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Papers relative to
Award of Medal of Honor
in the case of

William P. Black

Capt, Co. K, 34 Reg't Ill. Inf

Papers herein.	REMARKS.
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The Adjutant General's Office, War Department.

R and P. 373,762.

Case of
WILLIAM P. BLACK,
Late Captain, Company K, 37th Illinois Infantry.

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Application for Medal of Honor.

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Hon. John C. Black, M. C., formerly Colonel of the same regiment, in recommending that a medal of honor be awarded this officer, offers the following statement in support of his recommendation:

"On the 7th of March, 1862, the 37th Illinois, of which his (Captain Black's) company was the left flank company, was engaged in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. A very severe charge by a greatly superior force was thrown against the line in which the 37th was stationed. The regiment on the right of the 37th yielded and went to the rear, leaving the 37th unsupported on the right. It sustained a severe and continued charge by this superior force, yielding very slowly and rallying four times before its final stand was made. The first action was in a piece of woods thickly underbrushed. The regiment, yielding slowly, was forced back from this cover and across the angle of an open field. At this point the firing was very severe and the enemy had approached to within a distance of one hundred feet of the line of the regiment and immediately in front of Company K. They broke cover, advancing, shouting, cheering and firing. The commanding offi-

cer of the regiment had his horse shot from under him at this point and by the fall of his horse was fastened to the earth. The same firing killed a number of men in Company K and wounded others. Captain Black, within the distance I have above described, one hundred feet, of the enemy, turned, picked up a revolving rifle, which had fallen from the grasp of one of his dead men, and almost alone in that part of the field, fired all its cartridges into the enemy and gave a temporary check to their advance, by this one action as the advance of the enemy were breaking from the woods. It was as brave a single action as I have ever seen. After the revolving rifle was emptied he turned, rejoined his company, and assisted in the next final action from which the regiment advanced to a successful end of the fight on that day.

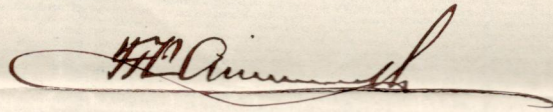
"I was an eye-witness to the foregoing transactions. Captain Black was wounded in this rencounter. He served through two terms of service, the first as a member of the 11th Indiana and the second as a member of the 37th Illinois, and was twice honorably discharged. His total services embraced three years and four months."

C. B. Chroninger, late first lieutenant and adjutant, 37th Illinois Infantry, in a sworn statement declares that he was acting sergeant major of the regiment in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, at the time mentioned by Colonel Black; that he was on the left of the regiment with Company K and called Captain Black's attention to the enemy breaking through the brush on "our" left and front; that a heavy fire was received and a great number of the men fell and the regiment was driven back; that he saw Captain Black in front of the company firing at the enemy, which checked his advance, and gave the regiment a chance to reform and successfully hold its last position on that day.

The records show that Captain Black was mustered in to service as of that grade, September 18, 1861, and mustered out September 19, 1864, upon the expiration of his term of service. During this period he is borne on the rolls of his company as present for duty, except from December 31, 1863, to June 30, 1864, when he was reported absent, detailed as an ordnance officer. The regimental return for March, 1862, reports him "Wounded at Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 7, 1862."

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A careful search of the official records fails to discover any reference to the officer's conduct in the battle referred to.



Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chief of Office.

Record and Pension Office,

War Department,

September 25, 1893.

373762. R. W. Dixon,

The Secretary of
War, having per-
sonally considered
this case, directs
the award of a
medal

H. C. Quinn

Sept. 25, 1893.

Washington D.C.
Sept. 21st 1893.

I was acting Sergt Major of the 37th Ill
Infy on the 7th of March 1862, and was
with the Regiment in the Battle of
Pea Ridge, Ark. At the time mentioned
by Col Black, I was on the left of the
Regiment with Co. "K" and called
Capt. Black's attention to the enemy
breaking through the brush on our
left and front. we received a heavy
fire from them, and a great number of
our men fell, and we were driven
back. I saw Capt Black in front of
the Company firing at the enemy
which caused a check in their advance
which action gave us a chance to
reform and successfully hold our last
position on that day.

C. B. Chroniger

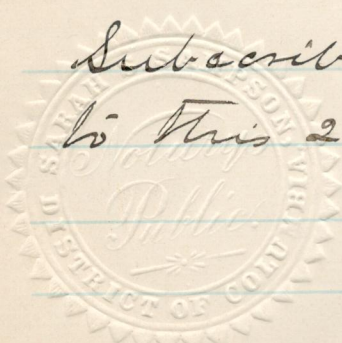
Seri 1st Lt & Adj't 37th Ill. Infy

Subscribed and sworn

to this 21st day of Sept 1893,

Sarah S. Sampson

Notary Public



B.

Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office, War Department, Washington, D. C."

Subject: Medal of honor.

373,762.

Record and Pension Office,

War Department,

Washington City,

September 26th, 1893.

M E M O R A N D U M .

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The Secretary of War has directed the issue of a medal of honor to Captain William P. Black, Company K, 37th Illinois Volunteers the medal to be engraved as follows:

"The Congress

to

Captain William P. Black

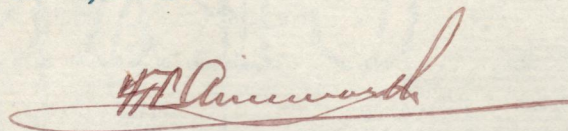
Company K, 37th Ills. Vols.,

for

Distinguished gallantry at the

Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas,

March 7, 1862."



Colonel, U. S. Army,

Chief, Record and Pension Office.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, D. C. Sep. 18, 1893.

Hon. Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir:-

I respectfully request that a "medal of honor" provided by Resolution No. 52, approved July 12, 1862, Section 6 of Chapter 79, Statutes at Large of the year 1862, may be issued to William P. Black, of Chicago, Illinois, formerly Captain of Company "K", 37th Illinois Infantry, for the following described gallant action in battle:

On the 7th of March, 1862 the 37th Illinois, of which his Co. K was the left flank company, was engaged in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. A very severe charge by a greatly superior force was thrown against the line in which the 37th was stationed. The regiment on the right of the 37th yielded and went to the rear, leaving the 37th unsupported on the right. It sustained a severe and continued charge by this superior force, yielding very slowly and rallying four times before its final stand was made. The first action was in a piece of woods thickly underbrushed. The regiment, yielding slowly, was forced back from this cover and across the angle of an open field. At this point the firing was very severe and the enemy had approached to within a distance of one hundred feet of the line of the regiment and immediately in front of Co. "K". They broke cover, advancing, shouting, cheering and firing. The commanding officer of the regiment had his horse shot from under him at this point and by the fall of his horse was fastened to the earth. The same firing killed a number of men in Co. "K" and wounded others. Captain Black, within the distance I have above described, one hundred feet, of the enemy, turned, picked up a revolving rifle, which had fallen from the grasp of one of his dead men, and almost alone in that part of the field, fired all its cartridges into the enemy and gave a temporary check to their advance by this

The advance ²

one action as most of the enemy were breaking from the woods.

