

Nature of Claim:

Act of June 27, 1890.

Number of Claim:

Wid. Cdg. No. 733,683.

Claimant's Name:

Annanda Sanders.

Soldier's Name:

Niram T. Sanders.

Service:

Col. Co. H, 60 Ill. Vol. Inf.

Post Office:

Mattingly, Buckinridge Co. Ky.

Notice Given:

Further Notice: Waived.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Queensboro, Ky., Sept. 14, 1901.

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith return the papers in the above cited claim, referred to this district for original special examination, and to submit my report thereon.

Soldier was a pensioner under the Act of June 27, 1890, at the maximum rate at the time of his death and after death the woman, Isabel Sanders, or Fickett, with whom he had been living since an illegal marriage to her in 1875 applied for pension as his widow and was pensioned under Act No. 383799. Upon investigation it was ascertained that the said pensioner, Isabel Sanders, had no title to pension for the reason that soldier had a prior undivided wife, this claimant, still

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living and she was accordingly dropped from the rolls.

This claimant subsequently filed declaration for pension as the sole legal widow and in view of certain representations as to her character appearing in the former investigation her claim was referred to the S. E. Div. by Board of Review slip dated May 28, ~~1892~~ ¹⁹⁰¹. Law Division letter dated June 6, 1901, for investigation as to any violation of the Act of Aug. 7, 1882, since the death of the soldier, Feb. 23, 1892, and as to any prior marriage of claimant or soldier and came to me for the initial inquiry.

Claimant was given the usual notice of the special examination of her claim and all her rights and privileges therein were carefully explained to her. She expressed no desire to be, and was not, present at the examination of witnesses but all testimony was read to her before taking final statement and she fully avows right to notice of any further examination of her claim.

A number of years ago this claimant had a very bad character and she admits that for some years after the

reparation of herself and the soldier
her life was immoral but she avers
and the testimony supports her
argument that for ten years or more
her life has been virtuous and she
never enjoys the suspect, confidence
and esteem of her neighbors. All
persons speak in high praise of the
three sons raised by this claimant
and who are reputed to be the children
of the soldier and who bear his name.

She takes great pride in her sons
and her suffering was intense as
she made her statement. With streaming
eyes she declared that she would
rather do without a pension, as much
as she needed it, than to bear the old
matters stirred up and their discussion
in the neighborhood brought to the at-
tention of her sons. It appears that
claimant united with the church about
the time the soldier was killed, though
prior to her receiving information of his
death, and that she has been a consist-
ent member of the church in good
standing since that time. She ap-

peared to be entirely conscientious
and truthful in this investigation
and appeared true to the best people

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residing in her community.

I inspected the records of Pisgah Baptist Church and found claimants name in the roll of membership but said records are deficient in not showing the dates when members are admitted.

All deponents are of good repute in every respect and claimant is now rated good notwithstanding her prior ill repute.

I made an unsuccessful effort to locate possessor sister Martha Patton wife of John Patton supposed to reside somewhere in Danvers Co. Vt. but such a family is unknown to any of the Danvers county officers and certainly does not reside in this county. But the testimony would only be of value as to firm marriage of soldier and as that is in my opinion satisfactorily established I deem it unnecessary to seek further proof in that line.

I accordingly recommend that claim be submitted at this time for consideration of the Clerk of the Board of Review.

Very respectfully,
C. P. M. T. Bick

Special Examiner.

