Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Sept 4th 1863.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 27,824, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Arza Bartholomew Jr was enrolled on the 14th day of August, 1862, at Grand Haven, and mustered into the United States service as a Corporal, in Co. "G" 21 Regiment of Michigan Volunteers, to serve Three Years, or during the war.

The Muster Rolls of Co. "G" of that Regiment for the months of May and June, 1862, (covering the period of his alleged death or discharge,) are not on file in this Office; the proper authorities having, thus far, neglected to furnish them, though repeatedly notified of their neglect.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Saml Breck
Assistant Adjutant General

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Memoranda.
Name of applicant, Sarah F. Bartholomew.
Address, Munica, Ottowa Co. Michigan

S.P.F.

he is the identical soldier who performed the military services therein mentioned: That they are acquainted with Sarah F. Sherman (formerly Bartholomew) his late wife, having known her for a period of six years previous to her late marriage and know that they lived together as husband and wife, and were so reputed, and that they never heard the fact of their marriage disputed or questioned. They further say that they are acquainted with the names, ages, and relationship of their said children, and believe them to be as stated in said Declaration, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of their claim, and that they were present and saw the claimant sign her name to above declaration, and know that she is the legally appointed guardian of above mentioned children, and that she is the person she represents herself to be.

Orange A. Jubb

A. W. Taylor

Witnesses' Signatures.

Sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged, before me, this First day of November A. D. 1867, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim; that the ~~Circuit~~ Probate Court within and for the County of Otterman aforesaid, of which I am Judge is a Court of Record, having a seal.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court, the day and year first above written.

George Parks

Judge of Probate

APPLICATION

FOR

Pension of Minor Children.

Arza Bartholomew Deceased.

Co. Regt.

Mich. Inf. Volunteers.

Sarah F. Sherman Guardian.

P. O. Address, Cambridge

County, Ottawa

State, Michigan

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PENSION OFFICE

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Declaration of Minor Children for Pension.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
County of Ottawa } SS.

On this First day of November A. D. 1867, personally appeared before the Judge of the Probate Court — of the County and State aforesaid, Sarah F Sherman a resident of Robinson — in the County of Ottawa and State of Michigan aged Twenty Nine years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on oath, make the following declaration, as guardian of the minor child — of Arza Bartholomew deceased, in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862, granting pensions to minor children under sixteen years of age of deceased officers and soldiers; that she is the guardian of Harry A Bartholomew

whose father was a Coopl in Company G commanded by Captain Albee in the 21st Regiment of Mich. Vols. Volunteers in the war of 1861, and the said Arza Bartholomew died at Murfreesborough Tenn. on the Eighth day of May in the year A.D. 1863 of Fever contracted while in the service of the United States.

that the mother of the child — aforesaid, ~~died (or~~ again married, being now the wife of B F Sherman — — —) on the Sixth — day of May — in the year A.D. 1867 and that the date of the birth of his said ward as follows Harry A. Bartholomew was October 25th 1862.

He further declares that the parents of his said ward — were married at Crockery Mich — on the 21st day of May in the year A D 1859, by one George Smith a justice of the Peace a

And she hereby constitutes and appoints **ALEXANDER G. NOYES, of Detroit, Michigan,** her Attorney to prosecute the claim and procure a certificate, and to do all other acts necessary in the premises.

That Her P. O. address is Cambridge Michigan

Orange A. Lubb

A. W. Taylor
Two witnesses.

Sarah F Sherman
Guardian's Signature.

SEAL.

Also at the same time and place personally appeared Orange A Lubb and ~~John O Marvin~~ A. W. Taylor residents of Ottawa County Sister of Michigan persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say that they were acquainted with Arza Bartholomew mentioned in the above Declaration, for a period of Eight years before he entered the service, and know that

STATE OF Michigan
COUNTY OF Ottawa } ss. On this 22nd day of January A. D. 1867 personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace in and of said County, Dr Wm H. Niles a resident of Eastmanville in said County who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes and says that he well knows Harry A Bartholemew

the child — of Arza Bartholemew (who was, it is said, a member of Co. G. in the 21st Reg't of Michigan Inf^y Vols.) and his wife Sarah F. Bartholemew and deponent knows that said child Harry A. Bartholemew was born at the residence of his parents in the Town of Crockery County of Ottawa and State of Michigan on or about the 26th day of October A. D. 1862; and deponent was present at its birth. —

and deponent is in no way interested in the claim for Increase of — Pension of said Sarah F. Bartholemew

Name. Wm H. Niles. M. D.

Witnesses when mark is made.

Signed and sworn to before me, the day and year first above written, and said witness is respectable and credible, and appeared to understand the contents of said affidavit, which were made known to him and I am not interested.

Officer's Signature. Manuel Garrison
Justice of the peace

STATE OF Michigan
COUNTY OF Ottawa. } ss. I, Hermanus Doesburg Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County and State above named, do hereby certify that Manuel Garrison Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has thereunto signed his name, was at the time of so doing, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State above named, duly commissioned and sworn, that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and his signature thereto is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name, and affixed my official Seal, this 25th day of January A. D. 1867.

Hermanus Doesburg CLERK.

