

17 September 1884 DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVAILD PERSON

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D., one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, personally appeared before me, Clerk of the county Court, a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid Andrew Gstach aged 49 years, a resident of Goshen, Oldham County State of Kentucky who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Andrew Gstach who was enrolled on \_\_\_\_ day of February, 1862 in Company "M" of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Ohio Light Arty commanded by Capt. Schultz and was honorably Discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio on the \_\_\_\_ day of February, 1865 that his personal description is as follows: Age 49 years height 5 feet 7 ¾ inches; complexion Fair; eyes gray hair brown. ...he was engaged in the battle [of Chickamauga] and while firing off the cannon (he was no. 4) a piece of the cap struck his left eye injuring it severely form the effects of which he has entirely lost the sight of his left eye and also during the battle of Stone River, Tenn. Dec 31/62 he was wounded by a piece of shell on the right leg splintering the shin bone he is very much disabled from performing manual labor through the effects of said injuries.

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: was treated in field hospital in January 1863 and Stone River for about one week was not treated in hospital for wound of his eye but was treated by the Surgeon of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ind. Vols.

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the counties of Jefferson & Oldham in the State of Kentucky and his occupation has been that of a dairyman.

4 October 1884 REQUEST made for records of the WAR DEPARTMENT for Andrew Gstach. While serving in Co. "In" 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Ohio Light Art. He was disabled by shell wound of the right led at battle of Stone River Tenn., 31 Dec. 1862; also by injury to left eye from firing cannon at Chickamauga, Ga., on Sept. 22 1863 and was treated in hospitals of which the names, locations, and dates of treatment are as follows; Field hospital, Stone River, for one week in Jan., 1863. Treated by surgeon of the 32 Ind. Vols. (Statement made by Andrew Gstach)

22 October 1884 ORIGINAL FOR A BOARD

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant who claims that while in the service of the United States at or near a place named "Stone River and Chickamauga, and while in line of duty, on ar about the day of January 1, Sept, 1862/63 he incurred shell wound of left leg and injury to eye and that in consequence thereof he is 5/8 disabled fir earning his substance by manual labor.

His pulse rate is 80 per minute; his respiration Lo; his temperature 98 5/10; his height is 5 feet 11 ¾ inches; he weights 162 pounds, and state that he is 49 years of age.

Touching the cause and degree of the disability for which he claims a pension, he makes the following statement: "My first \_\_\_\_ No 4 when I fired off the Cannon piece of Cap \_\_\_\_ in my left eye at Battle Chickamauga My eye became \_\_\_\_ until I lost- When the shell hit my leg if \_\_\_\_ out about time every change of the \_\_\_\_"

The examination reveals the following objective facts in support of his statements: On aut \_\_\_\_\_ bia is a acute dark pigmented two inches long ¾ inches wide oral \_\_\_\_ very thin and till imitable with a \_\_\_\_ cab at his lower extremely occasionally braking open \_\_\_\_ vein in \_\_\_\_ No difference in Mes \_\_\_\_ of legs.



Los of left eye nothing but st\_\_\_\_p left sight eye I \_\_\_\_ pathetically affected Vision \_\_\_\_ to one half \_\_\_\_\_ (or blinking)

He is, in our opinion entitled to a 1/8 rating for the disability caused by injury to leg, for that caused by loss of eye 1/2 the sum of which aggregates 5/8

19 November 1884 ...Andrew Gstach aged 49 years, a resident of the County of Oldham in the State of Kentucky. Post Office address is Goshen, County of Oldham State of Kentucky and states that when he first came home from the Army in Feb. 1865 he resided in Rolling Town, Jefferson County, Kentucky until November 1868 his Post Office address was Pee Vee Valley, Jefferson County, (now in Hopkins County) Kentucky for the first six months he was unable to do any work he was staying with his relations who were farming and when he became better and was able to do anything would assist them what he could was only able to do light jobs and not able to do that one fourth of the time. Then went to reside at Goshen, Oldham County, Ky. post office the same had a \_\_\_\_ of the dairy for Mr. Sam Snowden until April 1873 was now unable to do hard work only super intended the dairy my foot was then bad again and I had to quit and return to my relatives at Rolling town Ky. and remained with them until Oct 1874 for five months was not able to do anything and the balance of the time but little. I then I went back to Mr. Snowden at Goshen, Oldham County, Kentucky to superintended his dairy have been with him ever since in that capacity not being able to hard work about 1877 in the spring was laid up unable to do anything for about three months about the end of 1879 was again laid up for somewhere around seven months in 1883 in the spring was laid up for between two or three month. His right leg was injured at Battle of Stone River Tenn. In Jan/63 by a piece of shell splintering the shin bone was treated by the Surgeon of some Ind. Regt. does not remember his name for a month or six weeks then returned to duty and at Battle of Chickamauga Sep 22/63 while firing off a Cannon a piece of the cap struck his left eye injuring it severely it has grown worse and he has now lost the sight who was treated by some Doctor but does not know his name was treated since discharge by Dr. Duerson of Goshen Ky. until three years ago when the Dr. moved away and has since died. Since by Dr. Thompson of Goshen, Ky.

