

# ACTING MASTER TOBIAS A. HALL

(1799-1866)

Acting Master **Tobias A. Hall** was in the United States Navy prior to the Civil War and may have served during the Mexican-American War: 1846-1848.

He captained three ships and is listed as the Master of the Schooner "Sultana" in 1842, Master of the Brig "J.S. Stevens" 1843-44; and later in 1849 he drafted a "Notice to Mariners" from the abstract log of the Bark "Ocean Bird" March 10, 1849 signed by **Tobias A. Hall, Master**.



**Hall** took his Oath of Allegiance to the United State of America August 29th, 1861; would later be commissioned September 27, 1861; and was assigned to the receiving ship USS North Carolina in New York Harbor prior to being transferred to the USS Brandywine; which was laid up in ordinary for more than a decade. Hall's Civil War service in the Navy was shortened by illness and he was hospitalized November, 1861 and would pass away in 1866.

The **Brandywine** resumed active service as a result of the American Civil War. She was recommissioned at the New York Navy Yard on October 27, 1861, Commander Benjamin J. Totten in command, and set sail immediately for Hampton Roads, Virginia, where she arrived on October 29.

Housed over and converted to a storeship, the former warship supported the operations of the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron for almost three years. She spent much of that time anchored near Fort Monroe, her most conspicuous absence coming in the wake of CSS *Virginia's* attempt to break the Union blockade early in the spring of 1862.

Towed to Baltimore, Maryland by *Mount Vernon*, *Brandywine* remained there until early June 1862, by which time the danger posed by the Confederate ironclad had waned considerably. Later moved to Norfolk, she also assumed the role of receiving ship for the squadron. She remained so employed until a fire broke out in her paint locker on September 3, 1864, and destroyed her. She sank at her moorings at Norfolk but was later raised and sold to Maltby & Co., of Norfolk on March 26, 1867.

# TOBIAS A. HALL'S 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 Naval Officer with service prior to the Mexican War up to the beginning of the Civil War. The sword has a complete original Sauerbier scabbard with all gold wash mounts; a hilt with 100% original gold wash; and original white shark skin grip that is still bright white with original twisted wire. The original leather blade washer holds the 28 1/2-inch blade firm. It is frosty 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 "T. A. Hall" Surrounded by 32 stars. This number of stars represents the period between July 4, 1858 – July 3, 1859.



# SCHOONER

A schooner is a type of sailing vessel defined by its rig: fore-and-aft rigged on all of two or more masts and, in the case of a two-masted schooner, the foremast generally being shorter than the mainmast. A common variant, the topsail schooner also has a square topsail on the foremast, to which may be added a topgallant.



# BRIG



A brig is a type of sailing vessel defined by its rig: two masts which are both square-rigged. Brigs originated in the second half of the 18th century and were a common type of smaller merchant vessel or warship from then until the latter part of the 19th century. In commercial use, they were gradually replaced by fore-and-aft rigged vessels such as schooners, as owners sought to reduce crew costs by having rigs that could be handled by fewer men.

# BARQUE, BARC, or BARK

A type of sailing vessel with three or more masts and mainmasts rigged square and only the mizzen (the aftmost mast) rigged fore and aft. Sometimes, the mizzen is only partly fore-and-aft rigged, bearing a square-rigged sail above.



Form R-1 (For old records only)

COPY OF AN OLD RECORD  
OF A BIRTH

Place of Birth Jonesboro

Street \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name Tobias A. Hall

Date of Birth 4-23-1799

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Living or Stillborn \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Child, 1st, 2nd, etc. 3rd

Father's Name Hatevil Hall

" Color \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

" Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

" Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name Rebecca

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Residence \_\_\_\_\_

" Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

" Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Source of Record

Jonesboro Town Records

State of Maine

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of  
the birth recorded in

Jonesboro Town Records

Signature Margaret A. Goble

DDA Volunteer

## Notes to Mariners

From the abstract log of the Ocean Bird March 10<sup>th</sup> 1849.