It was as brave a single action as I have ever seen. After the revolving rifle was emptied he turned, rejoined his Company and assisted in the next and final action from which the regiment advanced to a successful end of the fight on that day.

I was an eye witness to the foregoing transactions. Captain Black was wounded in this encounter. He served through two terms of service, the first as a member of the 11th Indiana and the second as a member of the 37th Illinois and was twice honorably discharged. His total services embraced ~~two~~ years and four months.

I have the honor to be,

Very truly yours,

John C. Black
M. C. Jones
Former Col 37 Ill Infy

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NOTATIONS CARDER.

House of Representatives

Washington D.C.

Sept. 18, 1893

William P. Black
Capt. Co. K 37 Regt. Ill. Inf.

Enc

Hon. John C. Black, M.C.
Late Col. above regt.

Requests that a Medal
of Honor be issued to
Capt. Black above
named. Describes his
gallant action in
battle.

To Regt. Co. K 37 Regt. Ill. Inf. Sept. 26, 93
Letter to Hon. Mr. Black Sept. 26, 93
sent to Capt. Black, requested
registered mail Oct. 2, 93.

Recorded in "Registers" Medal of
Honor, Reg Army Rolls Division,
290, October 3, 1893. B.

Very truly yours,

B.
Subject: Medal of honor.

Address: Chief of the Record and Pension Office, War Department, Washington, D. C.

373,762.

Record and Pension Office,
War Department,
Washington City,

September 30th, 1893.

Capt. William P. Black,
Late of Co. K, 37th Ills. Infty.,
No. 103 Dearborn St., Cor. Wash. St.,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir.

I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that I have this day forwarded to you by registered mail a medal of honor awarded to you for distinguished gallantry at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 7, 1862, in accordance with the act of Congress approved March 3, 1863, providing for the presentation of medals of honor to such officers, non-commissioned officers and privates as have most distinguished themselves in action.

Please acknowledge receipt of medal.

Very respectfully,


Colonel, U. S. Army,

Chief, Record and Pension Office.

R. & P. No.

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William P. Black
Capt. Co. K, 37 Reg't Ill. Inf

Papers herein.

REMARKS.

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Orig to Genl New 25. 1892

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Record and Pension Office, War Department.

373,762
Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington; Sept 26, 1893.

MEMORANDUM.

The Secretary of War
has directed the issue
of a medal of honor
to Captain William P.
Black, company K,
37th Illinois Volunteers,
the medal to be en-
graved as follows:

The Congress
to

Captain William P. Black
company K, 37th Ills. Vols.

for
distinguished
gallantry at the
battle of Pea Ridge
Arkansas, March 7, 1862.

Done Sept 26:93 E. D. W.

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., Sep 27, 1893

Col J C Answorth
USA.

Replying to your letter
of 26 inst I have the honor to
advise you that the address of
Capt Wm P Black

108 Dearborn St Cor Washington
Chicago Ill

I am very truly
Yours
John C Black

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{ GOVERNMENT RATE. }

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE

WAR DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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not

Sept. 30, 1893

To Hon. John C. Black.

House of Representatives.

Medal of Honor for Captain W. P. Black is ready to be mailed to him, do you wish to see it before it is sent? If so will hold it here today.

J. C. Ainsworth
Colonel, U.S. Army.

LAW OFFICES
BLACK & FITZGERALD,
108 DEARBORN ST.

DICTATED BY..... W.P.B.

Oct. 6, 1893.
CHICAGO,.....

Chief of the Record & Pension Office,
War Department,
Washington/ D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of September 30th, 1893, advising me that, by direction of the Secretary of War, you had forwarded to me a medal of honor "for distinguished gallantry at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 7th, 1862, in accordance with the Act of Congress approved March 3rd, 1863, providing for the presentation of medals of honor to such officers, non-commissioned officers and privates as have most distinguished themselves in action." I beg also to acknowledge receipt of the medal per registered package, by the same mail.

Accept the assurance of my high appreciation of the action of the department in this matter, and kindly communicate to the Honorable, the Secretary of War, my acknowledgement of his courtesy and good offices in the premises.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, &c.,

W. P. Black

R. & P. 476,029.

CASE OF

W I L L I A M P. B L A C K,

late captain, Company K, 27th Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

Request that a defaced medal of honor be re-engraved, or that a duplicate medal be issued.

With a letter dated April 8, 1897, this officer submits his medal of honor which was awarded him September 25, 1893, and the inscription on which has been defaced by fire, and requests that the medal be re-engraved, or that a duplicate medal be issued.

Following is a copy of his letter of application:

"I inclose you herewith an affidavit touching the matter of the partial destruction of my badge issued to me by Congress, and which I received from you about four years ago. I also inclose you the star of said badge, rescued from the ruins of the destruction of my home by fire. I send you this as the basis for an application for the re-issuance of a duplicate badge to me. I would be entirely willing to have the old star re-engraved and attached as a part of the new badge, if that can be done, but act your own pleasure in this behalf. In fact, I believe I would rather have the old star than a new one; because the old star has very pleasant associations with it, and particularly the associations of its original issue."

Following is a copy of the affidavit referred to in the letter:

"State of Illinois,)
"County of Cook.) SS.

"William P. Black, being duly sworn on oath says: That he is the same person who served in the army during the war of 1861-1865, as Captain of Company 'K', 37th Ill. Volunteers. That about four years ago he received from the proper officials of the War Department a medal issued in accordance with the act of Congress, and which on the back of the star bore engraved the following inscription: 'The Congress, to Capt. William P. Black, Company 'K', 37th Ill. Vols., for distinguished gallantry at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 7, 1862.' That on the night of the 26th of October, 1893, the residence of this affiant, at Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois, was entirely destroyed by fire; and that said badge was in said house at the time of such fire, and was substantially destroyed thereby. That in searching the ruins of said house after the fire, in connection with preparations for rebuilding, the engraved star of said badge was recovered, but much defaced by the fire, so that the engraving is partially illegible.

"Affiant makes this affidavit as the basis for an application for a re-issuance of said medal of honor to him, and in connection with this affidavit returns herewith to the War Department the original engraved star, in its present defaced condition.

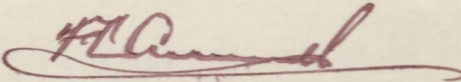
"And furthermore affiant saith not.

