayer was killed at the Battle of Murfreesboro Tennessee on the morning of December 31st 1862 while in the ranks receiving a charge from the enemy He was shot in the forehead by a rifle ball and killed instantly. I was near him when he was shot and I helped bury him afterward so that I personally know that he was killed as above stated. I knew said soldier when he was a boy living with his parents James Sayer and Jane Sayer the claimant in the town of Macomb St. Lawrence County New York I further certify that Benjamin Sayer who enlisted with me Aug 10/61 at Little Rock Ill. did hand to me two days previous to the Battle of Murfreesboro Eighty five Dollars to be sent to his mother Jane Sayer Macomb New York. That I did try to forward the money but owing to the unsettled condition of things at that time could not send it and returned the money to him. This amount was on his person when he was shot and was taken by the Rebels who took everything from our dead except under shirts and drawers

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

H D Wagner

(Signature of Affiants.)

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

STATE OF Illinois COUNTY OF DeKalb ss:

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

A.F. [illegible]

(Official signature.)

Notary Public

(Official character.)

Claim for Pension

WIDOW [crossed out] Mothers [sic]

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

Jane Sayer Applicant.

Widow [crossed out] Mother of Benjamin Sayer

Pri [sic] Co. "E" 36th Reg't. [sic]

Illinois Vols.

[stamp: PENSION OFFICE OCT- 5 1887]

Filed by Conger and Orvis Gouverneur N.Y.

Unlabeled form
[Illegible crossed out word] Ex'r.
No. 361690
Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.
Fox [crossed out]
Jane Sayer
Edenton, St Lawrence Co. N.Y.
Mother
Benjamin Sayer
Pvt - E 36 Ill. Inf.
Died at Murfreesboro Tenn.
Dec 31 62
no other claim
[illegible numbers]
Oct 11, 1887 H
Clerk.
4/39
Application filed: Oct 5, 1887
Attorney: Conger and Orvis
P.O. Gouverneur
St Lawrence Co.
N.Y.
[stamp: ATT'YTHED]

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Adjutant General's Form
War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
361.690
Washington, Feby [sic] 9, 1888.
Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.
Benjamin Sayer, a age 24, Prvt [sic] of Company "E" 36 Regiment, Ill's Volunteers, was enrolled on the 10th day of Aug 1861, at Little Rock 3 years and is reported: On rolls from Enrollment to Dec. 31, 61. present Jany [sic] and Feby [sic] 62. Left sick at Lebanon Mo, Mch [sic] and Apl [sic] 62 to Oct 31 62 present. Nov. Dec. 1862 Killed in action (Co was in action at Stone [sic] River Dec.31.1862) Transcript from final statement shows him killed in Battle at Stone [sic] River Dec.31 1862. Musket Ball through the neck.
R.C. DRUM, Adjutant General.
[illegible signature]

Declaration for Pension Form September 14, 1887
Widows [crossed out] Mother's Declaration for Pension or Increase of Pension.

This must be Executed before a Court of record or some Officer thereof having Custody of the Seal.

State of New York, County of St Lawrence, ss.

