

From National Archives Civil War Pension records, Box 33,824, Pension Certificate 169,485.

This was a preprinted form. The only handwritten portions are the names of William and Eliza and the signature of the judge. It is dated 28 July 1854.

William Pumplin and Elizabeth Pumplin were married in Germany. They traveled on the ship Sir Robert Peel as a married couple, and they had a child when they emigrated. Shortly after they arrived in the United States, they apparently were married again in Davenport. This may be because they had no proof of their marriage in Germany. This is the license that was issued for the marriage in Davenport. The license was apparently never filed following the ceremony, according to other documents in the pension file.

Some of the problems may be because the year of the marriage in Davenport was stated as 1853, rather than 1854, in the pension documents.

State of Iowa

Scott County

Office of County Judge

License is hereby granted to any person authorized to solemnize marriages according to the laws of said State, in said County to join in marriage *William Pumplin* and *Eliza Wittforth* of the County aforesaid; and the person joining them in marriage is also required to make due return of the certificate annexed, to the County court within ninety days, of the name of the parties, time and place of marriage, and by whom solemnized.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office in Davenport, in said County, this 28th day of July A.D., 1854.

/s/ Wm. Burris

Judge of said Court

In this document, dated 28 October 1863, Elizabeth makes what appears to be the first claim for a widow's pension. This document is the only one that mentions William and Elizabeth's oldest son Henry, who was born in Germany. It also is interesting that the Civil War, which was known as the War of Rebellion in the North following the war, is called the "war of 1861."

One of the witnesses, Enoch Quimby, was one of the first settlers in Diamond Bluff, Pierce County. He settled there, according to a local history found on www.rootsweb.net/~wipierce, between 1850 and 1854. The judge, William Hawes, also was one of the first settlers in Pierce County.

This document states that William was born in September 1855. Most of the other documents in the pension file state that he was born 14 February 1855. This document also states that Mary was born in 1859. Most other records found for Mary state that she was born in 1860.

Widow's Claim for Pension.

The State of Wisconsin, County of Pierce

On this *twenty eighth* day of *October* A.D., 1863, personally appeared before *Hon. William Hawes* County judge of *Pierce County* said Court being a Court of Record within and for said county *Elisabeth Pumplin* aged *thirty* years, a resident of *Trenton*, in the county of *Pierce*, and State of *Wisconsin*, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862: That she is the widow of *William L.H. Pumplin*, who was a *Private* in Company A, commanded by *Captain Orrin T. Maxson*, in the *12th* Regiment of *Wisconsin Infantry*, commanded by *Col. George E. Bryant*, in the war of 1861. That her said husband died at *Vicksburg*, in the State

of Miss., on the *fifth* day of *July* A.D. 1863. Said Wm. L.H. Pumplin having died as aforesaid of Disease contracted while in the service of the United States. while in the line of duty in the service of the United States.

She further declares that she was married to the said *William L.H. Pumplin* at *Davenport Iowa*, on the *12th* day of *August* A.D., 1854 by one *Ole Krogin* a clergyman; that her name before her marriage was *Elisabeth Whitford*, and that ever since the death of her said husband, she has remained a widow: as will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed.

That during the existence of the aforesaid marriage there were born to her and her said husband the following named children, who are now under the age of sixteen years, viz: *Henry Pumplin*, born the *20th* day of *October*, 1850; *William Pumplin* born *September* 1855, *Augustus* born the *13th* day of *March* 1857, *Mary Pumplin* born *April* 29, 1859 all of whom are still living, and reside in *Trenton Pierce County Wisconsin*.

She also declares that she has in no manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the Rebellion in the United States.

/s/ Elisabeth Pumplin

Also personally appeared *Enoch Quimby* and *Timothy McCue*, residents of *Diamond Bluff* in the County of *Pierce* and State of *Wisconsin*, 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 *Elisabeth Pumplin* sign her name to the foregoing declaration. They further swear that they were acquainted with the said *William L.H. Pumplin*, deceased, in his life-time, and know that he and the said *Elisabeth Pumplin*, lived and cohabited together as man and wife, up to the time when he entered the service, and that they were generally recognized as such by their acquaintances and neighbors, and their marriage was never questioned. That during the continuance of said marriage there were born to them the following named children, all of who are now under the age of sixteen years, viz: *Henry Pumplin*, *William Pumplin*, *Augustus Pumplin* and *Mary Pumplin*.

That since the death of her said husband, the said *Elisabeth Pumplin* has not married, but is still a widow; and that she is the identical person she represents herself to be. All the foregoing statements they make from their own personal knowledge; and they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

/s/ Enoch Quimby

/s/ Timothy McCue

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *twenty eighth* day of *October* A.D. 1863; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Witness my signature and the seal of said Court, at *Prescott*, the day and year aforesaid.

/s/ William Hawes County Judge

Pierce County Wisconsin

Know all Men by these Presents, that I, *Elisabeth Pumplin*, of *Trenton*, in the County of *Pierce*, and State of *Wisconsin*, do hereby constitute and appoint *Austin H. Young*, my true and lawful Agent and Attorney, for me and in my name to prosecute the claim presented by me for a pension by reason of the service of my late husband; and I do hereby authorize my said Attorney to examine the papers, documents and records relating to my said claim, which may be found in any Department or Office of the Government; to appoint one or more persons to assist him in the business aforesaid; to file additional evidence or arguments when necessary; to receive the certificate which may issue in my name upon said claim; and to do any and all lawful acts necessary in effecting the object of *this* said appointment.

In Testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and seal, this *28th* day of *October*, A.D. 1863

Executed in presence of

/s/ Enoch Quimby

/s/ Timothy McCue

/s/ Elisabeth Pumplin

The State of *Wisconsin*, County of *Pierce*

On this *twenty eighth* day of *October*, A.D. 1863 before the undersigned authority within and for said County, personally came *Elisabeth Pumplin*, and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing Power of Attorney, for the purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand *and official Seal*, the day and year aforesaid.

/s/ William Hawes County Judge

Pierce County Wisconsin

The State of *Wisconsin*, County of *Pierce*,

I, *C. N. Hyerdahl*, Clerk of the *Circuit* Court within and for said County, do certify that *William Hawes*, Esq., before whom the foregoing *declarations affidavits and acknowledgment were* made, was, at the time of taking the same, and still is, an acting *County Judge*, within and for said County, duly commissioned and sworn; and that the signature, purporting to be his, to said *declarations affidavits and acknowledgment*, is his genuine signature.

In Testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of our said Court, at *Ellsworth*, this *twenty eighth* day of *October*, A.D. 1863.

/s/ C? N? Hyerdahl, Clerk

This is an index card on Elizabeth's original claims, file 92,135 and 111,132. It is dated 5 May 1865.

Side One

111,132

No. 92,135

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862

Elizabeth Pumplin

Pierce Co. Wis. wid of

William L.H. Pumplin,

Priv. Co. A. 12 Wis. Vols.

died at Vicksburg, Miss

July 5, 1863

Pension Office

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Respectfully referred to the Adjutant General, for official evidence of service and death.

/s/ Joseph H. Barnett

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Received, *May 5, 1865*

/s/ Austin H. Young

Prescott

Wis.

Attorney

Side Two

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Sept 6/65 17 ?

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Sept. 13, letter to Atty for ?? of marriage

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May 11-67 Cir 17 to atty to complete

June 14-67 cir 17. as above

Sept 14-67 cir 17 as above.

In this document dated some time between 1865 and 1867 when L.L. Lewis was Clerk of the County Court, Dr. Orrin T. Maxson, the Captain of William's company and a neighbor, swears that William joined the 12th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment Volunteers as an able-bodied man. This document is the only one in which William's name is spelled Wilhelm Pumplunn, with what appears to be an umlaut over the second U. Elizabeth's name is spelled Elisabeth Pumplunn. Maxon would file a similar deposition from Cook County, Illinois in 1867.

State of Wisconsin

County of Pierce

Orrin T. Maxson resident of said County and State, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he was, late Captain of Company A. 12th Regiment Wisconsin Inf. Vols. That Wilhelm L.H. Pumplunn enlisted in said Company A. on or about the 14th day of September 1861, at which time he was a strong able bodied man, and that he so continued to be a strong able bodied man until on or about the 15th day of June 1863, when he, the said Wilhelm L.H. Pumplunn, was seized with the malarious fever produced by exposure and overexertion in the line of his duty in the trenches in [sic] during the Seige [sic] of Vicksburg Mississippi, and that he continued to fail under the effects of said fever until he died which occurred on or about the fifth day of July 1863. That this deponent has been a practicing physician and surgeon for more than ten years last ?; that this deponent was well acquainted with the said Wilhelm L.H. Pumplunn and the said Elisabeth Pumplunn before to [sic] date of his enlistment, and knows that they cohabited together as man and wife, and that several children were born unto them while so living and cohabiting together, and that the fact of their marriage was never doubted or questioned in the neighborhood where they resided. He further says that he is not interested either directly or indirectly in the prosecution of this, her claim.

/s/ Orrin T. Maxson

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L.L. Lewis

Clerk of Circuit Court

In the matter of the claim of Elizabeth Pumplunn for widow's Pension.

In this document, the Adjutant General's office in Washington confirms William's service and death at Vicksburg.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D.C.,

July 3rd, 1865

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 92,135, 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 *William L.H. Pumplin* was enrolled on the 22nd day of *Sept*, 1861, at *Prescott* in Co. "A", 12th Regiment of *Wis* Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a *Private* on the 30th day of *October*, 1861, at *Madison*, in Co. "A" 12th Regiment of *Wis* Volunteers to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the quarterly return of deceased soldiers 3rd *October* 1863 of that Regiment, dated *September 30th* 1863, he is reported "*Died at Vicksburg July 6th 1863 of Disease.*" *Nature of disease not stated.*

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

/s/ Sam. Breck

Assistant Adjutant General

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D.C.

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In this preprinted document, dated 24 August 1865, the Surgeon General's office of the Pension Bureau reports on how William Pumplin died.

Surgeon General's Office,

Record and Pension Bureau,

Washington, D.C., Aug. 24th 1865

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith applications of Pension, No. 92,135 with such information as is furnished by the records of this Office, *Private William Pomplin* [sic], Co. "A", 12th Regiment *Wis. Vols*, is reported to this Office by *Asst. Surgeon E.M. Rogers* as having died *July 6th*, 1863 at *Regtl Hosp Vicksburg Miss. of Febris Remitt.*

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

/s/ J.J. Woodward

Assistant Surgeon, U.S. Army

The Commissioner of Pensions

Washington, D.C.