"William P. Black.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of April, A.D., 1897.

"Harvey L. Embrey,
"Notary Public."

It appears from the records that a medal of honor was awarded to this officer September 25, 1893, for distinguished gallantry at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 7, 1862.


Colonel, U.S. Army,

Chief, Record and Pension Office.

Record and Pension Office,

War Department,

April 14, 1897.

(Inclosure No.3.)

Report of

Chief of Record and Pension Office

on

application for award of

MEDAL OF HONOR

to

William P. Black,

late captain, Company K, 27th

Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

STATE OF ILLINOIS :
 :ss
COUNTY OF COOK. :

WILLIAM P. BLACK being duly sworn on oath says;
that he is the same person who served in the army during the war of 1861-1865, as Captain of Company "K" 37th Ill. Volunteers. That about four years ago he received from the proper officials of the War Department a medal issued in accordance with the act of Congress, and which on the back of the star bore engraved the following inscription: "The Congress, to Capt. William P. Black, Company "K" 37th Ills. Vols., for distinguished gallantry at the battle of Pea Ridge, Ark., March 7, 1862." That on the night of the 26th of October, 1893, the residence of this affiant, at Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois, was entirely destroyed by fire; and that said badge was in said house at the time of such fire, and was substantially destroyed thereby. That in searching the ruins of said house after the fire, in connection with preparations for rebuilding, the engraved star of said badge was recovered, but much defaced by the fire, so that the engraving is partially illegible.

Affiant makes this affidavit as the basis for an application for a re-issuance of said badge ^{medal of Honor} to him, and in connection with this affidavit returns herewith to the War Department the original engraved star, in its present defaced condition.

And further affiant saith not.

William P. Black

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 9th day of April, A.D. 1897.

Harvey E. Embrey
Notary Public.



W. P. BLACK.
WM. H. FITZGERALD.

LAW OFFICES
BLACK & FITZGERALD,
806 ASHLAND BLOCK.

DICTATED BY

W.P.B.

CHICAGO,

April 3, 1897.

Col. Frederick C. Ainsworth,

Chief War Records & Pension Division, War Dept.,

Washington, D. .

Dear Colonel:

I enclose you herewith an affidavit touching the matter of the partial destruction of my badge issued to me by Congress, and which I received from you about four years ago. I also enclose you the star of said badge, rescued from the ruins of the destruction of my home by fire. I send you this as the basis for an application for the re-issuance of a duplicate badge to me. I would be entirely willing to have the old star re-engraved and attached as a part of the new badge, if that can be done; but act your own pleasure in this behalf. In fact, I believe I would a little rather have the old star than a new one; because the old star has very pleasant associations with it, and particularly the associations of its original issue.

By giving this your early attention you will add another to the favors which I have already received at your hands.

Yours sincerely,

W. P. Black

I write you at the suggestion of my brother Gen. J. C. Black, late M. C. at large from Illinois; and send my old "record of Honor" by registered mail, that I may be sure of its safe receipt by you W. P. B.

RECORD & PENSION OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Chicago, Ill.
April 5, 1897

William P. Black
Capt. Co. H 37 Regt Ill. Inf.

Asks for a duplicate
medal of honor to
replace one nearly
destroyed by fire.

2 Incls. April 17, 1897.

Letter Capt Black and ^{dup} medal
forwarded by registered mail Apr. 24, 97.

W. L. H. 373762

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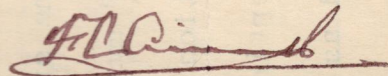
Record and Pension Office,
War Department,

April 14, 1897.

Respectfully submitted to

The Honorable
The Secretary of War,

with report inclosed.



Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief of Office.

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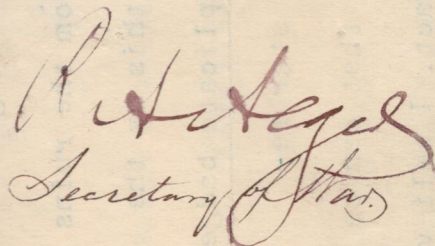
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2^d Inclosure.

War Department

April 15, 1897

Let a duplicate medal of
honor be issued in this case;
the fact of its being a dupli-
cate to be marked on the
medal.



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Subject: Medal of Honor for Capt. Wm. P. Black.

Address: Chief of the Record and Pension Office, War Department, Washington, D. C.

373,762.

Record and Pension Office,

War Department,

Washington City,

September 26, 1893.

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Hon. John C. Black,
House of Representatives.

Sir:-

Referring to your request of the 18th instant that a medal of honor may be issued to Wm. P. Black, of Chicago, Illinois, late captain of the 37th Illinois Volunteers, I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that a medal of honor has been awarded to Captain Black for distinguished gallantry at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 7, 1862, in accordance with the act of Congress approved March 3, 1863, providing for the presentation of medals of honor to such officers, non-commissioned officers and privates as have most distinguished themselves in action.

Will you please furnish this Department with Captain Black's post office address so that the medal can be forwarded to him as soon as suitably engraved.

Very respectfully,



Colonel, U. S. Army,

Chief, Record and Pension Office.

L.B.R.

Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office, War Department, Washington, D. C."

Subject: Duplicate medal of honor.

476,029.

Record and Pension Office,

War Department,

Washington City,

April 24, 1897.


Captain William P. Black,
806 Ashland Block,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that a duplicate medal of honor has this day been forwarded to you by registered mail to replace the one destroyed by fire.

Upon the receipt of the medal please advise this office thereof.

Very respectfully,


Colonel, U.S. Army,

Chief, Record and Pension Office.

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B.

Subject: Medal of honor.

Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office, War Department, Washington, D.C."

373,762.

Record and Pension Office,

War Department,

Washington City,

September 26th, 1893.

MEMORANDUM.

The Secretary of War has directed the issue of a medal of honor to Captain William P. Black, Company K, 37th Illinois Volunteers the medal to be engraved as follows:

"The Congress

to

Captain William P. Black

Company K, 37th Ills. Vols.,

for

Distinguished gallantry at the

Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas,

March 7, 1862."



Colonel, U. S. Army,

Chief, Record and Pension Office.

E.L.
Subject: Medal of Honor.

Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office, War Department, Washington, D. C."

No. 476,029.

Record and Pension Office,

War Department,

Washington City,


April 14, 1897.

Capt. Wm. P. Black,
806 Ashland Block,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant, received yesterday, in which you request that your medal of honor be re-engraved, or that a duplicate medal be issued, I have the honor to inform you that your letter of application, together with the affidavit and defaced medal inclosed, has been submitted this day to the Secretary of War of whose decision in the case you will be promptly advised.