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(Old No. 3-456.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Amanda Sanders, No. 733683

On this 7th day of Sept., 1901., at
near Mattingly, County of Breckinridge
State of Ky. before me, E. R. Whitridge
a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Amanda Sanders, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I am ^{about 59}
years of age; my post-office address is Mattingly, Breckinridge
Co., Ky., residence about two miles north Cecil
Patton horse-raiser and farmer. I also sell
patent medicine manufactured by the Nat-
ional Bandy Company of New York. I have
been canvassing for these medicines in this
vicinity for eight years.
I was formerly the wife and am now
the widow of William T. Sanders who served
in Co. H, Co. Ill. Vol. Inf. as shown by a
card which I receive from the Pension Bureau
relating to my pension claim and which
I now exhibit to you. As his widow I am
an applicant for pension under the
Act of June 27, 1890.
I believe an affidavit has been taken a year
ago in the matter of the investigation
of the title to pension of our aged
widow of the soldier whom he married
and subsequent to his marriage to
me. All the statements I made at
that time are correct and I repeat
them for the purpose of this investiga-
tion of my own claim for pension which
has been filed since I made said dep-
osition. The reason that I cannot file

a claim for pension soon after learning of the death of the soldier was known. I did not know his military service and was unable to learn what it was till the Special Examiner came to see me in the investigating office here. I knew that my said husband had been a soldier for the last 30 years or thereabouts when I made his application and when I made him and he told me many a time about his service in the army and I recalled that he said he was in an Illinois regiment but I could not remember the company or regiment and never knew the I was informed by Mr. Bridges at the time he took my former sworn statement I will state in addition to what I have furnished herein to that I was born and raised in this county and lived within ten miles of where I now reside till I married the said William T. Sanders. After our marriage we lived in Indiana and Illinois for a while as related and with that exception I have resided right in this vicinity all my life, having resided right where I now live since 1878, and before my removal to this place my home was near Madison School House within a mile and a half of where I was living at the time the soldier left me. Soldier and I never lived together again about 1874 or 1875 but our separation was due to no fault of mine. It seems to me that Mr. Sanders lived with me as late as 1875 but I may be mistaken and it might have been 1874 that he last lived with me. Yes, I am sure that Mr.

Sanders lived with me subsequent to the filing of the application for a divorce which I am here in formal was never completed. For several years before he finally left me for good he would go back and forth. When come and live with me a while and then go away for a time and a part of the time he lived with a woman named Sallie Blair, now deceased, sister in this county. He lived with the Blair woman in 1872 and I always believed that he began the divorce proceedings with a view to marrying her. I am sure the woman he subsequently married and with whom I understood that he was living at the time he was killed excepting that I learned through a Riverman, Jesse Murphy that his name was Beck Prickett. Well, the reason I am sure made any trouble on account of his living with that woman was because I did not want him to go to where they were and I did not want to be troubled about the matter.

Well, I am sure and will not swear that my life has been harassed ever since the sedition left me for I gave birth to our child some six or seven years before I was with the father. Said child was born in September, 1876, and only lived a little over one year. I desire to give testimony to make

Alice Sanders,
Harry C. Paul

^{her} Amanda X Sanders
deponent

Deponent.

Subscribed and subscribed before me this 9th day of Sept.
1901, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

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Special Examiner.

C. P. M. T. Bide

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(Old No. 3-456.)

DEPOSITION

Case of *Amancia Sanders*, No. *733,683*

On this *9th* day of *Sept.*, 190*1*, at _____
_____, County of _____

I, _____, before me,
a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Clara Ann Cook, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I am _____
years of age; my post-office address is _____

The name of the Father I said died but I was never married to him, never lived with him as a wife and he visited me but the one time. I could not have been married to the Father I said child for I was never divorced from the society. But I do swear that my life has been virtuous and blameless since the death of the said Father for a long while prior thereto I united with Pisgah Baptist Church of this city at board in February, 1892, and have been a member in good standing in said church since that time. My youngest child Clara Sanders with whom I make my home at this time resided with the church at the same time I did and is now the clerk of the church. I have then some now living who are all by the society, viz: Wm. T. Sanders, Thos. James and James R. William T. and Wm. W. Sanders. The two first named were born prior to the filing of application for same and are mentioned therein and the last named was born in September

