

# Edwin Coffin

Born in Massachusetts

Residence Massachusetts

Enlisted on 10/8/1861 as an Acting Master

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Promotions

Acting Vol. Lieutenant 6/23/1865



Ships served on in Navy

**USS OHIO**

**USS MIDNIGHT**

**USS COLORADO**

**USS ADELA**

South Atlantic Squadron

North Atlantic Squadron

# Edwin Coffin

## SWORD

### IDENTIFIED – SAUERBIER MODEL 1852 NAVAL OFFICER SWORD

Sauerbier Naval Officer Swords are extremely scarce and are often missing from advance collections. This one is even more unique because it is identified to a Civil War Naval Officer. The sword has a complete original Sauerbier scabbard with all mounts; a hilt which has a deep brown patina with traces of original gold; an original white shark skin grip that has aged to a mellow gray, and original twisted wire. The original leather blade washer holds the 27 1/2-inch firm. It is etched with an anchor on both sides; and American Eagle and a ribbon with USN on one side; and a flag with USN on the other. Above the right-side anchor is the name “**Edwin Coffin.**” Surrounded by 34 stars. This number of stars represents the 2-year period between 4 July 1861 – 3 July 1863.

**Edwin Coffin** was commissioned into the Navy 10/8/1861 as an **Acting Master**. He was promoted to **Acting Volunteer Lieutenant** 6/23/1865 and discharged 2/4/1866. He reported to the Receiving Ship **USS Ohio**, and would later serve on the **USS Midnight**, **USS Colorado**, and the **USS Adela** while in both the South & North Atlantic Squadrons, and he saw action both on land and at sea, and is mentioned in several reports for his gallant conduct.





# U. S. S. Midnight

## USS *Midnight* (1861)

**USS Midnight** was a steamer purchased by the Union Navy during the American Civil War. She was planned by the Union Navy for use as a gunboat stationed off Confederate waterways to prevent their trading with foreign countries.

**Midnight** was purchased as Dawn by the Navy at New York City 31 July 1861 and commissioned at New York Navy Yard 19 October 1861, Acting Volunteer Lt. James Trathen in command. Assigned to the Gulf Blockading Squadron 2 November 1861, Midnight operated primarily along the southwestern coast of Texas, from time-to-time engaging Confederate coastal batteries as she served the Union blockade. Her faithful performance of duty in an area remote and neglected by war correspondents, illustrates the hardship often suffered by American sailors during the Civil War, in August 1862, as he reported sending Midnight home, Admiral Farragut commented: "The Midnight has been most active on the west coast of Texas and has been now constantly on blockade 9 months, during which time she has only had fresh provision 24 days ... Forty cases of scurvy, and dysentery [make it] impossible for such a crew to recruit in this climate."

Overhauled and her crew restored to health, Midnight arrived Port Royal, South Carolina, 16 October for service in the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron. For almost 2 years she continued this duty, a strong link in the chain which the Union Navy had forged and was drawing ever tighter around the Confederacy. On 3 February 1864 she captured British schooner Defy off Doboy Light, Georgia, sailing from Nassau to Beaufort, North Carolina with a cargo of salt for the South. Midnight was ordered to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2 August for repairs. Midnight's last tour of duty took her to the East Gulf Blockading Squadron early in the fall. Besides serving in the blockade, she from time to time sent landing parties ashore in the vicinity of St. Andrews Bay, to gather information and to destroy Confederate resources.

Salt works were Midnight's favorite targets. Vast quantities of salt were needed by the South to preserve meat, fish, and other perishable foods; to cure hides; and to bolster the Southern munitions industry. The Union Navy's systematic attacks on salt works seriously impaired the Confederacy's ability to remain at war. Midnight's most successful expedition began 1 February when a party landed at St. Andrews Bay. Three days later they returned to the ship, after destroying beyond repair several large salt plants and dumping tons of the precious chemical into the sea. Midnight served at St. Andrews Bay through the end of the war. She sailed north early in July and was sold at public auction in Boston, Massachusetts, to C. H. Miller 1 November 1865.

The United States gunboat Midnight, Lieut. JAMES TRATHEN, commanding, from a ten months' cruise in the Gulf of Mexico, arrived yesterday.

On Aug. 9, she spoke ship Brazil, of Richmond, Maine, from New-Orleans for New-York, sugar loaded, and on Aug. 17, latitude 25° 03' and longitude 70° 56' spoke British bark Marion, of London, from Jamaica for London. Annexed is a list of the officers of the Midnight:

Lieut.-Commanding, JAMES TRATHEN; Acting Master and Executive Officer, Benj. C. Dean; **Acting Master, Edwin Coffin**; Acting Assistant Paymaster, Franklin Miller; Acting Assistant Surgeon, James G. Beacon; Master's Mates, John O. Johnson, William Lyddon.

(Article in its original context from August 29, 1862)

*August 11.*—Acting Master A. M. Keith, detached from the Savannah, and ordered to the Vanderbilt. Acting Master L. F. Timmerman, ordered to the Vanderbilt.

*August 12.*—Acting Master William H. Maies, detached from the Huron.

*August 15.*—Acting Master A. McIntosh, detached from the Vermont, and ordered to the Rendezvous, State Street, New York. Acting Master Albert Cook, ordered to the Vermont. Acting Master J. W. Magune, ordered to command the Milwaukie. Acting Master Edwin Coffin, ordered to the Colorado.

*August 16.*—Acting Master William Mosslander, ordered to the Vermont. Acting Master F. F. Baurly, detached from the Vermont, and ordered to the Colorado. Acting Master Gilbert Dayton, detached from the Narragansett, and ordered home. Acting Master G. W. Patterson, detached from the Cyane, and ordered home.

*August 18.*—Acting Master John L. Gamble, detached from the Midnight.

*August 19.*—Acting Master J. C. Dutch, detached from the South Atlantic Squadron, and ordered to the Ohio.

*August 22.*—Acting Master W. H. Maies, ordered to the Seneca. Acting Master Charles O'Neill ordered to the Rhode Island.

*August 23.*—Acting Master Albert Cook, detached from the Vermont, and ordered to the Princeton. Acting Master H. Oakley, detached from the Admiral, and ordered to the John Adams.

*August 25.*—Acting Master Henry O. Porter, ordered to the Maumee. Acting Master John L. Gamble, ordered to the Cyane. Acting Master J. M. Smalley, detached from the Glaucus, and ordered to the North Carolina.

*August 26.*—Acting Master L. W. Hill, ordered to the Vandalia.

*August 29.*—Acting Master J. M. Skillings, detached from the New Ironsides. Acting Master Curtis Redman, detached from the Susquehanna, and ordered to the Atlanta.

*August 31.*—Acting Master George A. Smith, ordered to the Vandalia.

*Appointed Acting Ensigns.*

*August 9.*—Robert Craig, U. S. S. Dan. Smith; Charles H. Hanson, U. S. S. O. M. Pettit; William Ross, U. S. S. Katahdin; H. E. Hopkinson, U. S. S. James S. Chambers; Arthur Clegg, Potomac Flotilla.

*August 11.*—J. F. Blanchard, U. S. S. Mackinaw.

*August 12.*—George Couch, U. S. S. Sonoma.

*August 13.*—H. C. Robinson, U. S. S. Mercedita; S. W. Ward, Potomac Flotilla; Allan K. Noyes, U. S. S. Massachusetts.

*August 15.*—C. H. Fernald, U. S. S. Carnation.

*August 17.*—George Dunn, U. S. S. Mohican.

*August 20.*—H. B. Cleaves, U. S. S. Grand Gulf.

*August 23.*—Thomas Mason, U. S. S. Sonoma; N. R. Davis, U. S. S. Alert; C. F. Hull, U. S. S. Wilderness.

*August 24.*—Robert O. Lanfare, U. S. S. Rhode Island.

*August 25.*—John P. Cole, U. S. S. Elk; Louis Brown, U. S. S. Dandelion; Geo. J. W. Mabee, U. S. S. Snowdrop.

*August 26.*—S. G. Swain, U. S. S. William Badger; A. A. Bates, U. S. S. Canandaigua; Frank Jordon, U. S. S. New Hampshire.

*August 29.*—D. W. Lakin, U. S. S. Shockokon.

*Appointed Acting Ensigns, and Ordered to the School-Ship Savannah.*

*August 9.*—John E. Giddings.

*August 10.*—John W. King and James R. Smith.

*August 11.*—E. D. Springer.

*August 12.*—Charles W. Owen; N. T. Crocker; John S. Snow; Charles A. Cannon; William H. Mann; Charles G. Whiting.

*August 15.*—Schuyler A. Cobb; R. Gifford; W. G. Cowell; B. L. E. Coombs.

*August 17.*—George T. Pearson; Marian Hugg.

*August 18.*—A. Stockholm; C. W. Brewster; Henry E. Chase.

*August 22.*—Charles T. Betts.

*August 23.*—William H. Grubb; James Oliver; John B. Starr; Edw. Manning.

*August 24.*—James D. Babcock.

# U.S.S. Colorado

**Edwin Coffin** served on the U.S.S. Colorado which was converted to an Ironsides December 1862.



USS Colorado (1856-1885), a steam screw frigate, was launched 19 June 1856 by Norfolk Navy Yard; sponsored by Miss N. S. Dornin; and commissioned 13 March 1858, Captain W. H. Gardner in command.

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# U.S.S. Colorado

The first **USS Colorado**, a 3,400-long-ton (3,500 t), three-masted steam screw frigate, was launched on 19 June 1856, by the Norfolk Navy Yard. Named after the Colorado River, she was sponsored by Ms. N. S. Dornin, and commissioned on 13 March 1858, with Captain W. H. Gardner, in command. She was the fifth of the "Franklin-class" frigates, which were all named after US rivers, except for *Franklin*.

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In April 1862, *Colorado*, built for fighting at sea, was prevented from participating in the Battle of New Orleans because her draft was too deep to cross the bar. Nineteen guns and one howitzer were removed and distributed across the fleet.<sup>1</sup> She returned to Boston, on 21 June, and was decommissioned from 28 June-10 November.

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Clearing Portsmouth, on 6 October, she joined the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron and cruised off the coast of North Carolina, until 26 January 1865. *Colorado* participated in the bombardment and capture of Fort Fisher from 13 to 15 January. She was struck six times by enemy fire which killed one man and wounded two.

By late 1864, Wilmington, North Carolina, was the only port left to the Confederacy. Its access to the sea was protected by Fort Fisher, at the mouth of the Cape Fear River.

A joint Army-Navy attack in December failed (the First Battle of Fort Fisher, 7–27 December 1864).

A second attack came in January (the Second Battle of Fort Fisher, 13–15 January 1865). *Colorado* was engaged, and George Dewey played a key role in her success.

*Colorado*, being a wooden ship, was placed in the line outside the monitors and other armored vessels, but got a full share of conflict. Toward the end of the second engagement Admiral Porter signaled Commodore Thatcher to close in and silence a certain part of the works. As *Colorado* had already received considerable damage, her officers remonstrated. But Dewey, who had now acquired marked tactical ability, was quick to see the advantage to be gained by the move and the work was taken in fifteen minutes. The New York Times, commenting upon this part of the action, spoke of it as "the most beautiful duel of the war". When Admiral Porter came to congratulate Commodore Thatcher, the latter said generously: "You must thank Lieutenant Dewey, sir. It was his move." Nevertheless, Thatcher was promoted to rear admiral. He tried to take Dewey with him as his fleet captain when he went to supersede Farragut at Mobile Bay. This was not permitted, but Dewey was promoted to lieutenant-commander.

# U.S.S Colorado / Judah

**Edwin Coffin** participated in the first naval battle of Florida when they departed the Colorado and fought on land with the Marines to capture the CSA Judah

The 250-ton, *William H. Judah* an elegant, two-mast schooner, was built c.1859. In early September 1861, the new Confederacy contracted with the 'Judah & LeBaron Company' for the use of the *Judah* over an indefinite period to carry essential cargo. 'Judah & LeBaron' were sympathetic and apparently obviated the usual guarantees associated with any indeterminate hire. Under the command of Confederate officers, the *Judah* sailed from St. John, New Brunswick in Canada, to Pensacola, Florida with a mixed load of mercury, tin, and lead ingots valued at some \$40,000, subsequently running the Union blockade and reaching Pensacola with her cargo intact.

Union spies naturally reported the arrival of the *Judah* but upon learning the Confederates planned to convert the ship into an armed privateer, urged that a force of Federal vessels be sent with the prime mission of destroying the *Judah* before her outfitting could be completed.

The *USS Colorado*, a three-mast steam, screw frigate named after the twisting Colorado River had been launched at the Gosport Navy Yard on June 19, 1856. The 3400-ton *Colorado* was Commodore William Marvine's flagship in the establishment of the Mexican Gulf Blockade in 1861, her 40 guns a federal asset in starving out the insurgent Confederates from Key West to the Rio Grande. One Ernest White, a specialist in ship construction and employed as a spy by the Federal government and knowing the detail of the *Colorado's* available position and manpower, devised a scheme to use the *Colorado's* longboats, and under cover of night, slip past the Confederate guards and destroy or severely disable the *Judah* at her berth.

After some delay White's plan was eventually approved and in the early hours of September 14th, a force of nearly one hundred men made up from a mix of the *Colorado's* crew and on-board Marines under the command of Lt. J.H. Russell, cast off in four longboats. Keeping mid water for much of their trip, the Federal force rowed quietly across the bay on towards Pensacola's harbor.

The Confederate forces under the command of General Braxton Bragg, numbered several thousand. They were fresh troops but as yet, poorly trained. The Confederate lines stretched for four miles, from Fort McRee on the west, eastward towards Fort Barrancas and the navy yard. Guards manned three lookout points on the west side of the bay; but the small flotilla was not spotted until almost past the third position, nearest to the harbor. Raising the alarm, shots were exchanged between the guards and marines in the last boat. Two, possibly three Marines and an equal number of



Confederate soldiers died in this first fire-fight; but in poor light these fatalities were more by misfortune than accurately aimed shots.

Taking advantage of the melee behind them, Marines from the first two boats successfully boarded the mostly deserted *Judah* and, under increasing danger from gunfire ashore, set her hull on fire. Marines from the third boat meanwhile, landed and spiked four, 10 in. Columbiad guns of the nearest shore battery manned by Confederate Marines of Co. B and commanded by Captain Alfred Van Benthuisen, before they too were forced back by sporadic gunfire.