" Having noticed in the Coast Pilot 13<sup>th</sup> Edition.  
" note. page 576. a shoal reported by the Laurel, Capt  
" McDonald in Lat.  $36^{\circ} 28' S$ . Long.  $51^{\circ} 30' W$ .  
" the water much discolored, a sharp lookout  
" was kept for it. At 11.30 A.M. being in Lat  $36^{\circ} 30' S$ .  
" Long  $51^{\circ} 40' W$ . by account (being no observations)  
" saw what at first we supposed to be a  
" shift of wind to the westward, about 2  
" miles dist. S.W. but immediately discovered  
" the sea breaking very high from N to S  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a  
" mile. The breakers frequently broke as high  
" as 30 feet - the appearances indicating a shoal  
" extended N & S. about 2 miles. Hauled the  
" ship close on the wind and sounded 50  
" fathoms line - no bottom. After running  
" 10 miles S.W. water changed to the common  
" color of Ocean blue. About 4 miles S.E. from  
" the shoal, the water was alarmingly white, but  
" soon changed as above mentioned.

" Therefore from all appearances  
" as seen by us, and being before reported  
" as a shoal existing thereabouts, we do not

" I hesitate to affirm that a shoal called  
" the " Laurel Shoal " does exist near the  
" position marked by the Coast Pilot.

( signed ) Tobias A. Hall  
Master.

Let it be published

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Dr. Channing notified 9 Jan '50.

Mass Jan 9 1850

## Laurel Shoal.

NATIONAL OBSERVATORY,  
WASHINGTON, January 7, 1850. }

SIR: I have the honor to report, for the benefit of navigation, the accompanying valuable piece of information, taken from the abstract log of the bark *Ocean Bird*, bound from New York to California, 1849.

Capt. Hall is one of the most powerful navigators who, with so much public spirit and such commendable zeal, are now engaged in all parts of the ocean in collecting data for the improvement and perfection of the wind and current charts.

Respectfully, &c.,

M. F. MAURY, Lt. U. S. N.

HON. WM. BALLARD PRESTON,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

*From the Abstract Log of the "Ocean Bird."*

MARCH 10, 1849.

"Having noticed in the *Coast Pilot*, thirteenth edition, note, page 576, a shoal reported by the 'Laurel, Capt. McDonald,' in lat. S.  $36^{\circ} 28'$ , long. W.  $51^{\circ} 30'$ , the water much discolored, a sharp look-out was kept for it. At 11h. 30m., a. m., being in lat.  $36^{\circ} 40'$  S., long. W.  $51^{\circ} 40'$  by account, (having no observations,) saw what at first we supposed to be a shift of wind to the westward, about two miles distant, S. W., but immediately discovered the sea breaking very high from N. to S. three quarters of a mile; the breakers frequently broke as high as thirty feet, the appearances indicating a shoal extending north and south about two miles. Hauled the ship close on the wind, and sounded fifty fathom line—no bottom. After running ten miles S. S. W. water changed to the common color of ocean blue. About four miles S. E. from the shoal the water was alarmingly white, but soon changed as above mentioned. Therefore, from all appearances seen by us, and being before reported as a shoal existing thereabouts, we do not hesitate to affirm that a shoal called the 'Laurel Shoal' does exist near the position marked by the 'Coast Pilot.'

"TOBIAS A. HALL, Master."



# Appointment Acceptance Letter, Sept 1861

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How is it he is not  
in duty

New York Sep 27. 1861

Hon. G. F. Fox, Assistant Secy War  
Dear Sir.

I have been  
lately appointed an Acting Master in  
the U. S. Navy, and would now like  
to be assigned to some vessel for  
active service, either in ~~fitting out~~  
fitting out & getting in order or on  
the Sea. Feeling myself fully  
competent for either or both duties  
and always being used to active  
duty, I would feel much better  
to be so employed and hope  
I may be so assigned -

The following vessels are now here  
not provided for viz. Big Sea  
Foam - Sch. Olin W. Lee, Sisk Rauc  
and Sch Horace Peales & others.

