George F. Stanwood was born 12 March 1841, likely in Hampden where the family resided in 1840, or in/near West Indian Township No. 2 (now known as Woodville), Penobscot, Maine, where George's grandfather Benjamin Stanwood, Jr. was a landowner in 1844.

On 21 August, 1862, George joined his brother as a private in Company A, 1st Maine Heavy Artillery, a unit noted by historians to have suffered one of the highest percentages of battle casualties of any Union regiment during the entire war. George was wounded by gunfire on 19 May, 1864, and died at a hospital in Washington, D.C. on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1864.

From the pension claims of Calvin and Bridget Stanwood (dependent parents of George), we learn that George's father, Calvin Stanwood, had been seriously injured and disabled about 1860 when he became entangled in the chain of a sled and was dragged a significant distance through the woods by oxen. George began supporting his parents by making shingles in exchange for pork, molasses, teas and other food items, and working on the "small" 100-acre family farm. When George enlisted as Union soldier, he gave the bounty to his parents, save \$20 which he kept, and sent them \$10/month from his wages. One can deduce he was a kind and caring young man.

After George's death, his mother Bridget first filed for a pension (certificate #106,590). When she died in 1881, Calvin then made a pension claim (certificate #198,917). These original documents, held at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C., provide wonderful genealogical information. Thank you to John Bursley for the document photographs below and from which we learn the following:

- Calvin Stanwood and Bridget/Betsey McDermott were married 11 Novemeber 1832 by Rev. Father Welch in Brooklyn, NY.
- Bridget died 4 July 1881, and Rev. William E. Morse of Lincoln officiated at her funeral.
- The only property owned by Calvin Stanwood and recorded by the Penobscot County
  Registry of Deeds was the South half of Lot 32, purchased 27 Sep 1864 by quit claim deed
  from William B. Hayford. Lot 32 was formerly owned by Calvin's father, Benjamin
  Stanwood, who routinely mortgaged his properties. On 29 May 1857, Benjamin purchased
  back Lots 24, 25 and 32 from Nathaniel Swett.
- Calvin and Bridget's home was modest and "unfinished."
- Timothy Fuller was an important family friend, who not only "purchased" Lots 24, 25 and 32 from Benjamin Stanwood in 1855, but also witnessed Calvin's claim for pension on 1 Sept. 1888.
- Birth dates of George's sisters, Florence A. (b. 28 May 1849) and Eva E. (b. 29 April 1857)

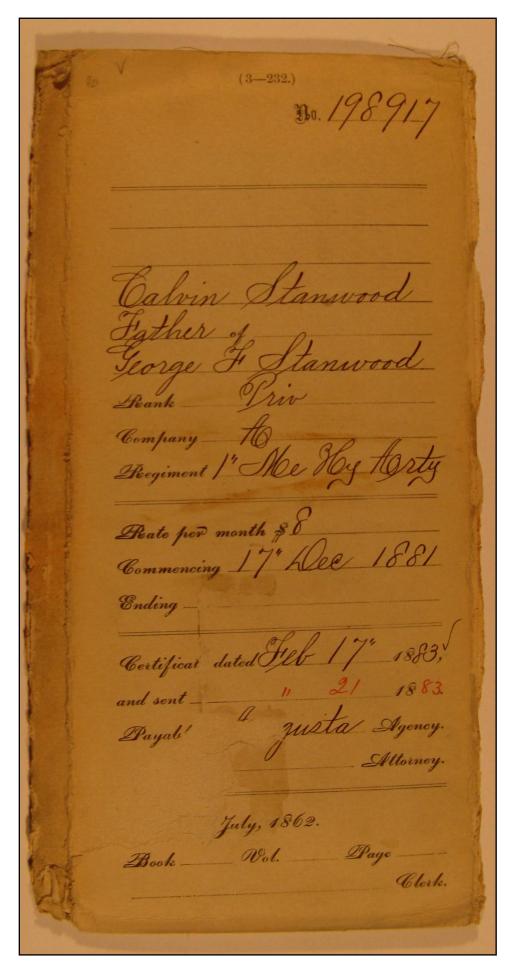
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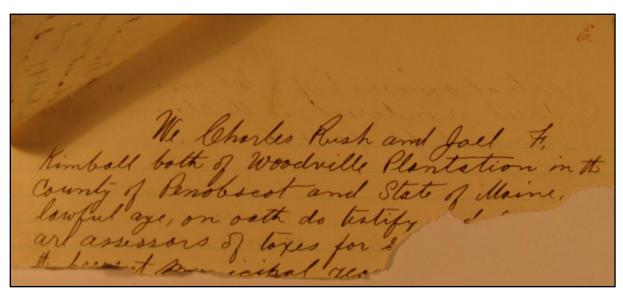
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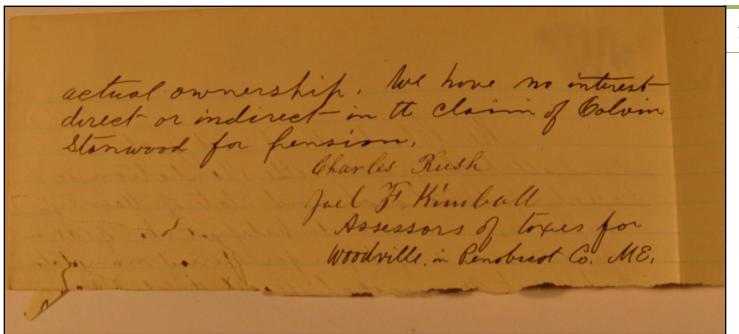