Fire quickly took hold of the *Judah*'s newly pitched timbers and within the hour she had lost her mooring lines and drifted down towards the shore line near Fort Barrancas, eventually sinking some hundred yards from grounding. The raiding party from the USS *Colorado* returned safely to their ship in three boats, one having been lost during the raid. ., ,m.

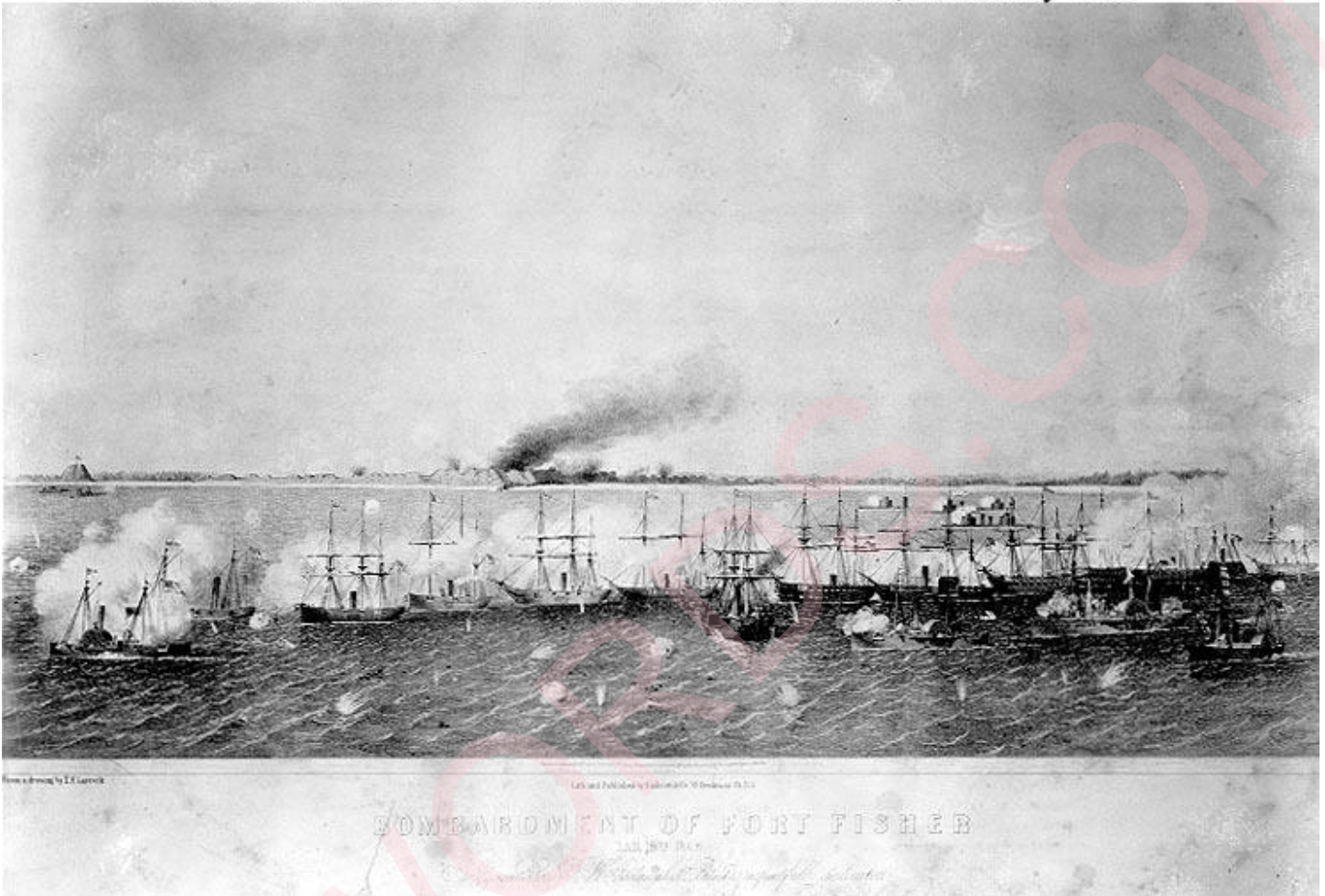
During this action which accounted for the Florida states' first loss of life, casualty numbers are unreliable at best. Up to fifteen Union sailors & Marines overall may have been wounded, with at least two, possibly three killed. Confederate numbers are at least 10 wounded but the extent of injuries are unknown. Some claims are as high as thirty to forty Confederate troops killed but there are no records to substantiate these claims.

The loss of the *Judah* was seen as a serious blow to Confederate aspirations on employing a sizable 'privateer' force against the North. Her destruction resulted in a revenge attack on Fort Picket the following month. Meanwhile, the USS *Colorado* sometime later became the flagship of the North Atlantic Blockade Squadron and figured prominently in the assault on Fort Fisher in North Carolina.



# FORT FISHER

Photo # LC-USZ62-144 Bombardment of Fort Fisher, 15 January 1865



Fort Fisher

Admiral David D. Porter, *The Naval History of the Civil War.*

Grafton; Acting-Master's Mate, Aaron Vanderbilt, Aides. Note.--Those vessels marked with a \* were engaged in the capture of Fort Fisher. \*Colorado--first-rate. Commodore, Henry K. Thatcher; Lieutenants, George Dewey, H. B. Robeson and M. L. Johnson; Surgeon, James McClelland; Assistant-Surgeons, Robert Willard and B. H. Kidder; Paymaster, Wm. A. Ingersoll; Marines, Captain. L. L. Dawson; First-Lieutenant, E. P. Meeker; Acting-Volunteer-Lieutenant, F. F. Baur; **Acting-Masters, Edwin Coffin** and L. B. King; Acting-Ensigns, J. L. Vennard and W. G. Perry; Acting-Master's Mates, J. W. Wallace, A. B. Arey, E. A. Gould, M. V. Thomas and A. F. Tucker; Engineers: Chief, B. F. Garvin; First-Assistant, J. H. Bailey; Second-Assistants, E. E. Roberts, H. M. Quig and C. S. Maurice; Third-Assistant, M. A. Sutherland; Acting-Third-Assistants, C. C. Fernald, J. P. Messer and W. B. Whitmore; Boatswain, John K. Bartlett; Gunner, William Wilson; Carpenter, J. G. Myers; Sailmaker, Nicholas Lync

In the action of the 25th instant the enemy shot away starboard fore-stay, starboard main brace, and starboard head guys, and starboard fore-top bowline.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. K. THATCHER,

*Commodore, Comdg. First Division, North Atlantic Squadron.*

Rear-Admiral DAVID D. PORTER,

*Commanding North Atlantic Squadron, off Wilmington.*

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Report of Commodore Thatcher, U. S. Navy, commanding U. S. S. Colorado, commending the officers and men of that vessel.

U. S. STEAM FRIGATE COLORADO,  
*Off Wilmington, N. C., December 28, 1864.*

ADMIRAL: I have the pleasure to report that in the actions of the 24th and 25th instant with the forts off Wilmington, the officers and crew of this ship behaved in a manner to elicit my warmest admiration and manifested all the coolness of an ordinary target practice during the two days' battle. It is difficult to make a distinction when all did their duty so faithfully. I should, however, be doing injustice to the executive officer, Lieutenant George Dewey, were I not to mention the invaluable assistance which he gave me in having all the departments of the ship in perfect order for battle, as well as for the valuable aid in the management of the ship during the action. The commanders of divisions, viz, Lieutenant H. B. Robeson, Acting [Volunteer] Lieutenant F. F. Baury, Acting Masters E. Coffin and L. B. King, and Ensign J. L. Vennard, managed their batteries with good judgment and skill, and in the two days' fight exploded about 1,200 IX-inch shells within the enemy's works. The after XI-inch pivot was fought by a crew of marines under Captain L. L. Dawson and First Lieutenant E. P. Meeker, U. S. Marine Corps, who did great execution with this gun.

I deem it to be a duty to mention, for the information of the Department, the invaluable services rendered by Acting Master's Mate J. W. Wallace, who managed the powder divisions, aided by Mr. W. F. Birge, paymaster's clerk (who volunteered his services for the occasion), with great efficiency, no gun having been delayed an instant for the necessary supply of ammunition. Both these gentlemen I consider worthy of promotion.

Lieutenant M. L. Johnson managed the signals with great promptness and ability and is entitled to my cordial thanks. The medical department, under the efficient management of Surgeon James McClelland, aided by Assistant Surgeons B. H. Kidder and Robert Willard, was perfect in all its details.

I can not omit to mention the valuable aid received from my clerk, Mr. Adrian Phillipps, and although for the first time under fire, he displayed the greatest coolness throughout both actions, rendering me important service.

The engineer department, under the management of Chief Engineer B. F. Garvin, was also admirably managed. Acting Third Assistant Engineer C. C. Fernald was detailed to attend the spar-deck engine bell on the 24th, and on the 25th volunteered for the same duty, and was very attentive and efficient, not only at his post, but in passing orders to the fore-castle.

Before closing I desire to mention the gallant conduct of the crew of gun No. 4 (main deck), who, after the rest of the gun's crew were killed

or disabled, worked their gun with the rapidity of a full crew, viz, Edward Coffin, seaman; Edward Hilton, seaman; Louis Gerrard, ordinary seaman; Timothy H. Lord, landsman; James B. Twombly, ordinary seaman; Robert Baker, ordinary seaman, and John Broderick, ordinary seaman.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. K. THATCHER,

*Commodore, Commanding First Division, North Atlantic Squadron.*

Rear-Admiral DAVID D. PORTER,

*Commanding North Atlantic Squadron, off Wilmington, N. C.*

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Report of Commodore Thatcher, U. S. Navy, commanding first division, in response to General Order No. 75.

U. S. S. COLORADO,

*Off Beaufort, N. C., December 31, 1864.*

ADMIRAL: In compliance with your General Order No. 75, under date of 30th instant, I have the honor to say that in the actions of the 24th and 25th instant with Fort Fisher and its dependencies that these works were effectually silenced by the heavy and accurate fire of the fleet for hours at a time, the enemy only replying to our fire when an occasional cessation occurred on our part.

On the 24th an explosion took place, during a heavy fire from the fleet, within the main fort of the rebels, and, immediately after which, flames were observed streaming high above the walls, naturally leading to the conclusion that we had fired the barracks and other tenements connected with Fort Fisher. During the continuance of this blaze, which was for hours, not a gun was fired by the enemy (to the best of my recollection) except from the isolated work called the Mound Fort.

On the 25th instant the range was shorter and the firing of the fleet more accurate than on the preceding day. It is my belief that not a shot or shell was fired by the advanced line of ships that did not either penetrate the earthworks of the enemy or explode within them. The crew of this ship were perfectly cool, and fired with deliberation and apparent severe effect upon the enemy, delivering on the first day 1,569 projectiles. Near the close of the second day's action, we perceived the near approach of the advanced skirmishers of our army force, which had landed late in the day, when our fire ceased for nearly thirty minutes, and was only resumed after we had been hulled several times by a vicious gun which appeared to be fired from the N. E. angle of Fort Fisher. We then reopened heavily, but more to the left than we had previously fired, to avoid annoying our own troops who were seen approaching the forts. The effect of this last heavy fire was apparently severe upon the casemated works to the southward and westward of Fort Fisher. At this time a succession of explosions was heard in the rear of these casemates, followed by the blaze of a large building, which continued to burn during the greater part of Christmas night.

My impression with regard to the defensibility of the fort (battered as it was) against a combined attack of the army and navy is, that it could have been carried by assault on either of the evenings of the 24th or 25th instant.

I do not suppose that it was deemed possible entirely to demolish a casemated earthwork like Fort Fisher, but I am satisfied that everything was done that could be done on the part of the navy to render it

*Order of the Secretary of the Navy to Acting Master Coffin, U. S. Navy, commanding U. S. S. Adela, to join the Potomac Flotilla.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT, March 29, 1865.

SIR: Proceed with the U. S. S. *Adela* to St. Mary's, Md., and report to Commander F. A. Parker for duty in the Potomac Flotilla.

Very respectfully, etc.,

G. WELLES,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

Acting Master EDWIN COFFIN,  
*Commanding U. S. S. Adela, New York.*

*Report of Commander Parker, U. S. Navy, commanding Potomac Flotilla, of the capture by U. S. S. Mystic, of a canoe containing tobacco.*

U. S. S. DON,  
*Potomac Flotilla, March 31, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Department that on the night of the 19th instant Acting Master Wright, commanding the U. S. S. *Mystic*, captured on the North River a large canoe and 17 boxes of tobacco, which were just about to be shipped to run the blockade.

The tobacco I have divided among the captors, and shall use the boat for public service at the depot at St. Inigoes.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FOXHALL A. PARKER,  
*Commander, Commanding Potomac Flotilla.*

Hon. GIDEON WELLES,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

*Letter from the Secretary of the Navy to Commander Parker, commanding Potomac Flotilla, transmitting report of Lieutenant-Commander Wells, U. S. Navy, commanding U. S. S. Galena, regarding the capture of the schooners St. Mary's and J. B. Spafford by a party of Confederates under John C. Braine, March 31, 1865.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT, April 7, 1865.

SIR: I herewith transmit for your information a copy of the report of Lieutenant-Commander C. H. Wells, of the U. S. S. *Galena*, relative to the capture on the 31st ultimo of the schooner *St. Mary's*, by a party of armed rebels in the Chesapeake Bay.

Respectfully,

G. WELLES,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

Commander FOXHALL A. PARKER,  
*Commanding Potomac Flotilla, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.*

[Enclosure.]

