

## Thomas Parker Papers

War Department Form

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, December 14th, 1881.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Thomas Parker, Priv, Company I, 42nd Regiment Indiana Volunteers, was enrolled on the 23 day of Aug, 1862, at Rockport, and is reported: Muster roll from Sept 1st to Dec 31st 62 (4 mo's [sic] Muster) Present same to Ap'l [sic] 30th 65. He was mustered out of service on a Det. Muster out roll June 1865. Company Returns for Sept. 63 Reports him "at Stevenson Wounded" Station of Company at that date Chattanooga Tenn. The Records of this office furnish no evidence of alleged disability. Regimental Hospital Records not on file

[on side of paper:] [2 illegible words] on June 18, 1865.

A.H. Nickerson

Assistant Adjutant General.

Handwritten Affidavit Regarding Property of Mary Parker 1907

Western Division

Widow's No 864673

Mary Parker

Thomas Parker

Co I 42 Indiana Vol. Infantry.

Mary Parker, claimant, being duly sworn deposes and says that she owns 35 acres of land (has personal property as follows—one horse and buggy, milk cow, and two hogs—amounting to \$100 in value) that no one is legally Bound to support me That I got no life insurance. That the land was equally divided between myself and two married children. That I received no cash from them in the divide That I have no means of support excepting the rents and profits of said land and my labor.

Witness my hand and seal this 2nd day of July 1907.

Mary Parker

[stamp: U.S. PENSION OFFICE. B JUL 5 1907]

State of Indiana SS

Pike Co

Before me John W. Seales, a notary public in and for said county and state came Mary Parker and acknowledged the execution of the [rest is cut off]

Handwritten Affidavit of Mary Parker's Marital Status 1907  
Western Division

Widows No. 864673

Mary Parker

Thomas Parker

Co I. 42 Indiana Vol. Inf.

Mary Parker being duly sworn deposes and says that She was never married only to Thomas Parker. That he was never married but the one time.

Witness my hand and seal this day of May 1907

(seal)

Mary Parker

State of Indiana SS

Pike Co

Before me John W. Seales a notary Public in and for said county and state came Mary Parker and acknowledged the forgoing affadavit [sic]

Witness my hand notarial seal this 17 day of May 1907

John W. Seales

Spurgeon Ind

My com expires Feb. 19 1908.

[stamp: U.S. PENSION OFFICE. B JUL 5 1907]

Handwritten Affidavits of Jackson Ferguson and P.W. Shepard 1907  
Western Division

Widows No. 864673

Mary Parker

Thomas Parker

Co I 42 Indiana Vol. Infantry.

Jackson Ferguson and P.W. Shepard, being duly sworn deposes and say that they have personal knowledge of Claimants [sic] property, both personal and real

She has 35 acres of land situated in Pike Co. and state of Indiana.

That we think \$30 per acre to be a fair valuation of said real estate That 28 acres of land is in cultivation and 7 acres in timer, said land could not be rented for more than \$100 per [illegible]. That her personal property consist of one promissory note of \$150 without interest. Also household goods to the amount of \$35. That no one is legally bound to support her. We further certify that she has no other means' [sic] of support than those herein given.

also: That she has not remarried since the death of Thomas Parker

Witness their hands and seals this 20 day of June 1907.

Jackson Ferguson (seal)

P.W. Shepard (seal)

[stamp: U.S. PENSION OFFICE. B JUL 5 1907]

Bureau of Pensions Form January 1898

Certificate No. 235342

Name, Thomas Parker

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D.C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

H [illegible initial] Evans

Commissioner.

Spurgeon

Pike Co.

Ind.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. Mary Burch

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer. Jan 18 1866

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. Clerk of Pike Count

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. No

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. None under 16 years of age

Thomas Parker

(Signature.)

Date of reply, Aug 4, 1898

Handwritten Affidavit of James Black 1907

Western Division

Widows No. 864673

Mary Parker

Thomas Parker

Co I 42 Indiana Vol. Infantry

State of Indiana SS

Pike Co

James A. Black being duly sworn depose and says that he was present and saw claimant, whose maiden name was Burch and Thomas Parker married and to the best of his knowledge thinks it was in the year 1866.

James A Black (seal)

State of Indiana SS

Pike County

Before me John W. Scales a notary public in and for said county and state came James A Black and acknowledged the foregoing affidavit [sic] to be his voluntary act.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 22nd day of July 1907

My com expires Febr [sic] 19, 1908

John W. Scales

Spurgeon Ind.