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of the same year I said proceedings
on Sept. 18. 73 for he was twenty eight
years of age the 3rd day of this month.
Oh yes, Golden lived with me after the
birth of Kevin M. and made a mother
for said child. Yes, the soldier never
dreaded all the children to me and I
was not opposed to his having a home
after he did that but I do not know
why the divorce was not given to him.
I have raised the other boys around here
in and they are all fine men and
since they have been old enough to
take notice of matters of conduct and
character and to assist in my sup-
port my life has been pleasant but
I cannot rather do without a passion than
to ban them. Now that I had not
been guilty of any misconduct. Any
of the old soldiers of this vicinity know
that I was never married prior to my
marriage to Maria T. Sanchez. We had not
lived in the long before his marriage to
me. But during that period he passed
so are surrounded near and to the rest
of my knowledge and being he had never
been married prior to his marriage to
me. The sister of the soldier married
in my former statements was visiting as
to his persons marriage relations and
can name others who were here before
his marriage to this nation.
Mrs. Miller Hawthorne, a widow, Mr. and
Mrs. C. D. Hambleton and Mr. and Mrs.
Ben Taul and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Taul all
of Mattingly, Ky. are near neighbors and can
have known me for many years and can
testify as to my character since the death

of the soldier. Mr. Jack Mattingly of Clarks-
burg, Ky. and Mr. Robert Mattingly of Mar-
tinsburg, Ky. both knew me prior to my
marriage to soldier and knew that I was
not lawfully married. Mr. and Mrs. Jas.
Pekins, Martinsburg, Ky., have also known
me well and can testify as to my character
since the death of the soldier. These persons
whom names I have furnished you are
all good citizens. You are at liberty to see
any of the good, reputable citizens of this
community as to my character. I have not re-
married since the death of the soldier.

I am about thirty years of age, very kind,
industrious and thin build. I am prominent
owner of two log cabins with a frame
barn with another barn and the house
I own one corner of a little holding. No
other personal property. Said real estate is
worth about \$200 and my personal prop-
erty is worth perhaps \$40. I have no money,
stocks, bonds or other investments and
no income from any source excepting
from my own daily labor. The persons
above named will know as to my property
and income. I cannot be prosecuted with-
out a return and again my right to do also my
right to notice of any further examination of my
claim. I have heard the foregoing and, having under-
stood all questions and all my statement have been
correctly written herein.

Witness my hand.

Amanda Sanders.

Nancy E. Foul

Amanda Sanders.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of Sept.

1901, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

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C. P. M. W. B. D. C.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Amanda Sanders, No. 733683

On this 9th day of Sept., 1901, at
Cloverport, county of Buchanan,
State of Ky., before me, C. P. McFadden, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
John C. Mattingly, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My name is as above but I am commonly
called Jack Mattingly. Aged 61 years. Resident
and Post Office Addressed Cloverport, Ky. I have
been a farmer all my life but not now
engaged in any business. I was born and
raised in this county and have resided
there all my life.

I know the claimant, Amanda Sanders,
and I knew the soldier, William T. Saunders,
called Tom Sanders, many years ago. I knew
this claimant from his girlhood till her
marriage to the soldier during which period
her home was only a mile and a half or two
miles from my own in the vicinity of what is
now known as Mattingly, this county. I know
that claimant was married prior to
her marriage to said William T. Saunders.

I did not know him long before his marriage
to claimant as he came to this county sub-
sequent to the civil war. But I made his ac-
quaintance at the time he came here and
knew him about a year prior to his marriage
to claimant. He was then a young man
and had the reputation of being an ex-
cellent man. I know that he did not
marry any one else after I made this
acquaintance till his marriage to
this claimant. I lost him of the soldier
a good many years ago and don't know

when he went and never had any knowledge of his subsequent marriage and death till some time this claimant has applied for pension. I know nothing as to their separation or as to whether there was any divorce between them. I have not heard near this claimant since the soldier left this section and have no personal knowledge as to his character but have heard rumors at times to the effect that his life was not correct. I know nothing as to the facts however. I know two of claimant's sons, namely, William Sanders, who resides here in Clearport, and James Sanders, who lives near here. They are both fair men. Claimant has another son, Edwin Sanders, who lives in the vicinity of Mattingly, Ky., but I have not known him.