17 December 1884 ORIGINAL INVAILD CLAIM

Andrew Gstach P.O. Goshen, Oldham County, Ky. [Claim was] Rejected on the ground of Claimants failure after a reasonable time and due notification to furnish necessary evidence to establish the claim. (the above was stamped on the application) The claim was re reviewed on 5 January 1888

18 April 1885: response to above (4 October 1884) from SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT. ... that the name of the soldier in question does not appear on the following named records in file in the Office: "Records of wounded pertaining to the battle of Stone River Tenn. Dec 30/62 to Jan. 3/63, and of Chickamauga, Ga. Sept 19 & 20/63."

The following named records are not on file in this Office:

Field Hosp. Stone River, Tenn. bearing the case: Medical records of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Lt Arty



or of the 5<sup>th</sup> M.I. Vet Vols. Medical records of the 31<sup>st</sup> Ind. Vols.

#### 21 April 1885 STATEMENT FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERALS OFFICE

Andrew Gstach, a Pvt. Of Company M. 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Ohio L. Arty. Volunteers, was enrolled on the 15 day of Sept. 1861 at Cincinnati Ohio. 3 years and is reported: On rolls to Dec 31, 61 presence or absence not stated. Returns prior to Nov 61 not on file. Returns for Nov. & Dec. 61 do not report him absent. Roll Jan & Feb 62 present same to Apr. 30 62. Rolls from Apr 30 to Oct 31. 62 not on file. Returns for that period not on file. Roll Nov. & Dec. 62 present, same to Oct 31. 64. Mustered out with Co. Dec. 13.64 Camp Dennison, Ohio. Return for Jan 63 does not report him absent. Regt. was in action Dec. 31.62 Stone River Tenn. Sept 19-20.63 at Chickamauga, Ga. Return for Sept. 63 not on file. Name Andrew Gstach not home.

Andrew Gstach Pvt. Co. "D" 5 US Vet Vols. was enrolled March 25 1865 at Cincinnati for 1 year.

Rolls from enrollment to Feb 28 1866 report him present.

He was mustered out with CO. March 31 1866 a Pvt. at New York City.

The records of this office furnished no evidence of alleged wound and injury.

Morning reports Co. D 5<sup>th</sup> US Vet Vols. show him Nov 30 65 duty to sick- Jan 29 '66 duty to amst - Feb 7 '66 amst to duty. (*not sure on amst could be asnst, for absent?*)

No Regimental hospital records (1<sup>st</sup> O. Lt Art or 5<sup>th</sup> US vet Vols.) Company morning reports prior to Nov '64 (1<sup>st</sup> O. Lt Art) nor company returns (1<sup>st</sup> O Lt. Art) on file.

#### 22 April 1889 GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

from Louis Gephart [who in September 1891 did not remember anything in regard to the injuries or wounds of Andrew Gstach.]

State of Ohio, County of Montgomery: In the matter of Claim for pension of Andrew Gstach.

Louis Gephart aged 62 years, a resident of National Military Home in the County of Montgomery and State of Ohio.

Well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he remembers distinctly that the above mentioned soldier with whom he served during the late war in the same company and regiment-became disabled during their terms of service as follows: During the battle of Stone River, Tenn. and on the first day of January 1863 the above named soldier was wounded by a piece of a shell in the right leg, so that he was unable to do any duty for about 14 days afterwards.