(Attested Copy)

Marriage Certificate

Arza Bartholomew
and
Sarah F Daniels } I do hereby Certify that on this twenty first day of May at Crockery in the State of Michigan I did Join in Holy Wedlock, Arza Bartholomew aged twenty Six years and Sarah F Daniels of the town of Olive and County aforesaid aged twenty One years in presence of two Witnesses to Wit, Adiza Bartholomew of Crockery aforesaid and Eliza Bartholomew of Crockery aforesaid.
In testimony Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 21st day of May AD 1860

George F Smith

State of Michigan }
County of Ottawa } ss I Pieter Van Den Berg Clerk of Said County do herewith Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of a Marriage Certificate as found and recorded in Book No 4 of Marriages on page 21 Kept in the Clerk's Office for that purpose.
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and the Seal of the Circuit Court of Said County at Grand Haven this 14th day of July AD 1863.

P. Van Den Berg
Clerk

For Military Service

State of Michigan
County of Ottawa } ss. On this Tenth day of July A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, then personally appeared before me Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County and State, Arza Bartholomew and Frederick Wiedmer who being by me duly sworn say that they are residents of the township of Crockery, County and State aforesaid — P.O. address Nunica — and are near neighbors unto Mrs. Frances Bartholomew, the applicant hereinbefore named, and have been acquainted with her for the two years last past, and with her husband the late Arza Bartholomew Jr. from his early boyhood and know that he enlisted as a private in Company "G" Captain Harry C. Albee, Twenty First Regiment Michigan Infantry Volunteers Commanded by Colonel Stevens, and that he subsequently died according to their best information and belief at Murfreesboro, Tennessee as set forth in the foregoing application, and further that they know that the said Frances Bartholomew, the applicant aforesaid, and the said Arza Bartholomew Jr the soldier aforesaid, lived together as man and wife and were reputed as such, during the two years next preceeding his said enlistment, and that they have one Child an infant son aged eight months or thereabouts, and further that the said Frances Bartholomew has remained a widow since the death of her said husband, and that they have no interest whatever in this Claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year first above written } Arza Bartholomew
Frederick Wiedmer

[illegible] that I am well acquainted with the above named witnesses,

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss.
COUNTY OF OTTAWA.

I Peter Van Den Berg Clerk of said County, do hereby certify that Augustus W. Taylor Esquire, before whom the annexed instrument in writing was proved and acknowledged, was, at the time of taking the same, a Judge of Probate within and for said county, duly Elected and sworn, and au[illegible] to take the same, and that I am well acquainted with his handwriting, and verily believe [illegible]ature subscribed to the certificate of proof or acknowledgment to be gen[illegible]; and further that I have no interest in said claim.

In w[illegible]ss whereof, I have hereunto set my hand seal of the Circuit Court for said county, at Grand Haven, this 14th day of July A. D. 1863.

P. Van Den Berg Clerk.

State of Michigan }
County of Ottawa } Be it this Tenth day of July A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, then personally appeared before me, Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County and State, Arza Bartholomew and Frederick Widmer who being by me duly sworn, say, that they are residents of the township of Crockery, County and State aforesaid — P.O. address Nunica — and are near neighbors unto Mrs. Frances Bartholomew, the applicant hereinbefore named, and have been acquainted with her for the two years last past, and with her husband the late Arza Bartholomew Jr. from his early boyhood and know that he enlisted as a private in Company "G" Captain Henry C. Albee, Twenty First Regiment Michigan Infantry Volunteers Commanded by Colonel Stevens, and that he subsequently died according to their best information and belief at Murfreesboro, Tennessee as set forth in the foregoing application, and further that they know that the said Frances Bartholomew, the applicant aforesaid, and the said Arza Bartholomew Jr. the soldier aforesaid, lived together as man and wife and were reputed as such, during the two years next preceding his said enlistment, and that they have one child an infant son aged eight months or thereabouts, and further that the said Frances Bartholomew has remained a widow since the death of her said husband, and that they have no interest whatever in this claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year first above written } Arza Bartholomew
Frederick Widmer

And I certify that I am well acquainted with the above named witnesses, that they are persons of high standing in community and are entitled to the utmost confidence and credence. And I have no interest whatever in this claim.
(P.O. address, Grand Haven)

Augustus W. Taylor
Judge of Probate Court in and for
Ottawa Co.
Mich

Application for Pension

State of Michigan }
County of Ottawa } On this Fourth day of July A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, then personally appeared before me, Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County of Ottawa, Mrs. Frances S. Bartholomew to me well known, who being duly sworn says: she is a resident of the Township of Crockery (P.O. address Seniica) in said County of Ottawa and State of Michigan, that she is of the age of Twenty four years and the widow of Arza Bartholomew Jr. late of said township of Crockery, who enlisted at the village of Grand Haven the County seat of said County of Ottawa, on or about the 14th day of August A.D. 1862 as a private in Company "G" Captain Harry C. Albee, Twenty First Regiment Michigan Infantry Volunteers, Commanded by Colonel A. S. Stevens, and who died in a Military Hospital at Murfreesboro Tennessee on or about the 8th day of May A.D. 1863 while in the service of the United States. She further states that her maiden name was Frances Sarah Daniels and that she was married to the said Arza Bartholomew Jr. her late husband on the 21st day of May A.D. 1860 at the residence of Arza Bartholomew in the Township of Crockery, County and State aforesaid by George W. Smith, a Justice of the Peace of said County, and that to her knowledge there is a record publicly made of her said Marriage and she further has a Certificate thereof which the annexed is a true and perfect copy as given by the Register of said County.