I am not related to claimant and have no interest in his pension claim. I have heard the foregoing and and my statements have been correctly recorded herein.

Claimant's maiden name was Appanada Rusher. I know his parents well but have forgotten their Christian names. They are both dead. I have heard about and. It is correct.

Edwin C. Mattingly

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of Sept., 1901., and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

L. P. M. ⁷/₁₇ Spide

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Amanda Sanders, No. 733683

On this 10th day of Sept, 1901, at
near Mattingly, county of Berkeley,
State of Ky., before me, C. P. McFride, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Robert C. Mattingly, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My name is as above Apr 56 years P. C. address
Mattingly Ky, residing a quarter of a mile
north west I own a farm and have re-
sided in this vicinity all my life.
I know the claimant, Amanda Sanders,
and I knew the soldier, William T. Conway
called Tom Sanders, many years ago. I
knew him as a soldier but never his
acquaintance when he moved to this section
prior to his marriage to claimant. I don't
know when he came from but he was not
much of a man. He was a trifling sort of
a fellow and after living with claimant a
few years he left her and this vicinity and
I had no further knowledge of him. I know
nothing as to his subsequent marriage and that
I knew this claimant long before her marriage
to Sanders as she was raised in the vicinity
and I knew her as a girl. Her maiden
name was Amanda Perkins and I know
she was born around prior to her mar-
riage to Sanders and she has some
remnants piece their separation. They
had two children born to them before the
said Sanders left her and at the time
he went away I suppose the younger one
must have been about two years old. She
had another child born after Sanders
left her and has been known by the

man of Owen Saunders. There has been doubt as to the paternity of said child but I am inclined that Tom Saunders was his father as he does not know the other boys. There was much talk about claimant for some years after the hearing on grass cordons and then came to me doubt that her life was minimal for some time after Saunders left her but I am pretty fully sure that I have written over her name any thing wrong of her for perhaps as much as fifteen years last past. Certainly for at least ten years she has lived a virtuous life for far as I could observe or hear from after the hearing. Her other sons are accounted good men so far as their character in life would permit. Claimant was a small tract of land of about thirty acres where she makes her home with not over \$300. She owns a corn and maybe a few legs not an other personal property to my knowledge and has no income from any source excepting from her daily labor. I am not related to claimant and have no interest in her person claim. I have heard the foregoing and and my statements have been correctly understood.

Robert. C. Mattingly

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Sept., 1901, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C. A. M. ^{W. B. B.} Bide

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Amanda Sanders, No. 733683

On this 10th day of Sept., 1901., at
Mattingly, county of Buckinidge
State of Ky., before me, C. P. McFadden, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Charles H. Harrell, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:
My name is as above. Age 63 years. Residence and
post office address Mattingly, Ky. I am a farmer.
I was born and raised in this section and have
resided here most of my life.

I know the claimant, Amanda Sanders, and have
known her from her girlhood. Her maiden name
was Amanda Quaker and she was raised in
the vicinity of my home. I also knew her
husband, John Sanders, many years ago. I
did not know him as a soldier but made his ac-
quaintance after the civil war when he moved
to this neighborhood a year or so before his mar-
riage to this claimant. When I first knew him
he was an uneducated man, so poor, and
he married me after I formed his acquaint-
ance. His marriage to claimant. It is my
belief that he had never been previously married
and I know that claimant had never been
married prior to her marriage to Sanders.
They lived together several years and had two
or three children born to them and then said
Sanders went off and left claimant. I lost
trace of him after he left this vicinity and I
have no personal knowledge of his subsequent
marriage and death. Claimant has continued
to live in this neighborhood ever since Sanders
left her and has not married or lived with any
man in the relation of a wife. She raised the
three boys who have always been known by the