Very Respy &c  
T. A. Hall, A. Mate  
150 South St

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Commodore's Office  
August 29<sup>th</sup> 1861

Sir

I have this day reported to Commodore  
J. L. Beece in obedience to my orders of the  
26<sup>th</sup> Instant

Very respectfully  
your Obedt. Servant  
J. A. Hall  
Acting Master

Honorable Pickens Miles  
Secretary Navy  
Washington

Master's Mate

Acceptance

New York Aug 29. 1861

Hon. Gideon Welles, Secy Navy

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I have this day subscribed to the oath and received my Commission as acting Master in the United States Navy, which appointment I accept. For which favor I feel very grateful.

Very Resp<sup>ly</sup> se  
J. A. Hall

H. Aug 31 Moran

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Forwarded by  
Samuel H. Beecher  
Comdt.

Aug. 29. 1861

14 Aug 30 Moran

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OATH.

I, Tobias A. Hall, do solemnly swear, or affirm,  
(as the case may be,) that I will bear true allegiance to the United  
States of America, and I will serve them honestly and faithfully,  
without any mental reservation, against all their enemies or opposers  
whatscever; that I will observe and obey the orders of the President  
of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over  
me, according to the rules and articles for the government of the Navy  
of the United States.

T A Hall

Sworn to and subscribed before me, \_\_\_\_\_,  
at New York City, this Twenty fifth day  
of August, 1861.

John A. Osborn  
United States Commissioner  
Justice of the Peace.



# North Atlantic Blockading Squad

Sewell Graham	Jan. 11, 1862	N. Y.	N. Y.	Waiting orders.
Francis H. Grove	Jan. 22, 1862	N. Y.	N. Y.	Com'g Schooner Corypheus.
Charles J. Gibbs	Feb. 8, 1862	Mass	Mass	Steam Sloop Richmond.
Thomas G. Grove	June 28, 1862	N. J.	N. Y.	Ship Onward.
John W. Goin	April 15, 1863	N. Y.	N. Y.	Rendezvous, New York.
Christopher C. Gill	July 25, 1863	Mass.	Mass	Iron-clad Schooner Sangamon.
John L. Gifford	Oct. 31, 1863	Mass	Mass	Steam Sloop Housatonic.
Leonard W. Hill	Aug. 28, 1861	Mass	Mass	Steamer Stars and Stripes.
A. E. Hunter	Aug. 26, 1861	Vt	N. Y.	Sloop Vincennes.
W. Hamilton	Aug. 26, 1861	N. J.	N. J.	Com'g Steamer Augusta Dinsmore.
John F. Harden	Aug. 26, 1861	Maine	Maine	Com'g Bark Kuhn.
T. A. Hall	Aug. 26, 1861			North Atlantic Blockad'g Squad.
Josiah A. Hannum	May 27, 1861			Receiving Ship North Carolina.
William R. Hathaway	July 30, 1861	Mass	Mass	Steam Gunboat Wyalusing.
Charles Huggins	Aug. 14, 1861	Conn.	Conn.	Steam Sloop Monongahela.
William Lee Hays	Aug. 15, 1861	Mass.	Mass	Waiting orders.
Thomas H. Hutchinson	Aug. 21, 1861			Ship W. G. Anderson.
R. Y. Holley	Sept. 3, 1861	Canada.	Vt	Steamer Newbern.
Nathan B. Heath	Sept. 9, 1861	R. I.	R. I.	Steamer Augusta.
Charles H. Hamilton	Sept. 17, 1861			Waiting orders.
Samuel Haines	Sept. 21, 1861	Maine	Maine	Com'g Schooner Wm. Bacon.

# Storeship Brandywine

Thomas G. Grove	Ship Onward.
Leonard W. Hill	Steamer Stars and Stripes.
A. E. Hunter	Ship Shepard Knapp.
W. Hamilton	Waiting orders, (sick.)
T. A. Harris	Leave of absence.
John F. Harden	Ship Shepard Knapp.
T. A. Hall	Storeship Brandywine.
Josiah A. Hannum	Steamer H. Lane.
Q. A. Hooper	Schooner Rachel Seaman.
David B. Horne	Commanding Ship Nightingale.
Frederick S. Hill	Steam Sloop Richmond.
Edward Hooker	Steamer Louisiana.
Wm. Hathaway	Frigate Sabine.
Wm. J. Hotchkiss	Steamer General Putnam.
Charles Higgins	Coal Ship Pampero.
Wm. Lee Hays	Commanding Ship National Guard.
Thomas H. Hutchinson	Ship W. G. Anderson.
R. Y. Holley	Steamer Norwich.
Samuel Huse	Steamer James Adger.
Nathan B. Heath	Steamer Augusta.
Charles H. Hamilton	Steamer Harriet Lane.
Samuel Haines	Steam Gunboat Ottawa.
Richard J. Hoffner	Bark Amanda.
George E. Hill	Steamer Connecticut.