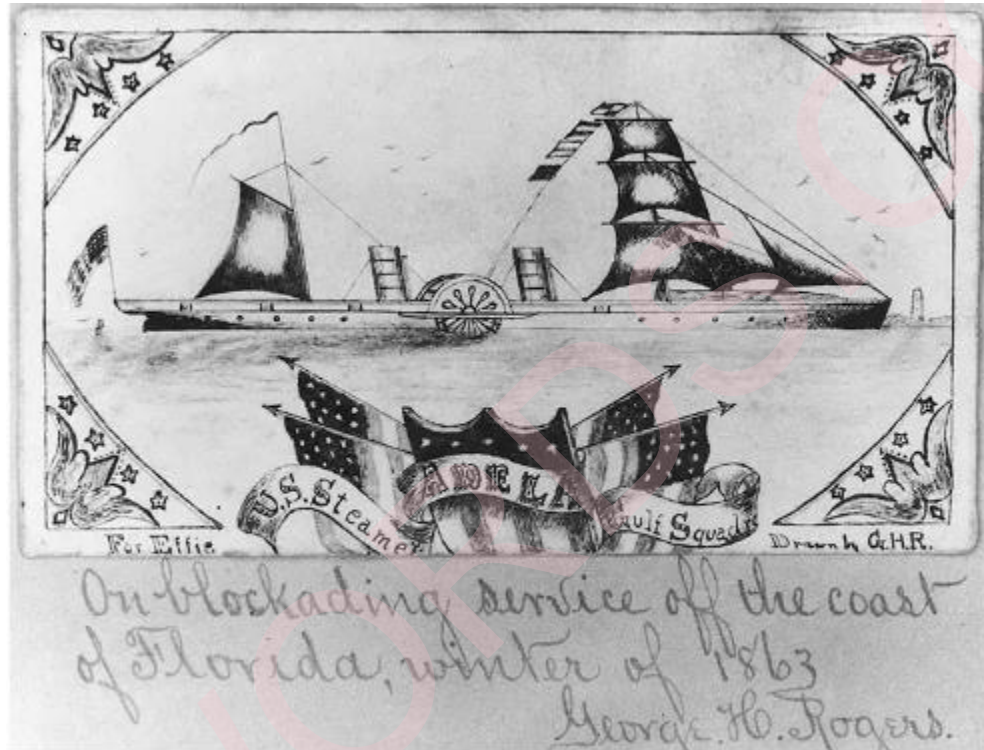
U. S. S. GALENA,  
*Delaware Breakwater, April 4, 1865.*

SIR: I arrived here yesterday afternoon, and this morning the inspector of customs, Lewistown [Lewes?], Del., informed me that the schooner *St. Mary's*, of St. Mary's, Md., was captured in Chesapeake Bay near Patuxent River, on the 31st ultimo, by a yawl containing twenty armed rebels, commanded by Lieutenants Braine and Murdock. The captured schooner, the *St. Mary's*, got to sea that night or

# USS Adela

## (1863-1865)

### Civil War Union Naval Ship



Adela, a 585-ton iron side-wheel steamer, was originally built in the United Kingdom as a merchant vessel. On 7 July 1862, while in the Bahamas in anticipation of employment running the Federal blockade of the Confederacy, she was captured by USS Quaker City and USS Huntsville. Taken to Key West, Florida, she was condemned by the Prize Court there and, in May 1863, purchased by the U.S. Navy to be fitted out as a gunboat. She was commissioned as USS Adela by mid-June. Her first mission, lasting from mid-June into early July 1863, was to take part in the search for the Confederate cruisers Florida, Clarence and Tacony in the waters off the U.S. east coast.

Late in July, Adela was sent south to Key West to join the blockade of western Florida. On 16-17 October 1863, Adela and the gunboat Tahoma bombarded enemy fortifications at Tampa, covering the landing of men from both ships who proceeded inland to burn the blockade runners Scottish Chief and Kate Dale. Ambushed as it was returning, this landing force suffered the loss of several of its members before the rest could be reembarked. For the next year, Adela blockaded off St. George's Sound and St. Mark's, Florida, capturing the schooner Badger on 6 November 1864. Sent north later in November, the gunboat was under repair at New York until March 1865 and was then part of the Potomac Flotilla. USS Adela was decommissioned shortly after the end of the Civil War and was sold at the end of November 1865.

# DEPARTURE OF THE ADELA

7 July 1864 - Florida. The schooners USS Ariel, Acting Master Russell, USS Sea Bird, Acting Ensign Ezra L Robbins, and USS Stonewall, Acting Master Henry B Carter, and the ton sloop Rosalie, **Acting Master Coffin**, transported Union troops for a week-long raid on Brookville. After disembarking the soldiers, USS Ariel and USS Sea Bird proceeded to Bayport where a landing party captured a quantity of cotton and burned the customs house. The Union troops rejoined the two schooners at Bayport on 11 July and the force returned to Anclote Keys the next day.

## Commanding Officers

<b>Act. Master Coffin, Edwin</b>	22 February 1865 - 23 June 1865
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The United States steamer Pensacola will be towed to-day or early to-morrow from the Navy yard to Baltimore, by the United States steamers Adela and Calypso. The Pensacola, on arriving at Baltimore, will receive her machinery, which was manufactured at that place. The three vessels are already lying in the stream. The following is a list of the officers of the Adela: **Acting Master Commanding, Edwin Coffin**; Acting Ensigns, J.H. Goodwin, Albert C. Davis, Wm.H. Dumont, C.M. Jones, Ed. C. Remington; Acting Assistant Paymaster, George E. Martin; Acting First Assistant Engineer, George M. Bennett; Acting Second Assistant Engineers, H.C. White, Fred. A. Hutchinson; Acting Third Assistant Engineer, Aaron Varslow. The following is a list of the officers of the Calypso: Acting Volunteer Commander, Louis K. Shodder; Acting Ensigns, W.H. Fogg, Henry J. Dunn, George C. Cassidy, Harry D. Whittemore; Acting Assistant Paymaster, Dominick Batione; Acting First Assistant Engineer, B.F. Hann; Acting Second Assistant Engineers, E. Minne, O.S. Franck; Acting Third Assistant Engineers, W.N. Gilbert, George M. Smith.

The recent beneficent order of the Navy Department, giving official positions at naval stations to seamen who have become disabled in the service of their country, is now being carried into effect. For this purpose, the Sanitary Commission has established a bureau at No. 35 Chambers-street, of which Gen. WINFIELD SCOTT is Chief, where the names and abilities of applicants are registered, and from which the heads of departments at the Brooklyn Navy-yard receive such disabled seamen as they need to fill vacancies in the yard. Many disabled persons lately have applied at the yard for employment, and have not received that attention which they might have expected, as the officers are

The light draft monitor Squando, launched last week at East Boston at the yard of Messrs. MCKAY & ALDIS, had her engines tested on Saturday in presence of Chief Engineer WOOD, general Inspector of iron clad machinery. All the machinery and turret gear worked harmonious, and the workmanship and materials were found to be of the best quality. She has a turret and resembles to all outward appearances a monitor on a small scale. She is the first of the twenty light draft monitors which have been raised 22 inches. As she now lays in the water she shows 32 1/2 inches at either extremity, and 24 inches amidships; when fully equipped she will show from 18 to 20 inches of her sides.

- COCKRAN, A. M.  
Acting Assistant Surgeon, 16 October, 1862. Died July, 1863.
- CODDINGTON, ETHELBERT F.  
Midshipman, 12 October, 1848. Died 8 November, 1853.
- CODREY, ABRAHAM.  
Purser, 4 September, 1804. Resigned 27 June, 1806.
- CODWISE, GEORGE W.  
Surgeon's Mate, 14 May, 1825. Surgeon, 4 December, 1828. Retired 30 April, 1861.  
Medical Director on Retired List, 3 March, 1871. Died 20 May, 1884.
- COE, ISAAC.  
Appointed Midshipman, 9 April, 1799. Discharged 8 July, 1801.
- COE, WILLIAM H.  
Acting Assistant Surgeon, 27 December, 1864. Resigned 24 June, 1865.
- COFFEE, THEODORE D.  
Acting Third Assistant Engineer, 4 September, 1861. Acting Second Assistant Engineer, 22 September, 1863. Acting First Assistant Engineer, 11 November, 1864.  
Honorably discharged 2 July, 1866.
- COFFEY, JOHN.  
Mate. Dismissed 30 September, 1862.
- COFFIN, EDWIN.  
Acting Master, 8 October, 1861. Acting Volunteer Lieutenant, 23 June, 1865. Honorably discharged 4 February, 1866.
- COFFIN, FREDERICK W.  
Midshipman, 16 June, 1870. Graduated 21 June, 1875. Ensign, 24 December, 1876.  
Lieutenant, Junior Grade, 21 July, 1883. Lieutenant, 4 August, 1889. Lieutenant-Commander, 3 March, 1899.
- COFFIN, GEORGE W.  
Appointed Midshipman, 1 April, 1799. Discharged 14 July, 1801.
- COFFIN, GEORGE W.  
Acting Midshipman, 28 September, 1860. Acting Ensign, 1 October, 1863. Master, 10 May, 1866. Lieutenant, 25 July, 1866. Lieutenant-Commander, 12 March, 1868. Commander, 30 November, 1878. Captain, 27 September, 1893. Retired List, 15 September, 1897. Died 15 June, 1899.
- COFFIN, GEORGE W.  
Acting Ensign, 9 October, 1863. Died on Owasco, 11 October, 1864.
- COFFIN, HENRY.  
Appointed Sailmaker, 12 November, 1799. Discharged 18 April, 1802.
- COFFIN, HENRY F.  
Acting Master, 26 August, 1861. Appointment revoked (sick) 13 February, 1863.
- COFFIN, JOHN C.  
Professor of Mathematics, 14 August, 1848. Retired List, 15 September, 1877. Died 8 January, 1890.
- COFFIN, JOHN H. C.  
Midshipman, 22 July, 1865. Graduated 4 June, 1869. Ensign, 12 July, 1870. Master, 25 March, 1873. Lieutenant, 3 August, 1877. Died 4 January, 1897.
- COFFIN, PETER F.  
Acting Master, 21 March, 1862. Honorably discharged 7 December, 1865.
- COFFIN, ROBERT B.  
Appointed Midshipman, 3 November, 1818. Died 20 March, 1822.
- COFFIN, ROLAND S.  
Acting Master, 22 November, 1861. Dismissed 5 March, 1864.
- COFFIN, RUFUS.  
Assistant Paymaster (Spanish-American War), 12 July, 1898. Honorably discharged 8 February, 1899.
- COFFINBERRY, HENRY D.  
Mate, 1 October, 1862. Promoted Acting Ensign, 10 March, 1863. Acting Master, 15 July, 1864. Honorably discharged 24 November, 1865.
- COFFMAN, DE WITT.  
Midshipman, 6 June, 1872. Graduated 20 June, 1876. Ensign, 10 June, 1879.  
Lieutenant, Junior Grade, 19 April, 1886. Lieutenant, 27 September, 1891.  
Lieutenant-Commander, 1 July, 1899.
- COGDELL, R. C.  
Appointed Midshipman, 9 May, 1829. Passed Midshipman, 3 July, 1835. Lieutenant, 8 September, 1841. Resigned 26 July, 1846.
- COGGESHALL, GEORGE.  
Appointed Midshipman, January, 1812. Resigned 19 November, 1813.
- COGGESHALL, LAWTON.  
Mate, 31 October, 1861. Appointment revoked (sick) 29 December, 1863.
- COGGESHALL, SAMUEL B.  
Acting Master, 13 July, 1861. Resigned 12 August, 1862.
- COGGIN, F. G.  
Third Assistant Engineer, 21 September, 1861. Second Assistant Engineer, 30 July, 1863. Retired 5 January, 1866. Passed Assistant Engineer, 24 February, 1874.
- COGHLAN, JASPER.  
Boatswain, 26 October, 1855. Retired List, 27 October, 1875. Died 9 February, 1889.
- COGHLAN, JOSEPH B.  
Acting Midshipman, 27 September, 1860. Graduated 28 May, 1863. Ensign, 4 June, 1863. Master, 10 November, 1865. Lieutenant, 10 November, 1866. Lieutenant-Commander, 12 March, 1868. Commander, 4 February, 1882. Captain, 18 November, 1896.
- COGSWELL, JAMES KELSEY.  
Midshipman, 25 September, 1863. Graduated 2 June, 1868. Ensign, 19 April, 1869.  
Master, 12 July, 1870. Lieutenant, 8 April, 1874. Lieutenant-Commander, 15 June, 1895. Commander, 3 March, 1899.



111°  
Navy Yard, New-York,

October 18 1861

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the Department that I have, in obedience to its order of the 8 October, reported to the Commandant of this Yard for instruction in the practice of in the U. S. gunnery

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Edwin Coffin

Act. Master. U. S. Navy.

TO THE HONORABLE  
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
Washington.

Forwarded by

Saml Brew

Commandant.

b. Oct 21 morning

U. S. S. "Midnight"  
Groby Sound, Ga  
May 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

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Sir

I respectfully request for a Command.  
Having been in the Navy as Acting Master since  
Oct<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1861 and during that time have been  
constantly at Sea, with but seven days leave of absence

Allow me Sir to most respectfully state that  
I have been at Sea some Forty Years, and have  
Commanded a number of Vessels, and feel that I owe  
it to myself to make this request and if Sir you will  
do me the honor to entrust me with a Vessel. I feel  
convinced that you will have no cause to regret  
your confidence

I have the honor to be

Sir Very Respectfully

Your Most Obedt Servt

Edwin Coffin.

Acting Master

Hon

Gideon Welles

Secretary of the Navy

Washington. D. C.

Respectfully forwarded

W. D. Routh

Actg. Vol. Lieut. Comm'g

Forwarded  
J.M. Allen  
Dear Admiral

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Dear Mr. Allen,

Since Dec 1861

received by next Mr.

Baker

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J.P. [Signature]

C. June 4 - 21st

Forwarded respectfully  
J.M. Baker

W. L. [Signature] &  
Senior Officer present.

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Edgartown Mass.  
July 28<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Sir.

In obedience to your orders  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> I leave the honor  
to report my arrival, to be this day  
the date of my detachment from  
the Midnight is July 18<sup>th</sup> 1866, and  
my address for the future will be  
Edgartown Mass. I am Sir

Very respectfully  
Your obedient Servt  
Erwin Coffin  
City Master.  
U. S. A.

To the

Hon James Miller  
Secretary Navy  
Washington  
D. C.

W. H. C. 1861  
E. Aug. 1 - Atlantic

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C. S.

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Fort Moultrie, S. C.