Very respectfully,


Colonel, U.S. Army,

Chief, Record and Pension Office.

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B.
Subject: Medal of honor.

476,029.

Record and Pension Office,

War Department,

Washington City,

April 16, 1897.

MEMORANDUM.

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The Secretary of War has directed the issue of a duplicate medal of honor to Captain William P. Black, late of Company K, 37th Illinois Volunteers, the medal to be engraved as follows:

Duplicate

The Congress

to


Captain William P. Black,

Co. K, 37th Ill. Vols.,

for

distinguished gallantry at the
battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas,

March 7, 1862.



Colonel, U. S. Army,

Chief, Record and Pension Office.

{ CHARGE TO WAR DEPT. }
{ GOVERNMENT RATE. }

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
WAR DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Sept. 30, 1899

To Hon. J. C. Black.

House of Representatives.

Medal of Honor for Captain W. P. Black is ready to be mailed to him. Do you wish to see it before it is sent? If so will hold it here today.

J. C. Olinworth
Colonel, Adjutant.

LAW OFFICES
BLACK & FITZGERALD,
806 ASHLAND BLOCK.

Dictated by

W.P.B.

CHICAGO, April 15, 1897.

Col. T. C. Ainsworth,
Chief of the Record & Pension Office,
War Department, Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel:

I yesterday received your late favor, advising me of the sending by registered mail of the button and new ribbon for mounting the medal of honor; and later in the day received the registered package transmitting the ribbon and button. On the same day I received a registered letter receipt from your Department, acknowledging the receipt of my communication to you in reference to this matter. I only write now lest there should by any possibility be some oversight in this matter. In my communication to you I enclosed an affidavit, explaining that my medal of honor had passed through the fire in which my home was totally destroyed on the night of the 26th of October, 1893; that the medal had also been destroyed in that fire, but that subsequently the star pendant had been recovered from the ruins; and I enclosed the star to you, with the affidavit, requesting either the issuance of a new medal of honor, upon the surrender of this star; or the re-engraving of my old star, and its remounting. I have no response from you as to the particular request in this matter, and await your reply, which I trust may soon be received.

I have the honor to be,

Very truly yours,

W.P. Black

P.S. I wrote at the suggestion of my brother, Mr. J. C. Black, of the City, for Mr. W.P.B.

R.P.O. 476029, April 17, 1897
Enc. 3.

Dear Colonel:

of the sending by registered mail of the button and new ribbon
the registered package transmitting the ribbon and button. On
for mounting the medal of honor; and later in the day received
of the same day I received a registered letter receipt from your
Department, acknowledging the receipt of my communication to you
in reference to this matter. I only wish now that there should
by my possibility be some over-look in this matter. In my com-

I yesterday received your late favor, advising me

War Department, Washington, D.C.

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W. P. BLACK.
WM. H. FITZGERALD.

LAW OFFICES

BLACK & FITZGERALD,

806 ASHLAND BLOCK.

DICTATED BY

W.P.B.

CHICAGO, April 3, 1897.

To the Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I am the wearer of a medal of honor, issued to me under the Act of Congress, and which was transmitted to me by Col. Frederick C. Ainsworth, Chief of the War Records and Pension Division, War Department, about four years ago. I desire to apply for the new rosette and the new ribbon, designed and suggested by Mr Cleveland while President of the United States, for the wearers of the badge, for informal wearing. I understand that I am entitled to this rosette and ribbon, and will be obliged for your courteous attention to this request.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very truly yours,

*W. P. Black -
(late) Capt. Co. "K." 37th Ill. Vols.*

RECORD & PENSION OFFICE

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1897

WAR DEPARTMENT

Chicago, Ill
April 8 1897

W. P. Black
Capt. C. K. 37 Ill. Vol.

Orders for the new
ribbons and rosettes
provided for wearers of
the medal of honor

Answered by letter (585)
April 12 1897

Reps
Black 373762

Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office, War Department, Washington, D. C."

Subject: Ribbon and Knot.

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War Department,
Washington City,

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April 13th, 1897

Captain W. P. Meek
206 Ashland Meek
Chicago, Ills

Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that a ribbon of the pattern prescribed and established by the President under the provisions of the Joint Resolution of Congress approved May 2, 1896, to replace the ribbon to which the medal of honor heretofore awarded to you is attached, and a knot to be worn in lieu of the medal, have been forwarded to you by registered mail to-day. Upon receipt of the ribbon and the knot please advise this office thereof.

Very respectfully,

H. C. ...

Colonel, U. S. Army, Chief of Office.

Per H

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Per H Embrey

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W. P. Black
Per A. M. Allerton

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County of Washington, District of Columbia.

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Street and Number, } War Department.
or Post Office Box. }

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County of Washington, District of Columbia.

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Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Oct. 2nd, 1893.

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Stafford.

Please make

and return

Exp.
J. S. McCoy
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Noted:

Ready.

J. N. Stafford.

Oct. 3. 93.

NOTATIONS.

For notations of office action in this case
see record slips

No. 373762

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File this with papers bearing the following

Book mark: RP 373762

Capt. Wm P Black
108 Dearborn St
Cm Washington
Chicago, Ill.

Act of June 27, 1890, as amended by act of May 9, 1900.

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

STATE OF Illinois }
COUNTY OF Cook } ss:

On this 20th day of April, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Six personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, William P. Black, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 63 years of age, and a resident of Chicago county of Cook, State of Illinois, and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Indianapolis, Indiana under the name of William P. Black on the day of April 1861, as a private in Co. I - 11th Indiana Infantry (Zouaves): for the three months service

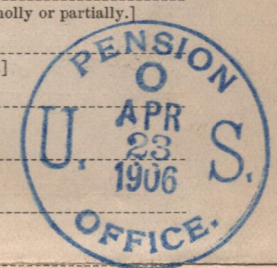
in the service of the United States, in the war of the rebellion, and served at least ninety days and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Indianapolis, on the day of 1861, by reason of expiration of a six months enlistment. That he also served as Captain Co. K., 17th Illinois Infy., from September 18th, 1861 until September 30th A.D. 1864 when he was honorably discharged from said service.

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, six feet 11 inches, or six feet dark; complexion, dark; color of eyes, hazel; color of hair, black; that his occupation was student; that he was born November 11th, 1842, at Woodford County, Kentucky.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Sawville, Ill. until last of September, 1865, and from March 6th until March 5, 1868 - Chicago from September, 1865 until March '67, and from March 5, 1868 until now - except that from April 1883 until December 1893 he lived at Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois, during which period he carried on his profession, but before and since, from March 5/68 to date in Chicago, Ill. [He has suffering from disability of a permanent character, and the result of his own vicious habit, which incapacitates him for the performance of manual labor in such a degree as to render him

unable to earn a support, to wit: [Here state cause of disability, as age, or name of disease, or nature of injury.]