Also: During the battle of Chickamauga Tenn. On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1863 and during discharging the guns, a piece of a cap struck the Claimants left eye and injured the same very badly. That Affidavit would also state that the said Andrew Gstach had been a very strong-sound and able bodied man at the date of enlistment and was especially free from any disease or injury of his eyes; That shortly after the piece of cap had struck the Claimants left eye, the same became sore and much inflamed and that the sight of same became gradually more and more impaired, so that he was hardly able to see anything with same at date of his discharge from the service on or about Dec. 3 1864. That Affidavit would further state that he has seen the Claimant frequently after their discharge from the



service and until about in the year 1867 at and in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. Sometimes weekly and monthly and that he has always found him then in a worse condition, his eyelid being nearly closed up, so that he was not able to see anything at last.

22 April 1889 GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

of John Probasco [who in September 1891 did not remember the name of the man.]

State of Ohio, County of Montgomery: In the matter of Claim for pension of Andrew Gstach.

John Probasco aged 71 years, a resident of National Military Home in the County of Montgomery and State of Ohio.

Well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he has served with the above named Claimant in the same company and regiment and that he was well acquainted with him during their form of service. That the said Andrew Gstach was at date of his enlistment a strong-sound and able bodied man and remained so until about the first day of January 1863 when he was wounded during the battle of Stone River, Tenn. Jan 1, 1863 by a piece of a shell in the right leg. That Affidavit remembers also distinctly that the said Andrew Gstach was badly injured of left eye by a piece of a cap while engaged in the battle of Chickamauga, Tenn. November 26 1863. That the Affidavit remembers the above stated facts very plainly for the reason, that he was present when said Claimant was wounded and injured as above described.

That Affidavit remembers also that the Claimant sight of left eye became worse from time to time so that he could not re-enlist as a Veteran in the same organization.

1 July 1889 GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Ohio, County of Montgomery

In the matter of Andrew Gstach late a Moulder in Co. "M" of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't of O Lt Art Vols, for original Pension. On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July AD 1889, personally appeared before me, a Clerk of Court in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths John Deis aged 52 years, a resident of Dayton in the County of Montgomery and State of Ohio whose post office address is Dayton O and well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

I have been Orderly Sergeant of the above Co and Regt and know Mr. Andre Gstach who served in the Battery with me. I know well that his eye sight was good when he enlisted in the Battery that he was a good a faithful Soldier always ready to due his duty but I can't remember of him being hurt by a piece of cap or otherwise. He was at the Battle of Chickamauga and Stone River. I have seen him lately and his eye sight is not good.

#### DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION

5 August 1890

State of Kentucky

County of Jefferson

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety, personally



appeared before me, Clerk of the county Court, a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid Andrew Gstach aged 57 years, a resident of Goshen, Oldham County State of Kentucky who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Andrew Gstach who was enrolled on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1861 in 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Light and Battery M as private in the War of the Rebellion and served at least ninety days and was Honorably discharged at Camp Dennison Ohio on the 13 day of Feb 1861. That he is wholly unable to earn support by reason of total blindness of left eye and partial blindness of right eye, shell wound about 10 inches below knee on right leg.

Letter written by Andrew Gstach to the Commission of Pensions

Louisville, Ky. Aug 18, 1890

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I was a volunteer in the late war, and served 3 years 2 months. In the beginning I served in Buells' army at Corinth [Mississippi]. We had gotten orders to join Grant's army but could not do so in as much as Grant had been repulsed before, but after 3 days and 2 nights march joined him at Savannah at the evening about 8 o'clock and in a short time after our arrival we returned Grants repulse near the river and now the battle having brought to him about 50,000 new. We came there from the point about 15 miles above Savannah. At that town on our march to that city with out rations as provisions for about 3 days at least.

During the battle of Shiloh a fight of about 3 or 4 days without rations n provisions. After the fight was [won] we had to follow the rebels to Chattanooga, on this road to Louisville which they came near taking.

The second battle we had was Stone River in January and staid there 3 days in December where rebels made a charge on us and broke the lines on the night of McCook's and the fight lasted about 4 days. From the last charge of the rebel army at Stone River we defeated them and they retreated to Atlanta and followed the rebels to the Tennessee River. The rebel army to Chattanooga but our division was ordered to forty miles below Chattanooga. To cut the rebels off from munitions then the rebels had to fall back to Chattanooga to reinforce them selves.

