

NATIONAL ARCHIVES ORDER FOR COPIES OF FEDERAL PENSION OR BOUNTY LAND WARRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Veteran: Amsden, Joel, M		2. Branch of Service in which he served: Army	
3. Start Year Of Service:		4. End Year Of Service:	
5. State: New York		6. War: Union, Civil War (1861-1865)	
7. Unit in which he served: D 108		8. If service was army, arm in which served: 108	
		9. Rank: Enlisted	10. Kind of service: Volunteer
11. Pension File no: 234471		12. If veteran lived in a home for soldiers:	
13. Date of birth: 1841	14. Place of birth: New York	15. Name of widow or other claimant: Lydia Amsden	16. Place(s) veteran lived after service:
17. Date of death: 1864	18. Place of death: Andersonville Prison, GA		

Comments:

Pension claimant was mother.

No. We are unable to locate the file you requested above. No Payment is required.

See the attached form, leaflet, or information sheet

A search was made but there are several soldiers with the same name who served from the same State. We are unable to determine which of them is your subject using the information that you provided. If you can provide the name and/or number of the specific unit in which the soldier served, we will be pleased to search again.

A search was made but there are several soldiers with the same or very similar names serving in the same unit. We are unable to determine which of them is your subject using the information that you provided. The military service records do not normally contain personal information about a soldier or his family. In such cases, we suggest that you visit the National Archives and examine the various files or hire a professional researcher to examine the files for you.

We did not locate a file which matches exactly the information that you provided, however, we did locate a pension application file _____ for the _____ war. He was born _____ at _____ and died _____ at _____. His widow was _____. If this is your subject, please go to Request and Order Reproductions

The file that you requested (C or XC _____) is not among the records in the National Archives. You must request the file from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Attached is a list of the VA offices including the one in your region.

DATE SEARCHED	SEARCHER	FILE DESIGNATION
5/21/09	BB	Amsden, Joel M Mo C 19.3-030

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F21-46606621E NWCT1F
Sara Gredler
3101 Wells Branch Pkwy
Austin, TX, 78728
USA

Order Information (NARA use only):

Service Ticket #: F21-46606621E
Customer Name: Sara Gredler
Order Date: 05/18/2009 09:18:33



Dear Patron:

We regret that the enclosed photocopies are the best we were able to obtain using our normal reproduction process. This is caused primarily by the age and faded conditions of some of the documents from which these copies were made.

COMPLETE FILE ENCLOSED

BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

Box 34361

Cert 193030

Lydia Anderson

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Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., January 12th, 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 234471, 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 Joel M. Amsden was enrolled on the 25th day of July, 1862, at Rochester in Co. D, 108th Regiment of New York Volunteers, to serve 3 years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 18th day of August, 1862, at Rochester NY, in Co. D, 108th Regiment of New York Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. D, of that Regiment, for the months of to August 31st, 1862, he is reported Private - Sept Oct Nov Dec (24 mos) absent at Mass Jan'y Feb'y 63 - Private - absent last muster Concord Camp - on subsequent rolls to Aug 31/63 - Private - on subsequent rolls to Dec 31/63 Sgt - Private - on subsequent rolls to April 30/64 - Private - May June 64 - Missing since May 4 - No Roll dated May 28/65 - Wanted prisoner May 6/64 - supposed to have died in Florence Va discharged from - Investigation fails to elicit further information Regt was in action at Wilderness Va May 6, 1864

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

C. W. Bingham
Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.



W. J. [unclear]

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Widows' Division.

(No. 16.)

[Handwritten signature]



Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Dec 20th 1877

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to furnish official evidence of the enrollment, muster, service, duty, and discharge or death of *Jacob W. Amstutz*, who was a private in Company "D", 108th Regiment of *New York Vols.*, reported died _____, 18____.

If the above name is not found on the rolls of said Company, will you so state, and report as to enrollment, &c., in the case of any man bearing a similar name, whom you have good reason for believing to be the soldier inquired for.

Please, also, to furnish any evidence on file that may enable this Office to decide whether the soldier's death resulted from injuries received or disease contracted in the service and line of duty.

Alleged to have died in a southern prison.

Please return this circular with your report.

Claim No. *734,441*

Very respectfully,

J. A. Bentley

Adjutant General, U. S. A.,

Present.

[Signature]
Commissioner.

DECLARATION FOR AN ORIGINAL PENSION OF A MOTHER.