That he is not a pensioner. That he has never heretofore applied for pension.



[If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.] 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, as amended by the act of May 9, 1900: under the Ruling of the Pension Bureau, now known as Order 78. That his POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is 1377 Franklin Boulevard, Chicago

county of Cook, State of Illinois (office address, 404 Ashland Street, Chicago) That he hereby appoints

[If he desires to employ an attorney.] of his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim.

Attest: (1) Charles D. Smith (2) John J. Bell

William P. Black [Claimant's signature in full.]

Also personally appeared Chas. D. F. Smith, residing at 416 Warren Ave. Chicago, Ill.
 and John P. Bell, residing at Chicago, Ill., persons whom I
 certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and
 saw William A. Black, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the
 foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and
 their acquaintance with him of twenty years and five 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.

Chas. D. F. Smith
John P. Bell
 (Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 20th day of April, A. D. 1906

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made
 known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the
 words _____, erased, and the
 words per L. L. 4-23-06, added; and that
 I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.



Allen B. Chilcote
 (Signature)
Notary Public
 (Official character.)

To be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must be certified by the proper State, county, or city officer under his official seal, unless such a certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.

no claim WB

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

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

INVALID.

Name: Wm P. Black
 Service: Inf. 11 Ind. Inf
Capt. K 37 Ill. Inf.

FILED BY



MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT

CASE OF

William P. Black

I Co., 11 Reg't Ind Inf

K Co., 37 Reg't " "

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(Pension Bureau Number.)

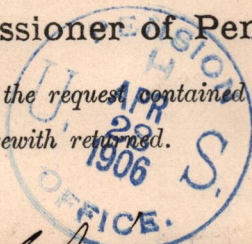
WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

*The statement hereto attached is respectfully
furnished to the*

Commissioner of Pensions,

*in response to the request contained in the com-
munication herewith returned.*



Platensworth

The Military Secretary.

Per *E*

Write nothing below this line.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

(Civil War or War with Spain.)

William P. Black
Co. I, 11 Reg't Ind Infy,
age 18 yrs, height — feet, — inches,
complexion Fair, eyes Blue,
place of birth Calverton, N.Y.,
occupation Farmer;
was enrolled April 18, 1861,
and went with Co Aug 4, 1861.

From Minn, 18, to West, 18,
he held the rank of Private

and the rolls on file for that period show him
present ~~except as follows.~~

over

William P. Black
Co K 37 Ill Inf
age 19 yrs hgt 6 ft 0 in
Complexion dk
eyes hazel hair blk
born in Woodford, Ky.
Occupation Student
was enrolled Aug 15/61
and went with a detail Sept 29/61.

From the time he went
he held the rank of Capt
in in as such to date Sept 18/61.

and the rolls on file for that
period show him present
except as follows: Dec 31/61
Detailed as Ordn Officer for
the Post of Donnovanville.
So absent to June 30/62.

The medical records show him treated
as follows: as — Black, Capt.

Co. K. 37 Ill. Inf. Wounded,
side and thigh, slightly, at
the battle of Leeshurg, Mich. 7
8. 62.

No additional record of
disability found.

Write nothing below this line.

WAR DEPT.
THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE
APR 27 1906
To Bureau of Pensions

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Illinois }
County of Cook } ss.

On this 16th day of March, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Seven, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, William P. Black, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 34 years of age, and a resident of the City of Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois; and that he is the

identical person who was ENROLLED at Chicago, Illinois under the name of William P. Black ^{to-wit: / 8th day of September, 1861,} on the 8th day of September, 1861, as a Captain, of Co. "K", 37th Regt. Illinois Volunteer Infantry (Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Chicago, Illinois on the 30th day of September, 1864.

That he also served as an enlisted man, first as a private soldier and later as Corporal, in Co. "D", 11th Indiana Infantry, (Zouaves) from about Apr. 15th 1861 until about August 15th 1861. (Here give a complete statement of all services (any).)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 11 inches; complexion, Dark; color of eyes, Hazel; color of hair, Black; that his occupation was a college student; that he was born November 11th, 1847 at Woodford County, Kentucky.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Danville, Illinois, until about Mch. 4th 1868 when that he was in Chicago studying law from late in Sept. 1865 until about February, 1866 (except vacations) since Mch. 4, 1868 he has resided continuously in Cook County, Illinois

That he is now a pensioner. ~~That he has heretofore applied for pension~~ under Certificate #1121867, dated May 9th 1906. (If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.)

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 February 6, 1907.

That his post-office address is 404 Ashland Block, Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois.

William P. Black
(Claimant's signature in full.)

Attest: (1) C. D. F. Smith
(2) W. W. Weaver

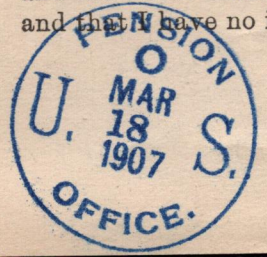
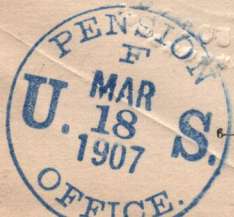
Also personally appeared C. D. F. Smith residing in Chicago and W. W. Weaver, residing in Chicago, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw William P. Black, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him of 20 years and 20 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.

C. D. F. Smith
W. W. Weaver
(Signatures of witnesses.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 16th day of March, A. D. 1907, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words "That he has heretofore applied for pension", erased, and the words "to-wit" twice interlined, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

A. Hale Voluntary
Notary Public
(Official character.)

Valid W. E. H. Law



ms. 1121867
Chicago

#1347893

Act of June 27, 1890.

INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, William P. Black
P. O., #1377 Franklin Boulevard Rank, Captain
County, Chicago, Company, 86
State, Illinois, Regiment, 37 Illinois Vol. Inf.
Rate, \$ 6- per month, commencing April 23, 1906.

Pensioned for Partial inability to earn a support by manual labor.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, None Fee, \$ _____
P. O., _____ Agent to pay.

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Adm. Apr. 30, 1906 Geo. W. Talburt, Examiner.

Approved for partial inability to earn a support by manual labor
Age 62 years.
Rate \$6 per month.

Approved for _____
Medical action not required.
Aggregate of disabilities shown, permanent in character: \$ _____
Medical Examiner. Medical Reviewer
_____, 190____, _____
Medical Referee.

May 5th, 1906, Benjamin Karlan Legal Reviewer.
May 8, 1906, A. B. Casselman Re-Reviewer.