In this document, dated 25 July 1866, the application for the pension appears to be summarized. The page was slightly crumpled at the top, so some of the wording is missing.

LaCrosse 111,132

? Minor Children ? July 25, 1866

BRIEF in the case of *Elizabeth Pumplin* Widow of *William L.H. Pumplin Priv. Co. A., 12 ?*
Resident of *Pierce* County, State of *Wisconsin* Post Office address: *Trenton*

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM

PROOF EXHIBITED

SERVICE

Adj. Genl reports enrolled Sept. 22, 1861. Mustered Oct. 30, 1861, and died at Vicksburg July 6, 1863 of disease.

DEATH

Surg Genl reports died July 6, 1863 of Febris Remitt. Capt swears soldier was a sound man when enlisted, and while in the trenches at Vicksburg, he was attacked with diarrhea and Camp fever of which disease he died July 5, 1863.

MARRIAGE

Aug. 12, 1854. William Pumplin and Elizabeth Willforth [sic]. Original Certificate unauthenticated – Copy of License granted, and by cohabitation for 15 years. Claimant states she is unable to furnish better proof.

NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH OF CHILDREN

William, born Feby 14, 1855 who will be 16 years old Feby 13, 1871

Augustus, born March 13, 1857 who will be 16 years old March 12, 1873

Mary born April 29, 1859 who will be 16 years old April 27, 1875

PROOF OF AGES

By persons present.

LOYALTY

Declared

AGENT AND HIS P.O. ADDRESS

Austin H. Young, Prescott, Wis.

Issue certificate for \$8.00 dollars per month, commencing July 7, 1863, and two dollars per month additional for each of the above-named children, commencing July 15, 1866.

/s/ Jno. S. Kidwell, Examiner

Passed March 28, 1868

Approved:

S.F.S.

In this document, dated 14 December 1866, Elizabeth swears that she and William were married in June 1853 in Davenport. This would have been impossible because she and William did not

arrive in New York until July of 1854. The copy of the license that was issued in Davenport is dated 1854. By this time, Henry is 16 and is not eligible for a pension.

State of Wisconsin

County of Pierce

On this 14th day of December 1866 personally appeared before me L.L. Lewis, Clerk of the Circuit Court, being a court of record in and for said County and State, Elizabeth Pumplin, aged 33 years, a resident of Trenton and whose Post Office address is Prescott in the County of Pierce and State of Wisconsin, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she has application No. 92,135 for Pension now on file in the Pension Office at Washington, D.C; that after diligent search and enquiry she has not been able to procure a certified copy of her marriage certificate; that she was married in Germany, and after coming to this Country was again married at Davenport, in the state of Iowa, on or about the 10th day of June A.D. 1853 by a Presbyterian Minister.

That there is no public record either church or civil of said marriage and that she has not, after diligent search, and enquiry, been able to procure the marriage certificate or a certified copy thereof, and that she after diligent enquiry, as been unable to ascertain whether the eye witnesses are living or dead or where they reside nor can she procure a verified copy of the church record of the baptism of any child of this applicant and her late husband, and that she has three children now living under the age of sixteen years, which she had by her late husband William Pumplin, deceased, to wit: William Pumplin born February 14th 1855, Augustus Pumplin born March 13th 1857, Mary Pumplin born April 29th 1859 and that she still remains the widow of the said William Pumplin, that she has not married since the death of her husband, nor abandoned the support of any one of her children under sixteen years of age nor permitted any one for whom increase is claimed, to be adopted by any person or persons, and that they are the only legitimate children of herself and her husband, now living, and that there is no public record of the births of said children and she cannot after diligent search and enquiry ascertain the residence of the attending physician, and she hereby appoints P.V. Wise of Prescott, Wis, her attorney to prosecute her claims and ? and receipt for any draft that may be issued to her on said claim, hereby revoking all former authority to prosecute said claim confirmed in the ?

In presence of

/s/ Edward H. Boustead

/s/ Jeremiah Adams

/s/ Elizabeth Pumplin Seal

Also personally appeared before me at the time and place aforesaid Edward H. Boustead of Trenton, Pierce County and State of Wisconsin and Jeremiah Adams of Pierce County, State of Wisconsin whom I certify to be credible persons, who being sworn according to law, declare each for himself that they well know Elizabeth Pumplin who signed the foregoing declaration in their presence, and that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that she is the widow of said William Pumplin deceased, as alleged in said declaration, and that they well knew William Pumplin late a private in Company "A," 12th Wisconsin Infantry Volunteers and Elizabeth Pumplin his wife.

They further swear that they know, that the above named children, William Pumplin Born February 14th 1855, Augustus Pumplin Born March 13th 1857, Mary Pumplin Born April 27th 1859 are now living and are aged as above stated, and are the children of the said William Pumplin deceased, and his widow Elizabeth Pumplin, and that they lived and cohabited together as man and wife for Eight years and up to the time he entered the service and that they were generally recognized as such by their acquaintances and neighbors and their marriage was never questioned.

They further swear, that they nor either of them, have no interest in this claim either present or prospective, and that they are not concerned directly or indirectly in its prosecution. They further swear that the said Elizabeth Pumplin has not married since the death of her late husband said

William Pumplin, nor abandoned the support of any one of their children under sixteen years of age, nor permitted any one for whom increase is claimed, to be adopted by any person or persons, and that they are the only legitimate children of herself and her deceased husband, now living.