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affected with *Cholera*

Form G.

HOSPITAL TICKET.

U. S. Steam Ship *Brandywine* Nov. 29 1861.

To

Surgeon. *N. Y. Naval Hospital*

SIR:

You are hereby requested to receive *Tobias A. Hall, Acting Master* affected with *Dysentery* into the Hospital under your direction, and to provide for him according to the rules and regulations of the Navy.

LIST OF PATIENT'S CLOTHING, &c.

No.	Hammock.	Blankets.	Sheets.	Mattress.	Bags.	Chests.	Coats.	Jackets.	Waistcoats.	Trowsers.	Drawers.	Frocks.	Shirts.	Shirts, flannel.	Stockings.	Boots and shoes.	Handkerchiefs.	Hats.	Caps.	Stocks.	Garters.	Cash.	Watch.	Books.	Knapsacks.	Muskets.

Respectfully, &c.

*J. H. Macomber*

Act. Surgeon U. S. Navy.

APPROVED:

*A. J. Follen*

Commanding U. S. S. *Brandywine*

APPROVED:

*J. P. Van Buren*  
Comd Flag Ship *Minnesota*  
By order

*H. Auding*

I CERTIFY that I have received the above articles belonging to me on receiving my discharge from the Hospital.

WITNESS:



9202  
 Tobias A. Hall  
 Actg. Muster. Art: 63 Nat: Maine  
 Admitted Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1861 - Affected with Hemiplegia  
 The disease originated in the line of duty and the  
 usual treatment has been pursued  
 The patient was attacked with Apoplexy at 8 O'clock  
 A. M. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> since which time there has been total  
 paralysis of the right side


9202  
 Tobias A. Hall  
 Actg. Muster. Art: 63  
 Nat. of Maine  
 Admitted Dec 1st. 1861  
 Discharged Dec 11  
 1861. on his own  
 request to his  
 residence

J. H. Macomber  
 Assist. Surg.  
 U. S. A.

To John A. Sock  
 Sir:  
 You are hereby requested  
 affected with Syphilis

To John  
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WITNESS:  
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for Diarrhoea. He was discharged to duty; but returned on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 1861 complaining that he could neither walk nor stand up without pain. He states that he was wounded in this leg & knee in the attack on the forts in China in 1856, invalided to the N.Y. Hospital in July 1857 & discharged thence with a pension; that he reentered in Jan. 1858, and has been more or less troubled with this leg & knee ever since. He has received general alterative and local counterirritant treatment.

My knowledge of his case is derived from his own statement - if this be true his disability was contracted in the line of duty.

Signed W. M. Gunnell  
Surgeon U.S.M.

On admission complains of pain in hip joint & feet which disappeared under treatment  
Discharged to duty.

9202

Lobias S. Hall, Acting Master  
Paralysis.

1861

Aged 63 Native of Maine. (Recently returned the Navy)  
Admitted at 4<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> PM from U.S. Bredgen  
as with Hemiplegia

Hospital ticket dated, Admitted Nov<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1861 affected with Hemiplegia. The disease originated in the line of duty, & the usual treatment has been pursued. The patient was attacked with Apoplexy at 8 AM Nov 18<sup>th</sup> since which time there has been total paralysis

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of the right side.

Signed J. Macomber  
Apt. Surgeon U.S.M.

On admission right side is paralyzed -  
right leg swollen and hot. Sapes water  
freely & urine offensive. Evacuations  
from bowels partially involuntary.  
Is conscious. Speaks a few words -  
Intitude and nourishment. Gradually  
improved until discharged to his own  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> residence at his own request.