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Handwritten Affidavit of Sophronia Burch 1907

Western Division

Widows No 864673

Mary Parker

Thomas Parker

Co I 42 Indiana Vol. Inf

I Sophronia Burch, being duly sworn deposes and says that she crossed out] I was present and saw Thomas Parker and Mary Burch married on 17th day of Jan 1866.

That she [crossed out] I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

Witness my hand and seal this 25th day of May 1907 seal

Sophronia Burch

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 25th day of May, 1907.

Thomas W. Shoulders

J.P.

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Handwritten Affidavit of Martin Fowles and G.L. Dunyan 1907

Western Division

Widows No 864673

Mary Parker

Thomas Parker

Co I 42 Indiana Vol Infantry

Martin Fowler and G.L. Dunyan both being duly sworn deposes and say that they have known Claimant and deceased (Thomas Parker) for Twenty years. That they have lived as man and wife for that time and was so living at the time of soldiers [sic] death. That we [crossed out] they have no interest in the prosecution of above claim direct or indirect. Witness their hands and seals this 15 day May 1907

Martin Fowler Seal

G.L. Dunyan Seal

State of Indiana SS

Pike Co

Before me John W. Scales a notary Public in and for said county and state came Martin Fowler and G.L. Dunyan and acknowledged the execution of foregoing affidavit [sic]

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 15 day of May 1907

My com expires Feb. 19 1908

John W. Scales

Spurgeon Ind.

[stamp: U.S. PENSION OFFICE. B JUL 5 1907]

Bureau of Pensions Drop Form December 1906

**DROP ORDER AND REPORT.**

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

FINANCE DIVISION.

Washington, D.C. Dec. 27, 1906

Thomas Parker

(Pensioner.)

235342

(Certificate number.)

Invalid

(Class.)

I-42-Ind [illegible]

(Service.)

U.S. Pension Agent, Indianapolis

SIR: You are hereby directed to drop from the roll the name of the above-described pensioner who died Dec 4, 1906

J.L. Davenport

Acting Commissioner.

REPORT.

Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: The name of the above-described pensioner, who was last paid at \$12 per month to 4 Nov, 1906, has this day been dropped from the roll of this agency.

A.O. Marsh

U.S. Pension Agent.

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT. of Joseph Ferguson

State of Indiana

County of Pike ss:

In the matter of claim for (Full name and relationship of claimant, and name and service of soldier.) Thomas Parker private in Co. "I," 42nd Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Personally came before me, a (Justice, Notary, Judge Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.) Notary Public in and for aforesaid County and State, Joseph Ferguson, aged 66 years, residing at Spurgeon, County of Pike, State of Indiana, and P.W Shepard, aged 60 years, residing at Spurgeon, County of Pike, State of Indiana, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: That we are Persenly[sic] aquainted [sic] with Claimant Thomas Parker have known Him for Fifty years have Lived Neare [sic] Hime [sic] most all the Time Living not to [illegible] any [illegible] Saw Him Most evry [sic] week Have heard Him Complain of Chronic Diarhea [sic] for Thirty year and Chronic Rhumatis [sic] and Heart Trouble or Palpitaions [sic] of Heart and Smothering Spells and Stomach and Bowel trouble. And that That [sic] He is not able to preferme

[sic] manuel [sic] Labor more than one third of His time He being a Farmer He tryes [sic] to work Some but when He Exerts Him Self by Plowing or other Farm work it Brings on those Smothering Spells and Palpitation of Heart He has become greatly reduced in Flesh having Lost in flesh over fifty Lbs [sic] in Last ten year Most men in His Condition would not try to Preform [sic] any labor as He is aman [sic] of geat [sic] Will Power having always been aman [sic] striving to make aliving [sic] for Him Self and Family [rest is missing]

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Surgeon General's Form March 1886  
WAR DEPARTMENT,  
SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION.

Washington, D.C., March 19, 1886

To the Adjutant General, U.S. Army.

Sir: I have the honor to return herewith the papers received from your office in pension claim No. 235.342, with the information that the name of the soldier in question does not appear on the following named records on file in this office: Stevenson, Ala. Sept 1st to Oct. 28, 1863.

The following named records are not on file in this office: Medical records of the Regiment

Remarks: [blank]

By order of the Surgeon General

B F Pope

Surgeon, U.S. Army.

No. 386.705

per TSB