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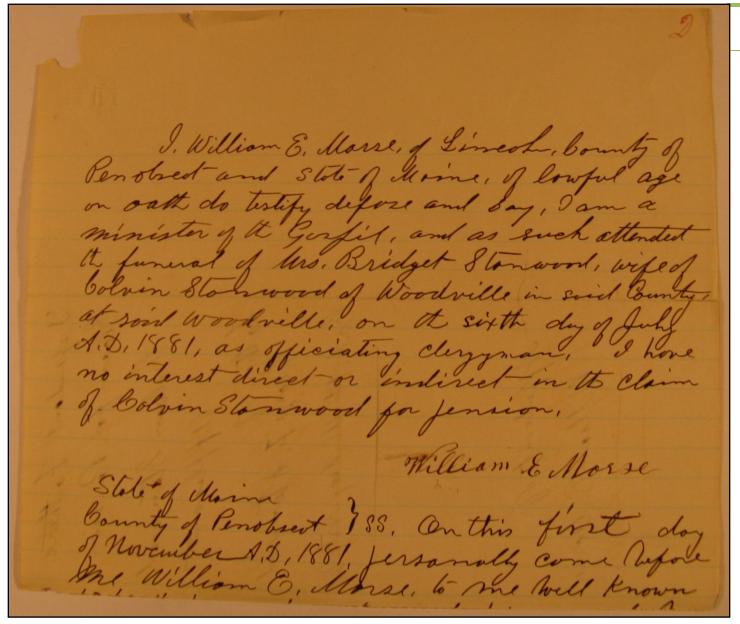
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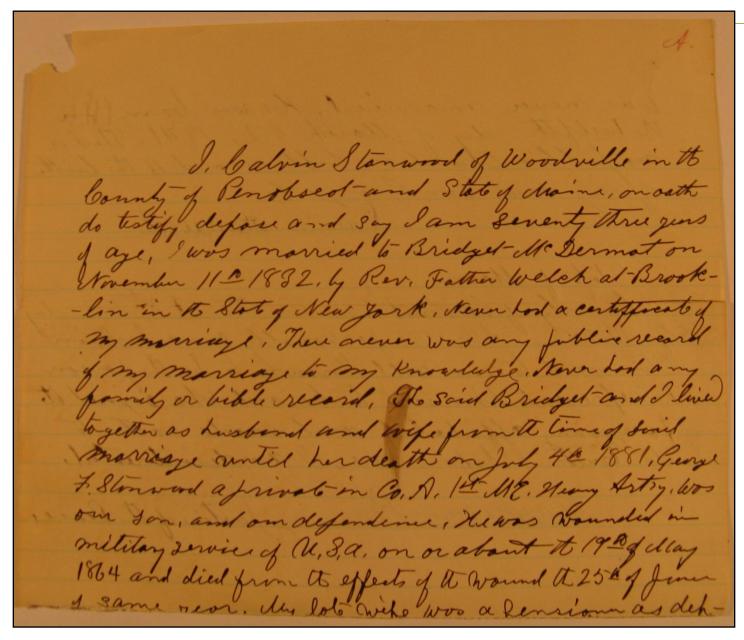
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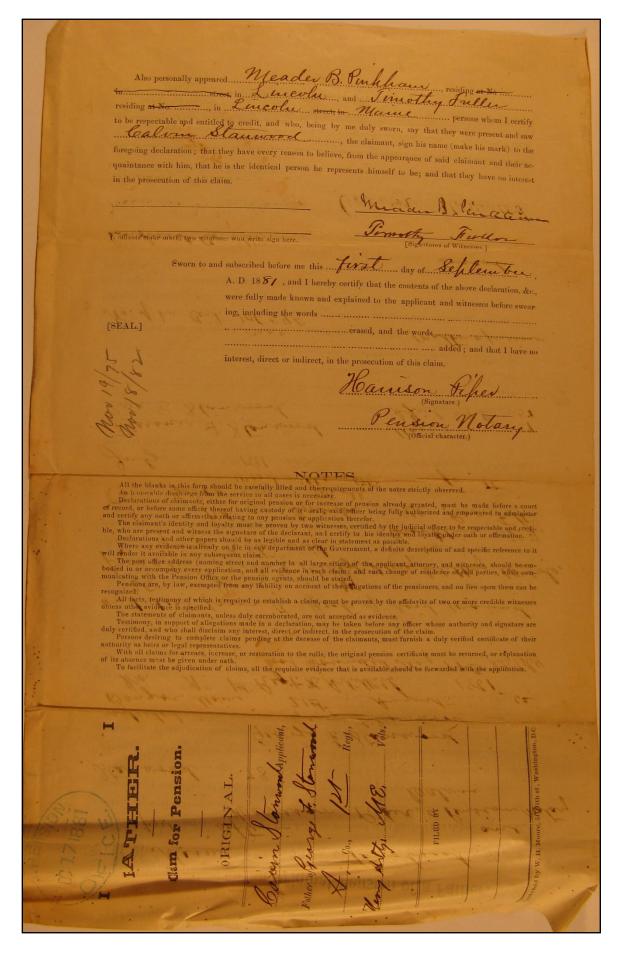