Sept. 1. 1864

Sir

In obedience to your order  
of August 16. I have the honor  
to report that I have this day  
reported to Commodore Pearson  
for duty on board the U. S. Schooner

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servt

Erwin Coffin

Acty Master

U. S. S.

To the Hon. Gideon Welles  
Secretary of the Navy  
Washington  
D. C.

Forwarded

G. T. Mason  
Comdt.

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J. P. M.

C. Sept. 6. Detail



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Navy Yard, N. York,  
Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1865.  
Feb.

Sir,

I have the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt  
of your order of Jan 31<sup>st</sup>  
detaching me from the U.S.S  
Colorado and placing me on  
waiting orders. My address is  
Edgartown Mass.

Yours respectfully,  
Edwin Coffin,  
Acting Master,  
U.S.N.

To

The Hon. Gideon Welles,  
Secretary of the Navy,  
Washington,  
D.C.

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L. July 8. Detail

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C. N. W. RJ

Navy Yard, New-York,

March 1<sup>st</sup>. 1865

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the Department that I have, in obedience to its order of the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, reported to the Commandant of this Yard for the Command of the U. S. S. "Adela" (24<sup>th</sup> Rate)

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Edwin Coffin  
Acting Master U. S. Navy.

TO THE HONORABLE  
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
Washington.

Forwarded by

H. Stanton  
Commandant.

C - Mar. 2 - Detaché

M. S. Steam "Idaho" 0  
Paloma Holliv.  
May 20<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Sir.

Upon the supposition that I was  
allowed a clerk from instructions contained  
in the book of allowances issued by the  
Department I appointed one on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
of April 1865. I have since been  
informed that none are allowed to Officers  
below the grade of Lieutenant Commanded  
and would respectfully ask if I am  
allowed one and if not if the Paymaster  
of this vessel may be allowed to pay  
the one I now have on board until  
the receipt of a letter from you

I am very respectfully,  
Yours obedient Servant.

Edwin Coffin  
Acty Master  
Comd'g M. S. "Idaho"

To  
Hon. Edwin Mallett  
Secretary of the Navy  
Washington D. C.

Watkins

C - May 27 - Watkins

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IDENTIFICATION NO. *14054*

DEPENDENT

*Harold P. Coffin*

*Midwest of Coffin*

VETERAN

*Edwin Coffin*

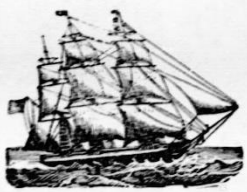
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No.

WIDOW'S CASE.

Hannah P. Coffin

WIDOW OF

Edwin Coffin

Rank, etc. Act. Volunteer

Lt., U. S. Navy.

United States Navy.

Rate per Month \$ P. ✓

Commencing Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 1905.

Issued Boston N.Y.

Mailed Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 1906 \$1.00

Fee, \$1.00

DROPPED

Feb 27 1905

dead and adv  
Mch 15/05. C. J.



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Act of June 27, 1890. <sup>174</sup>

PENSIONER DROPPED.

Navy,

United States Pension Agency,  
BOSTON, MASS.

FEB 27 1905, 190

Certificate No. 14054

Class Widow.

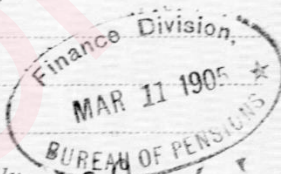
Pensioner Hannah P. Coffin

Soldier Edwin

Service actg. Vol. B. U. S. A.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the  
above-named pensioner who was last paid  
at \$8....., to Mar. 4, 1904.  
has been dropped because of REPORTED DEATH.  
April 1, 1904.



Very respectfully,

*A. J. Holt*

United States Pension Agent.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at once,  
and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death  
when known.

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*Claim of Hannah P. Coffin*

No. *8055-*

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# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At Edgartown, Mass  
May 22, 1894

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Hannah P. Coffin No. 8.05-5-  
To Hannah P. Coffin, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1894, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Edgartown, County of Dukes and State of Mass, and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all material witnesses will be heard.

And you are further notified that you have the privilege of being present, in person or by attorney, during said special examination, and of cross-examining said witnesses and of introducing any material evidence on your own behalf, if you so desire.

Alfred Bates  
Special Examiner.

Edgartown, Mass

I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 22nd day of May, 1894  
and desire the examination to begin on the same

Hannah P. Coffin

Orig No 5055-

Stannah P. Coffin widow of  
Edwin Coffin  
Acting Master U.S. N.  
Postoffice address Edgartown, Dukes Co. Mass

Taunton, Mass. May 25, 1894  
The Commissioner of Pensions:  
Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith  
all the papers in the above cited  
pension claim together with my  
report.

This claim was referred for  
special examination to determine  
whether claimant is dependent  
within the meaning of the  
Act of June 27, 1890.

The claimant was duly notified  
and all her rights and privileges were  
fully explained to her and she  
waived notice of further exami-  
-nation.

The testimony shows that  
claimant is possessed of  
real estate to the value assessed  
of \$2300 Her bank books show  
that she has an deposit at 4%  
interest \$1050. One of her

houses the one on Main Street was purchased by money from the Savings Bank within the last year. The entire amount of property as shown by assessments, savings bank books & household furniture is \$3450. The claimant is a woman of eighty years of age and in good health for a woman of her age. All the witnesses in this case are people of the highest character in the community. Claimant lives in a comfortable home with her daughter the wife of Capt. Slamm U.S. Revenue Cutter Master but this is a temporary arrangement & cannot think there is any dependence nor any likelihood of the same for two thirds of this money invested would bring an annuity sufficient to support her comfortably but all this is a matter of speculation and as she only has now a net income now of \$72 a year it is likely that this woman may be compelled to unnecessary stick herself in her wants and thus her age is

such that she may want at  
times can not attention while  
at present I cannot see but what  
she is comfortably situated but  
owing to the uncertainty of the  
law I feel inclined to give her  
the benefit of a doubt as to her  
future and for that reason I will  
recommend admission

I verified claimant's statements  
as to her savings bank deposits  
by the bank books. Claimant  
has not yet paid the taxes on  
the Main Street property.

Very respectfully,  
Clyde Bates,  
Special Examiner

not having sufficient property for my support

I own the house in which I am living on North Water Street Edgartown Mass which is assessed at \$1500. I own a house on Main Street for which I paid \$900. I drew this amount from the Savings Bank in New Bedford. I have now \$1000 on deposit in the Institute for Savings in New Bedford and \$50 in the First Bank Savings Bank of the same city. This all the property I have. I receive 4% interest upon the money in New Bedford Savings Bank. I am to receive \$50 a year for the house on Main Street which I rent to my son.

I am now living with my daughter. I give her the house for my board. So besides my board and room I have only an income of \$92.00 a year.

My daughter's remaining with me is dependent upon her husband's not changing his station. He is an officer in the Revenue Marine Service.

All my property is from my father's estate. My husband left nothing. Besides the property I have named I have about a \$100 worth of household furniture and not more than that.

Georgina B. Marchant and Littleton C. Knapp have known



me nearly all their lives and  
have about as good a knowledge  
of my financial condition as  
anyone.

I have understood the questions  
and my answers and statements  
have been correctly recorded.

Hannah P. Coffin

Deponent.

I read to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of May  
1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

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Alfred Bates

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *B*Case of *Hannah P. Coffin*, No. *805-5-*

On this *32nd* day of *May*, 189*4*, at  
*Edgartown*, County of *Walter*  
 State of *Mass*, before me, *Alfred Bates*, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Hannah*  
*M. Slamm*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: *I am 49 years of age*

*My residence and postoffice address*  
*is Edgartown, Walter Co Mass. I am*  
*housekeeping. I am the daughter*  
*of the claimant. I am living*  
*in her house which I have for giving*  
*her board and rooms and besides*  
*this I have partially furnished*  
*the house myself. My remaining*  
*with my mother is dependent upon*  
*my husband who is an officer in the*  
*Revenue Marine Service and is at*  
*present stationed on the New England*  
*Coast at Boston and when he is*  
*changed I shall make some different*  
*arrangements. I know my mother*  
*has no property except the house*  
*in which she resides and a house*  
*on North Main Street in Edgartown*  
*and \$1050 in the Savings Bank in*  
*New Bedford Mass. I am not*  
*financially interested in the proce-*  
*dures of this claim.*

*I have understood the questions and*  
*my answers and statement have been*  
*correctly recorded.*

*Hannah M. Slamm*

Lined area for deponent's statement.

Deponent.

I swear to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of May, 1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*Alfred Bates*  
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION CCase of Hannah P. Coffin, No. 8055

On this 23rd day of May, 1894, at  
Edgartown, County of Wentworth,  
 State of Mass, before me, Alfred Bates, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Richard  
G. Shute, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am 49 years of age

my residence and post office  
 address is Edgartown, Wentworth,  
Mass. I am a jeweller and  
 merchant

I have known Mrs Hannah  
P. Coffin since my boyhood.  
 I know that she owns two  
 houses and lots in Edgartown  
Mass. One on North Water and  
 one on Main Street. The value  
 of house and lot on North Water  
 would be about \$1300 and  
 that on Main about \$900.

I don't know of any source  
 of income that claimant  
 may have and when she  
 bought the house on Main  
Street it was a surprise for  
 I did not know that she had  
 anything. She is about eighty  
 years of age. Her appearance  
 indicates that she is in good  
 health for a person of her age.

I don't know of any other  
 property except the real estate  
 I have named. I have no  
 reason to suppose that she has

any other property nor do I know  
of any income

I have understood the questions  
and my answers and statements  
have been correctly recorded

Richard G. Shute

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of May,  
1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Alfred Bates  
Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION 10

Case of Hannah Coffin, No. 8055-

On this 23rd day of May, 1894, at  
 Edgartown, County of Dukes  
 State of Mass., before me, Alfred Bates, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Cornelius  
 B. Marchant, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am 78 years of age

my residence and postoffice address  
 is Edgartown Dukes Co Mass  
 I am retired

I know Hannah Coffin I  
 know she owns a house on  
 North Water Street Edgartown  
 in which she resides. I think  
 \$1500 would be a fair estimate  
 of the value of this property and  
 I think the rental value of this  
 property would be about \$125  
 per annum. I don't know of  
 any other property unless it is  
 money in the savings bank. I  
 made an affidavit for her  
 about three years ago when  
 I was an assessor and select-  
 man and then I estimated  
 that she had about two thousand  
 dollars in bank. I don't remember  
 now how I gained my infor-  
 mation about her savings  
 bank deposit. I have no  
 present knowledge of claimant's  
 financial condition.

I have no reason to suppose  
 that she anything but a small

income but I do not know  
the amount.

I have understood the questions  
and my answers and statements  
have been correctly recorded.  
Caroline B. Marchant

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May,  
1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Alfred Bates  
Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Hannah P. Coffin, No. 80355

On this 23rd day of May, 1894, at  
Edgartown, County of Dukes  
 State of Mass, before me, Alfred Tatis, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Littleton C.  
Himpfenney, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid  
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am 49 years of age

My residence and postoffice address is  
Edgartown Dukes Co. Mass

I am register of deeds for Dukes County  
and Chairman of the selectmen  
and assessors for the town of Edgartown  
I know Hannah P. Coffin. I know  
that she owns a house on North  
Water and one on Main Street  
in Edgartown. The assessed value  
of Claimant's real estate from  
1890 to the present time is for the  
property on North Water Street \$1350  
which represents about its true value  
it is an old house & think the  
assessed value will be reduced for  
she has made an application for  
its reduction. The house on Main  
Street is assessed at \$950 but Claimant  
only paid \$900 for it this is a  
recent purchase it was bought  
within the last year

There is no personal property  
assessed

I made an affidavit for  
Claimant and in stating  
the amount of her deposits  
in the banks I did so upon



her statements to me and because I know her to be a woman in whose word the utmost reliance can be placed. The house on Main Street is rented to a son who is not financially prosperous. I have no knowledge of any other property or of any source of income that claimant may have except her property in this town and from what she may have in the Savings Bank and I believe that is all she has.

I know the house on North Water Street is rented to her daughter Mrs. Slammis who is likely to leave at any time and I don't know believe in such case she could get over a \$100 a year rent for the house. Mrs. Coffin is about 80 years of age and is in very good health for a woman of her age.

I have understood the questions and my answers and statement have been correctly recorded.

Silvestra O. Whimpany

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of May, 1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Charles Bates

Special Examiner.

CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION *J*

Case of *Hannah P. Coffin*, No. *8055-*

On this *22nd* day of *May*, 189*4* at *Edgartown*, County of *Dukes*, State of *Mass*, before me, *Alfred Bates*, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Hannah P. Coffin*, the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

Q. If it should become necessary to further examine your claim, by taking the testimony of witnesses elsewhere, do you desire to be present in person or be represented by an attorney, or both, at such further examination? If so, you will be notified as to the place and time when it is to be made.

A. *no*

Q. Should you change your mind and desire to be present, or be represented by an attorney during any further examination of your case, will you at once address a letter to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.," giving the name and the number of your claim, informing him that you have so changed your mind, and desire to be notified when your claim is to be further examined?

A. *yes*

Q. State the names of the person or persons and their post-office addresses, instrumental in the prosecution of your claim for pension.

A. *Charles G. M. Hinchman*,  
*Edgartown, Mass*

Q. State what contract or contracts you have made with such person or persons for their services in prosecuting your claim for pension, and whether such contract or contracts were written or verbal.

Page *17*, Deposition *J*

*Mrs Hannah P Coffin*

You are hereby notified that your State, County and Town Taxes in Edgartown, Mass.,  
**FOR THE YEAR 1890**

Are as follows, and I hereby demand of you the payment of said Taxes.

**CHARLES F. DUNHAM.**

Rate, \$15.30 per \$1,000.

Collector of Taxes for said Town for said Year.

POLL TAX.....	\$2.00
PERSONAL ESTATE.....	
REAL ESTATE.....	20.66
TOTAL.....	\$
DISCOUNT to Oct. 31, 1890 at 5 per cent.....	1.03
INTEREST from Oct. 31, 1890, at 6 per cent.....	
COSTS.....	
SUM DUE.....	\$ 19.63

Received Payment.

EDGARTOWN, 10 mo. 2 d, 1890.

*C F Dunham* Collector of Taxes.