No X pensioned under other laws at \$ _____ per month for _____

Enlisted April 18, 1861, and honorably discharged August 4, 1861

Reenlisted Aug. 15, 1861, and honorably discharged Sept. 29, 1864.

Declaration filed April 23, 1906, alleges permanent disability, not due to vicious habits, from age

No, M. C. Claimant does _____ write.

Successor to
Black & Black,
 Lawyers.

404 Ashland Block,
 TEL. CENTRAL 4000.

~~Black & Goodwin,~~
 THE TEMPLE
 TEL. MAIN 935.

Hon. J. L. Darnford - Chicago, May 27th 1912
 Commissioner of Pensions.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir.

I have to thank you for your
 of 20th inst. I return to you one of the blank ap-
 plications sent me, and I hope you will find that
 the filling up will pass inspection.

I am very glad for many reasons that
 the Act of May 11th 1912, has become a law. In
 March last I had a severe case of pneumonia, that
 made me think how inadequate the \$12.00 a month pen-
 sion would be in the event of disability with advancing
 years; and with my next birth day, Nov. 11 - I will, if
 living, reach the allotted "thru seen and true".

Sincerely Yours -

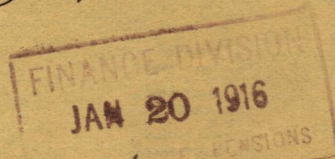
W. P. Black



Chicago January 17-16

Dear Sir.

My father Capt. W. P. Black
who drew a pension Certificate no
11 21,867 died Jan 3, 1916.



I wish to ask what proofs
I need to send to draw the pension
due him to time of his death.

Thanking you in advance

I remain

Very truly yours

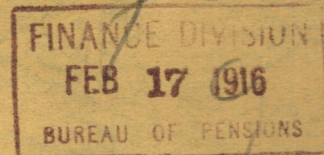
W. P. E. Black.

3001 Fulton St.

Chicago Illinois.

Chicago Feb 13-16.

Certificate No 1,121,867
of Mr P. Black.
K. 37. Ill.



Dear Sir. Please send me forms
for the presentation of claims of
deceased soldiers as per act of March
2-1895. as he died without
sufficient funds to pay doctor
nurse or Undertaker.

Yours very truly.

W. P. E. Black,
Chicago Ill.

3001 Fulton St.

cal Chicago

Original No. _____

Certificate No. 112,867

Reissue

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Claimant, William P. Black

P. O., 404 Ashland Block

Rank, Captain

County, Chicago

Company, K

State, Illinois

Regiment, 37 Illinois Vol. Inf

Rate, \$ 12 per month, commencing March 18, 1907.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY

Name, _____

P. O., _____

APPROVAL.

Submitted for ad. June 22, 1907, W. B. Brown, Examiner.

Approved for Admission.

Age over 62.

Rate \$12 per month.

Reissue to allow under Act of February 6, 1907. Deduct sub-payments and drop name from rolls under Act of June 27, 1890.

June 24, 1907, J. H. Wood
Legal Reviewer.

June 24, 1907, O. U. Jenkins
Re-Reviewer.

Enlisted April 18, 1861; honorably discharged Aug. 4, 1861

Enlisted Aug. 15, 1861; honorably discharged Sept. 29, 1864

Enlisted 11, 1861; honorably discharged _____, 1861

Pensioned at \$ 6 per month, under act of June 27, 1890

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Declaration filed March 18, 1907

Date of birth alleged, Nov. 11, 1842

Age shown by evidence 64 1/2 years.

Claimant does _____ write.

No. _____, M. C. W. F.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION:

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this May day of May, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, William P. Black who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is over 69 years of age, and a resident of Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Indianapolis, Indiana, under the name of William Perkins Black on the April day of April, 1861 as a private, in Co. I, 11th Indiana Zouaves

(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED (State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)

at Indianapolis, Ind, on the August day of August, 1861.

That he also served during a part of said above mentioned term as a Corporal in said Company - and from about September 18th 1861 to Oct. 1st 1864, he served as Captain Co. K, 37th Illinois Infantry. (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 6 feet inches; complexion, dark color of eyes, dark hazel; color of hair, dark brown; that his occupation was Student in Wabash College, Ind. that he was born in Woodford County, Ky. 1842 on November 11th

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Danville, Illinois, where, from about Oct 1861 till after the close of hostilities he served the government as Chief Clerk Post War Hall's office, D-Wm 7th St, Provost Marshal (State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

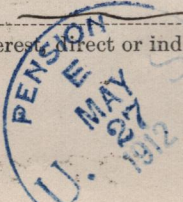
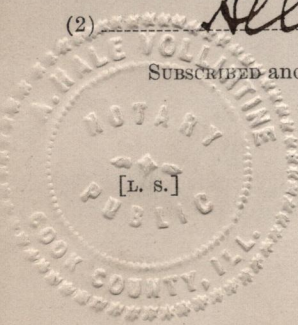
That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 1121867. That he has applied for pension under original No. 1121867

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 May 11, 1912.

That his post-office address is 404 Ashland Block, Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois

Attest: (1) Abel Volentius William Perkins Black (Claimant's signature in full.)
(2) Allen Mitchell

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 24th day of May, A. D. 1912 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words _____, erased, and the words _____, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.



Abel Volentius
(Signature)
Notary Public
(Official character.)

Validity accepted
as to execution
S. A. Cuddy
Chief, Law Division.

IF A PENSIONER, DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER.

mut Chicago

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Cert. No. 1121867

Pension

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Claimant, William P. Black
 P. O., 404 Ashland Block Rank, Captain
 County, Chicago Cook County Service, Co. K, 37th Illinois Inf.
 State, Illinois
 Rate, \$ 19 per month, commencing May 27, 1912

ATTORNEY OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name, _____ Fee, \$ _____; Agent to pay.
 P. O., _____ Articles filed _____, 19

APPROVAL.

Submitted for Adm. Dec. 4, 1912, De Brown, Examiner.
 Approved for Admission Rate \$ 19 per month; age 69 years.

Revised from Act of February 6, 1907

Length of pensionable service: 3 years, 5 months, 2 days.

Deductions in service from any cause: none years, _____ months, _____ days,

on account of _____

Dec 21, 1912, O. B. Bennett Dec. 23, 1912, John H. Brown
Legal Reviewer. Re-Reviewer.

Enlisted April 18, 1861; honorably discharged August 4, 1861

Enlisted August 15, 1861; honorably discharged September 29, 1864

Enlisted _____, 18 _____; honorably discharged _____, 18 _____

Length of pensionable service: 3 years, 5 months, 2 days.

Pensioned at \$ 12 per month, under Act of February 6, 1907.