8877 Perry Dowden, Lands.  
Syphilis Sec -

1861 Act. 38. Nat. Ireland. Shipped Brooklyn Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1861. Admitted 11.50 AM. from U.S. Crusade  
as with Syphilis Sec -

Hospital ticket states:

He was once before on the  
sick list with a Syphilitic  
ulcer of Nates, which had  
again broken out more  
extensive than before, and  
which was much controlled  
by Pot. Iod. Disease did not  
originate in line of duty.

Signed Albert C. Fergus  
Signed Apt. Surgeon

On admission has a sloughing ulcer of left  
natis. A Bubo soon followed in the groin  
and suppurated. Some Rheumatic  
pain in Knee. Ulcer soon healed; Bubo  
doing well. A Node soon appeared on  
the tibia which suppurated and was  
opened to his relief. An ulcer remains  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at the head of the tibia. Discharged on C.O.H.

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# Death

at deaths in the Township of Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, from the 1st day of May, 1866, to the 30th day of April, 1867.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	SEX OF DECEASED.	MARRIED OR SINGLE.	OCCUPATION.	PLACE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF FUNERAL.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	TIME OF MAKING RECORD.
1866 May 29	John A. Hall	Male	Married	Seaman	Orange	Orange	James Freeman	Inflammation	
" 3	George Cary	"	"	40 Shoemaker	"	Orange	Silas Edwards	"	
" 6	Charles Freeman	"	"	19 Clerk	"	England	Thomas B. Ayres	"	
July 5	Mr. John Snow	Female	Single	"	"	Orange	Thomas Edwards	"	
" 6	Ann Eliza Swann	"	Single	"	"	Island	George	"	
" 18	Robert Montgomery	Male	Married	19 Miller	"	Orange	Thomas & Sarah Swann	"	
" 22	Nina Madeline	Female	Single	"	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 29	Abby Westland	Female	Single	"	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 29	George A. Meade	Male	Married	63	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 2	Dryland	"	"	40	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 2	Thomas	"	"	40	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
August 23	William Martin	"	Married	32 Miller	"	Germany	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
September 13	Wm. A. West	"	"	46	"	Island	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 12	Sarah St. John	Female	"	69	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 17	Mark Little	Male	Married	41	"	Orange	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
October 6	Elizabeth Rowley	Female	"	68	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 29	Maria	"	Married	41	"	Orange	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 19	Wm. A. Holt	Male	Married	39	"	Island	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 16	Mrs. Seal	Female	"	68	"	Orange	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 31	Thomas W. Doyle	Male	Single	39	"	Island	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
November 12	Edward Spattman	Male	Single	60	"	Orange	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 23	Sarah Paxton	Female	Married	33	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 23	Reagan	Male	"	33	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
December 20	John	Male	"	30	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 7	Maria Swanson	Female	"	30	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 12	Henry Rankin (P.O.)	Male	Married	41	"	England	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 17	Charles Richardson	"	"	62	"	New Jersey	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 30	James Swanson	"	"	34	"	Orange	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 3	Barbara M.	Female	Single	34	"	Philadelphia	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 18	Charles Bann	Male	Married	33	"	Island	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
1867 January 31	Ad. Doughty	Male	"	33	"	Orange	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 31	Louisa	Female	Single	60	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 19	William Swanson	Male	Married	42	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
February 4	Ann Swann	Female	"	42	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 4	Charles Swanson	Male	Single	23	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 7	Mary Swann	Female	Married	22	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 2	Jacob	Male	Single	6	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
March 6	Anna St.	Female	"	21	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
" 21	James Flynn	Male	Married	52	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	
April 9	Agnes Kingles	Female	"	2	"	"	Robert E. H. Hamilton	"	

# Widow Pension

*NWD 000671*

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
NAVY DEPENDENT'S

CERTIFICATE NO. *1353*

PENSIONER

*Queth M. Hall*

*Widow* OF

VETERAN

*Liberia A. Hall*

CAN NO.