ON THIS 14 day of September A.D. one thousand, eight hundred and eighty [blank] personally appeared before me Clerk of the Surrogate Court, a Court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid Jane Sayer aged 75 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the Pension provided by Acts of Congress granting pension to widows [crossed out] dependent relatives: That she is the [widow of is crossed out] mother of Benjamin Sayer, who enlisted under the name of Benjamin Sayer at Little Rock Ill., on the 10 day of August, A.D. 1861 in (Company and Regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank if in the navy.) Co "E" 36th Regt. Ill Vols. in the war of 1861-5 who (State nature of wounds and all circumstances attending them, or the disease and manner in which it was incurred, in either case showing soldier's death to have been the sequence.) was killed in the Battle of Murfreesborough [sic], Tennessee, which occurred on the 31st day of December 1862 and on the 2nd day of January, A.D. 1863 who bore at the time of his death the rank of private in ("In the service aforesaid" or otherwise.) in the service aforesaid That said son Benjamin Sayer left neither widow nor child under 16 years of age surviving, that she was married under the name of Jane Thurlin to said [crossed out] the father of said Benjamin Sayer on the 21 day of July A.D. 1834 by Rev M. Edwards at England there be no legal barrier to such marriage; that neither she nor her husband had been previously married (If either have been previously married so state, and give date of death or divorce of former spouse) That she was partly dependent upon said son for support. That the father of said son died at Macomb N.Y. on the 19 day of October 1868. that she has to present date remained his widow, that the following are the names and dates of birth of all the legitimate brothers and sisters [child on is crossed out] yet surviving who were under sixteen years of age at the [father's death, viz is crossed out] soldier's death viz: Matthew Sayer brother of soldier by [crossed out], born February 20 1854. That her husband's name was James Sayer. That he was injured by falling from his house in July 1854 and was also injured by being kicked by a colt, the blow hitting him in the breast in August 1854 and his health was poor ever after and he was disabled greatly from working from said injuries and that her said son Benjamin contributed to the support of his father and mother. Her said son Benjamin Sayer was born at Macomb, N.Y. January 28, 1837. that she has not in any manner engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; that no prior application has been filed that she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation Conger and Orvis of Gouverneur N.Y. her attorney to prosecute the above claim; that her residence is No. in the town of street [crossed out] Macomb N.Y. and her Post Office address is Edenton St Lawrence County N.Y.

Jane Sayer X her mark
(Signature of claimant.)

G W Carter

Jos N Johnston

(Two persons who can write must sign here.)

Joseph Johnston and G. Washington Charter Affidavit Bottom September 14, 1887

Also personally appeared Joseph N. Johnston, residing at Popes Mills N.Y., and G. Washington Charter residing at Gouverneur, N.Y., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Jane Sayer, the claimant sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

G W Charter

Jos N Johnston

(Signature of Affiants.)

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of September A.D., 1887 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words [blank] erased, and the words [blank] added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

W.S. Farmer

(Official Signature.)

Clerk of the [illegible]

(Official Character.)

John S Snyder Affidavit December 7, 1888.

Additional evidence Claim Form

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF Jane Sayer mother of Benjamin Sayer "E" 36th Ill. Inf.

No. 361690

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Affidavit of

John S Snyder

P.O. Edenton N.Y.

[stamp] US [illegible] OF PENSIONS JUN 29 1889

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Gouverneur N.Y.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York, County of St Lawrence, ss.

In the matter of Jane Sayer as Mother of Benjamin Sayer Pri. [sic] Co "E" 36th Regt. Ill. Inf. Claim No. 361690.

ON THIS 7th day of December A.D. 1888; personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths John S. Snyder aged 81 years, whose Post Office address is Edenton in the County of St Lawrence and State of New York well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

(NOTE.- Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.) I am well acquainted with the claimant Jane Sayer and was well acquainted with her husband James Sayer. I knew them both for about 51 years and know that they lived together as husband and wife all that time, up to the death of said James Sayer in the fall of 1868 during which time they passed as husband and wife in good society. The soldier Benjamin Sayer was their son and lived with them and passed as their son. He worked at home till he was 21 years of age and after that he helped his parents by giving them money. His parents said James Sayer and Jane Sayer owned a small place of about 60 acres which would not rent for more than about \$50.00 per year. Said James Sayer the claimants [sic] husband had poor health and was not able to work much of any for the last 14 or 15 years of his life having been injured by falling from the roof of a house and having been kicked in the breast by a colt. Said claimant is now too old to work and has not sufficient means to support herself but is dependent on others for her support. Said Benjamin Sayer was reported to have been killed at the Battle of Murfreesboro in the war of the Rebellion and I never saw him after that battle and have every reason to believe that he was killed there. The 60 acres of land was in Macomb, N.Y. A few days before the death of James Sayer 1868 the husband of claimant I drew his Will and all the property he had was Sixty acres of land and was in debt four hundred dollars. The above is from personal knowledge.

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

John S Snyder

(Signature of Affiants.)

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

STATE OF New York COUNTY OF St Lawrence, ss:

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

Charles Snyder

(Official signature.)

Justice of the Peace

(Official character.)

Certificate on file

Martha Johnson Affidavit December 7, 1888.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Jane Sayer mother of Benjamin Sayer "E" 36 [missing text]

No 361690

Affidavit of Martha Johnson

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State of New York, County of St Lawrence, ss.