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Declaration filed May 27, 1912

Age shown by evidence 69 years; date of birth alleged November 11, 1842

Claimant does _____ write.

_____, M. C.

CIVIL WAR

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 13th day of January, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, William P. Black who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is now 70 years of age, and a resident of Chicago, county of Cook and State of Illinois;

and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Chicago, Illinois, under the name of William Perkins Black, on the 18th day of September, 1861, as a Captain, in Co. K., 37th Regt. Illinois Volunteer Infantry, after a prior service as private and corporal in Co. J., 11th Indiana Infantry Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED

at Chicago, Illinois, on the 30th day of October, 1864. That he also served for something over five days after the expiration of the three months enlistment in the 11th Indiana Inf., or until, to-wit; July 24th/1861.

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 11 inches; complexion, dark; color of eyes, hazel; color of hair, very dark brown; that his occupation was, at time of original enlistment, a student in Wabash College, at Crawfordsville, Indiana. That he was born Novem. 12th, 1842, in Woodford County, State of Kentucky.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: at Danville, Ills. from about Oct. 30th 1864, for about 1 year, when he came to Chicago to study law, and remained something over one year.

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 1121867. That he has applied for pension under original No. 1121867#

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 May 11, 1912.

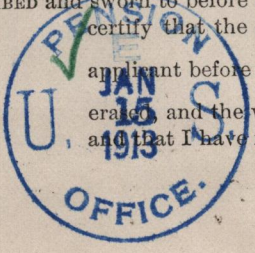
That his post-office address is #404 Ashland Block, city of Chicago Cook State of Illinois

Attest: (1) W. H. Richardson (2) Charles Blue William Perkins Black (Claimant's signature in full.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 13th day of January, A. D. 1913, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words

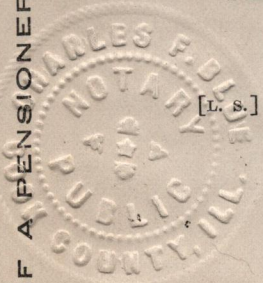
[L. s.] erals and the words, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Charles Blue (Signature) Notary Public (Official character.)



IF A PENSIONER, DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER.

perkins Black, A. A. C. as to exhibition validity accepted



Increase

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.
AS AMENDED BY ACT OF MARCH 4, 1913.

Cert. No. *1121867*

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Claimant, *William T. Black*

P. O., *404 Ashland Block Chicago*

Rank, *Captain*

County, *Cook*

Service, *B.*

State, *Illinois*

37 Ills Inf

Rate, \$ *25* per month, commencing *November 11, 1912*

\$30 commencing November 11, 1917

ATTORNEY OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name, _____; Fee, \$ _____; Agent to pay.

P. O., _____; Articles filed _____, 19 _____

APPROVAL.

Submitted for *Adms May 3, 1913*, *F. Griffin*, Examiner.

Approved for *Lucian* Rate \$ *25* per month; age *70* years.

Date of birth *November 11, 1842*

Length of pensionable service: *3* years, *5* months, *2* days.

Deductions in service from any cause: *None* years, _____ months, _____ days,

on account of _____

May 5, 1913, *W. Griffin* Legal Reviewer, *May 6, 1913*, *J. P. Curtis* Re-Reviewer.

Enlisted *April 18, 1861*; honorably discharged *Aug 4, 1861*

Enlisted *Aug 15, 1861*; honorably discharged *Sept 29, 1864*

Enlisted _____, 18 _____; honorably discharged _____, 18 _____

Length of pensionable service: *3* years, *5* months, *2* days.

Pensioned at \$ *19* per month, under *act May 11, 1912*

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Declaration filed *July 15, 1913*

Age shown by evidence *70* years; date of birth ~~alleged~~ *Nov 11, 1842*

Claimant does _____ write.

CIVIL WAR

First Call

3-333.



W. I., Ex'r.

West Div.

No. *1347893*

William P. Black

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Co. D. 11. Indiana Vol. Inf. (Zouaves)

Washington, D. C. *April 24*, 1906.

No. 37
"act of June 27, 1890."

SIR:

For use in the above-entitled claim for pension you are requested to furnish this Bureau with a full military and medical history and personal description, including birthplace and occupation,

of *William P. Black*, who, it is alleged,

enlisted *April - 1861*, at *Indianapolis, Ind.*,

as a *private* in Co. *D*, *11* Reg't *Indiana Vol. Inf. (Zouaves)*

and was discharged *1861*, at *Indianapolis, Ind.*,

also alleges service as Captain Co. B,
37. Illinois Vol. Inf. from Sept. 18, 1861, to
Sept. 30, 1864,

It is also alleged that on or about _____ he was disabled
by _____

_____ and was treated in hospitals as follows:

Very respectfully,

THE MILITARY SECRETARY,
WAR DEPARTMENT.

W. Warner

Commissioner.

Chicago

PENSIONER DROPPED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

FEB 24 1916, 191

Certificate No. 1121.867.

Class ACT OF MAY 11, 1912

Pensioner William P. Black.

Soldier

Service 17.37 Ill Inf

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the name of
the above-described pensioner who was last

paid at \$ 25, to Oct 4, 1915

has this day been dropped from the roll be-

cause of death Jan 3 1915

Very respectfully,

W. M. Russell

Chief, Finance Division.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at
once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date
of death when known.

Legal Division

September 13, 1919.

The
Quartermaster General,
Cemeterial Branch,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to your communication, without date (EEC), received at this Bureau the 30th ultimo, requesting the stree address of the sister of William P. Black, Company K, 37th Illinois Infantry, Cert.No. 1121867, you are advised that this Bureau has no knowl- edge of the address of any of the soldier's relatives except that of his son, Mr. W. P. E. Black, 3001 Ful- ton Street, Chicago, Illinois, in February, 1916.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

SFH eoa

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
RECORD DIVISION

Briefed by W. S. H.

Orig. DC

Cert. 1121867

Claimant _____

Soldier William P. Black

Service K 37 2nd Inf.

No _____ claim, Service record _____, 191

_____, Clerk.

No claim, Alph'b record _____, 191

_____, Clerk.

REMARKS:

2. M. Genl. wants
address of soldier's
sister, Mrs. Mary E. Hart

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Application No. _____

Certificate No. 1121867

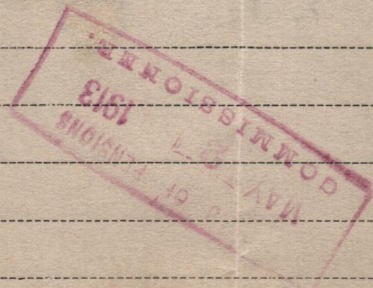
NAME OF SOLDIER,

Wm Perkins Black

Co. K, 37 Reg't. 2nd Inf

INFORMATION DESIRED. Inf

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Finance Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C., *Feb 18, 1916*

No. Claim, _____

Cert. No. *1121.867*

Claimant, _____

Soldier, *Wm P. Black*

Co. *K, 37 Reg't Ills Inf*

Respectfully, *refers to Chief of*

Mail + Supply Div for
marriage circular

MARRIAGE CIRCULAR NOT ON
FILE.

