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August 7, 1981

Stones River National Battlefield
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Attention: Stones River Historian

Dear Sir:

Several years ago, my daughter, Evelyn Grady from St. Louis, visited your Museum and talked with the historian. She was on her way to Memphis and recognized the name Stones River from our family history, so she decided to stop.

After talking with the historian about the life-size pictures of men in Civil War uniforms on the walls, she recalled that I have a picture of my great grandfather, Johann Riddermann, who was in the battle of Stones River. He was in the Ohio Infantry and his uniform is probably one from the Ohio Militia. I am enclosing a picture of him in that uniform and excerpts from his Pension Records referring to the Stones River battles.

Because he was unable to substantiate his claim of injury, his original pension request was turned down. He was injured again in the early 1900's and was then granted a pension. Johann was a recent immigrant from Germany at the time of his enlistment and no doubt his inability to speak English caused him some problems.

If you have any information in your records that would add to what is in the enclosed pension record I would be grateful if you would send it to me.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Peterson

Mailing Address:

Dorothy Peterson
4227 N. 31st Street
Phoenix, AZ 85016

In the Claim of John Ridderman
late of Co I 9th Ohio Infy
N^o 207,069. - Invalid Pense

State of Missouri
County of Clinton

On this 3rd day of August
A.D. 1881, personally appeared before
the undersigned a Notary Public for and
within the County and State aforesaid
John Ridderman, who is personally
known to me and after being duly
sworn upon his oath deposes and says:

That he is the identical John Ridderman
who is an applicant for pension, his
claim filed as N^o 207,069. - being for
and account of injuries received while
in the service of the U.S. as a member
of the 9th Company of the 9th Regt Ohio Infy,
while on detached service with Capt
Hovats Battery 4th Ky -

That the circumstances under which he
contracted his disability are as follows
to wit:

About a week before the battle of
Stone river, also called Murfreesboro, on
Dec. 31, 1862 - he was detailed first as
Guard with said battery and afterwards,
with said battery and was
engaged in said battle aforesaid as one
of the gunners or Artillery men.

That he incurred an account and
Captured all the guns of said battery

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except that on which deponent was on,
and that this gun was saved to the
Union on account of the exhibition of
this deponent in hitching horses together
and mounting the shell horse retrograde
towards the Union line. on his way to
the Union line the horse upon which he
was riding was shot down, fell
and the wheel of the gun ^{passed} passed
over his right foot near ankle, fracturing
some of the bones, dislocating ankle
and badly lacerating his said foot and
leg. The horses passed on and this
gun was saved.

All of the men engaged on said
battery were killed or captured or had
retreated without their guns, he was
a stranger to all and has not seen
any one since.

Deponent was taken off of the field of
battle, treated for his wound by unknown
MS. surgeons, and sent to U.S. Hospital
at Nashville Tenn. where he remained several
weeks, (name of Hospital not known) then
was sent to his Regiment where he remained
a few days, perhaps ten days, and then
sent in an ambulance to Memphis Tenn.
where he remained some 8 days, was
treated for his wound and after a
examination by a board of surgeons sent
to Convalescence Camp at Nashville Tenn
where he remained about a week and

was recommended by a board of U.S. Surgeons and then assigned to Co "C" Capt Schmidt 15th U.S. Inf., being 1st U.S. Invalid Corps and wherein he served till the 2nd of May 1864, when he was discharged.

Since his discharge aforesaid he served in no other military or naval service.

His said injury is a permanent one, permanently dislocating his ankle and foot disqualifying from manual labor, and medical aid is useless, except that off and on uses liniments to relieve pain and inflammation.

He has been engaged as farmer since the war, yet he is and always will be unable to perform all kind of labor requiring use of his said foot, on account of said injury.

A great portion of the time he is entirely disabled to work, and at other times he can do light work such as will not require use of his said foot.

From the history of the case, it must appear that deponent can not furnish evidence of Officers or Comrades, showing occurrence of his injury. The records of the war department and of said battery, etc, deponent supposes to contain the same, and perhaps show the faithful service, with which, as was actually performed, justly

by deponent.

Deponent has received all letters
of Agents of Attorney to parties claiming
to represent him, and offered to pay
for their services, and such Agents
may be entitled to for services rendered
and he desires to have all papers
and communications in relation
to his claim sent to him at
Keasgow Missouri which is his
Post Office address!

John P. DePommery

Known and subscribed to before me
the 3rd day of August A.D. 1881.
and I certify that I have no
interest direct or indirect in
the prosecution of any claim for
which this may be used.

Witness my hand and
Notary Seal at Office
in Bonmarwick Mo
the day of August

John H. Cunningham
Notary Public



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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Missouri County of Chariton 55

IN the matter of the application for pension of John Widderman

Co. H 9th Regt Ohio Infy

ON THIS 18 day of December A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me, a

Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths.

