

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
SOLDIERS CERTIFICATE
No. 289.815
VETERAN John Murphy
RANK Pvt
SERVICE Co F 28th Mass Vol Inf

CAN No. 5814

BUNDLE No. 61

Officer's Certificate of Disability

East Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1878.

I, Jeremiah W. Covenay Late Capt. of Company "F" of the 28th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, certify on honor that John Murphy, was a private in my company, "C", and is, as I am informed, an applicant for an Invalid Pension; that He was discharged June 13, 1865 – by reason of Special order #158 Hd Drs[not sure what these last two words are] Army of Potomac.

And I Further Certify, that the said John Murphy at the Battle of Bull Run, Virginia – Aug 30, 1862 – which engaged with his Company and Regiment in an attack upon the enemy lines – received a gun shot wound to the left leg – and I was present at the time the Regiment was engaged in the action – when injury by the said Murphy was received at the time of receiving said wound Murphy was attached to and serving with "F Co."

And that the said John Murphy when he enlisted was to the best of my knowledge and belief when he entered the service in sound body and mind.

Jeremiah W. Covenay
Late Capt Co. F, 28th Regiment, Mass Vol
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State of Massachusetts
County of Middlesex

On this Seventh day of October 1878, personally appeared before me the above-named Jeremiah W. Covenay to me well-known, and whom I believe to be respectful and entitled to credit, and subscribed and made an oath to the foregoing statement, and that he has no interest in the application of the said soldier for a pension; and I further certify that I have no interest in said supplication.

Lorenzo Marrett
Justice of the Peace

I certify that Lorenzo Marrett before whom the above affidavit was made, is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this Seventh day of October 1878.

John J Larrijor – Assistant
Clerk of the Superior For Said County

OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY

Filed by
SURGEON GENERAL OF MASS.
State House,
Boston, Mass.

War Department
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
Washington D. C., Feb. 20, 1879

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 262,351, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that John Murphy, was enrolled on the 28th day of October, 1861, at Cambridge in Co. F, 28th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, to serve 3 years or during the war and mustered into service as a Private on the 9th day of Jan'y, 1862 (to date from enlistment) , at Camp Cameron, Mass., in Co., F, 28th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co F, of that Regiment, from mustering in to Aug 31st, 1862, he is reported present. Co. was in action, Aug 30th 1862, at Bull Run, Va. Sept. & Oct/62 to Dec. 31/63, present. Re-enlisted as Vet. Vol., Jan. 1/64, at Stevensburg, Va. for 3 years. Roll for Jan. & Feb. /64, absent on furlough since Feb 26/64 – Mar. & Apr./64 present. May & June /64, to Aug 31/64, absent, sick in hospital. Sept & Oct/64, present. Rolls of Co. C (to which transferred) for Nov. & Dec/64, to Apr. 30th/65, present. "Mustered out with Co., June 30th 1865." The records of this office do not furnish any evidence of gun-shot wound of left leg at Bull Run, Aug. 30/62, as claimed.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S.T. Benjamin

Assistant Adjutant General

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The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D.C.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE

Boston, Dec 29, 1879

The name of John Murphy of No Cambridge age33 occupation Laborer is borne upon the Muster-out Roll of Co. "F, 28th Regt., Mass. Volunteer Infantry, Col Cartwright; enlisted on the 28 day of Oct 1861 and mustered into service of United States on the 13th day of Dec 1861, for 3 years Re-enlisted Jan'y 1 1864, Mustered out on the 30th day of June 1865.

A. Wm Berry

Adjutant General

Remarks: Wounded Aug' 30th 1862

Know all men by these Presents

That I John Murphy of Cambridge in the county of Middlesex hereby constitute and appoint William G Waitt of Boston in the county of Suffolk my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name and stead, to manage and prosecute my claim for Original Invalid Pension No. 262 351 as Priv Co's F & G, 28th Regt, Mass Vols.

Hereby granting unto him, said Attorney, full power and authority to act in and concerning the premises as fully and effectually as I might do if personally present.

In Witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

Signed and sealed in the presence of
Jerih W Covenary
unreadable signature below Jeremiah's

his
John X Murphy
mark

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Handwritten

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, Cambridge, June 6, 1884. Personally appeared the within named John Murphy and subscribed by mark the within instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and will I have no interest herein before me.

I do not know what a lot of this says, and am giving up right now.

John L. Ambrose
Assistant Clerk of
Superior Court

Oval Seal
US PENSION OFFICE JUN 9 1884

John Murphy to William G Waitt ,
"F&C" 28th Mass Vo
Original Invalid No 262 351
Power of Attorney
From the Office of Wm G. Waitt, 31 Wilk St. Boston, Mass
Sold by T. H. Ball, Law Stationer,
No. 49 Court Street, Boston

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Eastern Div.