In the matter of Jane Sayer Mother of Benjamin Sayer Pri [sic] Co "E" 36th Ill Infantry
No. 361690

ON THIS 7th day of December A.D. 1888 personally appeared before me as Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Martha Johnson aged 70 years, whose Post Office address is Heuvelton in the Cuntly of St Lawrence and State of New York well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows: (NOTE.- Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

I have known the claimant and her deceased husband James Sayer for many years. I knew them both when they lived in England previous to their emigrating to the United States. The claimants [sic] name before her marriage was Jane Thurlin and I remember the time of their getting married, which was in England about 54 years ago. When they came to the United States they came to St. Lawrence County N.Y. and always lived there since. The soldier Benjamin Sayer was their son and lived at home with them until he was about 21 years of age, after this he worked out some and then went west to Illinois. I always understood that said Benjamin Sayer helped his parents James Sayer and Jane Sayer giving them money and sending them money from the army. I lived near neighbor to them and remember that 5 or 6 years before the war said James Sayer was hurt by falling from the house and afterward his health was not good and he was not able to work very much. All the land or real property that James Sayer owned was 60 acres of Rough ordinary land of not much value

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

Martha Johnson

(Signature of Affiants.)

Charles Snyder

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

STATE OF New York, COUNTY OF St Lawrence ss:

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

[illegible signature]

(Official signature.)

Notary Public

Robert Johnson Affidavit December 7, 1888.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Jane Sayer

Mother of Benjamin Sayer
Co "E" 36th Ill. Inf. No. 361690
AFFIDAVIT OF
Robert Johnson
Heuvelton N.Y.
[illegible words]
Filed by
Conger and Orvis
Gouverneur N.Y.

State of New York, County of St Lawrence, SS:
In the matter of Jane Sayer as Mother of Benjamin Sayer late Pri [sic] Co. "E" 36th Ill.
Inf. No. 361690

ON THIS 7th day of December A.D. 1888 personally appeared before me Notary Public
in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, Robert Johnson
aged 70 years, a resident of Heuvelton in the County of St Lawrence and State of New
York well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn,
declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

(NOTE.- Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they
testify.)

I knew Jane Sayer the claimant and her husband James Sayer for many years and lived
near them and know that they lived together as husband and wife until the death of said
James Sayer about 1868. They had a small farm of about sixty acres of no great value
and said James Sayer was in poor health having been injured by a fall and being kicked
as I always understood some 15 years before his death. Their son Benjamin Sayer was
a good boy who helped his parents all he could. he went to the war and never returned.
I know that he lived at home and worked till he grew up and that afterward he gave his
parents money to help them. I think the small farm they owned was not worth more the
\$600 at any time. and Mrs [sic] Jane Sayer the claimant is now too old to work and has
not means of living but is dependent on others for her support. said land was in the town
of Macomb St. Lawrence County N.Y.

His Post Office is Heuvelton St Lawrence Co. N.Y. I further declare that I have no
interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Charles Snyder

Robert Johnson

(Signature of Affiants.)

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Norman McSwan Affidavit December 11, 1888.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF Jane Sayer mother of Benjamin Sayer Pri. [sic] Co "E" 36th Ill. Inf. No.
361690.

AFFIDAVIT OF
Norman McSwan
Edenton N.Y.

Filed by
Conger and Orvis
Gouverneur N.Y.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York, County of St Lawrence, SS:

In the matter of Jane Sayer Mother of Benjamin Sayer Priv [sic] of Co E 36 Ill. Inft. [sic] No. 361690.

ON THIS 11th day of December A.D. 1888, personally appeared before me a Justice of Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, Norman McSwan aged 66 years, a resident of Macomb in the county of St Lawrence and State of New York well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

(NOTE.- Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

I knew James Sayer husband of Jane Sayer the Claimant Thirty Years and all the property he had from 1860 to 1870 was Sixty acres of land that is Rough and Rocky and unimproved and not worth over Fifteen dollars for all

His Post Office address is Edenton St Lawrence Co N.Y. I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Norman McSwan

(Signature of Affiant.)

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

STATE OF New York, COUNTY OF St Lawrence, ss.