*138*

BUNDLE NO.:

*17*

1353



Art. No. 1353

No. 1353

**WIDOW'S CASE.**

*Ruth M. Hall*

widow of *Sebastian S. Hall*

*Voluntary Master* U. S. Navy, who died *May 29 1866.*

by reason of

*disorder*

Placed on the Pension Roll under act of July 14, 1862, at \$*5000* per month, from *May 29 1866.*

Payable at *Baltimore Md.*

Issued *June 2 1869*

and sent to *Seaborn King* Secy.

with \_\_\_\_\_ they believe the above statement as to the name and age and place of residence to be correctly stated by claimant; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Daniel W. Thrush  
Gilbert J. Ward } Witnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1864, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Examiner of the records of the "Army" "Attorneys" F. A. Leece  
"Commissioned by" Regiment of Metal Judge  
& printed statement respecting Eddy Commission Sheet  
Childhood - before execution

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, }  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, } ss.

I, CHARLES R. WAUGH, Clerk of the County of Essex, and Clerk of the Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas of said County, do hereby certify that said Courts are Courts of Record. THAT Frederick Leece whose name is subscribed to the said to the foregoing affidavit was at the time of taking the same a Judge of the Common Pleas in and for said County, duly commissioned and sworn and qualified to act as such, that I am well acquainted with the hand-writing of such Judge Leece and verily believe his signature to the same is genuine.



In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Courts and County, at Newark, this twenty sixth day of June A. D. 1864. C. R. Waugh Clerk.

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Widow's Army Pension.



GARDNER & BURGESS

ATTORNEYS,

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

# Navy WIDOW'S ARMY PENSION.

State of New Jersey )  
County of Essex )  
ss. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas  
Charles B. Burroughs  
Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas



On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June  
A. D. 1866, personally appeared before  
me, Charles B. Burroughs

(which I certify to be a Court of Record) of the County of Essex  
Mrs. Ruth Hall a resident of Orange  
in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey  
aged 64 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her  
oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made  
by the Act of Congress, approved July 14th, 1862, that she is the widow of Jacob  
A. Hall who was acting Master  
in Company commanded by \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
Regiment of the U. S. Navy, in the War of 1861, who  
on temporary service who died a June - 1866 of  
Paralysis. Contracted in the Service on board  
Brigade in the line of duty.

She further declares that her maiden name was Ruth  
and that she was married to the said Jacob Hall on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of November in the year 1824 at Jamesburg by Joseph  
Shorey and that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage  
and that the aforesaid Jacob Hall died on the day  
above mentioned, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully  
appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She also declares that she has not, in any manner,  
been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States. She further declares that  
the following the name and age of each and all the child under sixteen years of  
the death of father, viz: born on the day of 18

And she hereby authorizes GARDNER & BURGESS, of the City of Washington, D. C., her lawful  
Agents and Attorneys, in fact **IRREVOCABLY**, to present the foregoing claim, and to receive and  
accept for in her name and stand the certificate, or warrant, payable under it.

Ruth Hall  
Claimant.

Also personally appeared Daniel H. Shaw and Gilbert  
Ward - residents of the City of Newark  
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 Ruth Hall  
sign her name to the foregoing declaration and Power of Attorney; and they further  
swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their  
acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and  
they know that since the death of her husband, the said Ruth Hall  
that she has remained a widow.

They also further state that they know the child \_\_\_\_\_ and from their acquaintance

\*Specify the time, place, and cause of the death of the husband. Also, if the widow has  
re-married, and again become a widow, the fact must be stated. Proof of marriage must  
accompany each application for the Children also.  
If the applicant cannot write, but signs by a X mark, always have the mark attested  
by the signature of a witness, other than the officer administering the affidavit.  
No Revenue Stamps are necessary in this application.

If there is no record of marriage, the witnesses should state, if such  
be the case, that they were present and witnessed the marriage, although  
not legally solemnized, and that they lived together, and were acknowl-  
edged by society as man and wife.  
In the disposition of these two witnesses, both of them should, if prac-  
ticable, be able to write their names.



and hath been since the death of her husband  
(said Tobias A. Hall) in a destitute condition  
and on account of her advanced age, wholly  
dependant upon her friends for support.