We faced the rebels before we got across the river. We crossed the river and two mountains in cause to the Raccoon Mountain and had a two days hard battle with them. Longstreet came with 20,000 men from Virginia in front of our Battery we in facing the Rebel army and defeated us and had to be reinforced in order to save us.

We had then to go to Atlanta: From the battle of Chattanooga we had to follow the rebels to Atlanta a long distance soon we brought the battle to a close. By General Sherman going behind the town shelling the place and cutting off all the efforts the rebels from any help about 10 miles we cut off all communications with them.



Our army fought the battle in the United States \_\_\_\_\_ by degrees. I ask the government of the Country for a pension which they do not design to grant.

I am almost totally blind and troubled with a shell wound in my right foot owing to my army service. I have given a description why I am entitled to a pension now if grant it all might but all I had said had been and can be proved and Justice demands that my claim be formally considered.

I have been living in the Country but I am now living 331 Washington St. bet. Floyd and Preston.

Hoping to hear from you soon

I am yours very truly,  
Andrew Gstach

#### 12 December 1890 GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Kentucky County of Shelby, in the matter of Andrew Gstach  
Charles Bodkin aged 27 years whose post office is Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky.  
That he has been well acquainted with Andrew Gstach the above named claimant for about three months- since he has been employed by Mr. Jno A. Middleton at this place that he knows said claimant is now entirely blind in his left eye that he also knows he has a wounded right leg for which he suffers severe pain and that he is also afflicted with Rheumatism- That the claimant has only been living in this County about three months and he did not know him prior to his coming here-That from affidavits knowledge of Claimants said disabilities that he believes he is incapacitated from hard labor at least 1/3 his time and he further believes that claimants said disabilities are not due to vicious habits and that they are of a permanent Character.

#### 12 December 1890 NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT

Charles O'Rourke ages 63 years, a resident of Louisville, Washington [Street] between Preston and Jackson, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky.  
That he has been well and personally acquainted with Andrew Gstach for 16 years and that he has labored with his as a hand-in many places during these years- at Goshen, Oldham County, Kentucky at Saul Snowdens for about 8 or 9 years and other places- at different times. Have been working for the past three months with him at Jno A, Middleton's at Shelbyville, Shelby Co. KY I can state that the said Gstach at the time I first became acquainted with him was almost blind in his left eye and that for the past 10 or 12 years he has been entirely blind in said left eye- Can also state that he has also a wound on right leg and that he had that wound when I first knew him and that he contracted said wound in the line of duty while a soldier in the late war as I have been always told by him and his family and can also state that he has suffered since I knew him first and until now from rheumatism causing aches and pains in his body and limbs. I think that said claimant has been \_\_\_\_\_ now incapacitated from hard labor about 1/2 his time and I believe that said disabilities are not due to vicious habits and that they are of a permanent character.

#### 12 December 1890 PHYSICIANS AFFIDAVIT



R.D. Poutt MD age 31 years a resident of Shelbyville in the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky

1<sup>st</sup> Complete atrophy of left eye the ball is completely atrophied and covered by sight destroyed in that eye. It is probably due to some injury acquired some time since which penetrated the posterior chamber of eye. Total disability in that eye

2<sup>nd</sup> Di\_\_ Inguinal hernia on left side only partially \_\_\_\_ cable

3<sup>rd</sup> Scar of old ulcer on right leg at present covered by thin skin but liable to reoccur

My examination made today (Dec 12/90) and I don not think that any of his disabilities are due to any vicious habit of applicant and that they of a permanent character and that his is disabled ½ of manual labor.

22 September 1891 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR REQUEST

Request made for knowledge of any wounds or injuries while in service. To John , Probasco and Louis Gephart both residing at the National Military Home in Montgomery, Ohio. John Probasco stated that he could not remember the name of the man. Louis Gephart stated that he did not remember anything in regard to the injuries or wounds of Andrew Gstach.

24 September 1891 RESPONSE made to COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

Alouis Gstach was not reported absent was in action of Stone River and Chickamauga The company and regiment was as follows. Jan 1 1863 Murfreesboro Tenn. Nov 26 1863 Chattanooga Tenn.