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

Charles Snyder

(Official signature.)

Justice of the Peace

(Official Character.)

Certificate on file

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

Witness my hand and seal of office this [blank] day of [blank], 188[blank].

[stamp: US BUREAU OF PENSIONS JUN 28 1898]

NOTE.- This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COOVRT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF

COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

Nicholas Lawyer Affidavit December 21, 1888.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF Jane Sayer Mother of Benjamin Sayer Pri [sic] Co. E. 36th Ill Inf. No. 361690
AFFIDAVIT OF

Nicholas Lawyer

Filed by Conger and Orvis

Gouverneur N.Y.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York, County of St Lawrence, ss:

In the matter of Jane Sayer Mother of Benjamin Sayer late priv [sic] Co E 36th Ill. Inf.
[sic]

ON THIS 21st day of December A.D. 1888: personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, Nicholas Lawyer aged 69 years, a resident of Macomb in the County of St Lawrence and State of New York well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

(NOTE.- Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

I know Jane Sayer the claimant and her Husband James Sayer have known them over forty years Their Son Benjamin worked for me on my farm about 1858 or 1859 and I paid a part of his wages to his Parents

H [blank] Post Office address is Paper Mills St. Lawrence, Co, N.Y. and I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Nicholas Lawyer

(Signature of Affiants.)

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Jane Sayer Affidavit December 21, 1888.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF Jane Sayer mother of Benjamin Sayer No. 361[illegible]90
AFFIDAVIT OF

Claimant

[stamp: US BUREAU OF PENSIONS JUN [ILLEGIBLE NUMBER] 1889]

Filed by Conger and Orvis Gouverneur N Y

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York, County of St Lawrence, ss:

In the matter of Jane Sayer Mother of Benjamin Sayer late pri. [sic]Co "E" 36th Ill.Inf.
Claim No. 361690.

ON THIS 21st day of December A.D. 1888; personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, Jane Sayer claimant aged 76 years, a resident of Macomb in the County of St Lawrence and

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

(NOTE.- Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

I am the claimant above named. I was married to James Sayer the father of said soldier Benjamin Sayer on the 21st day of July 1834 in England but I cannot furnish record evidence of it nor the testimony of eye witnesses. I am the mother of Benjamin Sayer he was born at Heuvelton, St. Lawrence County N.Y. on the 28 day of January 1837. I cannot furnish record evidence of his birth as there was none kept and no church record exists. The Doctor who was present is dead and I know of no person who was present at his birth except Mrs [sic] Rebecca Johnson who now lives at Barrie Simcoe Co. Ontario, Canada. I therefore ask that record evidence be excused and that testimony of neighbors be allowed. My husband and I not either of us ever owned more than sixty acres of land. It was in the town of Macomb where I now live. and at the death of my husband in 1868 we owed \$400 on it. I am not able to work and have not sufficient means of support. but am dependent upon others. My son Benjamin worked at home until he was of age and after that he worked out on a farm and he used to help us with a part of his wages. He went west and enlisted in the army and while in the army he used to send me money. He never came back from the war having been killed at the battle of Murfreesboro about Jany [sic] 1st 1863. Attached hereto are some letters which Benjamin wrote home from the army, and also one telling of Benjamin's death written by Mr. Wagner who was one of his company. These letters were received by my husband and myself and are genuine.

My Post Office address is Edenton

St Lawrence County N.Y.

Mrs [sic] Sabrina Swain

Jane Sayer X her mark

John S. Snyder

[stamp: US BUREAU OF PENSIONS JUN [illegible date] 1889]

Charles Snyder Affidavit June 3, 1989

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Jane Sayer Mother of Benjamin Sayer Pri [sic] Co E 36 Ill Inf No. 361690

AFFIDAVIT OF

Charles Snyder Edenton N.Y.

[illegible words]

Filed by

Conger and Orvis

Gouverneur N.Y.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

Death husband widowhood 1868

State of New York, County of St Lawrence, ss:

In the matter of Jane Sayer Mother of Benjamin Sayer Late Pri. [sic] Co E. 36 Ill Inf. No. 361690.