name of Sanders and they are all respectable men. There has been a good deal of talk about claimant a good while ago when she was a young grass widow but I have no personal knowledge of any wrong doing on her part and for ten years I assure her life has been virtuous so far as I could observe or have been able to learn. About eight or nine years ago she visited with Pigrah Baptist Church of this vicinity of which I am a member and she has been a member of said church in good standing ever since and there has never been any charge against her of any kind since she joined Church. She is not my opinion a good and deserving woman and she who is trying to ruin her.

Claimant owns a small tract of land of about thirty four acres where she makes her home worth in my opinion not more than \$400. I would not give over that amount for it if I wanted to buy land. She never had personal or other property of any value and has no income except from her own daily labor.

I am not liable to claimant and have no interest in her business claim.

I have heard the foregoing read and my statement has been correctly recorded herein.

Charles Dudley Hambleton

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Sept 1901, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C. R. M^{rs} Wade

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Amanda Sanders, No. 733,683

On this 10th day of Sept, 1901, at
Martinsburg, county of Breckinridge,
State of Ky., before me, C. R. M. Bode, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Mary E. Harshbarger, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My name is as above. Age 54 years. Residence and
Post Office address Martinsburg, Ky. I am a
housekeeper and the wife of Charles H. Harshbarger,
a farmer. I was born in Macon County, Ky, but
came to this vicinity when I was an infant
and have resided here since.
I know the claimant, Amanda Sanders, and
have known her from her girlhood. She is a
few years older than myself but we were girls
together and grew up in the same neighborhood.
I know her husband, Tom Sanders, many
years ago. I made his acquaintance when
he second to this neighborhood a year or two
before his marriage to claimant. He was then
an unmarried man, so reported, and in my
opinion he was never married previous to
his marriage to claimant. I know that she
was never married prior to her marriage to
Sanders and she has never married since
he left her. They lived together several years
and had three children born to them and
then they could not agree any well and he
went away from the section after which I
lost track of him and I am not knowledgeable
as to his subsequent marriage and death.
He was a well respected man and both
of them were taught to read and this led to
their separation. Yes there was some talk about
claimant before Sanders finally left her and

For several years afterward but I can't say whether there was any truth in the talk or not. There has been some doubt as to the paternity of her youngest living child, saying Ben Sanders and the girl birth to my own child younger than even which said when it was less than a year old Sanders left claimant and returned to her several times and these children might have been by him. I can't say as to that. But for ten years or more there has been nothing said detrimental to claimant's character and to the best of my knowledge and belief her life has been virtuous during such period. About six or seven years ago she united with Pisgah Baptist Church of this vicinity of which I am a member and she has been a member of said church in good standing ever since. There has been no charge or complaint preferred against her at any time as a member of said church and in my opinion her life has been correct and blameless.

Her three sons have always been known by the name of Sanders and are respected men.

I am in no way related to claimant and have no interest whatever in her Pension Claim.

I have heard the foregoing read and my statement has been correctly recorded herein.

Mary E. Hambleton

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Sept., 1901, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C. P. McBride

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Amanda Sanders, No. 733683

On this 10th day of Sept., 1901, at
near Mattingley, county of Buckingham,
State of Ny., before me, C. P. M. Wade, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
William B. Vane, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:
My name is as above, commonly called Ben
Tad as my middle name is Benjamin
Agis 5-1 yrs. O. A. address Mattingley, Ny.,
plains about a mile and a quarter west
I am a farmer and blacksmith and have
resided in this vicinity most of my life.
Near here where I now reside since 1876.
I know the claimant, Amanda Sanders,
and have known her my whole life during
the period of my residence at this place.
Her home being less than a mile from
my own and her land adjoins mine. I
had a slight acquaintance with her when
she was an unmarried woman. Before her
marriage to the soldier, William T. Sanders, but
I was young then. I presume that I have
seen the soldier but I have no recollection
of him. I know nothing about his past
marriage and death. I cannot
testify from personal knowledge that this
claimant had more than married him
to her marriage to Sanders but it is my
belief that she has not been the wife
of Sanders for many years as a person
known and since the death of Sanders
was reported she has been known as a widow
she has not married at any time since
the death of Sanders. I am in the report of his death.
For a good many years there was a good

