

Civil War

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Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.  
 All pension to terminate \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_, date of \_\_\_\_\_

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

**REJECTED**  
 June 29, 1911

Name W. H. Siskel Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Agent to pay.  
 P. O. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Articles filed \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVALS.

Submitted for rejection May 25, 1911 F. Clardy Examiner.  
 " " " June 17, 1911  
 Approved for Rejection on ground that at the time of delinquent claim  
the Claimant was not without other means of support than  
his daily labor, and he had a note under date June 27, 1890.  
June 19, 1911 Geo. M. Watson June 20, 1911 F. White  
Reviewer. Reviewer.

The soldier was pensioned at \$ 12.00 per month for under act of June 27, 1890.

Enlisted November 4, 1861 Soldier's app'n filed July 17, 1890.

honorably disch'd July 8, 1862 Clt's app'n under other laws May 26, 1909.

Reenlisted not Former marriage of neither

honorably disch'd no other service Death } of former \_\_\_\_\_  
 Divorce } \_\_\_\_\_

Died June 3, 1895 Clt's marriage to soldier May 3, 1857.

Declaration filed August 10, 1895 Clt. not married. no divorce

Claimant \_\_\_\_\_ writes. \_\_\_\_\_ No, M. C.

cause of rejection: Dependence not shown.  
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Date: Fri, 6 Jan 2006 15:31:48 -0800 (PST)

From: "Donna Hay" <dhay16301@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: George's pension application

To: "JOHN (Stiebeling) Illenberger" <johnillenberger@verizon.net>, "George (Stiebeling) Gilliland" <ggillil151@msn.com>

John, thanks so much for that pension application copy. Phew! I had no idea it would be so big!

I noticed a couple of things on it:

1. curious George was 5'5.5" and 123 pounds at age 60, and 5'6.75" and 123 pounds at age 64 - usually you get shorter, not taller, over age 60!

2. marriage record - I know Hermine said it was performed at her home, and there was no record in Jersey City, NJ as they weren't kept back then, but on the church record it says that George is from Grossfarzogtfirm (?? - boy is that script - even in America - hard to read) in Hesse - where did you get the information it was Gedern?

3. All of Hermine's affidavits - from her, her children, and from friends, state that they were never divorced. Then again, Alfred and Helen's affidavit also states that not only were they never legally separated or divorced, but that they lived together as man and wife from the date of their marriage (5/4/57) until the soldier died (6/3/95) - from their personal knowledge! ha! Maybe he visited often? Multiple people did attest they did not divorce, and wife #3 did not file for a pension, so I think it is likely that George never did divorce Hermine.

4. Curious that NY's death certificate for George had his mother's name (Margaretta) but not his fathers. Of course, I am sure you noticed it says he is buried at Mr. Olivet, by undertaker Francis Breitstein, and that he died of neurasthenia pneumonia - paralysis cordis. Did you notice it also said he had lived in America for 39 years? Looks like he should have emigrated about 1856. I will look more carefully at 1855-April 1857 in the Germans to America. Then I will also see if the revised Germans to America adds anything - I think they might have tried to add in all ships, and not just the 80%+ ships. Then, if still no luck, I guess it is a search of all the records of NY.

My Gedern tapes are in, and I'll go down there next week to confirm that George and Lorenz are brothers, and what other siblings they had. That will confirm everything definitively.

Thanks again! :) Donna

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