ON THIS 3d day of June A.D. 1889: personally appeared before me Country Clerk in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, Charles Snyder aged 49 years, a resident of Macomb in the County of St Lawrence and State of New York well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

(NOTE.- Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

I know Mrs. Jane Sayer the claimant above named and have for many years. She is a widow and has never remarried since the death of her husband James Sayer who died about 21 years ago. I live near her and would know it if she had remarried. She is very old and destitute and cannot live long and I consider her in every way worthy of a pension on account of her son Benjamin Sayer who was killed in the late war. I am a Justice of Sessions of this County at present and was Captain of Co. G 106 Regiment N.Y. Vol. in the Rebellion.

His Post Office address is Edenton St Lawrence County N.Y. He further declares that he has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Charles Snyder

(Signature of Affiants.)

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

STATE OF New York, COUNTY OF St Lawrence, ss:

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

Charles Snyder

(Official signature.)

Justice of the Peace

(Official character.)

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 10 day of July 1891.

HW Orvis

De. Clerk of the St Lawrence County Court.

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

Rebecca Johnson Affidavit June 29, 1989

[two illegible words written on top of paper]

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

Jane Sayer Mother of Benjamin Sayer No 361690

AFFIDAVIT OF [blank]

[stamp: US BUREAU OF PENSIONS JUN 29 1889]

Filed by [blank]

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State [crossed out] Province of Ontario Possession of Canada, County of Simcoe, ss:
In the matter of Jane Sayer Mother of Benjamin Sayer Late Private Co E. 36. Ill Inf. No.
361690.

ON THIS [blank] day of [blank] A.D. 1889; personally appeared before me Rebecca Johnson aged [blank] years, a resident of Barrie in the County of Simcoe and State [crossed out] Province of Ontario Canada well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows: (NOTE.- Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

I knew Jane Sayer and her husband James Sayer intimately for many years while they lived in St. Lawrence County, New York. They lived together as husband and wife and were considered so by every one. I knew them before and after the birth of their son Benjamin Sayer who was born at Heuvelton St Lawrence County N.Y. January 28, 1837. I was present at the time of his birth and know of the fact.

He Benjamin Sayer grew up and went to the war and did not come back.

Another Affidavit of Rebecca Johnson States:

"I knew Jane Sayer and her husband James Sayer intimately for many years while they lived in St. Lawrence County N.Y. They lived together as husband and wife and were considered so by every one. I knew them before and after the birth of their son Benjamin Sayer who was born at Heuvelton, St. Lawrence County, N.Y. January 28, 1837. I was present at the time of his birth and know of the fact. He Benjamin Sayer grew up and went to the war and did not come back.

Her Post Office address is Barrie Simcoe Co Ontario Canada. She further declare that she has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Mrs [sic]Johnson sign here

(Signature of Affiants.)

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

STATE OF Possession of Canada Province of Ontario, COUNTY OF Simcoe, ss:

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

Office signature

(Official Signature.)

[blank]

(Official character.)

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this [blank] day of [blank], 188[blank].

[blank]

Clerk of the [blank]

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

Handwritten Affidavit of L.H. Wilson February 3, 1890

Claim No. 361690

In the Matter of Jane Sayer as mother of Benjamin Sayer Late Pri [sic] Co. E. 36th Regt. Illinois Vols.

[stamp: US PENSION OFFICE [illegible date]]

Filed by Conger and Orvis

Gouverneur N.Y.

State of New York

St Lawrence County ss

On this 3d day of February 1890 before me personally appeared L.H. Wilson who being duly sworn says that he resides at Depeyster [sic] St. Lawrence County N.Y. and is 45 years of age that he has known Jane Sayer the claimant for pension as mother of Benjamin Sayer, ever since [illegible] returned from the war of 1861-5. That said Mrs [sic] Sayer then lived on a small farm of about sixty acres of rough land in Macomb, which was not worth much, as it is rocky one half of it bare rock and the buildings were small a frame house and a very poor barn. She had no other property then nor since, and she is now a destitute old lady in very poor health and not able to do anything to support herself, and she has only the use of her place which is not worth more than six or seven hundred dollars at the outside, and will not rent for more than about \$60 a year. She is a worthy woman and the object of sympathy, and deserves to receive a pension, as she is dependent on charity from her neighbors for a large part of her living. I have no interest in the case and am not concerned in its prosecution. My Post Office address is Depeyster [sic] St Lawrence County N.Y.

