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June 22, 1981

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Dwight A. Gardsstrom

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RECORD IDENTIFICATION

Military service record for:

BENJAMIN Burshey
Co B

4th Regiment of MINN. INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Civil War

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912

DECLARATION FOR PENSION

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION

State of WASHINGTON, County of KING

On this 25 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, John M. Bursley who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 71 years of age, and a resident of Seattle, county of King

State of Washington; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Fort Snelling Maine, under the name of John M. Bursley

on the 23 day of Oct, 1861, as a Pvt, in Co G 4 Regt Main Col Inf (Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels in the Navy.) re-enlisted after serving 3 yrs in same

bot Regt in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Louisville Ky, on the 19 day of July, 1865

That he also served (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

IF A PENSIONER DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER

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 9 3/4 inches; complexion, Dark; color of eyes, brown; color of hair, Dark; that his occupation was farmer; that he was born Jan 10, 1841, at Maine

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Maine until 1877
So Dakota about 3 yrs. N. Dakota about 7 yrs. Maine until 1911
Seattle the rest of the time
(State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 662 595 That he has applied for pension under original No. _____

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 1158 Eastlake Ave. Seattle county of King State of Washington

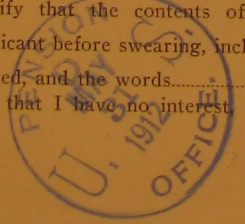
Attest: (1) John Taylor (2) Anna J M Taylor John M Bursley (Claimant's signature in full.)

Validity accepted as to execution Chief, Law Division

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 25 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 _____

[L. S.] _____ erased, and the words _____ and that I have no interest direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Clara S. Taylor (Signature)



NOTARY PUBLIC
303 HINCKLEY BLOCK
SEATTLE WASH.
(Official character.)

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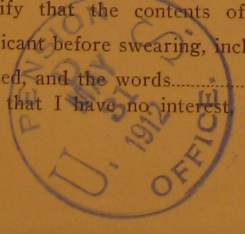
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IF A PENSIONER DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER



ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Maine }
County of Ramsey } ss.

On this 10th day of Jan, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Eleven
personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county
and State aforesaid, John M. Bursley who, being duly sworn according to law,
declares that he is 70 years of age, and a resident of Minneapolis
county of Hennepin, State of Maine; and that he is the
identical person who was ENROLLED at Fort Snelling under the name of
John M. Bursley on the 22nd day of Dec, 1861
as a Private, in Co G 1st Minn Regt
(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 Lansdowne Ky on the 17th day of July, 1865
That he also served _____
(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, 5 feet 9 1/2 inches;
complexion, Fair; color of eyes, Brown; color of hair, Brown; that his occupa-
tion was Farmer; that he was born January 10th, 1841,
at Lansdowne Maine

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: _____

That he hereby appoints the Attorney General of Minnesota
of St. Paul, Minn. to prosecute this claim.

That he is _____ a pensioner. That he has _____ heretofore applied for pension
at 120 off 662595

(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 John M. Bursley Minneapolis, county of Hennepin,
State of Maine

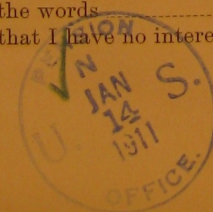
Attest: (1) W. M. Murfin (Claimant's signature in full.)
(2) Henry R. Chudob

Also, personally appeared W. M. Murfin, residing in Minneapolis, Maine
and John M. Bursley, residing in _____, 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 John M. Bursley, 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 40 years, and 4 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.

W. M. Murfin
Henry R. Chudob
(Signatures of witnesses.)

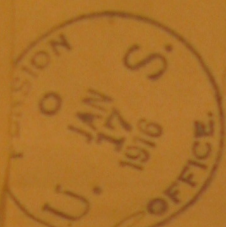
SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 10th day of Jan, A. D. 1911,
and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully
made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing,
including the words All the words, erased,
and the words See the words, added;
and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Validity [L. S.] Accepted
as to execution
S. A. Cuddy,
Chief, Law Division.



W. M. Murfin
(Signature.)
Notary Public
(Official character.)
St Paul

Retsil C. Kitapkeo Wash.



C. W.
Retsil
Wash
Jan 10-16
Commissioner Pension
Wash

Phase II B

This is the anniversary
of my discovery which
occurred Jan 10 1841
The no of my certificate
is 662595 I enlisted
with my dear old father
in Oct 1861 I served
the entire balance of war
and ~~my~~ was killed
never missed a
battle Division playing in
the Brass Band that led
Boys on the Grand Review

JAN 19 1916

DIVISION

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Retail, Kitamploo Wash.

C of Sherman's March
In '65 If you read
an affidavit please
forward Blank

Respectfully
John M. Pearsley
No 4th Main St



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

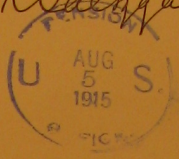
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

Sir: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

JOHN M. BURSLEY,
PORT ORCHARD WASH
662595
WASH VET HOME

J. M. Bursley



Commissioner.

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No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. *La Grange, Mo. Jan 10, 1841*
The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. *Regt. 4th Mass. Inf.*

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. *Monticello*

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. *Mary A. Bursley - Dunn*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. *By S. H. Ragan, Monticello, Mo. 1875*
Anna Maria

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage?
If so, where? Answer. *Rock Mills*

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer.

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No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer.

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. *You both are*

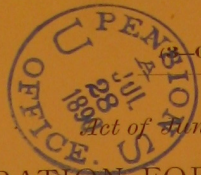
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No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer.
Forest S. Bursley Aug 7, 1877
Jessie E. Bursley Sep 10, 1879
Harry M. Bursley Oct 14, 1881
Leah Ann M. Bursley Jan 3, 1884
Rebecca S. Bursley Aug 19, 1888
All living!