262,351 Original No.

State: Mass.

_____ Cert. No.

S.D. F Exam'r

Department of the Interior
PENSION OFFICE
Washington, D.C., June 30th, 1884

Sir:

You will please inform this Office BY INDORSEMENT ON THE BACK OF THIS LETTER as to the standing in the community and the general reputation for truth, of* Jeremiah W. Covenay late Captain Co. "F" 28th Mass. Vol's, last known residence East Cambridge, Mass. affiant in invalid pension claim of John Murphy late a private, of Co's "F & C", 28th Reg't, Mass. Vol's, last known residence North Cambridge, Mass.

If affiant's MEANS OF KNOWLEDGE is not desired, this portion of the blank should be erased.-

Basis of claim:

Contracted on or about _____ at or near _____

also state affiant's means of knowledge of facts testified to. This affiant testifies to

This is crossed out

Very respectfully,

Wm. W. Dudley

Commissioner

To Thomas H. MacBride

Special Examiner

Room 62, P.O. Building

Boston, Mass.

*A separate blank should be used for each witness.

Where "affiant's means of knowledge of facts testified to" is required, Special Examiners are instructed to interview the witness on this point; when it is not required, it is sufficient to ascertain and report his reputation for truth.

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Sir,

The general reputation for truth of Jeremiah W Covenary is good.

Very respectfully
D.W. Edyuly
Special Examiner

Boston, Mass.
July 9, '84

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Boston, Mass. JUL 10 1884, Boston District.

Oval Stamp US PENSION OFFICE SEP 24 1884

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In the matter of the claim for Original Invalid Pension No. 262.351 of John Murphy late Private
Cos F & C, 28th Regt, MassVols. I Michael Driscoll aged fifty eight years of Cambridge, in the
county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On oath say that I was a Private in
Co F, 28th Regt, Mass. Vols, and knew the claimant John Murphy, of said Co. I know that he was
suffering from a gun shot wound of his left legin the service as he showed me his leg and I saw
him limp and lame from it. I cannot fix the time, but think it was shortly after the battle of
Second Bull Run. I have no interest in his case and my post office address is 47 Reed Street No.
Cambridge, Mass.

his
Michael X Driscoll
mark

Witness to Mark
Benj F. Treadwill
Geo F. Lunat [I have no idea what this name is, this is as close as I could get]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk, ss Boston. Sept 11, 1884. Subscribed and sworn to
by the said Michael Driscoll the same having been first I have no idea what this word is
explained to him. I have no interest herein.

Before me.
Benj F. Treadwell
Justice of the Peace
Certf on file

Eastern Division
Orig. Inv. Pension
No 262 351
John Murphy
Priv Cos F & C
28th Regt Mass Vols

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

Note – Write the affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places, as near as you can remember, according to the requirements in the case in which your testimony is to be used; also state how you know what you say to be true; whether from personal observation or otherwise. this blank can be used for the testimony of either one or two persons.

State of Massachusetts
County of Suffolk.

In the matter of the claim for Original Invalid Pension No. 262.351 of, John Murphy late of Company F, 28th Regiment, Mass Infy Volunteers,

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid County and State, Michael Morrissey, aged forty years, a resident of Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, who is being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows: I first knew the claimant, John Murphy in or about July 1865, immediately after his discharge from the service, where he lived on Cedar Street in Cambridge and I lived within a few rods of him, seeing him frequently and knowing him well. At and soon after his discharge he was suffering from a gunshot wound of his left leg and was lame, walking with a limp and using a stick or cane. He showed me his leg several times and it was then plain that he was suffering from the wound from the appearance of his leg.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in prosecution, and am not related to said claimant.

Affiant’s Signature – Michael Morrissey
P.O. Address – 24 Montgomery Street
No. Cambridge, Mass

Alpheus B. Alger

Attest – when any affiant signs BY MARK 2 persons sign here
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Sworn to and subscribed before me, this day by the above-named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same; that said which he resides. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Witness my hand and seal this Twenty-Eighth day of October 1884.

Alpheus B. Alger
Magistrate’s Signature
Justice of the Peace
Official Character

I Edward A Willard, 2^d asst. Clerk of the Superior Court, in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that Alpheus B. Alger Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was, at the time of doing, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and the [seal of the] Court, this 28th day of October 1884

Edwd A. Willard, 2^d, Asst Clerk.

October 30, 1884 is stamped over in and Oval shape with PENSION also on stamp

Eastern division – neighbor exustice of wound at discharge

Nature of Claim – Original Invalid – No. 262,351 –

Claimant John Murphy, Late Priv Co. F&C, 28th Reg't, Mass Infy Vols.