L.H. Wilson

3d day of February 1890 and I certify that I know Mr. L.H. Wilson to be worthy of credit I have no interest in this case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Charles Snyder

Justice of the Peace

STATE OF NEW YORK,

St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office, ss,

I, THOMAS M. WELLS, Clerk of the County of St. Lawrence, and Clerk of the Supreme and County Courts, which are Courts of Record in and for said County, do hereby certify: That Charles Snyder Esquire, before whom the annexed Affidavit was taken, was, at the time of taking such Affidavit, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly authorized to take the same; and that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Justice of the Peace and verily believe the signature thereto is genuine. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said County and Courts at Canton, N.Y., this 3d day of February 1890
A W Orvis Dep. Clerk.

John Bodardus and Frank Hastings Affidavit May 30, 1891

No. 361690

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CLAIMM OF

Jane Sayer widow of Benjamin Sayer Late Private, Co E 36 Regt Ills. Vols.

FOR Mother's PENSION.

Affidavit of John E. Bodardus Frank Hastings

J.C. DePUTRON,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

472 Louisiana Ave., WASHINGTON, D.C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York County of St Lawrence, ss:

In the matter of Personal Claim of Mrs [sic] Jane Sayer widow of Benjamin Sayer Co. E.

35. Ills No. 361690

ON THIS 30 day of May, A.D. 1891, personally appeared me, a Notary Republic in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administered oaths, John E Bodardus aged 46 years, a resident of Popes Hills in the County of St Lawrence and State of New York whose post-office address is Popes Hills, and Frank Hastings aged [blank] years, a resident of Popes Hills in the County of St Lawrence and State of New York whose post-office address is Popes Hills well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit; and who, being duly sworn, declares each for himself, in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

(NOTE.- Affiants should state how they gained a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

We John E Bogardus and Frank Hastings are well acquainted with the said Jane Sayers have known her for the past thirty years, and know that she has not remarried since the Death of her husband. She is now over Eighty years of age feeble and in danger of immediate dissolution and that if any relief is afforded her it must be done within a short time, or she will be beyond any relief that the pension would afford her I would there is a way.

We further declare that we no interest in said case, and am not not [sic] concerned in its prosecution.

John E Bodardus

Frank Hastings

(Signature of Affiants.)

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

STATE OF New York COUNTY OF St Lawrence

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

F W [illegible]

(Official Signature.)

Notary Public

(Official Character.)

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this [blank] day of [blank], 188[blank].

[blank]

Clerk of the [blank]

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

Physician's Affidavit of W.B. Finnigan May 30, 1891

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

No. 361690

CLAIM OF

Jane Sayer widow of Benjamin Sayer

Late [blank] Co. E 36 Reg't [sic] Ills. Vols.

FOR

Mother's Pension AFFIDAVIT OF W.B. Finnigan M.D.

FILED BY

J.C. DePUTRON.

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York County of St Lawrence ss.

In the Pension claim No 361690 of Mrs [sic] Jane Sayer widow of Benj. Sayer [Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank, if the navy.] late of Co E 36 Reg't [sic] Ills. Vols.

Personally came before me, a Notary Republic [crossed out] Public and for the aforesaid County, and State W.B. Finnigan M.D. a resident of Edwards mill in the County of St Lawrence and State of New York well known to me to be reputable and

entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a practicing physician, and that he has been acquainted with said Soldier for about [blank] years and that [Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No ensures or interlineations will be permitted unless the magistrate certifies in his jurst [sic] that they were made before executing the paper.]

To the Commissioner of Pensions I hereby testify that I have known and have been the family physician of Mrs [sic] Jane Sayer for the past seven years that she is the same party whose claim is here presented that she is 80 or more years of age that she is very feeble and frequently confined to her bed and that the prospect of life are [crossed out]is short and that if her claim is to do her any good it should be acted on at once as she is liable in her feeble condition to pass away at any time

He further declares that he has been a practitioner of medicine for [blank] years, and that he has no interest, either direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

W B Finnigan M.D.

Affiant's Signature. Give rank and service, if in the army.

Bureau of Pensions Claim Slip June 22, 1891

Bureau of Pensions,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,
June 22, 1891.