7 October 1891 SURGEONS CERTIFICATE

Andrew Gstach Post office Goshen, Oldham County, Kentucky

....that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz: Total blindness of the left eye by apiece of shell while firing off a cannon at battle of Chickamauga and \_\_\_\_ a shell wound of left leg at battle of Stone River and has a \_\_\_\_ of left side for 3 years.

Pulse rate, 68 respiration 18, temperature 98 height 5 feet 11 inches; weight 156 pounds age 57 years,

#### Left Eye

There is total loss of sight of left eye. The result of injury the globe much atrophied and deeply placed in its socket. And the anterior hemisphere is flattened. The cornea densely opaque and shriveled and the iris not to be seen. Vision right eye 20/40 -due to slight hypermetropie for which he wears proper glasses.

#### Shell Wound

Th \_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_ oval. Gl \_\_\_\_ non \_\_\_\_ I can si \_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ of the leg \_\_\_\_ side of tibial f \_\_\_\_ der measuring 1 ½ x ¾ inches Said to be caused by a piece of shell-Superficial-No results.

#### Hernia



\_\_\_\_\_ a left oblique I \_\_\_\_\_ hernia non Sorotel protruding through \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for which he wears no truss. It is the size of a hens egg.

No other disability is found to exist.

ANDREW GSTACH/HENRY STACH AFFIDAVIT:

State of Kentucky County of Shelby

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1892, personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Andrew Gstach aged 57 years late Private Battery "M" Reg't of Ohio L.A. Vols., applicant for Original Act June 27, 1892 Pension No. 522806 a resident of Shelbyville County of Shelby State of Ky whose post office address is the same and well know to me to be reputable and entitled to credit , and who being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

In response to Department call of recent date that he incurred left (?) hernia on or about the 15 day of March 1889 while engaged in lifting a very heavy can of milk on the farm of Sam Snowden near Goshen, Oldham Co. KY where at that time he was engaged as a laborer. There was present at the time of incurrence one Albert Johnson a colored boy about 17 years of age who I later learned was sent to Anchorage KY Insane Asylum a short time later O left Goshen. He states that said hernia is not due in any wise to viscous habits and that to best of his knowledge and beliefs is permanent. He further states that he has not served in the Army or Navel service since discharge on March 31 1866. He further states that he enlisted first in Battery "M" 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Light Artillery at Camp Denison, Ohio, Capt. Schultz and served about three years and was honorably discharged. That said discharge has been lost by fire. That afterward on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1865 he re-enlisted as a veteran in Co. "D" 5<sup>th</sup> Regt of US Veteran Vol. and that at the time of said enlisting his left eye was very sore from the effects of the wound of injury to sai incurred on or about Nov 26 1863 and was much inflamed but that he was accepted as a solider and served in Co "D" 5<sup>th</sup> Regt US Vet Vols. until discharged at New York City March 31 1866. (He files copy of said Discharge which is made part of this affidavit) He states that his left eye went out entirely about 7 years after discharge.

He also states that the correct way of spelling his name in his native language Andreus Gstach but that it is spelled in English in many different ways. He states that the reason he was not treated by the regimental surgeon for injury to wound of right leg and injury to left eye was because his injuries did not totally disable him and he did not want to leave his duty as long as he could possibly serve. He states that he did receive some treatment and medicines from the field hospital.

30 December 1892 Pension approved at \$12.00 per month commencing on 8 August 1890.

8 July 1893 request made for medical records.

11 July 1893 No medical records found.

23 March 1898 Reply made to the Department of Interior Bureau of Pensions



*Request*

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,  
Commissioner

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

Answer Yes Mary O'Rourke

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

Answer, 1876 Apr 30 in Louisville Father Michael Power

Third, What record of marriage exists?

Answer Jefferson Co. Ky. Clerk office

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

Answer [*yes was written then crossed out*] No

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

Answer yes	William	born 1877 Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>
	Joseph	" 1880 Oct 14
	Charles	" 1882 July 13
	John	" 1884 Mch 28
	Henry	" 1886 Feby 3

Signature by a X (mark)

21 July 1898 Reply made to the Department of Interior Bureau of Pensions

Request made 8 July 1898

SIR:

Will you kindly answer at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for further use and it may be of great value to your family

Very respectfully,  
Commissioner

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

Answer Yes Mary O'Rourke

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer, Louisville KY. St. Paul's Church April 1876 Apr as well as December (?)