BE SURE TO BRING THIS WITH YOU WHEN YOU CALL TO PAY YOUR TAX.

1.03

SAVE YOUR DISCOUNT. 1.00

*Ms Hannah P Coffin*

You are hereby notified that your State, County and Town Taxes in Edgartown, Mass.,

**FOR THE YEAR 1891**

Are as follows, and I hereby demand of you the payment of said Taxes.

Rate, \$15.00 per \$1,000.

CHARLES F. DUNHAM,

Collector of Taxes for said Town for said Year.

POLL TAX.....		\$2.00
PERSONAL ESTATE.....		
REAL ESTATE.....		
TOTAL.....		20.25
DISCOUNT to Oct. 31, 1891, at 5 per cent.....	\$	1.01
INTEREST from Oct. 31, 1891, at 6 per cent.....		
COSTS.....		
SUM DUE.....	\$	19.24

Received Payment,

EDGARTOWN, 10 mo., 10 d, 1891.

*Chas F Dunham* Collector of Taxes.

Be Sure to Bring This With You When You Call to Pay Your Tax.

All taxes will be collected according to law immediately after the time of discount has expired.

**SAVE YOUR DISCOUNT.**

*Mrs Hannah P Coffin*

You are hereby notified that your State, County and Town Taxes in Edgartown, Mass.,  
**FOR THE YEAR 1893**

Are as follows, and I hereby demand of you the payment of said Taxes.

*CHARLES F. DUNHAM,*

Collector of Taxes for said Town for said Year.

RATE, \$15.80 per \$1,000.

POLL TAX.....	\$2.00
PERSONAL ESTATE.....	21.33
REAL ESTATE.....	\$
TOTAL.....	1.06
DISCOUNT to Oct. 31, 1893, at 5 per cent.....	
INTEREST from Oct. 31, 1893, at 6 per cent.....	
COSTS.....	\$ 20.27
SUM DUE.....	

Received Payment.

EDGARTOWN, 9 mo., 9 d, 1893.

*C F Dunham* Collector of Taxes.

**Be Sure to Bring This With You when you Call to Pay Your Tax.**

All taxes will be collected according to law immediately after the time of discount has expired.

A Summons will be served on the first day of December at a cost of 20 cents.

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S. E. D.

No. 9055

Claimant: Hannah P. Coffin  
Sailor

Soldier: Edwin Coffin

P. O. address: Edgartown

County: Dukes State: Mass

Recommendation: Admission

Alfred Bates  
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894  
Respectfully referred  
to the Chief Board  
of Review for his  
consideration

Geo. B. Fritts  
Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION. *G. B. F.*

June 11, 1894

Reject

H. W. Hall  
Reviewer.

ACTION.

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Commissioner.

A. no contract except that allowed  
by law stated in my declaration

Q. State the amount of fees paid by you or at your instance, to whom paid, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction.

A. I have paid no fees

Q. Please give me the names of all witnesses that you desire examined elsewhere, with their post-office addresses, and also state what you expect to prove by each witness.

A. none

Q. Have you any complaint to make as to the conduct, manner, or fairness of the examination of your claim? If so, please state specifically what it is.

A. no

Q. Do you desire to introduce any more testimony before me?

A. no

Thomas P. Coffey  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of May, 1894  
and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Alfred Bates  
Special Examiner.

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L. B. L.

Office of the Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,  
Washington.

March 15, 1894.

Mr. J. A. Slamm,  
Edgartown, Mass.

Sir:

In response to your recent inquiry, you are advised that pension claim No. 8,055, of Hannah P. Coffin, widow of Edward Coffin, U. S. Navy, is now in the hands of a Special Examiner of this Bureau, for further special examination in Dukes County, Massachusetts, to determine its merits.

The case will be taken up when reached in regular order, and the examination completed at the earliest date practicable.

Very respectfully,

*J. L. L.*  
Commissioner.



I, Sirson P. Coffin, of Edgartown, in the  
County of Dukes County and Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, being of the age of 78 years,  
on oath depose and say, that I was present  
and witnessed the marriage of Edwin Coffin,  
late of Tisbury in said County, deceased, and Han-  
nah P. Coffin (then Boston) to each other; that  
said marriage took place in July A.D. 1839;  
that to my personal knowledge said Edwin  
Coffin died in October. A.D. 1874; that I have  
always lived in said Edgartown and have always  
been acquainted with said Edwin and Hannah,  
and that I personally know that said Han-  
nah P. Coffin has not remarried since the  
death of her said husband; and that my  
post-office address is at said Edgartown.

Sirson P. Coffin.

Dukes County, SS. Edgartown, Oct. 10, 1891.

Then personally appeared the said

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Sirson P. Coffin, being personally  
known to me as a credible per-  
son, and made oath to the  
truth of the foregoing statements  
by him subscribed, the contents being known  
to him before signing. Before me,  
and before the C. M. Durham,  
oath was administered. Justice of the Peace.

I also certify that said Sirson P. Coffin  
has been and was till recently collector of  
Customs of the district of San Edgmontown,  
Oct. 16, 1891. C. M. Durham

No 8055.

Esqartown, Mass.,

May 29, 1891.

Hon. G. B. Raum,

Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

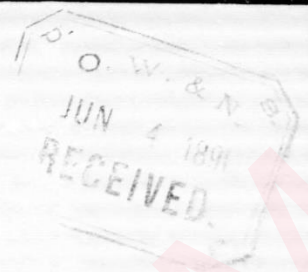
In answer to yours of the 16th inst. by Hannah Coffin, of this town, petitioner for widow's pension, <sup>No 8055</sup> for information as to "the date & place where he [her husband, Edwin Coffin] shipped, names of all the vessels upon which he served, and dates when he was discharged from the service," I would say for her, that from examination of originals, I find

That the claimant's husband, Edwin Coffin, of this town, entered the Navy, as acting master, Oct 8, 1861, and reported Oct 18, 1861, to the commandant of the Navy Yard, New York, for duty.

That Oct 26, 1861, he reported for duty on board U.S. Bark "Midnight".

That July 18, 1864, he was detached from the "Midnight".

That Jan. 31, 1865, he was detached



from the U.S.S. "Colorado"; the date of his entering the "Colorado" is not at hand, but is thought to be Aug. 1864.

That he reported at New York Oct. 1, 1865, to take command of U.S.S. "Hela".

That June 23, 1865, he was detached from the "Hela".

That same date, June 23, 1865, he was appointed Acting Vol. Lieutenant in U.S. Navy.

That he reported on board receiving ship "Ohio", Aug. 2, 1865.

And that he was honorably discharged from the service Feb'y 4, 1866.

If anything further is desired please inform Mr. Coffin or me.

Yours, very truly,

Chas. G. M. Drumhau,

att'y for Hannah P. Coffin.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OCT 29 1891  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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**TOWN of TISBURY.**  
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Town Clerk's Office, Aug. 29, 1891,

I, Wm. Swift, Clerk of the town of Tisbury, County of Dukes County and State of Massachusetts, hereby certify that the records of deaths of said town in my custody as said clerk show that Edwin Coffin, son of Thomas and Sophronia Coffin, whose place of birth was at Edgartown in said County, died at said Tisbury on the 15th day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy four, at the age of 67 years and that he was buried at said Tisbury.

Wm. Swift, clerk of said town  
of Tisbury.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Dukes County, ss.

Aug. 29, A.D. 1891.

Then personally appeared the said Wm. Swift, being personally known to me <sup>as a credible person</sup> and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statement by him subscribed, before me, he knowing the contents before the  
 oath was administered and <sub>before signing.</sub> signed

Chas. G. M. Dunham,  
Justice of the Peace.

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I Thomas Mullen of Edgartown,  
in the County of Dukes County,  
and Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, Clerk of said  
Town of Edgartown, certify,  
that the following is a true  
copy from Page 26 of Book 4 of the  
records of <sup>of said Edgartown</sup> so much as relates to  
the Marriage of Edwin Coffin to  
Hannah P. Norton viz:

"Marriages consummated by  
Rev Thomas Ely -  
1839, July 15 - Mr Edwin Coffin to  
Miss Hannah P. Norton, both  
of Edgartown.

A True record Attest,

Quiah L. Pease  
Town Clerk"

A True Copy Attest: Tho<sup>s</sup> Mullen  
Clerk of said Town of Edgartown  
Edgartown Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1891-



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Newport, R. I., April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1891.  
Mrs. Benjamin Harrison,  
Esteemed Madam:

The widow (nearly four score) of the late Volunteer Lieutenant Edwin Coffin U.S.A., sent in a pension claim about two years ago. In her behalf, I ask your womanly heart for a word or two at the Pension office. This devout, old lady engaged the services of a local lawyer at her home at Edgartown, Massachusetts, who is too honest for the times and too inexperienced in the methods used by the unprincipled in procuring pensions out of their regular order — a process which has made the U. S. Pension office unenviably notorious.

This old lady, in her confidence in human nature, has waited patiently and is now surprised to see about her so many successful ones whose claims were submitted long after hers and who have drawn their pensions for months. This old lady's name is Mrs. Hannah P. Coffin. Her husband fought gallantly during the entire rebellion and the thanks of his country to him hangs framed

in the little sitting room of this wife and widow of many years. Her case is one of hundreds which are forgotten inside the pale of justice. There are but a few years between her and the grave. It is evident that her simple petition has been laid aside during the hastening process for those whose claims date long after her's. In fact, she has not the necessary means for "prompt ~~and~~ consideration"; if she had, she would decline to use it that others whose claims are as honest as her's should not suffer as she has. As an old veteran of the navy, who was under fire with this patient and apparently neglected widow's husband, I beg of you by your station to influence this matter.

Preference is not asked for in behalf of Mrs. Coffin — Simply justice without injustice to others. I am, Madam,

Your very humble Servant,  
J. C. Stamm,  
Newport, R. I.

I, Littleton C. Wainpenney, Chairman  
of the Board of Assessors of Taxes for the Town  
of Edgartown, Dukes County, Massachusetts, for  
the year A.D. 1891, on oath depose and say,  
that Hannah P. Coffin, of said Edgartown, widow  
of Edwin Coffin, deceased, is taxed for a dwell-  
ing-house and the lot of land on which it  
stands in said Edgartown, for the present year,  
and for no other property, & has been taxed for  
the same & for no other property for several years;  
that the assessed value of said dwelling-house  
is Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars, and the assessed  
value of said Lot of land is Five Hundred Dol-  
lars, as appears upon the assessment books of said  
town; and that in my opinion said assessed val-  
ues are the full value of said property; and  
that my post-office address is Edgartown  
aforesaid.

Littleton C. Wainpenney, - Chairman assessors  
Dukes County, ss.

Oct. 10, 1891.

Then the said Littleton C. Wainpenney

Personally known to me as a credible  
person, personally appeared and made  
oath to the truth of the foregoing state-  
ments by him subscribed, he the  
contents before the oath before me  
was administered, C. M. Durham  
and before signing the same. Justice of the Peace.

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I, John W. Pease, of Edgartown, Dukes  
County, in the Commonwealth of Massachu-  
setts, Deputy Collector of Customs of  
the District of said Edgartown, on oath  
depose and say that I am 41 years  
of age, that I have always been  
personally acquainted with Hannah P.  
Coffin, of said Edgartown, widow of Edwin  
Coffin, that I was personally acquainted with  
said Edwin, and that said Hannah P.  
Coffin has not remarried since the death  
of her said husband, Edwin Coffin.

Edgartown,

Oct. 16, 1891.

Dukes County, ss.

John W. Pease.

Deputy Collector of Customs  
of said District of Edgartown

Edgartown, Oct. 16, 1891.

Then personally appeared said John W. Pease, known  
personally to me to be a credible person (his post office ad-  
dress is Edgartown, Mass.) and under oath to the truth of the  
foregoing statements by him. Subscribed the contents being  
known to him. Before me, Cha. S. W. Blunkham,  
before signing & before the oath was administered, Justice of the Peace

I, Hannah P. Coffin, of Edgartown, Dukes County, Massachusetts, widow of Edwin Coffin, and petitioner for widow's pension, said petition now being on file in the Pension Department at Washington, on oath, depose and say that, I have in said Edgartown a dwelling-house and lot of land on which it stands, in which dwelling-house I now live and have been living for several years, and from which I receive no other rent, income, or advantage, than as a home for myself, and the sum of Nineteen Hundred Thirty-four Dollars (\$1934), deposited in the New Bedford Two Cents Savings Bank and New Bedford Institution for Savings, both in New Bedford, Mass., the income of which is yearly Seventy-six Dollars (\$76) and no more; and that besides the above-named I have no other property or income of any kind or from any source whatever.

Oct. 10, 1891.

Hannah P. Coffin.

Dukes County, ss.

Oct. 10, 1891.

Then the above-named Hannah P. Coffin personally known to me as the person she claims above



to be, and known to me to be a credible person, personally appeared, and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements by her subscribed, she knowing the contents, before signing the same before the oath was administered. Before me,

Chas G. W. Murcham,  
Justice of the Peace.



ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890, AS AMENDED BY ACT OF MAY 9, 1900.

### WIDOW'S PENSION. 8055

*case  
14054  
Boston*

Claimant Hannah P Coffin Sailor Edwin Coffin  
Soldier  
P. O. Edgartown Rank Acting Volunteer Lieutenant  
County Dukes Massachusetts Regiment U. S. Navy

Rate, \$8 per month, commencing August 24 1900 and \$2 additional for each child, as follows:

- (Born, ..... )  
(Sixteen, ..... ) Commencing .....
- (Born, ..... )  
(Sixteen, ..... ) Commencing .....
- (Born, ..... )  
(Sixteen, ..... ) Commencing .....
- (Born, ..... )  
(Sixteen, ..... ) Commencing .....
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- (Born, ..... )  
(Sixteen, ..... ) Commencing .....
- (Born, ..... )  
(Sixteen, ..... ) Commencing .....
- (Born, ..... )  
(Sixteen, ..... ) Commencing .....

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

All pension to terminate ..... 190 .., date of .....

#### RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name Periah T. Hillman Fee, \$ 10 Agent to pay.  
P. O. Edgartown Mass Articles filed ..... 189 ..