No. Cert.,

No. Claim, 361690

Name, Benj. Sayer

Co. E, 36 Reg't [sic] Ill.

ACTION AND ORDER:

Atty C and W.B. King City.

Make Special

[illegible initials]

Commissioner.

Bureau of Pensions slip July 1, 1891.

Bureau of Pensions.

This slip should be attached to brief in admitted cases that have been called up members of present Congress

By direction of Commissioner:

A.W. FISHER, Chief Clerk.

W Division,

Moth. Claim,

No. 361.690, of Jane Sayer, P.O. Edenton,, N.Y.

Hon. J.H. Moffitt called up this case July 1, 1891, and should be informed of its adjudication.

[illegible signature]

Examiner.

Handwritten Affidavit of S Woodworth and S Pope July 8, 1891

Claim No. 361.690 of Jane Sayer as mother of Benjamin Sayer Co. E. 36. Ill. Inf.

Affidavits of S.L. Woodworth

L.E. Pope

Conger and Orvis

Gouverneur N.Y.

State of New York

St Lawrence County ss

In Claim No. 361690 of Jane Sayer as Mother of Benjamin Sayer of Co "E" 36. Ill. Inf. personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said county duly authorized to administer oaths S.L. Woodworth S.E. Pope who being duly sworn says. I know the claimant Mrs. Jane Sayer and knew her son Benjamin the soldier in his lifetime. he left neither widow nor child surviving, he was never married. In 1862 The claimants [sic] husband James Sayer. had no means except a small farm of about sixty acres with small cheap buildings on it. he had worked at blacksmithing some previously but at this time 1862 he was in poor health having been injured by a fall. and by the kick of a horse and was not able to work at blacksmithing. and he had no income except what he derived from his farm of 60 acres. This farm was rough and rocky newly cleared of trees and was not productive of enough to support his family. His income from all sources in 1862 would not amount to more than \$100.00 in my best judgment which was not enough for the comfortable support of his family without the aid of his son Benjamin The claimant Jane Sayer has no property except her dower interest as widow in said sixty acre farm. the farm is not valuable. it is so rocky and uneven that but very little of it can be cultivated. It is not worth and can not be sold for more than \$18.00 per acre and it will not rent for more than \$80.00 per year. Mrs [sic] Sayer has not received from said farm more than \$100.00 a year since 1886, and she is too old and infirm to work. and she has been in actual want and has received assistance from her neighbors every year since she has been unable to work right along.

Neither she nor her husband ever had enough property to live on aside from their regular manual labor. and now that she is aged and infirm she is dependent upon others for her support.

She is in every way deserving of a pension and is in immediate need of it.

The above statement is made from personal knowledge and I have no interest in her claim for pension Our Post office address is Popes Mills St Lawrence County New York.

S.L. Woodworth

L E Pope

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July 1891. by the above named affiants who are personally known to me to respectable and creditable persons and I am not interested in said claim nor concerned in its prosecution.

Charles Snyder

Justice of the Peace

[stamp: PENSIONS OFFICE JUL 13 1891]

STATE OF NEW YORK

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, ss.

I, THOMAS M. WELLS, Clerk of the County of St. Lawrence, and Clerk of the Supreme and County Courts, which are Courts of Record in and for said County, do hereby certify: That Charles Snyder Esquire, before whom the annexed affidavit was taken, was, at the time of taking such Affidavit, a JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, in and for said County, duly authorized to take the same; and that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, and verily believe the signature thereto is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said County and Courts, at Canton, N.Y., this 100 day of July, 1891.

Arthur W. Orvis. Dep. Clerk.

Jane Sayer Affidavit July 8, 1891

special No. 361.90

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

jane Sayer as mother of Benjamin Sayer Co E 36. Ill. Inf.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Jane Sayer claimant

Filed by

Conger and Orvis

Gouverneur N.Y.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York, County of St Lawrence, ss:

In the matter of Claim No. 361.690 of Jane Sayer as Mother of Benjamin Sayer late of Co. E. 36 Ill Inf.