Robert R. Postenfield aged 61 years, a resident of

in the County of Chariton and State of Missouri

whose Post Office address is Cozzell Mo and

J. H. Postenfield aged 24 years, a resident of

in the County of Chariton and State of Missouri

whose Post Office address is Cozzell Mo

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case

as follows:

we have known the Claimant John Widderman four years. we know him to be crippled in his right foot which we are informed was caused while he was in the U.S. Service. But we have personal knowledge as to his injury to his left leg and hip which injuries were contracted without fault of his own. on August the 20 day 1900 said Widderman was patching some plastering overhead in School House and while at work fell from a scaffold and struck a stove with his left leg and hip and broke it and we picked him up and carried him and put him in a bed the front part of School House



we further declare that we have no interest in said case and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Robert R. Postenfield J. H. Postenfield

If there is any mark, two witnesses who are well known to me...

207.009

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, January 9, 1882.

Respectfully returned to the Commission of Pension
 John Ridderman Pvt Company "H", 9th Regiment
 Ohio Volunteers, was enrolled on the 27th day of
 May, 1861, at Camp Dennison (342), and
 is reported: on roll from Small to Aug 31/61, Present,
 and so borne to June 30/62. Roll for
 July & Aug 1862: Sick at Nashville since Aug 29/62,
 Same to Dec 31/62 on Co Rolls. Returned
 Jan 1863: Sick at Nashville. Roll Jan & Feb/63,
 Present. (Co near Gallatin Tenn Dec 31/62).
 Roll Mar & Apr/63, Present. May & June 1863:
 Sick at Manchester Tenn, since May 27, 1863.
 Same to Feb 29/64. Mar & Apr/64: Transferred
 to Invalid Corps. Name not borne on rolls
 Co "G", 9th Ohio Vols.

Feb
1863
med.
etc

Transferred to Co. L. 15th Regt. V.P.L. (from Co. G, 9th
 Ohio Vols.) Aug 26, 1863, and mustered out June 7, 1864

There is no Youatt's or Kocatt's Battery
 Arty. known to this office. Battery "B" (Capt
 Horwitt) Arty. Lt. Arty. was engaged at the Battle
 of Stone River, Dec. 31/62. John Ridderman or
 similar name, is not borne on the rolls of
 said battery from Sept. 1st, 1862 to Feb'y 28/63.

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4/1/63
7/1/63

The records of this office furnish no evidence
 of alleged injury at Stone River Tenn Books of the
 Battery not on file

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1/1/82

There are no records of the Post or U. S. Forces at
 Nashville, Tenn., covering date, on file.

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Aug. 23/98
M. J. Riddeman

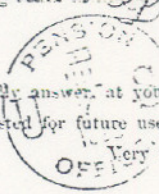
Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C. June 27, 1898

Sir:

Will you kindly 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 family.



Very respectfully,

M. J. Riddeman
Ms.

Commissioner

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: Annie Riddeman it was Annie Beckmann

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: Sept 5th 1871 by

Father Bull, a Catholic Priest in the city of Dullman
Prussia

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: Record of Catholic Church

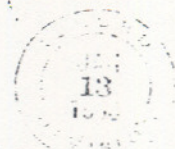
No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce. Answer: No

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth. Answer:

Annie Riddeman	Born	June 10 th	1872
Mary	"	December 29 th	1873
Sophia	"	April 28 th	1882
Theodore	"	April 29 th	1885
Clara	"	Nov 26 th	1888
Joseph	"	June 5 th	1893
Lizzie	"	May 19 th	1895

Date of reply July 2nd 1898

John Riddeman
(Signature)



Johann Riddermann mit Hiddingsel, Sohn des verstorbenen
 Anton Riddermann in Hiddingsel und Anna Bockmann in
 Hausdülmen ließen ihre Ehe anpflegen 1800 ein und siebenzig
 - 1871 d. 5. September - fünften.

Das Pfingstamt dieser Pfarrei hat bekräftigt auf Grund der
 vorliegenden Aktenstücke

Dülmen d. 17. December 1907.

Boerste Pf.



(free-translation of above-:)

John Riddermann of Hiddingsel, son of Anton Riddermann dec'd late
 of Hiddingsel, and Anna Bockmann of Hausdülmen, were united in
 holy bands of wedlock (married) on the 5th day of September
 1871.

I certify to the correctness of above transcript from the
 parochial civil-records of Dülmen, thus made this 17th December
 1907. Seal-) -----Boerste, Pastor.