In the presence of

/s/ Horatio G. Carr

/s/ Robert L. H?

/s/ Edward H. Boustead

/s/ Jeremiah Adams

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 19th day of December 1866 and I hereby certify that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

/s/ L.L. Lewis

Clerk of the Circuit Court

In this document dated sometime in 1867, Dr. Orrin Maxson again swore to knowing William and Elizabeth and describes how William died. This document is extremely light and difficult to read.

State of Illinois

County of Cook

On this ? date of ? 1867, personally appeared before me, a clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County ?? Orrin ? Maxson, a resident of said County and State aged ? years, who being duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he was late Captain of Company "A" 12th Regiment of Wisconsin Infantry Volunteers. That he was acquainted with William Pumplin, late a private in said Company "A" for over four years prior to the date of his enlistment in 1861 and that at the time of his enlistment he was a strong, sound, able bodied man and so continued until the Spring of 1863. That during the seige [sic] of the City of Vicksburgh [sic] Mississippi, while the said William Pumplin was lying with his regiment in the trenches, he was attacked with the diarrhea and cough fever [sic], which continued to reduce him the said William Pumplin, until on or about the 5th day of July 1863 when he died from the effects of said disease. He further says that the said William Pumplin, deceased, and Elizabeth Pumplin, his wife, lived and cohabited together as man and wife since 1854, and that during the time they so lived and cohabited together as man and wife they had several children born to them and that their marriage was never questioned in the neighborhood in which they resided. And he further says that he is not interested either directly or indirectly in this claim nor in its prosecution.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ? day of ? 1867, and I certify that I am not either directly or indirectly interested in the prosecution of this claim, and that the said Orrin ? Maxson is a credible witness.

/s/ William L. Church

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Illinois

Because there were no birth certificates or baptismal certificates, Elizabeth had to gather statements from people who were present at the birth of her children.

In this statement, dated 16 April 1867, Mary Ann Akers and Jane E. Adams swear they were the midwife and assistant at the birth of Augustus.

State of Minnesota

County of Ramsay

Mary Ann Akers and Jane E. Adams residents of Saint Paul in the County of Ramsey State of Minnesota persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, having first duly sworn each for herself deposes and says, that she has been acquainted with William Pumplin and Elizabeth Pumplin his wife since 1856, that she was present as midwife and assistant at the birth of her son Augustus Pumplin on the 13th day of March 1857, and that she is not either directly or indirectly interested in this claim or its prosecution.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April 1867.

/s/ Mary Ann Akers

/s/ Jane E. Adams

And I certify that I am not interested either directly or indirectly in this claim nor its prosecution.

Albert ? Clerk Dist. Court 2nd Dist

Ramsey County Minn

Because there were no birth certificates or baptismal certificates, Elizabeth had to gather statements from people who were present at the birth of her children.

In the following statement, executed on 25 April 1867, Doris Frickel says she assisted the midwife who delivered William Pumplin. William would later marry Doris Frickel's daughter, Augusta. From her statement, Doris knew Elizabeth when they were in Germany.

State of Iowa

County of Scott

I, Doris Frickel, being duly sworn , do say upon oath, that I reside I the City of Davenport, Scott County Iowa, that I have been acquainted with William Pumplunn [sic] and Elizabeth Pumplunn [sic] his wife for a long time viz. with Wm. Pumplunn since 1851 and with Elizabeth Pumplunn since 1840, that I was present at and acted as nurse and as assistant to the midwife (who has since died) at the birth of her son William Pumplunn on the fourteenth day of February 1855 in said city of Davenport, and that I am neither directly nor indirectly interested in the claim or its prosecution.

/s/ Doris Frickel

In this statement, Albert Mickeley swears he was in the house the night William was born.

I, Albert Mickeley, being duly sworn, do say upon oath, that I reside in the City of Davenport, Scott County Iowa, that I have been acquainted with William Pumplunn and Elizabeth Pumplunn his wife since 1853, that I know from my own knowledge – having been in the house at that time – that a son was born to them on the 14th day of February 1855 in said city of Davenport, said son being named William and that I am neither directly nor indirectly interested in these claims or its prosecution.

/s/ Albert Mickeley

Sworn and subscribed by Doris Frickel and by Albert Mickeley – persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit – before me this 25th day of April; and I do hereby certify, that I am not interested either directly or indirectly in this claim nor its prosecution.

/s/ Ernest Claussen

Notary Public

Scott Co Iowa

State of Iowa

Scott County

I, John Galligan, Clerk of the District Court, in and for said County, do hereby certify that Ernst Claussen, Esquire, whose name appears to the instrument of writing, to which this is annexed, dated 25th day of April A.D. 1867, is now and was at the time of the date thereof, an acting Notary Public in and for said county, duly Commissioned and qualified in conformity with the Laws of said State; and that his Signature is genuine. And I further certify, that the Court of which I am the Clerk is a Court of Record, using a Seal of Office, and that the annexed instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the Laws of this State,

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of said Court to be hereto affixed at Office in the City of Davenport, in said County this 25th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven

/s/ John Galligan Clerk of the District Court

Because there were no birth certificates or baptismal certificates, Elizabeth had to gather statements from people who were present at the birth of her children.