STATE OF New York, COUNTY OF Monroe, ss:
 On this 4th day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-Seven
 personally appeared before me Edward C. Frost Clerk of County Supreme Courts
 the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Mrs Lydia Ausden
 a resident of Honeye Falls, county of Monroe, in the State of New York
 aged Seventy four years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension
 provided by Acts of Congress granting pensions to dependent mothers: That she is the 1 Widow
 of E. B. Ausden, and mother of Joel M. Ausden
 who 2 Enlisted under the name of Joel M. Ausden
 at Rochester N.Y., on the 28th day of July, A. D. 1862
 in 3 Company D. 108th N.Y. S. Vol.
 in the war of 1861 and 5, who 4 was taken prisoner at

the battle of the Wilderness about the 6th of
May 1864 and died in a Southern prison
 on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 18 _____; that said son was unmarried
and left _____ left neither widow nor child under sixteen years of age surviving; that she was
 5 Wholly dependent upon said son for support; that her husband, the aforesaid E. B. Ausden
of Honeye Falls N.Y., aged 79 years at the time of
this death on the 25th of July 1876 and that she has not
remarried

that there were surviving at date of said son's death, his brothers and sisters, who were under sixteen years of age, as follows:
 _____, born _____, 18 _____
 _____, born _____, 18 _____
 _____, born _____, 18 _____
 _____, born _____, 18 _____

That she has not heretofore received nor applied for a pension 7
 _____; that she has not aided or abetted the rebellion;
 that she hereby appoints Mrs Martin Mazlata her daughter ~~her attorney~~ to prosecute the above claim;
 that her residence is at No. _____, in the village _____, in the
 of Honeye Falls, county of Monroe, State of New York
 and that her post office address is Honeye Falls New York

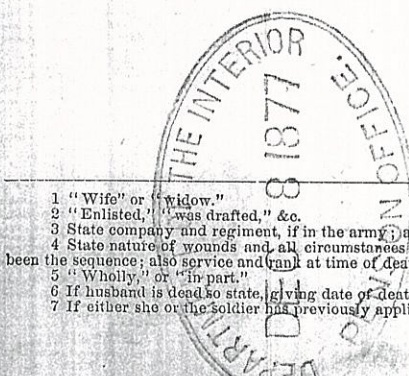
(Attest.)
Edward C. Frost
Clerk of Monroe Co
Lydia Ausden
 (Claimant's signature.)

Also personally appeared Human W. Morris, residing at No. 29
 in South street, in city of Rochester, and George Howard
 residing at No. _____, in Honeye Falls street, in Monroe County, persons whom I certify to be respect-
 able and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Lydia Ausden
 _____, the claimant, sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have
 every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself
 to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Human W. Morris
George Howard
 (Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 4th day of Dec, A. D. 1877
 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained
 to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____
 _____, erased, and the words _____
 _____, added; and that I have no interest, direct
 or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]
Edward C. Frost
 (Signature.)
Clerk of Monroe Co



1 "Wife" or "widow."
 2 "Enlisted," "was drafted," &c.
 3 State company and regiment, if in the army; and vessel, &c., if in the navy,
 4 State nature of wounds and all circumstances attending them, or the disease and manner in which it was incurred, in either case showing soldier's death to have
 been the sequence; also service and rank at time of death.
 5 "Wholly," or "in part."
 6 If husband is dead so state, giving date of death; also whether applicant has remarried. If still living, his inability to support applicant should be accounted for.
 7 If either she or the soldier has previously applied, so state, giving number of claim.

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MOTHER.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

ORIGINAL.

Mrs Lydia A. Swadlow Applicant.

Mother of *John M. Swadlow*

D Co., *108th* Regt.

New York State Vols.

FILED BY

Mrs Martha Pratt

Forney Hall

Monroe County N.Y.

All the blanks in this form should be carefully filled and the requirements of the notes strictly observed.

An honorable discharge from the service in all cases is necessary.

Declarations of claimants, either for original pension or for increase of pension already granted, must be made before a court of record, or before some officer thereof having custody of its seal; said officer being fully authorized and empowered to administer and certify any oath or affirmation relating to any pension or application therefor.

The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.

Declarations and other papers should be as legible and as clear in statement as possible.

Where any evidence is already on file in any department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it will render it available in any subsequent claim.

The post office address (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.

The fees for the prosecution of claims for pensions will not be allowed to exceed twenty-five dollars; no part of which is payable before the certificate for the pension has been issued.

Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.

All facts, testimony of which is required to establish a claim, must be proven by the affidavits of two or more credible witnesses, unless other evidence is specified.

The statements of claimants, unless duly corroborated, are not accepted as evidence.

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.

Persons desiring to complete claims pending at the decease of the claimants, must furnish a duly verified certificate of their authority as heirs or legal representatives.

With all claims for arrears, increase, or restoration to the rolls, the original pension certificate must be returned, or explanation of its absence must be given under oath.

To facilitate the adjudication of claims, all the requisite evidence that is available should be forwarded with the application.