

I Declaration for an Original Pension of a Father. I

State of Penna County of Snyder

On this 3<sup>d</sup> day of October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five

personally appeared before me, Jurriah Gross Prothonotary of the County of Snyder

the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, John Seemer

aged 73 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by Acts of Congress granting pensions to dependent Fathers: That he is the Father of John Seemer

who enl under the name of John Seemer

at Harrisburg Pa on the 25 day of May A. D. 1869

in (1) Co 4<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Regt Pa Cav in the war of rebellion

who (2) was killed near Pass Stone Ga

on the 25 day of May A. D. 1869, who bore at the time of his death the rank of Priv

in (3) 4<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Pa Cav that said son John Seemer

left neither widow nor child under sixteen years of age surviving; that the declarant was married to the mother of said son at Lutheran Church Amerspatte

Mill Berks County, on the 25 day of May, A. D. 1869, by Rev Ulrich

; that he was (4) entirely dependent upon said son for support; that the mother of said son died at Shamokin on the 25 day of Jan A. D. 1885; that there were surviving at date of said son's death his brothers and sisters, who were under sixteen years of age, as follows:

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That he has not heretofore received any applied for a pension (5) claim filed by mother but not settled No 288,672; that he has not aided or abetted the rebellion; that he hereby appoints Milo B Stevens & Co of Washington Dc

his Attorneys to prosecute the above claim; that his residence is at No. 10 street, in the 10 of Shamokin, county of Snyder, State of Penna, and that his Post Office address is Shamokin

Globe Mills

Fred C Alvord  
Henry C Beyer  
Two attesting witnesses who can write their names.

John Seemer  
his  
Signature of Claimant.

1. State company and regiment, if in the army; and vessel, &c., if in the navy.  
2. State nature of wounds and all circumstances attending them, or the disease and manner in which it was incurred, in either

Also personally appeared Fred Allard, residing at Oriental  
Junata, Pa., and Henry M. Boyer  
 residing at Oriental, Junata, Pa. 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  
John Seemer, the claimant, sign his name (make his mark) to the  
 foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their ac-  
 quaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest  
 in the prosecution of this claim.

Fred Allard  
Henry M. Boyer  
 [Signatures of Witnesses.]

If affiants make mark, two witnesses who write sign here.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>d</sup> day of October,  
 A. D. 1885, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c.,  
 were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swear-  
 ing, including the words .....  
 .....erased, and the words .....  
 ..... added; and that I have no  
 interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[SEAL.]

Jeremiah Cruise  
 (Signature.)  
Notary  
 (Official character.)

**NOTES.**

All the blanks in this form should be carefully filled and the requirements of the notes strictly observed.  
 An honorable discharge from the service in all cases is necessary.  
 Declarations of claimants, either for original pension or for increase of pension already granted, must be made before a court  
 of record; or before some officer thereof having custody of its seal; said officer being fully authorized and empowered to administer  
 and certify any oath or affirmation relating to any pension or application therefor.  
 The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credi-  
 ble, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.  
 Declarations and other papers should be as legible and as clear in statement as possible.  
 Where any evidence is already on file in any department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it  
 will render it available in any subsequent claim.  
 The post office address (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be em-  
 bodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while com-  
 municating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.  
 Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be  
 recognized.  
 All facts, testimony of which is required to establish a claim, must be proven by the affidavits of two or more credible witnesses  
 unless other evidence is specified.  
 The statements of claimants, unless duly corroborated, are not accepted as evidence.  
 Testimony, in support of allegations made in a declaration, may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are  
 duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.  
 Persons desiring to complete claims pending at the decease of the claimants, must furnish a duly verified certificate of their  
 authority as heirs or legal representatives.  
 With all claims for arrears, increase, or restoration to the rolls, the original pension certificate must be returned, or explanation  
 of its absence must be given under oath.  
 To facilitate the adjudication of claims, all the requisite evidence that is available should be forwarded with the application.

PENSION OFFICE  
 OCT-9 1885  
 FATHER'S SERVICE

**Claim for Pension.**

ORIGINAL.

John Seemer Applicant,  
 Father of John Seemer  
 Regt.,  
 Vols.  
 1885  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Washington  
DC