She further says she has remained a widow since the death of her said husband and has one child an infant son aged eight months.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of ~~securing all bounty pay, Bounty and other allowances due the said deceased soldier by~~ obtaining the Pension to which she is entitled as widow of said deceased Soldier from the United States in accordance with the Acts of Congress in such cases made and provided.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on the day and year first above written } Sarah F. Bartholomew

Augustus W. Taylor
Judge of the Probate Court in & for
Ottawa County, Michigan

Additional Evidence

Application for Pension No. 27,824

State of Michigan }
County of Ottawa }

Mrs. Sarah F. Bartholomew personally appeared before me, and being duly sworn says, that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this Seventeenth day of Feby. A.D. 1864 } Sarah F. Bartholomew

Augustus W. Taylor
Judge of Probate
Ottawa Co. Mich

We certify that the foregoing affidavit was taken and subscribed in our presence as witnesses, on the 17th day of Feby. 1864.

Wheeler H. Bartholomew P.O. address –
Mary E. Smith "Nunica"

1.12. Official capacity of Judgeship already recorded }

STATE OF ..... } ss.
COUNTY OF ..... }

I ..... *Clerk of the* ..... *Court in and for the County and State above named, do hereby certify that* ..... *Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has thereunto signed his name, was at the time of so doing, a* ..... *in and for the County and State above named, duly* ..... *and sworn, that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and his signature thereto is genuine.*

In Testimony Whereof, *I have hereunto signed my name, and affixed my official Seal, this* ..... *day of* ..... *A. D. 187*

..... *Clerk.*

PROOF OF BIRTH

IN CLAIM OF

Sarah F. Sherman

For Inc. Widow Pension.

FILED BY

Benjamin A. Gaylan
Grand Rapids
Michigan

PROOF OF BIRTH.

"The date of the birth of each Child of the deceased Soldier, under 16 years of age at the time of his death, must be proved by a duly authenticated copy of the public record of the same, or by the affidavit of the attending Physician or other credible witness, having been present and having knowledge of the facts, who must state how he knows the facts.

STATE OF Michigan }
COUNTY OF Kent } SS.

On this twenty second day of June A. D. 1874, personally appeared before me, the Register of the Probate Court of said County, Sarah J. Baldwin a resident of the City of Grand Rapids Mich who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes and says that she well knows Harry A. Bartholomew the child of Arza Bartholomew (who was, it is said, a member of Co. "G" in the 21st Reg't of Mich Inf Vols.) and his wife Sarah F. Bartholomew and deponent knows that said child Harry A Bartholomew was born at the residence of his parents in the Town of Crocker County of Ottawa and State of Michigan on or about the 12th day of October A. D. 1862 deponent was present at the time acting as Attendant and nurse

and deponent is in no way interested in the claim of Sarah F. Sherman for Inc. Widows Pension

Name Sarah J Baldwin

[Two witnesses when mark is made.]

Signed and sworn to before me, the day and year first above written, and said witness is respectable and credible, and appeared to understand the contents of said affidavit, which were made known to and I am not interested in said claim or in its prosecution

Officer's Signature, Cyrus E. Perkins
Register of Probate

I hereby certify that Arza Bartholomew ~~private~~ Corporal Co G 21st Mich Infty, was taken sick with Diarrhea about the fifteenth day of April 1863, and while in the discharge of his duties as a soldier, and died from the effects of said disease in Regimental Hospital near Murfreesboro on the Eight day of May 1863; and I am in no way interested in the matter of Pension or pay for the widow of said soldier.
Dated at Chattanooga this first day of March 1864.

Jno Avery
Surg 21st Mich Infty

Additional Evidence

We the undersigned hereby certify in addition to the statement heretofore made by us relative to the claim of Mrs. Sarah F. Bartholomew for Pension on account of services rendered in his life time by Arza Bartholomew Jr. her late husband and a soldier deceased in the United States service. (which statement is now as they are informed and ~~very~~ verily believe on file in the proper Department.) "That they were present and saw the said Sarah F. Bartholomew sign her name to her application for Pension as aforesaid".

Dated Nunica March 16th 1864.

Jas. Wiedmer
Arza Bartholomew

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of March A.D. 1864

P.O. Nunica

Augustus W. Taylor
Judge & Probate Ottawa Co. Mich

KB. Official capacity of Judgeship abroad, forwarded

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
COUNTY OF Ottawa } ss.

I, Hermanus Doesburg Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County and State above named, do hereby certify that Manuel Garrison Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has thereunto signed his name, was at the time of so doing, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State above named, duly commissioned and sworn, that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and his signature thereto is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name, and affixed my official Seal, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1867.

Hermanus Doesburg CLERK.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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