J.R. Rainey

CHIEF MAIL & SUPPLIES DIVISION.

DATE. FEB 18 1916

Wm. Tibbetts

Chief of *FINANCE* Division.

Wm
TIBBETTS

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Application No. _____

Certificate No. *1121.867*

NAME OF SOLDIER,

Wm P. Black

Co. *K, 37 Reg't Ills Inf*

INFORMATION DESIRED.

Receipt

RECEIVED
MAY 14 1916
COMMISSIONER.

Cert. No. 121867,
William P. Black,
Capt. K, 37th Ill. Inf.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS
MAY 27 1913
COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Warfield,
Chief of Civil War Division:

You may take up the second claim that that came in January 15, 1913, and send it forward for action, the age to be accepted as given by the Captain, as he knows his age.

J. L. Davenport
Commissioner.

I shall always look back to with pleasure.

In this, my last General Order, I wish to thank the members of George H. Thomas Post, one and all, for the very kind and courteous treatment that I have received during the past year. You have all been loyal, and willing to do any and everything you could to help the Commander, and for the good of Thomas Post. The Commander has made mistakes of the head, but none of the heart.

Let each one of us for the year 1916, strive for a closer Comradeship, and do all we can for the good of the Grand Army of the Republic. Again I thank you.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

Official:

W. S. Shaw
Adjutant.

Henry C. Young
Commander.

Mustered Out.

WILLIAM P. BLACK, Private Co. I, 11th Indiana Infantry; Captain Co. K,
37th Illinois Infantry. Died January 3, 1916. Interment Graceland.

*Act May 11 21867
Group 1*

INDIANA DIVISION
JAN 14 1916
FINANCE DIVISION
JAN 14 1916

25. - OCT 4 1915

JAN 19 1916

To the Chief, Finance Division:

You are hereby notified that check # 9591593 for \$ 75.
dated JAN 4 1916 in favor of WILLIAM P. BLACK,
post-office CHICAGO, ILL.
Certificate # 1121867 ACT MAY
Class. ACT MAY 11, 1912 404 ASHLAND BLOCK

Section One, has been returned to this office by the Postmaster with the information that the pensioner died Jan 3 1916 and said check has this day been canceled.

PLATE DESTROYED
(D-3)

Very respectfully,
GUY O. TAYLOR,
Disbursing Clerk.

C. R. F.

Sept 19 - Address of Son (W. P. C. Black, 3006
 Fulton, Chicago Ills) to G. M. Gen. Man Dept.
 in answer to request for address of Soldier's
 sister. S. F. H. Law

(3-730) ACT JUNE 27, 1890

INVALID. (Series _____) Cert. No. **1121867**
 Name, *William P. Black*
 Rank, *Capt*; Service, *Co K 39 Ill Vol*
Inf
 Agency. { Original Roll: *Chicago*
 Transf'd _____, 1 _____, to _____
 " _____, 1 _____, to _____

Class *Orig* Issued *May 9*, 1906
 Mailed *" 15*, 1906
 Rate and Period, \$ *6*, from *Apr 23*, 1906
 Deductions: _____
 Disability: _____
 Entered *1* Issue *atty \$ none*

Class *Reiss* Issued *June 24*, 1907
 Mailed *" 25*, 1907
 Rate and Period, \$ *12*, from *March 18*, 1907
 Deductions: *U*
 Disability: *a*
 Entered _____ Issue _____ Fee, \$ _____

DEAD

Class *Reiss* Issued *Dec 26*-1912, 1
 Mailed **DEC 27 1912**, 1
 Rate and Period, \$ *19*, from *May 27*, 1912
 Deductions: *0*
 Disability: _____
 Entered _____ Issue _____ Fee, \$ _____

Class *Reiss* Issued *May 8*-1913, 1
 Mailed **MAY 9-1913**, 1
 Rate and Period, \$ *25*, from *Nov 11*, 1912
 + \$ *30* " *Nov 11*-1912
 Deductions: _____
 Disability: _____
 Entered _____ Issue _____ Fee, \$ _____

INDORSEMENTS.

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 JAN 26 1916 *Ad March 2, 1890*
circular to W. P. C. Black
 FEB 24 1916 *Reimbursement*
blank of W. P. C. Black

Talbot Ex'r.

No.

Act of June 27, 1890.

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William P. Black.

P. O. 1377 Franklin Boulevard.

Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.

Service I 11 Ind. Inf.

Capt. K 3 of Ill. Inf.

Enlisted Apr., 1861.

Discharged Sept. 30, 1864.

Application filed Apr. 23, 1906.

Any other claim filed No.

6-238

Attorney:

Claimant

P. O.

J. B.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for

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Notified April 23, 1906

IND.

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KANS.

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CAL.

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N. MEX.

DAKOTA.

WASH.

UTAH.

No.

Apr 24/06 The Military
Rec'd War Dept. for file
aw. 9
Apr. 30/06. Ckt. thro Hon.
2^d Spty. desk that claim
being considered with
a view to early settlement
aw. 1

Section H materials includes the extraordinarily well researched analyses of three Congressional campaigns; one article covers the 1866 and 1876 campaigns for the district that included Vermilion County and a second article covers the 1884 campaign. Both articles were written by noted historian Timothy Smith who, in various other publications, has chronicled the political life of Vermilion County resident Joseph Gurney Cannon.

“Uncle Joe” Cannon served for almost five decades (starting in 1873) in the U.S. House of Representatives, and as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1903 to 1911. As part of Mr. Smith’s research, he has written the following articles about the three Congressional campaigns where John Charles Black was an unsuccessful candidate. It was not until 1892 when General Black succeeded to election for his one and only term in the House of Representatives. Thereafter, General Black was appointed to serve as the U.S. Attorney in Chicago and subsequently served as the head of the U. S. Civil Service Commission in Washington, D.C.

These articles represent a remarkable insight into the relationship between Cannon and Black who, while being political rivals, also certainly held one another in substantial esteem. A great gratitude is extended to Tim Smith for his momentous contributions.

**JOHN CHARLES BLACK RUNS FOR
CONGRESS IN EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS:
1866 AND 1876**

**TIMOTHY OHREA SMITH
Danville, Illinois**

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