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DROP REPORT—PENSIONER

MARGARET A WELLS
R R 1 BOX 585
957235
JOPLIN MO C W WID

..... Cert. No.
Pensioner
Soldier
Service
Class

Remarks

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

OCT 16 1931

The name of the above-described pensioner
who was last paid at the rate of \$ 50
per month to SEP 4 1931
has this day been dropped from the roll be-
cause of DEATH Sept-19-1931

Vet. Adm. PENSION *W.H. Holmes*

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., July 9, 1880.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st day of Oct., 1879, requesting a "Statement of Service" of Preston Wells. The following information has been obtained from the files of this Office, and is furnished in reply to your inquiry. No. 277,799.

In the case of Preston Wells there is no original Enlistment or Muster-in Roll showing him to have been enrolled or mustered into the service of the United States as an enlisted man in Company H of the 21st Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, on file in this Office up to date.

The Muster-Rolls of Company H of that Regiment contain the following evidence of service:

Enlisted as a Private, Jan'y 5, 1862, at
Boston, Mo. to serve 3 years. Present
for Jan'y and Feb'y, 1862, is reported Private
present. Is absent to Jan'y and Feb'y, 63, when
reported absent. Sick in Hospital at Nashville.
Company was in action at the battle of Stone
River, Tenn. Jan'y 1, 63. Present to Aug
31, 63. Left and Oct. 13 absent. Missing in
action Sept. 20, 63. Company was in action
Sept. 19, 20, 63, at Chickamauga Ga. - Name
dropped from rolls. He was mustered
out on Detach. No. 1, 13/65.
at Springfield, Ill. with rank of Capt.
and by the company at the battle of Chickamauga
Ga. Sept. 20, 1863.

Copies of these records should be sent to Preston Wells or Wells

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of medical treatment or disability on said records.
This report is accepted as referring to Preston Wells Co
'H' 21 Ills Vols

The records of this office do not furnish any
evidence of service on September 1863
nor show instance of sickness reported on Mo.
Roll for Jan'y and Feb'y 1863.

Company Army Report Book April 22 1863 shows
him "Returned to duty from Gen. C. Heisk's Louisiana
"H" 21 Ills Vols.

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

H. C. Miller
Assistant Adjutant General
(8)

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

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DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

Act of May 1, 1920.

State of Missouri, County of Jasper

On this 23rd day of October, 1924, personally appeared Mrs. Margaret A. Wells before me the undersigned, who makes the following declaration as an application for pension under the provisions of the act of Congress approved May 1, 1920.

That she is 77 years of age, that she was born January 15th, 1847, at Barry County, Missouri, and that her post-office address is Joplin, Missouri, Route #1 - Box 585.

That she is the widow of Preston Wells, who ENLISTED 6th of January, 1862, at _____, under the name of Preston Wells; in Company H, 21st Illinois (Here state company and regiment, if in the Army; or vessel, if in the Navy.) Inf. and was honorably

DISCHARGED Feb, 13th, 1865 Springfield, Illinois having served ninety days or more, or was discharged for, or died in service of the United States of a disability incurred in the service in the line of duty, during the CIVIL WAR, and who

DIED October 19, 1924, at Joplin, Missouri, (Royal Heights)

That he also served in none (Here give a complete statement of all other military, naval, or coast guard service, if any, at whatever time rendered.)

and that, except as herein stated, said soldier (or sailor) was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States;

THAT SHE WAS MARRIED to said soldier (or sailor) July 7, 1870, at Washburn, Mo., by Williamson Beaman

that she had not been previously married, that he had not been previously married;

That she was NOT divorced from the soldier (or sailor) and that she has NOT remarried since his death;

That the following are the ONLY children OF THE SOLDIER (or sailor) who are now living and are under sixteen years of age; (If he left no children under sixteen years of age, the claimant should so state.)