ON THIS 8th day of July A.D. 1891; personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, Jane Sayer the claimant aged 80 years, a resident of Macomb in the County of St Lawrence and State of New York well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

(NOTE.- Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

I am the claimant above named. Since the death of my son Benjamin Sayer the soldier no one except my husband has been legally bound to support me. In 1862 my residence was in Macomb same as now. and my Post Office address was then Edenton St Lawrence County N.Y. In 1862, the names ages and relationship of all the members of my family were as follows

James Sayer, my husband, age 53 years

Myself age 51 years

Benjamin Sayer son age 24 years

Thomas Sayer son age 26 years

Mary Sayer Daughter age 22 years

Sarah Sayer Daughter age 19 years

James Sayer Son age 14 years

Carline Sayer Daughter age 12 years

Matthew Sayer Son age 9 years

My Post Office address is Edenton St Lawrence County N.Y. [rest of the form is crossed out]

Jane Sayer X her mark

(Signature of Affiants.)

Esther Dawson

Mrs [sic] Edward Sayer

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Form with Illegible Name

[illegible heading]

DEPENDENT Mother's PENSION.

Claimant, Jane Sayer,

P.O., Edenton, County St Lawrence, State, N.Y.

Soldier, Benjamin Sayer

Rank, Pr. Co., E Regiment, 36 Ills. Vol. Inf.

Rate, \$12 per month, commencing Oct. 5, 1887 and [crossed out]

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, Conger and Orvis,

P.O., Gouverneur, N.Y.

Fee, \$25 Agent [blank] to pay.

Articles filed Oct. 5, 1887.

APPROVALS:

Submitted for Ad. Aug. 14, 1891, [illegible name], Examiner.

Approved for admissions, origin of Soldier's death in service accepted, [illegible name]

Aug. 17, 1891, Legal Reviewer.

[blank], Re-Reviewer.

Approved for [blank]; death resulted from [blank] due to X which has been legally accepted, [blank], 18[blank], Medical reviewer.

[blank], Medical Referee.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Enlisted Aug 10, 1861.

Mustered Aug. 10, 1861.

Discharged No, 18 [crossed out]

Died [crossed out] Killed Dec. 31, 1862

Declaration filed Oct. 5, 1887.

Death of father, Oct 19, 1868.

remarriage of mother no 18 [crossed out].

Invalid app'n [sic] filed no 18 [crossed out].

Invalid last paid to no 18 [crossed out].

INCIDENTAL MATTER:

Signs by mark.

[illegible initials]

HISTORY OF ATTORNEYSHIPS:

[section is blank]

Rate Per Month Form

No. 300,170

Jane Sayer

Mother of Benjamin Sayer

Rank Pri [sic]

Company E

regiment 36 Ill. V. Inv.

Rate per Month \$12

Commencing Oct. 5, 1887

Ending [blank]

Buffalo Agency.

Issued Aug. 20, 1891.

Mailed Aug. 21, 1891.

Fee \$25

Apr. 13. 93. Chas. Snyder adv. no per. to whom acc.[illegible] can [illegible] paid [illegible] to Dep. dec. of Sept. 28, 1892 G.S.L.

Apr, 13 98. P.A. adv. of death of pensioner.

N.O.

Unknown Male's Affidavit Ending

STATE OF New York, COUNTY OF St Lawrence, ss:

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

[illegible signature]

(Official signature.)

Clerk of the County and Supreme Courts

(Official character.)

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

Witness my hand and seal of office this [blank] day of [blank], 188[blank].

Clerk of the [blank]

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

[stamp: US BUREAU OF PENSIONS JUN 29 1889]

Amended Affidavit Bottom of Unknown Female

STATE OF New York, COUNTY OF St Lawrence, ss:

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

Charles Snyder

(Official Signature.)

Justice of the Peace

(Official character.)

Certificate on File

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

Witness my hand and seal of office this [blank] day of [blank], 188[blank].

[stamp: US BUREAU OF PENSIONS JUN 28 1898]

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

Undated Person's Affidavit Bottom

STATE OF New York, COUNTY OF St Lawrence

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

[illegible signature]

(Official signature.)

Notary Public

(Official character.)

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

Witness my hand and seal of office, this [blank] day of]blank], 188[blank].

Clerk of the [blank]

[stamp: US BUREAU OF PENSIONS JUN 29 1889]

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