In this statement, dated 25 April 1867, Mrs. Jane Curry and Diana Bacherlor swear that they were the midwife and assistant at Mary Pumplin's birth.

State of Wisconsin

County of Pierce

Mrs. Jane Curry and Diana Bacherlor residents of the town of Trenton, in said Count of Pierce, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, being first duly sworn, each for herself, deposes and says, that she has been acquainted with William Pumplunn [sic] and Elizabeth Pumplunn [sic] his wife since 1857, that she was present as midwife and assisting thereto for the said Elizabeth Pumplunn at the date of the birth of Mary B. Pumplunn on the twenty ninth day of April A.D. 1859, and that she is not either directly or indirectly interested in this claim or it prosecution.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April 1867.

/s/ Jane Curry

/s/ Diana Bacherlor

And I certify that I am not interested, either directly or indirectly in this claim nor its prosecution. Witness my hand and official Seal.

C.W. Brown

Clerk of Circuit Court

In this document, dated 31 May 1867, Elizabeth swears to her marriage to William and describes her efforts to prove her marriage to him at Davenport in 1853. It must be noted that they did not immigrate until 1854.

State of Wisconsin

County of Pierce

On this 31st day of May 1867, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Court of Record in and for said County and State, Elizabeth Pumplin, a resident of said County, who being duly sworn on oath deposes and says, that she is the widow of William L.H. Pumplin, late of Pierce County Wis. and a member of Co. A. 12th Regt Wis. Inf. Vols. that she was married to the deceased, said William L. H. Pumplin, in the month of June 1853 at Davenport, State of Iowa, by a minister of the Presbyterian Church, and continued to live and cohabit with him as his wife until the date of his decease, but that she is unable to procure any copy of the church or other public record, verified by the affidavit of the proper custodian thereof; that she has made several attempts, by writing to the minister in charge of the Presbyterian church and the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Davenport Iowa, to procure a certified copy of her marriage Certificate, but without success; that she has no *original* certificate of marriage, none having been given her by the minister at the time of her marriage; that she has been unable after diligent inquiry to ascertain the place of residence of the said minister who performed the marriage ceremony; that she does not know whether the witnesses of the said marriage ceremony are dead or living, and if living, she does not know and cannot after diligent inquiry ascertain their place of residence: That none of her children have been baptized, and she cannot procure any record of their baptisms, that the best evidence that she can now produce of such marriage is from her neighbors by reputation and cohabitation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of May 1867 and also personally appeared before me

/s/ Eisabeth Pumplin

Edward A. Boustead of Trenton in said County and William H. Adams of Trenton in said County, whom I certify to be respectable persons and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn on oath, each for himself, deposes and says, that he has been acquainted with Elizabeth Pumplin who signed the above affidavit, since the year 1854, and with her late husband William L.H. Pumplin from 1854 to the time of his decease, that he knows that the said Elizabeth and William L.H. Pumplin lived and cohabited together as man and wife in the town of Trenton in said County of Pierce, from the year 1854 to the time that the said William L.H. Pumplin enlisted in Co. A. 12th Wis. Vols., that they always bore the reputation and were regarded as man and wife in their neighborhood into which they lived and always considered themselves as husband and wife and he never heard the fact of their marriage questioned; that they had two children born to them in said town of Trenton and one child when they first settled in said town which they ever treated kindly and with the best affection. That they have heard read the affidavit subscribed by the said Elizabeth Pumplin, hereon annexed, and from their personal acquaintance with her and her statements made at various times, believe that the said affidavit is true, and they further declare that they or either of them are not related to the said Elizabeth Pumplin or her children, and are not interested either directly or indirectly in this claim nor in its prosecution.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of May 1867

/s/ Edward H. Boustead

/s/ William H. Adams

and I certify that I am not directly or indirectly interested in this claim nor in its prosecution. Witness my hand and official seal of said Court.

W. W. Brown

Clerk of the Circuit

Court of Pierce County

Wis.

On 2 September 1867, Elizabeth swears she and William were married in Davenport in 1853 and that they lived for 15 years as man and wife. This document says they were married in June 1853, but they didn't land at New York until 1854. After her deposition is a deposition of Pembroke V. Wise. Pembroke Wise was one of the original "movers and shakers" of Pierce County, having served as District Attorney, for example, in the early days of the county. His deposition is followed by on by Lyman R. Smith. Lyman Smith was one of the original county settlers as well.

State of Wisconsin

County of Pierce

On this *Second* day of *September* 1867, personally appeared before me, a *Clerk of the Circuit Court being a Court of record in the said County* Elizabeth Pumplin, who being duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she was married to William L.H. Pumplin in the City of Davenport State of Iowa on the [blank] day of June 1853, and that she continued to live and cohabit with him as his wife and had children by him, until he enlisted in the military service of the United States, and she further says that she was married to said William L.H. Pumplin in said City of Davenport, Iowa by an officiating minister of the Presbyterian Church, and that she has made repeated efforts to procure a copy of the Church or other public record verified by the affidavit of the proper custodian thereof; and that she has made effort to procure the original Certificate of marriage authenticated by the officiating minister, but she could not succeed in obtaining it; and that she has made effort by writing and inquiry to obtain, in the absence of the said certificate, the affidavit of the said officiating minister, but without success, and that she has also made efforts to obtain the affidavits of the attending eyewitnesses at her said marriage ceremony, by writing and making inquiry, but have [sic] not been able to ascertain their place of residence. She further says that none of the children of this ? by her late husband have been baptised [sic], and therefore she cannot send a duly verified copy of such record of baptism of her children.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *2nd* day of *September* 1867.