deal of talk about claimant, surviving
witness I never saw. But I have no personal
knowledge of any circumstances and
I know none of any man living with
her in the vicinity of a husband. She
has other sons who have all gone by the
name of Thompson and with they have
been of some size her life has appeared
to be all right and especially since she
has been a member of the church. She
is a member in good standing of Pingree
Baptist Church of this vicinity of which
I am a member and of which I have been
about a good deal. Referring to an old church
word in my possession I find no name on
the roll of membership but the date of her
admission is not stated. It is my best
recollection that she has been a member
for as much as some years. Her three sons
are members of the church also and her
son Oliver Sanders is now clerk of the church.
He is highly regarded in the community
and all things of the sons are good men. I
have heard nothing detrimental to claimant's
character in the last ten years and there-
fore am free any question as to her stand-
ing in the church since she united with it.
Claimant owns a small tract of land, not over 50 acres, but
I don't know exact acreage, worth not more than \$200.
She owns a cow but I know of no other personal property
and she has no income from any source excepting
pension her son daily takes her to doctor and in winter
I have heard this and it is correct.

William B. Paul

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Sept.,
1901., and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

L. P. McBride

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of *Amanda Sanders*, No. 733683

On this 10th day of Sept., 1901, at
Mattingly, county of Decker
State of Ny., before me, C. P. M. St. Jude, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
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answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My name is as above. About 2 years previous
and post office address Mattingly, Ny. Con-
tation, Tennessee. I was born and raised in
this county and have lived here all my life.
I know the claimant, Amanda Sanders,
whose home is about a mile and a half from
my own, and I have known her from her
childhood. Her maiden name was Amanda
Quaker and I know that she was married
previous to her marriage to Tom
Sanders. I had no acquaintance with
him till after the Civil War and have
no knowledge as to his military
service. I did not know him long
before he married this claimant. When
I first knew him he was an unmarried
man, so reported, and it is my opinion
that he was married before he mar-
ried the claimant though as stated
I did not know him long before said
marriage and I don't know him
when he came from to this section.
After living with claimant a few years
he left her and this single brother
and I lost trace of him. I have no
knowledge as to his subsequent mar-
riage and death. He was a well known
sort of a fellow but I do not know what
led to this separation. Claimant has

raised there, saying who has been known by the name of Sanders, namely James, William and Oliver, but there has been some doubt as to the paternity of the youngest named Oliver Sanders. There has been all respected men and women stands well in this community. There has been a good deal of talk about this claimant's signals ago about the time the soldiers went away and for some years thereafter but for the years or more later that I have heard nothing against this claimant and since the boys have been some size I think the City has been virtuous. I am not related to claimant and have no interest in the previous claim. I have heard the foregoing and my statements have been correctly advanced herein.

Samuel Paul

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Sept., 1904, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

L. R. M. Guide
Special Examiner.

RECEIVED DIVISION

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8, 1908.

The Postmaster,
Cloverport, Ky.
Sir:-

In relation to a claim for reimbursement in the case of Amanda Sanders, a late pensioner of the United States under certificate number 383,799, you are requested to state the cash value of the real estate left by said pensioner at the date of her death, July 25, 1909.

The enclosed penalty envelope, which requires no postage, may be used for your reply.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Sanders

Acting Commissioner.

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SPECIAL EXAMINATION
DIVISION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11, 1901.