Act of June 22, 1890, as amended by act of May 9, 1900.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

STATE OF *Missouri*
COUNTY OF *Chariton*

On this *1st* day of *November*, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and *seven*
personally appeared before me a *Notary Public* within and for the county and
State aforesaid, *Anna Ridderman* aged *58* years,
a resident of *Sholt* County of *Chariton*
State of *Missouri*, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following
declaration in order to obtain pension under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 22,
1890, as amended by the act of May 9, 1900.

That she is the widow of *John Ridderman* who was
Enrolled under the name of *John Ridderman*
(Enrolled or commissioned) *not known*
at _____ on the _____ day of _____, 18____
as a *Private* in *Company H 9th Ohio Regiment* and
(Here state rank and designation of organization or corps of soldier)
honourably discharged _____, 18____, having served ninety days or more during the late war of the
rebellion. That the soldier was *not* in the military or naval service of the United States except as stated above.
(If any other service it should be stated in full.)

That she was married under the name of *Anna Boeckman* to said soldier
at *Fried Dulman Germania* on the *5th* day of *September*, 187____
by *Rev. Wm. Ruelle*; that there was no legal barrier to the marriage;
that she had *not* been previously married; that the soldier had *not* been previously married.
(If there was a prior marriage of either, the date and place of death or divorce of former consort or consorts should be stated.)

That the said soldier died *Sept 25th 1907*, at *Sholt Mo.*
that she was not divorced from him; that she has not remarried since his death; and that she is without other
means of support than her daily labor and an actual net income not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars
per year.

That the said soldier left the following-named children who are now living and under sixteen years of
age, to wit:

- Josephina Ridderman* born *June 5th 1893*, at *Sholt Mo*
- Elizabeth* " " born *May 19 1895*, at " "
- born _____, 18____, at _____
- born _____, 18____, at _____
- born _____, 18____, at _____
- born _____, 18____, at _____

That she has *not* heretofore applied for pension. (If prior application has been made, the number, date, and location of such application should be stated.)

That she hereby appoints _____ (If she desires to employ an attorney.)

of _____ her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute this claim.
That her post office address is *Sholt*
County of *Chariton* State of *Missouri*

ATTEST: (1) *John T. Hale* *Anna Ridderman*
Wm. H. H. H. (Witness signature)

15 V. R. O. *R 9* *John*

John Riddiman
Bat. 19 Co. 1 Part'n Invalid Corps*

Company Muster and Descriptive Roll
of the organization named above. Roll dated

Not dated

Where born *Hatfield, Maine*

Age *23* yrs; occupation *Boatman*

When enlisted *May 27, 1861*

Where enlisted *Comp. 3rd Maine*

Present or absent *3* years.

Complexion *fair* hair *dark*

When mustered in *height 5 ft. 0 in.*

Where mustered in *1861*

To what time last paid *July 26, 1863*

Money paid \$ *100* day, die, \$ *100*

Outstanding account:

Last settled *1861* balance since \$ *73.73*

Date of first muster *May 27, 1861*

Present or absent *Not dated*

Co. and Reg't from which transferred *No. 11*

Remarks: *Not dated*

Book mark: *Not dated*

Brammer (Sign)

15 V. R. O. *R 9* *0*

John W. McClellan
Co. 6, 15 Reg't Veteran Res. Corps.

Company Muster and Descriptive Roll
of the organization named above. Roll dated

Not dated

Where born *Not dated*

Age *23* yrs; occupation *Not dated*

When enlisted *Not dated*

Where enlisted *Not dated*

Present or absent *3* years.

Complexion *Not dated* height *Not dated*

When mustered in *Not dated*

Where mustered in *Not dated*

To what time last paid *Not dated*

Money paid \$ *100* day, die, \$ *100*

Outstanding account:

Last settled *Not dated* balance since \$ *3.10*

Date of first muster *Not dated*

Present or absent *Not dated*

Co. and Reg't from which transferred *Not dated*

Remarks: *Not dated*

Book mark: *Not dated*

Brammer (Sign)

15 V. R. O. *R*

John Riddiman
Bat. 19 Co. 1 Part'n Invalid Corps*

Company Muster Roll

for *Aug 26 to 31* 1863.

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for *100*

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for *100*

Co. and Reg't from which transferred

Remarks:

Book mark:

Brammer (Sign)

15 V. R. O. *R 9* *John*

John Riddiman
Co. 75 Co. 1 Part'n Invalid Corps*

Company Muster Roll

for *Sept 1 to Oct* 1863.

Present or absent *Not dated*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for *100*

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for *100*

Co. and Reg't from which transferred *No. 11*

Remarks:

Book mark:

Brammer (Sign)

John Williamson
Co. 9 Regt Ohio Infantry.

Appears on Returns as follows:

Lucy A. d. Hamblett

sett at Newhalltown

May 2 June 1862 Clarkton

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at Newhalltown

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(610) *William* copyist