#### APPROVALS.

Submitted for Adm Oct 30 1900 A. Gilbert Examiner  
Nov 23 1900  
Approved for Admission under act of June 27, 1890, as amended by act of May 9, 1900.

Nov 28 1900 W. Angender Legal Reviewer  
Dec 5 1900  
The soldier was not pensioned at \$ ..... per month for .....

Enlisted Appointed Oct 8, 1861 Soldier's app'n filed None 18 ..  
..... honorably disch'd Feb 4, 1866 Cit's app'n under other laws None 18 ..  
Reenlisted ....., 18 .. Former marriage of Neither 18 ..  
..... honorably disch'd ....., 18 .. Death of former ..... 18 ..  
Died October 15, 1877 Cit's marriage to soldier July 15 1877 18 ..  
Declaration filed August 24 1900 Cit not remarried ..... 18 ..

*clerk written No. M.C.*

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*Q W & N* Div.

*Att.* Ex'r.

*Widows No. 8055*  
*Hannah P. wid of*  
*Edwin Coffin*

**Department of the Interior,**  
**BUREAU OF PENSIONS,**

*U.S. Navy*

Washington, D. C., *Nov 7, 1900*

The above title should be indorsed on every paper relating to this claim.

*Sir:*

In the above-entitled claim for pension, the requirements of paragraph No. 2, should be complied with.

**No. 1.** The claimant should state under oath whether he ever made a claim for pension other than the one described above; and, if so, he should state when it was filed, its number, and the service on which it was based.

**No. 2.** There should be furnished the affidavit of the claimant, ~~or of some other person having the~~ ~~positive knowledge~~, showing whether *her husband* served in the army or navy of the United States prior to *Oct 8, 1861*, ~~subsequent to~~ *18*; and, if so, the name and number of each company and regiment to which he belonged, or the names of all vessels on which he served, if in the navy, should be stated, with dates of enlistment and discharge.

*This circular should be returned with the evidence.*

Very respectfully,

*[Handwritten Signature]*

*Beriah T Hillman Esq*  
*Edgartown*  
*Mass*



State of Massachusetts,  
County of Dukes County ss.

On this fourth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of November  
A.D. 1900, personally appeared before me  
a Notary Public within and for the State  
and County aforesaid Hannah P. Coffin  
widow of Edwin Coffin U.S. Navy and  
in the matter of the claim for pension  
of said Hannah P. Coffin widow of Edwin  
Coffin U.S. Navy No. 8055, being duly  
sworn according to law makes the  
following declaration:— My late hus-  
band the aforesaid Edwin Coffin did  
not serve in the army or navy  
of the United States prior to Oct. 8,  
A.D. 1861.

Attest:

Hannah P. Coffin.

Alexander Pease  
Walter H. Norton

Also personally appeared Alexander Pease,  
and Walter H. Norton, both residing  
in Edgartown, Dukes County, Massachusetts  
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  
Hannah P. Coffin the claimant and  
sign her name to the foregoing affidavit  
that they have every reason to believe



from the appearance of said claimant  
and their acquaintance with her  
of forty-five years and twenty years  
respectively that she is the identical  
person she represents herself to be  
and that they have no interest  
in this claim nor in its pro-  
secution

Alexander D. Case  
Walter K. Norton

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of November  
A.D. 1900, 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, and that I have no  
interest in this claim nor in its  
prosecution.

J. W. Pease,  
Notary Public.

## DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

Under the Act of June 27, 1890, as amended by the Act of May 9, 1900.

(APPLICABLE TO PENDING OR REJECTED CLAIMS.)

STATE OF Massachusetts }  
COUNTY OF Dukes County } ss:

On this eleventh day of August A. D. one thousand nine hundred ~~and~~  
personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid,  
Hannah P. Coffin, a resident of Edgartown  
County of Dukes County State of Massachusetts, who, being  
duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the pension under the provisions  
of the Act of Congress approved June 27, 1890, as amended by the act of Congress approved May 9, 1900.

That she is the widow of Edwin Coffin, who served  
as a Acting Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Adele; that she has  
not remarried since his death; that she is without other means of support than her daily labor and an actual net  
income not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars per year, and all the sources of her income are as follows,  
to wit:

I have two dwelling houses in Edgartown Mass. and one  
of these I occupy and the other yields me no income.  
And I have no other property excepting  
clothing and house hold goods and these yield  
no income

That she hereby adopts and reiterates all and singular the averments made in her claim for pension, number  
8055, heretofore filed under the Act of June 27, 1890.

\*That she hereby appoints Beriah T. Hillman  
of Edgartown, Dukes County, Massachusetts her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute this claim.

That her post-office address is Edgartown  
County of Dukes County State of Massachusetts

ATTEST: (1) Morris C. Mullins Hannah P. Coffin  
(2) Laura C. Townsend (Claimant's nature.)

\*This blank not to be filled unless she desires to employ an attorney.



Also personally appeared Marcia C. Mullin, residing at Atlanta Ga.  
 and Laura C. Townsend, residing at Waltham Mass., 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  
Hannah P. Coffin the claimant, sign her name (or 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 of thirty years and twenty-five years, respectively, that she is the identical person she  
 represents herself to be; that she is without other means of support than her daily labor and an actual net income  
 of not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars per year; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of  
 this claim.

Marcia C. Mullin  
Laura C. Townsend  
(Signatures of witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this eleventh day of August A. D. 1900

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 \_\_\_\_\_, erased and the  
 words \_\_\_\_\_, added; and that

[L. S.]

I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J. W. Peace  
(Signature)  
Notary Public  
(Official character.)

(To be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of  
 the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by  
 law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must be certified by the proper State,  
 county, or city officer, under his official seal, unless such a certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for  
 general reference.)

W.P.O. # 8055  
Dep  
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M. S. S. T. G.

**CLAIM FOR PENSION.**

Under Act of June 27, 1890, as amended by the Act of  
 May 6, 1906.

(APPLICABLE TO PENDING OR REJECTED CLAIMS.)

**WIDOW.**

Claimant: Hannah P. Coffin  
 Soldier: Edwin Coffin  
 Service: Army Lieutenant U. S. A.  
in U. S. S. Adela

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Richard Williams  
Esq.  
Notary Public  
Waltham County Mass.  
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three hundred dollars and her in-  
come from all sources is less than  
two hundred and fifty dollars per  
year, and she is without other means  
of support than her daily labor and  
an actual net income not exceeding  
two hundred and fifty dollars per  
year.

And they further declare that the  
only estate that the said Hannah P.  
Coffin has is two houses and  
lots situated in Edgartown aforesaid;  
that she has no personal estate;  
that she has not remarried since  
the death of her husband, said Edwin  
Coffin; that the said Hannah P.  
Coffin occupies one of her houses  
the other house is occupied by her  
son who is a poor man and  
has paid her little or nothing there-  
for. The houses might be let  
for about one hundred dollars per  
year, each and the taxes and  
repairs will amount to about  
fifty dollars per year on the  
two houses and the net yearly  
income from the two houses would  
be about one hundred and

fifty dollars per year.

And they further declare that they have no interest in said claim and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Lilleon C. Wimperley  
John E. White OK

Sworn to and subscribed before me this eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) day of August A.D. 1900 by the above named affiants and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiants and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same.

I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiants are personally known to me; that they are credible persons and so reputed in the community in which they reside.

Witness my hand and official seal in testimony thereof.

J. W. Pease,  
Notary Public.



RECORD DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Briefed by .....

Claim No. 8055-.....

Certificate No. ....

Claimant Widow.....

Soldier Edwin Coffin.....

Service U. S. Navy.....

Additional Service .....

Aug 29/99 A.....

No Claim, New Records .....

No Claim, Old Records .....

REMARKS:

In Clk	OWM
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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

*O. W. Hall*  
**WIDOW'S PENSION.** \$1,043

Claimant *Sannah D. Coffin* Soldier *Edwin Coffin*  
 P. O. *Edgartown* Rank *Act. Vol. S. Capt.*  
 County *Suffolk*, State *Mass.* Regiment *G. S. Chary*  
 Rate, \$8 per month, commencing *August 25, 1890*, and \$2 per month additional for each child, as follows:

**REJECTED.**

( Born, ..... 18 )	} Commencing	, 18
( Sixteen, ..... 18 )		
( Born, ..... 18 )	} Commencing	, 18
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( Sixteen, ..... 18 )		
( Born, ..... 18 )	} Commencing	, 18
( Sixteen, ..... 18 )		

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

All pension to terminate ..... 189 .., date of .....

**RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:**

Name *Charles G. M. Hubbard* Fee \$ ..... Agent to pay.  
 P. O. *Edgartown Mass.* Articles Filed ..... 189 ..

**APPROVALS:**

Submitted for admission June 7<sup>th</sup> 1894. *W. Fred Bates* Ex. Examiner.  
 Approved for rejection on the ground that *Clint* is not dependent within the meaning of the Act of June 27, 1890.  
*Division of the Act of Nov. 11-93. In the case of William Holbrook*  
 June 11, 1894. *H. W. Hall* Legal Register  
*Per O. W. Hall*

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

### WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant Samuel P. Coffin Soldier Edwin Coffin  
 P. O. Edgartown Rank Act. Vol. Lieut.  
 County Suffolk, State Mass Regiment US Navy

Rate, \$8 per month, commencing 25 Aug, 1890, and \$2 per month additional for each child, as follows:

Born	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen	18	Commencing	18
Born	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen	18	Commencing	18
Born	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen	18	Commencing	18
Born	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen	18	Commencing	18
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Sixteen	18	Commencing	18
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Sixteen	18	Commencing	18

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.  
 All pension to terminate \_\_\_\_\_, 189\_\_\_\_, date of \_\_\_\_\_

#### RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name Charles G. W. Dunham Fee \$ not filed Agent to pay.  
 P. O. Edgartown, Mass. Articles Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 189\_\_\_\_

#### APPROVALS:

Submitted for Adm. 2 Dec 1893, H. L. Tuttle, Examiner.  
 " 2 Dec 1892

Approved for \_\_\_\_\_, 189\_\_\_\_, Legal Reviewer.

The soldier was pensioned at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for  
 enlisted 8 Oct 1861 Soldier's app'n filed now, 18\_\_\_\_  
 honorably disch'd 4 Feb 1866 Clt's app'n under other laws \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_  
 Re-enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_ Former marriage of \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_  
 honorably disch'd \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_ Death of former \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_  
 Died 15 Oct 1874 Clt's marriage to soldier 15 July 1839  
 Declaration filed 25 Aug 1890 Clt's Not remarried \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_

Claimant is \_\_\_\_\_ without other means of support than her daily labor.

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Inver Navy Wid. Claim No. 8053  
 Hannah Wid. Edwin Coffin, U.S.M.

ARRANGE PAPERS IN INVALID CLAIMS—1. Declaration; 2. Soldier's statements as to origin; 3. A. G.;  
 4. S. G.; 5. Cert. of Dis. Let history as to origin, continuance, &c., follow in regular order.  
 IN WIDOWS' AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES' CLAIMS—Let evidence of soldier's death, marriage, dependence  
 &c., follow evidence of origin and continuance of fatal disease.

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NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1	Claimant	25 Aug 90	Declaration
2	Secy. of Navy	18 May '91	Service
3	Claimant	24 May '92	No subservic
4	Winthrop Butts U.S. 32 Frigate Ham., Mass	30 Oct '91	Death
5	Public Record		Marriage
6	S.P. Coffin Edgartown Mass	3 Feb 92	Death. Mar. no prior mar. Mar remar. Means
7	C. C. Wimpenny Edgartown Mass	" " "	Means
8	Claimant	" " "	no prior mar. no prior claim
9	C. D. Marchant Edgartown Mass	24 May '92	Mar remar. Means
10	R. G. Norton Edgartown, Mass	" " "	Mar remar. Means

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I, Hannah F. Coffin of Edgartown, Dukes  
County, Massachusetts, widow of Edwin Coffin,  
late of Tisbury, in said County, deceased, and  
applicant for a widow's pension, on oath  
depose and say, that my said husband,  
Edwin Coffin, did not serve in the military  
or naval service of the United States, sub-  
sequently to February 4, 1866, the date of  
his discharge from the navy.

Edgartown  
May 21, 1892. } Hannah F. Coffin,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Dukes County, ss. Edgartown, May 21, 1892.

Then personally appeared the said  
Hannah F. Coffin, being personally known to  
me <sup>to be a credible person</sup> and having subscribed the fore-  
going statement in my presence, made  
oath to the truth of said statement as by  
her subscribed, before me,

Sam Houston,  
Clerk Superior Court.





Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PENSION DEPARTMENT, STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts,

County of Dukes County ss.

In the matter of the claim for Pension = 8055 Act of June 27th 1830. of Hannah P. Coffin of Edgartown, Massachusetts, widow of Edwin Coffin, late of Company U.S. Steamer Regiment Aisle No 8055, Navy - Vets.:

Personally came before me, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for aforesaid County and State. The said claimant, Hannah P. Coffin, and

, resident of in the County of, State of, who being

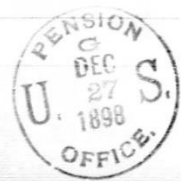
duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows: -

That the money in the Savings bank is reduced from \$1200 to less than \$400 and has been and is being used for her maintenance. That she has nothing save two small houses, one assessed for \$1300, the other for \$800. That she lives in the \$1300 house, and has no income whatever from it. That the \$800 (eight hundred dollar) house is rented for \$50 (fifty dollars). After deducting taxes from above houses and insurance there is left about \$10 (ten dollars). As she has to see for her support money from the Savings bank the interest is often sacrificed, and can never exceed sixteen dollars (\$16) at 4 per Ct. Thus her total income is under \$26 (twenty-six dollars). That she is 83 years old, and expects to live long enough to receive the justice due the widow of a brave officer who served his country honorably all through the War of the Rebellion.

further declare that do interest in said claim, and not concerned in the prosecution.

Affiant's Signature, Hannah P. Coffin. P. O. Address, Edgartown, Mass.

Affiant's Signature. P. O. Address.



[OVER.]

Here insert affiant's name or names.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, Harold P. Coffin; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same

I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said claim, nor am I concerned in its prosecution. Witness my hand and official seal, this twenty-second day of December, 1898.