Date *July 31*

(Signature) *John M. Bursley*

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Act of June 27, 1890.

AA DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION. AA

To be executed before a court of record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal.

STATE OF North Dakota }
COUNTY OF Ward }

On this 20 day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-
personally appeared before me, James Johnston, Clerk of the District Court, a
court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, John M. Burdick,
aged 47 years, a resident of the Town of Minot
county of Ward, State of North Dakota, who, being
duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical John M. Burdick,
who was ENROLLED on the 27 day of October, 1861, in Co "G"
4th Minn Vol Inf - as "Corporal"
in Military service, or vessel, if in the Navy.)

Three years
nine months & seven days in the war of the rebellion, and served at least
ninety days, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at
Fauverville Ky., on the 19th

day of July, 1865. That he is Entirely unable to earn a support by
reason of Heart Disease, Rheumatism & Complete
Physical Prostration. But to wounds Military Service
(Here name the disease or injuries from which disabled.)

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief
permanent. That he has Never applied for pension under application No.

That he is a pensioner under Certificate No.
(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.

He hereby appoints
of
State of
his true and lawful attorney
to prosecute his claim. That his POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is
county of Ward, State of North Dakota

Attest: Thomas Muller
J. R. Mc God
(Claimant's signature.)

Saukago Minn.

Nov 30 1891

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in for the state of Minnesota one Hinton of Noel known by me to be such and first being duly sworn according to law deposes and says I have been personally acquainted with one John M Bursley, late of Co "G" 4th Minn Infy since Oct 1861 see him soon after he enlisted he was at that time a stout robust young man 19 years of age I^d to none in his Regt - I see him again after nearly four years of Military service he was a broken down "Old" young man I have lived neighbor to him most of the time since he is a great sufferer "By times" with the piles and I understand heart disease and is so well understood among his friends to be a severe victim of "Army life" he is so far broken down as to be entirely unfit for work he has an Invalid wife and six young children and is very poor circumstances

L. G. Noel

Swore and subscribed to before me
this 30th day of November one thousand
eight hundred and ninety one

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

State of Alabama Town of Huntsville

I John Bursley born in.....
in the State of Maine aged Twenty four years, and by
occupation a Soldier Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have
volunteered this First day of January 1864,

to serve as a **Soldier** in the **ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**, for the period of **THREE YEARS** un-
less sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also agree to accept such pay,
rations and clothing, as are, or may be established by law for volunteers. And

I, John Bursley.....do solemnly swear, that I will
bear true faith and allegiance to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and
that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or oppo-
sers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of the Presi-
dent of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, ac-
cording to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at Huntsville, Ala.

this 1st day of January, 1864,

BEFORE Wm. G. Reddye Adj. Gen. 4th Minn.

I CERTIFY ON HONOR, that I have carefully examined the above named Volunteer, agree-
ably to the General Regulations of the Army, and that in my opinion, he is free from all bodily
defects and mental infirmity, which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties
of a soldier.

E. W. Cross

4th Minn. Vol. Inftry

EXAMINING SURGEON

I CERTIFY ON HONOR, that I have minutely inspected the Volunteer John

Bursley.....previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlist-
ed; that, to the best of my judgement and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him
as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the
Regulations which govern the recruiting service. This soldier has Blue eyes, Black
hair, Light complexion, is Five feet, Nine inches high.

Samuel C. Edson

Capt. 4th

Regiment of Maine Volunteers,

RECRUITING OFFICER.

Volunteers, on the 1st day of January, 1864, at Huntsville, Ala.

Richardson

Capt. 13th Inf. Army

A. G. W. 3100 15th AL

5th Regiment of Maine

Dec. 4, 1897
Atty. & Clerk, not
of receipt
J. H. T. F.

Mar. 2, 1896
Cred. of Dr. Goodly, and
~~other~~ Allen W. Blake,
offiants,
Letter to and veri-
fication of official blank,
J. H. T. F.

April 13, 1897.
Atty. J. J. Donohue
and claimant not held
of receipt
Savign Slipi to S. E. S.,
J. H. T. F.

MAY 24 1897

Case to Secretary
June 18, 97 decision to Atty

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15-34
No. 412.793

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1877

James Smullen, completing
Benjamin Bursley (Dead)

ABANDONED

P. O. St. Cloud,
Stearns Co., Minn.
Service: Co. G. 4 Minn. Vol. Inf.

Enlisted: Nov. 7 61.

Discharged: July 6 62.

Application filed: Dec. 27 80.
" " April 22 1892.

Alleges: Diarrhoea, and resulting
disease of Kidneys.

Re-enlisted:

Attorney: J. J. Donohue,
P. O. St. Cloud,
Minn.

Recognized.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for

May 31, 1897

Circular letters to
collaboration of Jas. Bursley as
to origin.

Medical continuance from
discharge to death.

Continued in service by
alleged disabilities.

Sort of survivors to chd.
J. H. T. F.

June 26, 1899,

A. S. returned.

Verification of letters to
and credibility of Mellaner,
Aug. 30, 1899.

Circular letters 3-056
and 3-489, to offiants
Joseph Millon and Jas. M.
Bursley,
Credibility of Jas. M. Bursley,
J. H. T. F.

Aug. 29, 1899.

Atty. For affidavit of commission
offier as 1st sergeant showing
origin of chd. diarrhea, in
continuance of same from
discharge by 2 reliable persons,
as J. M. Bursley is alleged to
be meritorious.

J. H. T. F.