- born _____, 1. _____, at _____
- born _____, 1. _____, at _____
- born _____, 1. _____, at _____
- born _____, 1. _____, at _____
- born _____, 1. _____, at _____
- born _____, 1. _____, at _____

That she has not heretofore applied for pension, the number of her former claim being _____; that said soldier (or sailor) was _____ a pensioner, the number of his pension certificate being 321037

Two attesting witnesses

(1) Benoia Scott
(Signature of first witness.)
R.R. #1 - Joplin, Mo.
(Address of first witness.)
Edward B. Oberly
(Signature of second witness.)
R. R. #1 Joplin, Mo.
(Address of second witness.)

Margaret A. Wells
(Claimant's signature in full.)
R. R. #1 - Box 585 - Joplin, Mo.
(Claimant's address in full.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of October, 1924, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words _____ erased, and the words _____ added; and that I have no interest,

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION

Acts of June 27, 1890, May 9, 1900, and July 1, 1902.

NOTICE—This application may be sworn to before a JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, NOTARY PUBLIC, or before a Clerk of Court

State of Missouri, County of Newton ss:

ON THIS 7 day of July, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and three personally appeared before me, R. P. Mitchell, Notary Public

within and for the County and State aforesaid, Preston Wells

aged 60 years, a resident of the City of Granby, County of Newton, State of Missouri, who being duly sworn according to

law, declares that he is the identical Preston Wells who was Enrolled on

the 6 day of July, 1862, in Private Co H 21st Regment Illinois infantry Volunteers
(Here state rank, company, and regiment if in the military service, or vessel if in the navy, and all the service in the Federal Army.)

in the service of the United States in the War of the Rebellion, and served at least ninety days and was Honorably Discharged at: Springfield Ill., on the 13

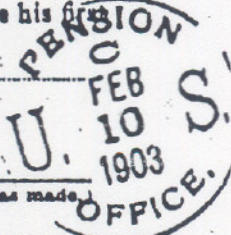
day of July, 1865. That he has not been employed in the Military or Naval service of the United States, prior to July 6th 1862

(Here state what the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.)
or subsequent to July 13th 1865

That he is Totally unable to earn a support by manual labor by reason of Shinck of humer
(Here name the disease or injuries from which disabled)
and Adherent cicatrices on right leg and back
and contracted tendons and atrophic muscles of
right foot, Simal Muscular Atrophy and
enlargement Prostate gland

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent, and have existed since his application. That he has applied for pension, the said claim being No. 321037

That he has been a pensioner under Certificate No. 321037



If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application if one was made. Erasing to suit the facts.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States under the provisions of the Acts of June 27, 1890, of May 9, 1900, and of July 1, 1902.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, T. W. TALLMADGE of Washington, D. C., his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim, and to receive therefor a fee of TEN dollars; that his Post-Office address is Granby
County of Newton State of Missouri

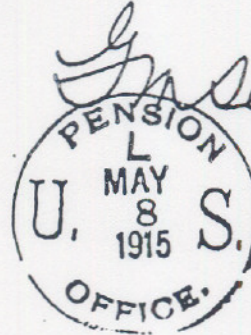
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

Sir: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

PRESTON WELLS
GRANBY MO
321037
ACT MAY



G. Saenger
Commissioner

No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer: *May, 23, 1842, Coles County, Illinois*

The name of organizations in which you served? Answer: *Twenty first Illinois Infantry, Company 2d*

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer: *West field, Clark County, Illinois*

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer: *Margaret Abigail Wells nee Cornelison*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: *July, 7, 1870, Barry Co., Mo. by William son Seamster (clergyman)*

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? Answer: *Yes*

If so, where? Answer: *Cassville, Barry County, Missouri*

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer: *No*

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer: *No*

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer: *No separation*

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer:

- William Jesse Wells, May, 16, 1871*
- Lelah Wells, October, 1, 1872*
- Celia Wells, March, 5, 1874*
- Anna Wells, October, 1, 1875*