Sign here. Samuel H. Weston  
Clerk - Superior Court

This affidavit may be executed by any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes in the State, city or county where said officer resides. If such officer has a seal and uses it upon such paper, no certificate of a county clerk or clerk of a court shall be necessary; but when no seal is used by the officer taking such affidavit, then a clerk of a court of record, or a county or city clerk, shall affix his official seal thereto, and shall certify to the signature and official character of said officer.

No.

CLAIM FOR

AFFIDAVIT OF

FILED BY  
STATE PENSION AGENT OF MASS.,  
STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, MASS.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PENSION DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON.

AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts,  
County of *Dukes County* } ss.

In the matter of the claim for *Pension # 8055* Act of June 27th, 1890.  
of *Hannah P. Coffin, widow of Edwin Coffin,*  
*late acting volunteer Lieutenant-Commanding, U. S. Army*  
of *Company*, *Regiment No. 8055 (Act of June 27, 1890).*

Personally came before me, *Chief of the Superior Court* in and for  
aforesaid County and State, *the said Hannah P. Coffin, the* and  
*claimant,* resident of *Edgartown*  
in the County of *Dukes County*, State of *Massachusetts*, who being  
duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows:—

*My income since 1890 has been less than fifty dollars per year from all sources, and for the current year will be less than twenty dollars.*

further declare that \_\_\_\_\_ no interest in said claim, and \_\_\_\_\_ not concerned in its prosecution.

Affiant's Signature, *Hannah P. Coffin*  
P. O. Address, *Edgartown Mass.*

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK two persons sign here.

Affiant's Signature, \_\_\_\_\_  
P. O. Address, \_\_\_\_\_

4-7-91. 2090.



[OVER.]

Here insert affiant's name or names.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ;

; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , and acquainted *her* with its contents before *she* executed the same

I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said claim, nor am I concerned in its prosecution.

Witness my hand and official seal, this *twenty-third* day of *May* 189*8*.

Sign here

*Samuel Keiston,*  
*Clerk Superior Court.*

This affidavit may be executed by any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes in the State, city or county where said officer resides. If such officer has a seal and uses it upon such paper, no certificate of a county clerk or clerk of a court shall be necessary: but when no seal is used by the officer taking such affidavit, then a clerk of a court of record, or a county or city clerk, shall affix his official seal thereto, and shall certify to the signature and official character of said officer.

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Act of June 27th, 1890.

No. *8055*

*W. S. Tracy*  
CLAIMANT FOR

*Hidors Cension*

*Hannah C. Coffin*

*widow of*

*Edwin Coffin*

*W. S. Tracy*

AFFIDAVT OF

*Hannah C. Coffin*

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STATE PENSION AGENT OF MASS.,  
BOSTON, MASS.



Edgartown 9/6/9

Col H. C. Brown

Dear Sir:

Mrs H. P. Coffin

My card in through the  
State Commissioner Col Parsons  
of Boston a new claim Aug on  
Sept 1898 in it stating  
that her money in the  
Savings bank 1890 of 1000.  
had been used to pay  
her living to down to Bro  
now about 100. and her  
total income is \$50 for rent  
of her wooden house, and  
nothing from the money as  
she lives on it, and sh  
will soon be gone. The  
remaining house secured at

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tation of his heart until he could

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1300 the first m. value  
and repair of course here  
income and there so  
absolutely nothing left.  
that went to the expense

the condition sent you  
1898 will entitle her to one.  
I had letter to Mrs. M. Kinley  
she is his present  
standing. Please address  
your reply to Mrs. H. P. Coffin.

Her two houses are ased  
one 1300 the other 800  
both badly out of repair  
and in bank less than  
200. and after paying some  
bill due about 100 will be  
left to present date

Sincerely yours  
J. W. Coffin

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tation of his head until he came

*Handwritten text, possibly a name or address, partially obscured by a stamp.*

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PENSION  
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from the war. He was engaged  
in the Battle at Fort Fisher  
and after that was promoted  
for his Bravery.

I tried on  
vain to get a pension during  
Mr Cleveland's Administration  
A Pension Agent came to  
see me and asked me if I  
had ever offered to pay an  
Agent extra. I told him, No.  
Soon I received notice my  
Pension claim \$8055.

Was rejected because I had too  
much Property.  
I owned two wooden houses  
one given me by my Father  
and one cost \$2000 given in the  
one given me by my Father, and  
it is much need of repair but I

It are not the means to  
repair it, both are wooden built  
things. My money left now  
is fast diminishing. I am

boarding with my Grand  
son, I have been sick with  
Pneumonia this last Winter  
Between Nurse and Dr I  
expect a Heavy Bill, by the time  
I pay up I may have one  
hundred left, perhaps not.  
I have more than \$1000 in  
the Savings Bank a year ago  
eg I lived with my Daughter  
and I had no board to pay  
but Death called her in 1897  
and I am alone. Nearly one  
year ago I again sent in  
my claim \$8055, with addi-  
tional evidence of reduced  
Income.

Bureau of Pensions.

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but cannot hear from it  
Sincerely yours  
Spannah L Coffin



O. W. and N. Div. NAVY DEPT. SECRETARY'S OFFICE. REC'D MAY 15 1891

Navy Department,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

2873

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Write nothing above this line.

NAME OF OFFICER:

Edwin Coffin

Respectfully returned to the

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

The ~~note~~ shows that Edwin Coffin,

Govr. Dir. Bureau of Pensions. N. 8055 May 12, 1891

Widow SIR: It is alleged that the ~~above~~ named was appointed full 1861 and ~~as~~ Act. Master on

mentioned in the preceding indorsement, was appointed October 8<sup>th</sup> 1861 as an Acting Master; Acting Lieutenant, Lieutenant June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865, honorably discharged February 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

and was discharged at

on Feb'y 4, 1866.

O. W. & N. S. MAY 20 1891 RECEIVED

No. of prior claim

An official statement is requested in this case, showing date of appointment and date and mode of termination of service.

Very respectfully, Geo B. Kinnison Commissioner

PENSION OFFICE. OCT 21 1890

By direction of the Sec'y Navy,

Geo B. Kinnison

THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, PRESENT

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No. 11759 C.W.R.

1st ENDORSEMENT.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

October 15, 1900.

SUBJECT:

COFFIN, Edwin, late Acting Volunteer Lieutenant, U.S.N., record of service requested.

Respectfully returned to the Pension Office.

It appears from an examination of the records on file in this office that Edwin Coffin was appointed an Acting Master Oct. 8, 1861, and ordered to the New York Navy Yard; Oct. 26, 1861, assigned to the U.S.S. "Midnight"; June 14, 1864, detached from the "Midnight" and ordered to return North; Aug. 15, 1864, ordered to U.S.S. "Colorado"; Jan. 31, 1865, detached from "Colorado" and waiting orders; Feb. 22, 1865, ordered to U.S.S. "Adella"; June 23, 1865, promoted to Acting Volunteer Lieutenant, detached from "Adella" and granted 30 days leave of absence; July 27, 1865, ordered to U.S.S. "Ohio"; Nov. 4, 1865, detached from "Ohio" and granted 3 months' leave of absence; honorable discharged Feb. 4, 1866.

By direction of the Secretary.

*M. L. Brown*  
Acting Chief Clerk.



Department of the Navy  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. Oct 12, 1900

Respectfully returned to  
the Hon Secretary of  
the Navy requesting  
a full history of the  
Officers Service.

Wid. 8055

Edwin Coffin

J. L. Searport  
Acting Commissioner.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PENSION DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON.

AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts,

County of Dukes County } ss.

In the matter of the claim for Pension #8055 Act of June 27th. 1890.

of  Hannah P. Coffin, widow of Edwin Coffin,  
late acting volunteer lieutenant commanding U. S.  
of Company Navy Regiment No. 8055, act of June 27, 1890 Vol.

Personally came before me, Littleton C. Winfreny in and for  
aforesaid County and State, Edwin H. Stamm and  
Edwin H. Stamm, residents of Edgartown  
in the County of Dukes County, State of Massachusetts, who being  
duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows: -

*We are well acquainted with the said Hannah P. Coffin, the claimant, and have known her for more than twenty years, and from our acquaintance with her and her circumstances and manner of living, we believe her income from all sources to be less than fifty dollars per annum, and that it grows less from year to year.*

*We* further declare that *we have* no interest in said claim, and *are* not concerned in its prosecution.

Affiant's Signature, Littleton C. Winfreny  
P. O. Address, Edgartown, Dukes Co. Mass.

Affiant's Signature, Edwin H. Stamm  
P. O. Address, Edgartown Mass



Attest - when any affiant signs BY MARK two persons who have

Here insert affiant's name or names.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant<sup>s</sup> ;

\_\_\_\_\_ : and I certify that I read  
said affidavit to said affiant<sup>s</sup> , and acquainted *them* with its contents before *they* executed the same

I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said claim, nor am I concerned in its prosecution.

Witness my hand and official seal, this *twenty-third* day of *May* 1898.

Sign here

*Samuel Keirstone,*  
Clerk Superior Court.

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BOSTON, MASS.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PENSION DEPARTMENT, STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts, County of Dukes County ss.

In the matter of the claim for pension # 8055 Act of June 27th 1890. of Martha P. Coffin, of Edgartown - Massachusetts - widow of Edwin Coffin late of Company U. S. Steam Regiment Adelle, No 8055, Navy. Vols.:

Personally came before me, Chief J. H. Wimperley in and for aforesaid County and State, Edwin H. Slamm and Littleton C. Wimperley residents of Edgartown in the County of Dukes County, State of Massachusetts, who being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows: -

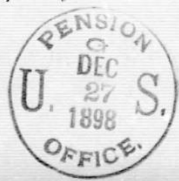
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further declare that they no interest in said claim, and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Affiant's Signature, Edwin H. Slamm  
P. O. Address, Edgartown Mass

Affiant's Signature, Littleton C. Wimperley  
P. O. Address, Edgartown, Mass.

Attest - when any affiant signs BY MARK two persons sign here.



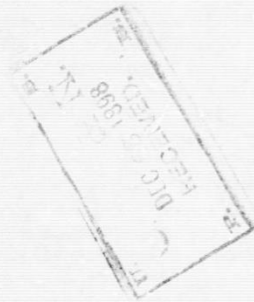


Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, <sup>Here insert affiant's name or names.</sup> *Edwin T. Stamm*  
and *Littleton C. Wimpenny*; and I certify that I read  
said affidavit to said affiant §, and acquainted *with* with its contents before *city* executed the same

I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said claim, nor am I concerned in its prosecution.  
Witness my hand and official seal, this *twenty-second* day of *December*, 189*8*.

Sign here *Samuel H. Austin,*  
*Clerk Superior Court.*

This affidavit may be executed by any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes in the State, city or county where said officer resides. If such officer has a seal and uses it upon such paper, no certificate of a county clerk or clerk of a court shall be necessary; but when no seal is used by the officer taking such affidavit, then a clerk of a court of record, or a county or city clerk, shall affix his official seal thereto, and shall certify to the signature and official character of said officer.



Act of June 27th 1890.

No. *8055*

CLAIM FOR

*Hudson & Fenner*

*Lawrence P. Coffin*

*widow of*  
*Edwin Coffin*

*Act Book C. S. H.*

AFFIDAVIT OF

*Edwin T. Stamm*

*Littleton C. Wimpenny*

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STATE PENSI. AGENT OF MASS.,

STATE HOUSE,

BOSTON, - - MASS.



I, Cornelius B. Marchant, of Edgartown, in the County of Dukes County and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on oath depose and say; that I am seventy-six years of age; that I am well acquainted with Hannah T. Coffin, of said Edgartown, widow of Edwin Coffin, late of Tisbury in said County, deceased; that I have known her more than sixty years; that she has not remarried since the death of her said husband; that she has a dwelling-house and lot of land connected with the same in said Edgartown, both together worth about One Thousand Dollars which she occupies as a home, and from which she derives no other income or use than as a home; that she has household furniture worth about One Hundred Dollars; that she has deposited in Savings Banks in the city of New Bedford, Bristol County, in said Commonwealth, the sum of nineteen hundred and thirty-four Dollars, the income from which is about seventy-seven and  $\frac{36}{100}$  Dollars per year; and that aside from the foregoing she has no income, or means of support, or property, whatever; and that my post-office address is Edgartown, Dukes County, Mass.

Edgartown, May 21, 1892. Cornelius B. Marchant  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Dukes County ss.

May 21, 1892.

Then personally appeared the above named Cornelius B. Marchant, being personally known to me, and described the foregoing statements in my presence, and made oath to the truth of said statements so subscribed by him, before me.

Samuel Weston,  
Clerk Superior Court.

U.S. PENSION OFFICE  
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I, Richard E. Norton, of Edgartown, in the county of  
Dukes county, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on oath  
depose and say; that I am seventy-two years of age;  
that I am well acquainted with Hannah K. Coffin, of said  
Edgartown, widow of Edwin Coffin, late of Teisbury in said  
county, deceased; that I have known her all my life;  
that she has not remarried since the death of her  
said husband; that she has a dwelling-house and lot  
of land connected therewith in said Edgartown both together  
worth about One Thousand Dollars, which she  
occupies as a home and from which she derives no  
other income or use than as a home; that she has  
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post office address is Edgartown, Dukes county, Mass.

Edgartown, May 21, 1892. Richard E. Norton

Commonwealth of Massachusetts;  
Dukes county, ss.

May 21, 1892.

Then personally appeared the above named Rich-  
ard E. Norton, being personally known <sup>as a credible person</sup> to me, and sub-  
scribed the foregoing statements in my presence, and  
made oath to the truth of said statements so sub-  
scribed by him, before me.

Saml. Beniston,  
Clerk Superior Court.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
County of Dukes County, ss.

On this twenty-second day  
of August, A.D. one thousand eight  
hundred and ninety, personally  
appeared before me, a Notary Pub-  
lic of the town of Edgartown within and  
for the County and Commonwealth afore-  
said, Hannah P. Coffin, aged seventy-  
six years, a resident of Edgartown  
in said County and Commonwealth, who  
being duly sworn according to law,  
declares that she is the widow of  
Edwin Coffin, who enlisted under  
the name of Edwin Coffin, at  
Brooklyn in the state of New York, in the  
fall of the year four Lord 1861, as volun-  
teer acting master in the bark Mid-  
night, and served at least ninety days  
in the late War of the Rebellion, in the  
service of the United States; who was  
honorably discharged February 4, A.D.  
1866, and died October 16, A.D. 1874.