Mr. C. R. McBride,
Special Examiner,
Owensboro, Ky.

Sir:

Herewith are forwarded to you the papers in the claim of Amanda Sanders, contesting widow of Hiram T. Sanders, late of Co. H, 60th Ill. Vol. Inf., Orig. No. 733,683, together with a letter from the Law Division of this Bureau, dated the 6th instant, with the requirements of which you are directed to comply.

Make this and the Law Division letter exhibits of your report.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.,

June 8, 1901.

The Chief of the

S. E. Division.

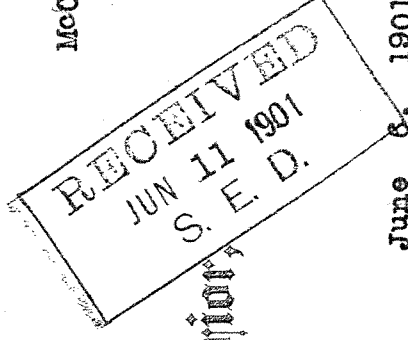
Sir:

Herewith I hand you the papers in the claim of Amanda Sanders, contesting widow of Hiram T. Sanders, late of Co. H, 60th Illinois Vol. Infantry, Original No. 733,683, which you are requested to forward to a Special Examiner whose district includes Breckinridge Co., KY., for an investigation and report as indicated in the slip from the Chief of the Board of Review under date of May 28, 1901.

On October 4, 1893, a pension was granted to Isabel Sanders, under Cert. No. 383,799, as the widow of the above named soldier, but her name was dropped from the rolls during December last on the ground that she was not the soldier's legal widow, he having a living, undivorced wife at the time of his marriage to the late pensioner.

A claim was also filed in behalf of the soldier's minor children -- see Original No. 659,386 -- which was rejected December 19, 1900, on the ground that the claimants are not the legitimate children of soldier, he having a living and undivorced wife at the time of his marriage to the mother of claimants.

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Chief of Law/Division.

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Chief of Law/Division.

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CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION *AT*Case of *Amanda Sanders*, No. *733,683*On this *10th* day of *Sept.* *1901*,
at *New Mattingly*, county of *Brockington*,
State of *Ny.*, before me, *C. P. M. Wade*, a

Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Amanda Sanders

, the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

Q. If it should become necessary to further examine your claim, by taking testimony of witnesses elsewhere, do you desire to be present in person or be represented by an attorney, or both, at such further examination? If so, you will be notified as to the place and time when it is to be made.

A. *No.*

Q. Should you change your mind and desire to be present, or be represented by an attorney during any further examination of your case, will you *at once* address a letter to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C." giving the name and the number of your claim, informing him that you have so changed your mind, and desire to be notified when your claim is to be further examined?

A. *Yes*

Q. State the names of the person or persons instrumental in the prosecution of your claim for pension, and their post-office addresses.

A. *P. L. Newson, Gloversport, N.Y.*

Q. State what contract or contracts you have made with such person or persons for their services in prosecuting your claim for pension, and whether such contract or contracts were written or verbal.

A. *A verbal contract and I am to pay \$1.00 if my claim is admitted.*

Q. State the amount of fees paid by you or at your instance, to whom paid, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction.

A. Have paid no attorney fees. I paid 25-cs when I was sworn to my declaration and 75-cs. for a copy of marriage record.

Q. Please give me the names of all witnesses that you desire examined elsewhere, with their post-office addresses, and also state what you expect to prove by each witness.

A. No other witnesses. I am under examination in this suit without case and am satisfied with the same.

Q. Have you any complaint to make as to the conduct, manner, or fairness of the examination of your claim? If so, please state specifically what it is.

A. No.

Q. Do you desire to introduce any more testimony before me?

A. No.

Nothing to say.

Alice Sanders.
C. R. McBride

Amanda Sanders.
sworn

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Sept. 1883

and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C. R. McBride
Special Examiner.