/s/ Elisabeth Pumplin

And also personally appeared Pembroke V. Wise whom I certify to be a respectable person and credible witness and who being duly sworn on oath deposes and says, that his age is 37 years, that he resides in Pierce County State of Wisconsin, that he has been acquainted with Mrs. Elizabeth Pumplin, who made and subscribed the above affidavit and the wife of the late William L.H. Pumplin, since the month of May 1854, up until the date of his enlisting in the Service of the United States in the fall of 1861, that he knows of children being born unto the said William L.H. Pumplin by his wife the said Elizabeth Pumplin, during the time that they resided in said Pierce County, that they always lived and cohabited together as husband and wife, always lived agreeable and happily together, and treated their children kindly, and that they were always regarded and treated by their neighbors and people in the vicinity where they lived as husband and wife, and never heard the fact of their being man and wife questioned by any person whomsoever, he further says that he has read the above affidavit by her made and subscribed, and knows the statements therein made to procure written evidence of her marriage, or proof by living eye witnesses to be true, as he this deponent has written many letters and enclosed money in them to pay the necessary expenses, and has made inquiry for her to obtain such proofs and information but has been wholly unable to procure and ascertain the same for her. He further says that he is not interested either directly or indirectly in this claim nor in its prosecution.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *2nd* day of *September* 1867.

/s/ P.V. Wise

Also personally appeared Lyman R. Smith to me known to be a respected person and a credible witness, who being duly sworn on oath says that his age is 53 years, that he resides in said County of Pierce, and has been well acquainted with Elizabeth Pumplin since the month of May 1854 when she and her husband first removed to the County of Pierce and has been acquainted with her

husband, said William L.H. Pumplin, from said month of May in 1854 to the fall of 1861, when he enlisted in the 12th Regt. Wis. Inf. Vols. That in May 1854, when he first became acquainted with the said William L.H. Pumplin and Elizabeth Pumplin his wife, they had one child which was quite young, and that they lived and cohabited together as husband and wife and so continued to live and cohabit together as man and wife until the said William L.H. Pumplin enlisted in the service of the United States in 1861, as aforesaid, that they were always treated and regarded, the said William L.H. Pumplin and Elizabeth Pumplin, as husband and wife in the neighborhood where they resided, and he never heard it questioned or doubted in the vicinity where they resided by any person whosoever, and he further says that he is not interested either directly or indirectly in this claim or in its prosecution.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of *September* 1867.

/s/ L.R. Smith

And I certify that I am not either directly or indirectly interested in this claim or in its prosecution, and that the above interlineations in the affidavits were made before the signing of the same by the above named affiants.

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Witness my hand and the seal of this Court this 2nd day of *September* 1867.

/s/ C.W. Brown Clerk of the Court Pierce Co. Wis.

NOTE: It appears that C.W. Brown only wrote the line beginning with "Witness." The other text was written by someone else.

This is the Certificate of Marriage for Elizabeth and James Henry Barnes' marriage in 1870.

Certificate of Marriage

The State of *Wisconsin*

Pierce County

I hereby certify, that on the *sixth* day of *November*, A.D. 1870, at the *Town of Ellsworth*, in said County, Mr. *James Henry Barnes, of England*, and Mrs. *Elisabeth Pomplin, of Trenton*, were joined in matrimony by me, in presence of Mr. *Jacob Christ* and Mrs. *Catharine Christ*.

I further certify, that previous to joining said persons in Marriage, they were examined on oath, and that I found no legal impediment to said Marriage.

Given under my hand, at *Ellsworth, County and State aforesaid*, this *sixth* day of *November*, 1870

/s/ C.S. Dunbar

Justice of the Peace

On 7 November 1870, Elizabeth Pumplin and James Henry Barnes were married in Pierce County, Wisconsin. This is a copy of the registration for that marriage.

Office of Register of Deeds of Pierce County

Ellsworth, Wis.

Date of Registration Nov 7th 1870

Color White

full name of husband previous to marriage	James Henry Barnes
full name of wife previous to marriage	Elizabeth Pumplin
Ocupation [sic] of said husband	Farmer
Residence of husband	Trenton
Birthplace of husband	England
Place where marriage was contracted	Ellsworth Pierce Co Wisconsin
Date of the marriage	Nov. 6 th 1870
By whom ceremony was performed	Justice of the Peace
name of person pronouncing marriage	C.S. Dunbar
Residence of person last named	Ellsworth Pierce Co Wis
names of subscribing witnesses	Jacob Christ, Catherine Christ
Date of certificate	Nov. 6 th , 1874
Names of the father & mother of said husband	Henry Barnes & Margaret Barnes
Names of the father and mother of the wife	Henry Whitford & Anna Whitford

I hereby certify the foregoing marriage was performed by me this 6th day of November A.D. 1874 at Ellsworth Wisconsin.

/s/ C.S. Dunbar

Justice of the Peace

State of Wisconsin

County of Pierce

I C.W. Brown Register of Deeds in and for the County of Pierce hereby certify that I have compared the within copy of marriage with the Original now of record in my office that it is a true and correct copy of said Original and of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal this 21st day of October A.D. 1874

/s/ C.W. Brown

Register of Deeds

On 13 March 1871, Elizabeth Wittforth Pumplin Barnes is named guardian for William, Augustus, and Mary Pumplin.