Affidavit of Michael Morrissey – Filed by Wm G. Waitt 31 Wilk Street, Boston, Mass

Sold by C.K. DARLING, 15 Exchange Street, Boston

262,351
Special

War Department
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
Washington, Feb 13, 1885

Respectfully returned to the Commission of Pensions. John Murphy, a _____ of Company F, 28 Regiment Mass. Volunteers.

The records of this office furnish no evidence of wound Aug. 30 – 1862 as alleged. Name not borne on Regt C. Hospl. Records, covering from Jany 24 – 1862 to June 13 – 1863 (breaks Feb.2/62 to Mch 7/63) No returns of Co. "F" except for Aug. 1863 or Morning Report Book "F" on file.

Thos Dummuprd
Assistant Adjutant General

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DECLARATION FOR AN ORIGINAL DISABILITY PENSION

Under Act of Congress approved June 27, 1890

To be executed before a Court of Record or some official thereof having custody of its seal, Notary Public or a Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or county Clerk.

State of Massachusetts

County of Suffolk

On this 9th day of January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace, a COURT OF RECORD within and for the County and State aforesaid John Murphy aged 78 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical John Murphy who was ENROLLED as a Private on the 28th day of October 1861, in Company "F" of the 28th Regiment of Mass. Vols. and served at least ninety days in the war of the Rebellion, and was honorably DISCHARGED at Washington D.C. on the 30th day of June, 1865; that his personal description is as follows: age 78 years, height 5 feet 7 inches; complexion Light; hair Brown; eyes Green [Grey]. That he is suffering from the following disabilities which are permanent character, viz: G.S.W. of left leg, Rhrumatism and disease of liver and heart – and [in from it of age time not sure what this says] 78 years of age, having been born June 12, 1812.

That the said disabilities are not the result of any vicious habits of the claimant and incapacitate him from the performance of manual labor in such a degree as to render him unable to earn a support.

That he is receiving an invalid pension of \$2—per month under certificate No. 289 815 for G.S.W. of left leg. (Here state the exact disability for which you are pensioned, copying it word for word from your certificate.) That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States, under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890. That he has not been employed in the military or naval services otherwise than stated above.

That he has not been in the military or naval services of the United States since the 30th day of June 1865 and that his occupation has been that of a Laborer. That he is now Wholly disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of disability under the Act of Congress of June 27, 1890. He hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation J.S. Pallervan of No. Beacon St., Boston, Mass. his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim, and to receive therefor a fee of ten dollars. That he has heretofore applied for a pension; that his residence is No. 33 Bolton St. Cambridge Mass., and that his post office address is same.

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Witness to John Murphy's Mark

Joel H Hills & Chas Straham

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Also, personally appeared Timothy Brernahan residing at No. 5 Jackson St., North Cambridge Mass and Richard Delaney residing at #19 [Boultan St North not sure what this says] Cambridge Mass, persons whom I certify to be respectfully and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw John Murphy the claimant (make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the said claimant and their acquaintance with him for 26 years and 23 years respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

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John X Murphy

mark

Witness to Timothy Bresnahain's mark
Joel H Hills & Chas Strahan
(If Affiant sign by mark, two persons who can write sing here)

Timothy X Bresnaha
mark

Richard Delaney

(Signature of Affiants)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 9th day of January A.D. 1891, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words erased, and the words added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L.S.]

Henry P. Kennedy
Justice of the Peace
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ORIGINAL DISABILITY CLAIM
FOR
PENSION
Under Act of Congress, June 27, 1890

John Murphy Applicant
Co. "F" & C 28th Reg't
Mass. Vols.

Enlisted Oct. 28th 1861
Discharged June 30th 1865
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J # 289815

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J.S.PATTERSON
NO. 1 BEACON STREET,
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

SOLD BY
T.H. LAW STATIONER,
49 COURT STREET, BOSTON.

Stamped with a round seal
US PENSION OFFICE
JAN 16, 1891

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Act June 27, 1890

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(PENSIONER DROPPED)

U.S. Pension Agency

Boston, Mass

May 31, 1898

Hon H. Clay Evans

Commissioner of Pensions

To”

I hereby report that the name of John Murphy, Pri. F 28 Mass. Vol. Inf. who was a pensioner on the rolls of this Agency, under Certificate No. 289815, and who was last paid at \$12, to 4 September 1897, has been dropped because of REPORTED DEATH 3 Dec 1897.

Round Seal
US PENSION OFFICE
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Very respectfully,

H B Sooring

Square Seal
Pension Agent
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Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.

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