Witnesses present  
James H. Bayliss

Dea A. Baldeuse  
Thomas Thresh

J. A. Van Roden.

Shown to and subscribed before me on  
the day and year first above named.

The writing of the middle letter 'a' in  
Hall's name over crossed some before signing.

James H. Bayliss  
Notary Public

State of New Jersey

Essex County - sp.

J. Henry T. Wessenberg Clerk  
of the County Court of the County

and State aforesaid do hereby certify that  
James H. Bayliss is a Notary Public, and  
was at the time of the taking the foregoing  
affidavits duly authorized as such Notary  
to take the same, and that his signature  
above written is genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed  
my name and affixed my official seal this  
Fifth day of March A.D. Eight hundred and  
eighty nine

G. T. Wessenberg



RECEIVED BY THE RECORDER  
MAR 30 1889  
OFFICE OF THE RECORDER  
NEW JERSEY

State of New Jersey  
Essex County, ss. On this Second day of  
March A.D. 1869 before me  
James H. P. [unclear] a Notary Public  
in and for the County and State  
aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths  
personally appeared Isaac A. Baldwin  
and Thomas Throckmorth both of the City  
of Newark in the County and State aforesaid  
who being duly sworn according to law, depose  
and say: That they were well acquainted with  
Tobias A. Hall dead in his lifetime, and that  
he (the said Tobias A. Hall dead) sometime  
during the year A.D. 1851 they were well  
informed and verily believe enlisted as Acting  
Master on board the U.S. Store Ship "Beaumont"  
That for twenty years and upwards  
prior to his (said Hall's) enlistment as aforesaid  
they had been in constant intercourse with  
him (said Hall) and his family, and that  
during which said last mentioned time they  
or either of them has never known or heard  
of the said Tobias A. Hall's being sick or  
unwell, but that on the contrary, he (the said  
Hall) always appeared to be in strong and  
robust health. And further that they  
are well acquainted with Ruth M. Hall  
widow of the said Tobias A. Hall dead, and  
that she (the said Ruth M. Hall, now is

DEPARTMENT  
NOV 25  
PENSION OFFICE

State of New Jersey  
County of Essex

Personally appeared before me  
the Subscribed Geo. W. Richards M.D.  
of Orange, Essex County, New Jersey  
who being by me put on oath  
according to Law on his oath  
deposes and says that he was  
the attending Physician of Tobias  
A. Hall, late deceased, who was  
an Acting Master in the United  
States Navy, and that deceased  
died on account of Paralysis and  
disease of the Heart. May 29th 1866

Sworn and subscribed Geo. W. Richards M.D.  
before me this 21 day of November 1867  
Jesse Williams Judge of the Court of Common Pleas  
in and for Essex County New Jersey

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
COUNTY OF ESSEX,



ss. ~~Henry James Berry~~  
**I, CHARLES R. WAUGH**, Clerk of the County of Essex,  
and Clerk of the Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas of said County, do  
hereby certify that said Courts are Courts of Record, THAT *Jesse Williams*  
whose name is subscribed to the  
*Verif of the above Affidavit*  
was at the time of taking the same a *Justice of the Peace* in  
and for said County, duly commissioned and sworn and qualified to act as such, that  
I am well acquainted with the hand-writing of such *Judge*  
and verily believe his signature to the same is genuine.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the  
seal of said Courts and County, at Newark, this *21st* day of  
*November* A. D. 1867 *To H. James Berry* Clerk.

Waive informality in  
Certificate of Justice  
of Smith  
June 16/19.



Esther Watts of Jonesborough in  
the County of Washington & State of Maine,  
on oath depose that I am sixty five  
years of age, that I was born & always re-  
sided in Jonesborough aforesaid; that  
I was present at the marriage of  
Nobias Allen Hall, with Ruth Watts;  
that they were married at the house  
of Samuel Watts in said Jonesborough, that  
said Samuel Watts was then & is now my  
husband; they were married by Joseph  
Thorcy Esquire a Justice of the Peace, in  
the month of November in the  
year Eighteen Hundred & Twenty four.  
— I have no interest in the claim for  
which this affidavit is taken.