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Pierce County The State of Wisconsin

for the appointment of a guardian to William Pumplin, aged sixteen years February thirteen A.D. 1871 of Trenton in said County, Augustus Pumplin, aged fourteen years March twelve AD 1871 of Trenton in said County and Mary Pumplin aged eleven years April 28 AD 1870 minor children and heirs of Wm. L.H. Pumplin late of Trenton in said County deceased intestate and it appearing to our said Judge ? said Elizabeth Barnes of Trenton in said County is a fit and ? person to be guardian of said minors and whereas the appointment of guardians in such cases may be made by said Judge; and it appearing satisfactorily that it is necessary to appoint a guardian to said minors and the said Elizabeth Barnes having given bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of said trust ? said ? has been approved by said Judge Nowthereford(?) ? ? ? ?and fidelity we have appointed and do by these presents appoint you the said Elizabeth Barnes guardian to said minors hereby authorizing and empowering you to have the custody and ? of said minors and the care and management of the estate of said minors until they shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years respectively or until you shall have been discharged from said trust according to law. And you are hereby required according to the tenor of your bond filed and approved as aforesaid to ? inventory of all the estate real and personal of said minors that shall come to your possession or knowledge and to return the same into the Probate Registry of the said County Court within twelve months next ? the date of these presents.

To dispose of and manage all such estate according to law and for the best interest of said minors and faithfully to discharge your trust in relation thereto and also in relation to the care custody and education of said minors; To render an account on oath of the property estate and moneys of said minors in your hands and all proceeds or interest derived therefrom and of the management and disposition of the same within one year next ensuing the date of these presents and at such other times as the said County Court shall direct. And at the expiration of your trust to settle your account with the Judge of said Court or with the said minors if they shall be of full age or with their legal representatives and to pay over and deliver all the estate moneys and effects remaining in your hands or due from you on such settlement to the person or persons who may be lawfully entitled thereto.

For testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said County Court to be hereunto affixed.

(Witnesseth the Hon. William Hawes Judge of our said court this thirteenth day of March A.D. 1871 at Prescott in said County)

/s/ William Hawes

County Judge

The judge certifies that the previous document is a true copy of the original.

State of Wisconsin

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Probate Registry

I William Hawes Judge of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that I have compared the above Letters of Guardianships with the original records preserved in said Probate Registry and that the same is a true copy thereof and the whole of said original records. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the County Court of said County at Prescott in said County this 15th day of March AD 1871.

/s/ William Hawes

County Judge

On 26 January 1874, Elizabeth Barnes requests Civil War pensions for William, Augustus and

Mary Pumplin.

State of Wisconsin

County of Pierce

On this 26th day of January 1874 personally appeared before me C.W. Brown Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pierce County State of Wisconsin aforesaid a duly authorized officer of a court of Record in and for the county and state aforesaid Elizabeth Barnes who being duly sworn makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pensions are and to become due to William, Augustus, and Mary Pumplin. That this affiant is the identical Elizabeth Pumplin mentioned in Pension Certificate No. 111132. That she was the widow of William L.H. Pumplin, Private in Co. "A" 12 Regt Wis Vols. That she is the mother of said William Augustus & Mary Pumplin mentioned in said Pension certificate which she herewith returns. That she married with James Henry Barnes on the 6th day of November 1870 as will also appear by the certificate of marriage of said parties hereto attached and made a part of this declaration. That on the 13th day of March 1871 this affiant was duly appointed guardian of said minor children by letter of guardianship duly issued out of the County Court of Said Pierce County. That she herewith sends a certified copy of her appointments as guardian aforesaid and makes the same a part of this declaration. That said letter and appointment is still unrevoked and in full force and effect and she is now the legal guardian of such minor children. That all of said children are still living and under the care and custody of this affiant. That said minor children will[?] this deponent have drawn no pension whatever since the 4th day of December 1870. That the reason why this application has not been made sooner is that on or about the 15th day of April 1871 affiant left the enclosed marriage certificate and certificate of pension and appointment of guardianship with one H.M. Safford of LaCrosse Wisconsin whom she employed to prosecute this claim for her. That she said Safford has neglected to prosecute the same and affiant has been unable to procure the said papers from said Safford till the 21st day of January 1874 although she frequently endeavored so to do. That she hereby appoints C.L. Hood of LaCrosse her attorney to prosecute this claim. That his residence is LaCrosse Wisconsin. That claimants Post office address is Red wing Minnesota and her residence is the town of Trenton Pierce County Wisconsin.

/s/ Elisabeth Barnes

Also personally appeared Henry L. Curry of the town of Trenton and Bethinel ? of the town of Trenton Pierce County state of Wisconsin 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 Elizabeth Barnes the claimant sign her name to the foregoing declaration. That they know from their acquaintance with her that she is the identical person she represents herself to be. That she was formerly Elizabeth Pumplin, widow of William L.H. Pumplin and mother of William Pumplin, Augustus Pumplin, and Mary Pumplin. That each of said children are now living and are under the care and custody of said Elizabeth Barnes the claimant hereon and that they the said witnesses have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

/s/ Henry L. Curry

/s/ Be?? H??