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer Jefferson Co. Ky. Clerk office

No. 4. Where 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 Henry in 14<sup>th</sup> year now.



Signature by a X (mark)

10 March 1904 Letter to the Commission from Paul E. Divine

Sir:

I have the honor to report, that Andrew Gestach late Pvt. Cp. M 1 Regiment Ohio Lt. Art. Pensioner, Certificate No. 839655, was admitted this Branch on the 8 day of March 1904 and to request that his name be transferred from the rolls of the Louisville, Ky Agency to the rolls of the Knoxville Agency at Knoxville, Tenn.

Respectfully yours,  
Paul E. Divine  
Treasurer

31 July 1906 POWER OF ATTORNEY Andrew appoints J.B. Cralle & Co. of Washington D.C. as his attorneys for his pension claim.

21 September 1906 Letter form Department of the Interior

Sirs:

You are informed that the above described claim for pension under the general law was rejected for failure to furnish the necessary evidence for nearly eighteen years and before any action can be had looking to reopening evidence to make out a prima-facie case must be supplied.

The evidence of origin heretofore offered is unsatisfactory.

Witness Louis Gephart does not remember anything about claimant having been wounded at battle of Stone River fist of January 1863 or receiving any injury November 1863 at battle of Chickamauga Ga. And witness John Probasco says he does not remember the claimant,

Very respectfully,

Commissioner

1 March 1907 DECLARATION FOR PENSION

...a foresaid Andrew Gestach who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he 73 years of age, and a resident of Louisville county of Jefferson, State of Kentucky.

... That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height 5 feet 7 inches; complexion, Fair; color of eyes, Gray; color of hair brown; that his occupation was a veteran soldier; that he was born February 13, 1834 at Germany.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: in Shelbyville KY from 1866 to 1878 and from 1878 always in Louisville Kentucky.

9 July 1907 Request for Claimants age at time of enlistment



11 July 1907 Response to above age 27

1 August 1907 Records Corrected

9 March 1907 Pension increased to \$15.00 effective 4 March 1907

Approved for Age over 70

Date of birth 13 February 1834

Age shown by evidence 73

13 March 1909 DECLARATION FOR PENSION [INCREASE]

Andrew Gestach

...declares he is 75 years of age

...that he was born February 13 1834 in Germany

...address 2035 Lytle Street, Louisville, Kentucky

(signed by Andrew)

20 March 1909 INCREASE ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907

Andrew Gestach

Rate \$20.00 per month commencing March 20 1909

Approved Increase Age over 75

Pensioned at \$15.00 per month under Act February 6 1907

23 June 1911: Where born: Germany, Age at enlistment: about 23 bet. 23 & 24, Name under which served: Andrew Gstach, Date of enlistment: September 15 1861, Battery M 1 Ohio Lt Art., Date of discharge December 13 1864, Any prior or sub service: none Name of wife Undivorced Mary (O'Rourke) Any prior marriage none, Name of comrades John Diee Conkle. Personal description: hair white probably light, eyes blue 5'11"

17 May 1912 DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION

Andrew Gestach

...That he was born 13 day of February 1835, and is now 77 years of age. That he was granted Twenty Dollars per month now payable at the agency at Knoxville, Tennessee. That he herewith makes application for an increase of Pension under the provision of Act of May 11 1912. Signed with a mark.

17 May 1912 ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

That he is the indicted Andrew Gestach who served under the name of Andrew Gestach in Co. M 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Artillery and Co. D 5 Reg US Vet Vol and was pensioned under Act of Feby 6 1907 at the rate of twenty Dollars per month.

That his last name was pronounced Gestock that after his discharged from the United States service his name became abbreviated "Stack" and he went by the name of Stock. That on April 30 1876 he was married to Mary O'Rourke at Louisville Ky. under the name of Henry Stack my full Baptismal name is Henry Andrew but I seldom used Henry and when I married I gave my name as Henry Stack having dropped the first syllable Ges for years before I married this was by working around many among strangers \_\_\_\_\_ the abbreviation Stack and when asked if I was Stack I said yes. I never spoke the English language plainly I was bout 15 yrs of age when I came to America.

HOW CAN THIS BE TRUE IF HE WAS MARRIED WHEN HE LEFT AUSTRIA?