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#### Pension claims made by dependent parents of George F. Stanwood

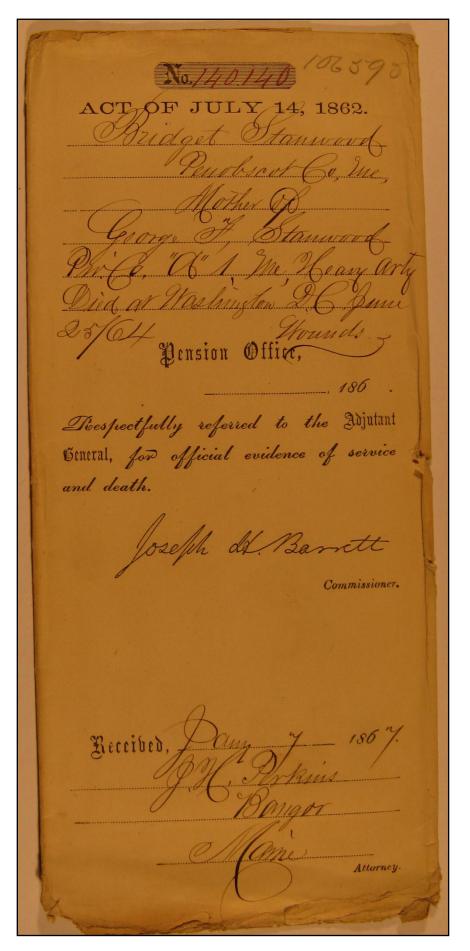
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| Declaration for an Original Pension of a Father. I   |
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| the same being a court of record within and for the county and State afor said,  |
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| dent Fathers: That he is the Father of General & Stanwood  |
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| age surviving; that the declarant was married to the mother of said son at Markland What   |
| on the day of November, A. D. 1832 by Rev. Father welch; that he was (4) welly dependent upon said son for support;  |
| July , A. D/88/; that there were surviving at date of said son's death his brothers and  |
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| 4. "Wholly," or "in part."  5. If either he, the mother, or the soldier has previously applied, so state, giving number of claim.  |



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