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of 26th [blank] 1874 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration and deposition were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

/s/ C.W. Brown

Clerk of the Circuit Court

On 21 October 1874 Frederick Schuetze and H.L. Curry attest to William and Elizabeth Pumplin's marriage.

State of Wisconsin

County of Pierce

On this 21st day of October 1874 personally appeared before me C.W. Brown Clerk of the Circuit Court for Pierce County and ? aforesaid Frederick Schuetze {?} and Henry L. Curry who have ache ? for ??? that they was [sic] acquainted with William L.H. Pumplin in his lifetime also with is wife Elizabeth Pumplin now Elizabeth Barnes That the said William L.H. Pumplin was never married but once that his ? wife Elizabeth was his first and only wife and that he left no children except the children by said Elizabeth.

/s/ F. Schuetze

/s/ H. L. Curry

Sworn and subscribed before me this 21st day of A.D. 1874 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiants before swearing. The ? witnesses are respectable and entitled to credit. That I have not interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

/s/ C. W. Brown

Clerk of Circuit Court

for Pierce County Wis

This is the application for the pension for the three younger Pumplin children.

War of the Rebellion

Act of July 14, 1862, and subsequent acts

ORIGINAL PENSION OF MINOR CHILDREN

William Pumplin, Augustus Pumplin and Mary Pumplin, Children of William L.H. Pumplin

Rank, Private Company, "A" Regiment, 12, Wis. Vols

Guardian Elizabeth Barnes

Residence of Guardian Pierce County and State of Wisconsin

Post Office, Redwing, Goodhue Co., Minn.

Attorney, C.L. Hood, LaCrosse, Wis.

Fee, \$10 as per law

No contrafact and ~~no~~ material evidence filed since July 8, 1870.

Rate of pension, \$Eight per month, commencing Nov. 7, 1870, the date *after* of widow *remairriage*, and two dollars per month additional to each, as follows:

By former marriage: *None*

By last marriage:

William born Feby 14, 1855

Sixteen Feby 13, 1871
Commencing Nov 7, 1870
Augustus born Mar 13, 1857
Sixteen Mar 12, 1873
Commencing Nov 7, 1870
Mary born April 29, 1859
Sixteen April 28, 1875
Commencing Nov. 7, 1870

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

ADMITTED, *April 24, 1875 /s/ Geo. N. Smith,* Examiner
APPROVED, *May 18, 1875 /s/ L.C.W.,* Reviewer
Chief of Division

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS

Enlistment, Sept. 22, 1861
Mustered into rank, Oct. 30, 1861
Discharge, θ
Death, July 6, 1863
Invalid app. filed, θ
Invalid pension paid to θ
Widow's app. filed, May 5, 1865
Widow paid to Dec. 4, 1870 with increase overpaid \$13.06/100
Minor's app. filed, Jany 31, 1874
Guardian appointed, March 15, 1871
Claim completed, Oct. 30, 1874
Former marriage θ
Death of former wife θ
Last marriage, Aug. 12, 1854
~~Death~~ or re-marriage of widow, Nov. 6, 1870
Cause of Death, Febris Remitt.,
Place of Death, Vicksburg, Miss.

INCIDENTAL MATTER

See guardian authority to deduct overpayment

ALLEGATIONS OF GUARDIAN

Loyalty of Guardian, *Alleged*

Loyalty of Wards, *Alleged*

SUMMARY OF PROOF

GUARDIANSHIP

Copy of letters in due form

NO OTHER MINORS

Shown by affts. Of witnesses

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN BY FORMER MARRIAGE

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PROOF AS TO SERVICE

The Adjutant General U.S.A. reports name on Rolls as William L.H. Pumplin also the rank, company, and regiment, and the dates of enrollment etc. as stated on preceding pages. He also reports *as below*.

PROOF AS TO DEATH

1st Report of Adjutant General

2nd Reprot of Surgeon General

3rd Certificate of Disability

4th Testimony of Army Surgeon

5th Testimony of Officers

6th Testimony of Fellow Soldiers

7th Testimony of Attending Physician

8th Other testimony

1. A.G. reports soldier died at Vicksburg July 6, 1863.
2. 2. SG. Reports soldier as having died July 6, 1863 at Regtl. Hospl. Vicksburg, Miss of Febris Remitt. [Remittent fever]

This is the final index card relating to the claim. It has the number of the Guardian claim, not the Widow's claim.

Side One

No. 169,485

Wisconsin

William 13 February 1871

Augustus 12 March 1873

Mary 28 April 1875

Minors of

William L.H. Pumplin,

Rank, Priv, Co. A

Regt. 12 Wis Vol

Rate per month, \$8

Commencing 7 November 1870

Ending 28 April 1875

Additional sum of \$2 per month for each

of the above-named children, until arriving at the
age of 16 years, commencing 7 day
of November, 1870.

Certificate dated 8 June, 1875
and sent 15 “, 18”

Payable at LaCrosse Agency.

C.L. Hood

attorney.

Fee \$10

Act July 14, 1862.

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Wallgreen, Clerk

Side Two

1875. June 18 LRA ? Cert??? \$13.06 amt overpaid wid. Guardian current filed.

April 16, 1879 – Marriage certificate sent to late widow as per request. Baxter
arrears under acts Jan 25. Mar 1879 – rejected. Oct 7, 79. LDC