That she was married under the  
name of Hannah P. Norton to said  
Edwin Coffin on the 16th day of July  
A.D. 1839 by Rev. Mr. Ely at said

Edgartown, there being no legal barrier  
to said marriage.

That she has not remarried,  
since the death of the said,  
Edwin Coffin.

That she is without other means  
of support than her daily labor.

That she has never heretofore,  
applied for pension.

That she makes this declaration  
for the purpose of being placed on the  
pension roll of the United States un-  
der the provisions of the Act of June 27,  
1890.

She hereby appoints Charles  
G. M. Dunham, of Edgartown, Dukes  
County, Commonwealth of Massachu-  
setts, her true and lawful attor-  
ney to prosecute her claim and  
receive a fee of ten dollars.

That her post-office address  
is Edgartown, County of Dukes County,  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Attest: Hannah D. Coffin.  
Joseph W. Donaldson  
Atty. & Coun.

Also personally appeared Joseph W. Donaldson and Henry A. Pease, both residing at Edgartown, Dukes County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, persons whom I certify to be respectable, and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn by me, say they were present and saw Hannah P. Coffin, the said claimant, sign her name to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance with her of thirty years and twenty-five years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Joseph W. Donaldson  
Henry A. Pease

Sworn to and subscribed before me this twenty-second day of August, A.D. 1890; 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, and that I have  
no interest, direct or indirect, in  
the prosecution of this claim.

Charles F. Dunham,  
Notary Public,

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Widow's Application.

Claimant, Hannah R. Coffin,  
Widow, Edwin Coffin.  
Service, War of the Re-  
bellion, Navy.

Address:

Edgartown, Dukes County  
Mass.



Address:

Edgartown, Dukes County,  
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I, Winthrop Butler, do ~~oath~~ certify that I  
am a practicing physician, residing in the town of  
Tisbury, Dukes County, Massachusetts, that my age  
is fifty three years, my post-office address is  
Vineyard Haven, Mass., that I was personally  
acquainted with Edwin Coffin the husband of Hen-  
rieh P. Coffin now residing in Edgartown, Dukes County,  
Massachusetts, that I attended him as a physician  
in his last sickness, and that to my personal  
knowledge he died in said Tisbury on the fifteenth  
day of October, A.D. 1874.

Tisbury, Sept. 8, 1891.

Winthrop Butler M.D.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts -

Dukes County ss.

Sept. 8, 1891.

Then personally appeared before me  
the above-named Winthrop Butler, personally known to me,  
and whom I certify to be a credible person, and the con-  
tents of the foregoing statement being read by me to him and  
being fully known to him before the same was signed by him and  
before the oath ~~was administered~~, and made oath to the truth of the  
foregoing statement by him subscribed, before me.

Beriah T. Hillman

~~Justice of the Peace~~  
Register of Probate Court.

Death Record

N<sup>o</sup>. 8055. Act June 27. 1890  
In Re  
Hannah P. Coffin, applicant for Pension  
widow of Edwin Coffin (Mar.)

In the matter of Hannah P. Coffin  
applicant for pension, as widow of Edwin  
Coffin (Navy.) No 8055-

I, Thomas Mellen, on oath depose and  
say; that I am fifty-seven years of age; that  
I reside in, and my post-office address is, Ed-  
gartown, Dukes County, Massachusetts; that  
I am clerk of said town of Edgartown and have  
the custody of the records of said town; and that  
the following is a true copy from page 26 of book  
H of the Records of said town of Edgartown, of all  
relative to the marriage of Edwin Coffin to Hannah  
P. Norton, both of said Edgartown, viz:

"Marriages Consummated by Rev.  
Thomas Ely.

1839- July 15. Mr. Edwin Coffin to Miss  
Hannah P. Norton, both of Edgartown.

A true Record.

Attest, Isaac D. Pease,  
Town Clerk."

Thomas Mellen  
Clerk of said town of Edgartown.

Edgartown, Jan. 30, A.D. 1892.

Hannah P.

Dukes County, ss. — Edgartown, Jan. 30, 1892.

Then personally appeared the above-named Thomas Mellen, personally known to me to be clerk of said town of Edgartown and to be a credible person, and the foregoing affidavit having been read <sup>and made known</sup> to him by me before administering this oath, made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements by him subscribed;

Before, me,

Sam Horniston,  
Clerk Superior Court.

No 8055. Act June 27, 1898.

In Re

Hannah P. Coffin, applicant for Pension,  
Widow of Edwin Coffin (Navy.)



In the matter of Hannah P. Coffin  
applicant for pension, as widow of Edwin  
Coffin (Navy) No. 8055.

I, Sirson P. Coffin, on oath depose and say,  
that I am a resident of Edgartown, in the county of  
Dukes County, and Commonwealth of Massachu-  
setts, that I have resided in said town all my  
life; that I am seventy-eight years of age;  
that I have personally and intimately known  
Hannah P. Coffin, of said Edgartown all her  
life since she was fourteen years of age;  
that I was personally well acquainted with  
Edwin Coffin, her late husband all my life  
till his death; that he was a resident of  
said Edgartown for the greater part of his life,  
to wit for all thereof except the last few  
years when he resided in Tisbury, in said  
County, where he died; that I was personally  
present at and witnessed the marriage of said  
Edwin Coffin and said Hannah P. Coffin to each  
other, ~~her~~ maiden name being Hannah P. Cor-  
ton, that said marriage took place in said  
Edgartown on the fifteenth day of July, A. D.

man.



In the matter of Hannah P. Coffin  
applicant for pension, as widow of Edwin  
Coffin (Navy) No. 8055.

I, Sirson P. Coffin, on oath depose and say,  
that I am a resident of Edgartown, in the county of  
Dukes County, and Commonwealth of Massachu-  
setts, that I have resided in said town all my  
life; that I am seventy-eight years of age;  
that I have personally and intimately known  
Hannah P. Coffin, of said Edgartown all her  
life since she was fourteen years of age;  
that I was personally well acquainted with  
Edwin Coffin, her late husband all my life  
till his death; that he was a resident of  
said Edgartown for the greater part of his life,  
to wit for all thereof except the last few  
years when he resided in Tisbury, in said  
County, where he died; that I was personally  
present at and witnessed the marriage of said  
Edwin Coffin and said Hannah P. Coffin to each  
other, ~~her~~ maiden name being Hannah P. Cor-  
ton, that said marriage took place in said  
Edgartown on the fifteenth day of July, A. D.

man.

In the matter of Hannah P. Coffin  
applicant for pension, as widow of Edwin  
Coffin (Navy) No. 8055.

I, Sirson P. Coffin, on oath depose and say,  
that I am a resident of Edgartown, in the county of  
Dukes County, and Commonwealth of Massachu-  
setts, that I have resided in said town all my  
life; that I am seventy-eight years of age;  
that I have personally and intimately known  
Hannah P. Coffin, of said Edgartown all her  
life since she was fourteen years of age;  
that I was personally well acquainted with  
Edwin Coffin, her late husband all my life  
till his death; that he was a resident of  
said Edgartown for the greater part of his life,  
to wit for all thereof except the last few  
years when he resided in Tisbury, in said  
County, where he died; that I was personally  
present at and witnessed the marriage of said  
Edwin Coffin and said Hannah P. Coffin to each  
other, ~~her maiden name being Hannah P. Cor-~~  
ton, that said marriage took place in said  
Edgartown on the fifteenth day of July, A. D.

man.

Eighteen hundred thirty-nine; that I personally know that neither the said Edwin Coffin nor the said Hannah P. Coffin (formerly Norton) was ever married to any one previously to their said marriage to each other; that to my personal knowledge said Edwin Coffin is dead and died on the fifteenth day of October, A.D. eighteen hundred and seventy-four, in Fitchburg in said County; that I personally know that said Hannah P. Coffin has never remarried since the death of her said husband, Edwin Coffin; that I know of no property of any kind belonging to said Hannah P. Coffin except a lot of land in said Eggartown and the dwelling house thereon in which she resides, both of which, in my opinion are not worth over thirteen hundred dollars, and from which she derives no other use or income than as a home, and the sum of nineteen hundred thirty-four dollars deposited in Savings bank in the City of New Bedford, Massachusetts, the income from which yearly is about Seventy-seven  $\frac{36}{100}$  Dollars, and her household furniture, worth, in my opinion,

My opinion

that

means

about one hundred dollars; that I know of no other income or means of support of any kind or nature belonging to or possessed by the said Hannah P. Coffin, and that I believe she has no property, income, or means of support other than the above-named; and that my post-office address is Edgartown, Dukes County, Massachusetts.

Sison P. Coffin  
Dukes County, ss. Edgartown, Jan. 30, A.D. 1892.

Then personally appeared the above-named Sison P. Coffin, personally known to me to be a credible person, and the foregoing affidavit having been read and made known to him by me before administering this oath, made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements by him subscribed.

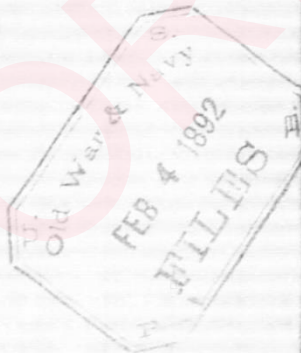
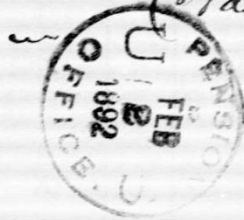
Before me,

Saml Remiston,  
Clerk Superior Court.

No. 8055. Act. June 27, 1840.

In Re

Annah P. Coffin, applicant for  
pension, as widow of Edwin Coffin,  
(Navy.)



In the matter of Hannah P. Coffin  
applicant for widow's pension. (Navy)  
No. 8055.

I, Littleton C. Winpenny, on oath depose  
and say; that I am forty-six years of age,  
that I reside in Edgartown, Dukes County, Massa-  
chusetts and have resided there all my life;  
that I am chairman of the board of assessors  
of said town of Edgartown and have been a member  
of said board for eight consecutive years,  
last past; that I was personally well acquaint-  
ed with Edwin Coffin late of Tisbury, in said  
County, deceased; that he was a resident of said  
Edgartown for many years previous to his residence  
in said Tisbury; that I have been personally well  
acquainted all my life with Hannah P. Coffin,  
of said Edgartown, the widow of said Edwin Coffin;  
that to my personal knowledge said Hannah P. Coffin  
has not remarried since her said hus-  
band's death; that said Hannah P. Coffin is  
assessed the present year in said Edgartown  
for a dwelling-house, valued at eight hundred  
fifty dollars, for homestead land, valued at five

for means

hundred dollars, and for nothing more; that she has been assessed for the same house and land, in said Edgartown, and at said valuation, for several years last past, and for nothing more; that, in my opinion, said property is not worth any more than said assessed value; that said Hannah P. Coffin resides in said dwelling-house and has no other income from it or from said homestead land than as a home; that besides said dwelling-house and land, and household furniture worth about one hundred dollars, and nineteen hundred thirty-four dollars, deposited in Savings banks in the city of New Bedford, Massachusetts, the yearly income of which is about seventy-seven  $\frac{36}{100}$  dollars, the said Hannah P. Coffin has not to my knowledge and belief any other property, income, or means of support of any kind; and that my post-office address is Edgartown, Dukes County, Massachusetts.

Littleton O. Hinseman  
Chairman of Board of Assessors.

Dukes County, ss. Edgartown, Jan. 30, A.D. 1892.

Then personally appeared the above-named Littleton C. Wimperley, personally known to me as chairman of the board of assessors of said town and a credible person, and, the foregoing affidavit having been read and made known to him by me before administering this oath, made oath to the truth of the foregoing statements by him subscribed.

Before me,

Sam Thomson,  
Clerk Superior Court.



No 8055. Act June 27, 1890.  
L. K.  
Hannah P. Coffin, applicant for Pension,  
Widow of Edwin Coffin (Navy.)



In the matter of Hannah P. Coffin  
applicant for pension, as widow of Edwin  
Coffin (Navy.) No. 8055.

I, Hannah P. Coffin, on oath depose and  
say; that I am now seventy-seven years of  
age; that I am a resident of Edgartown, in  
the County of Dukes County, in the Common-  
wealth of Massachusetts; that I have resided  
in said Edgartown all my life excepting about  
thirteen years when I resided in Tisbury, in said  
County and Commonwealth; that I was mar-  
ried to Edwin Coffin in Edgartown aforesaid on  
the fifteenth day of July, A.D. eighteen hund-  
red thirty-nine; that I was never married  
to anyone before I was married to him;  
that he was never married to anyone  
before he was married to me; that  
my said husband, Edwin Coffin, died in  
said Tisbury on the fifteenth day of October,  
A.D. eighteen hundred and seventy-four; that I have  
never remarried since the death of my said  
husband Edwin Coffin; that my said hus-  
band, Edwin Coffin never made any ap-

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plication for a pension; that I own the dwelling-house in which I live in said Edgartown and the lot of land on which it stands, the assessed value of which both together is thirteen hundred and fifty dollars, which is fully as much as they are worth, from which house and land I derive no other use or income than as a house; that I have deposited in Savings banks in the City of New Bedford, Massachusetts, part in the "New Bedford Institution for Savings", and the rest in the "New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank", in all the sum of "Nineteen hundred thirty-four dollars, from which the income is about Seventy-seven  $\frac{36}{100}$  dollars per year; that I have about one hundred dollars worth of household furniture; that I have no property of any kind, nor any income or means of support, other than the above-mentioned; and that my post office address, is Edgartown, Dukes Co., Massachusetts; and that my name before marriage was Hannah P. Boston.

Dukes County, ss.

Hannah P. Coffin.  
Edgartown, Jan. 30, A.D. 1892.

Then personally appeared the above-  
named Hannah P. Coffin, personally known to me  
to be a credible person, and the foregoing  
affidavit having been read and made  
known to her by me before adminis-  
tering this oath, made oath to the truth of the  
foregoing statements, by her subscribed,  
Before me,

Sam Houston,  
Clerk Superior Court.



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