Esther Watts

State of Maine, Washington Co.  
Washington July 6. 1866. Personally appeared  
the abovesaid Esther Watts, & made oath  
to the truth of the foregoing statement by  
me subscribed; & I certify that I have  
no interest in the claim for which  
this affidavit is taken;

Bejamin W. Smith  
Justice of Peace

I Samuel Watts of Jonesborough  
in the County of Washington & State  
of Maine, on oath depose & say that  
I am sixty nine years of age, that I  
was born in and have always resided  
at said Jonesborough; that I was  
present at the marriage of Tobias  
Allen Hall with Ruth Watts; they  
were married by Joseph Shorcy Es-  
quire, a Justice of the Peace, in the  
month of November in the year Eighteen  
hundred & twenty four; I do not  
recollect the day of the month; they were  
married at my house in said Jones-  
borough; I have understood that Mr. Shorcy  
is deceased. I have no interest in any  
claim for which this affidavit is taken.

Samuel Watts

State of Maine, Washington County of  
Maine, July 6. 1866 Personally appeared  
Samuel Watts for recant to the truth of  
the foregoing statement by him subscribed  
And I certify that I have no interest in  
the case for which this affidavit is taken

Respectfully  
W. D. Smith  
Justice of Peace.

STATE OF MAINE.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, SS. I, PHINEAS H. LONGFELLOW, Clerk of all the  
Judicial Courts of said State, within and for the County of Washington,  
hereby certify that *William B. Smith* Esq.,  
of *Machias* is, and, at the time of making the *two*  
foregoing certificate & by him subscribed, was, a Justice of the Peace  
within and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified; and that  
all his official acts and certificates, as such, are entitled to full faith and  
credit, and that the signature & to said certificate &, purporting to be  
his, *are* genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Supreme Judicial Court,  
within and for said County, at Machias, this *seventh* day of *July*  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-*six*,

*P. H. Longfellow* Clerk, as aforesaid.





514 Myrtle Avenue

Brooklyn May 4<sup>th</sup> 1869

I hereby certify that the Functional Disease of the Heart which resulted in the death of Tobias A. Hall was simply and purely the result of the Paralysis (which wa the primary cause of said death) The class of derangements of the Heart from which he suffered are almost always present in cases of Hemiplegia and they are considered but as necessary accompaniments of said diseases I also certify that I am perfectly disinterested in the claim of the Widow of the late Tobias A. Hall and that I simply give this certificate as his former Medical Attendant during the first year of his sufferings

A. S. Peck M. D.

City of Brooklyn  
County of Kings  
State of New York

SS

Personally appeared  
before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1869  
Doctor J. E. Beck. to me personally  
known to be a regular practicing  
Physician in good standing in  
this city and who, by me being  
duly sworn doth depose and  
say that the contents of the  
above affidavit are true to  
the best of his knowledge  
and belief. and I furthermore  
declare that I have no interest  
whatsoever in the claim of  
the Widow of said Tobias J. E.  
Hall

W. Evans  
Commissioner of Deeds

State of New York, }  
COUNTY OF KINGS. } SS:



I, JOHN J. WHITE, CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS AND CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, in and for said County, (said Court being a Court of Record) DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that

*M. Graws*

before whom the annexed deposition was taken, was, at the time of taking the same, a COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS, in and for the City of Brooklyn, in said County, dwelling in said City, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to administer oaths for general purposes; and, further, that I am well acquainted with the hand-writing of such Commissioner, and verily believe the signature to said deposition is genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said County and Court, this

day of

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*May 9*  
*John J. White* Clerk.

*City of Brooklyn  
County of Kings, N.Y.  
SS*

*heard  
1869  
sincerely  
yours  
John J. White  
Clerk*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508  
MAY 13 1969



Copy.

Naval Hospital. New York.

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, enclosing papers from the Commissioner of Pensions, herewith returned, desiring information relating to Tobias A. Hall. late Actg Master. U.S.N.

In reply, I have to submit a copy of the endorsement on the Hospital Ticket received with him from the U.S.G. "Brandywine" Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1861.

" Tobias A Hall. Actg Master Act 63, Nat Maine.

" Admitted Nov 18. 1861 - Affected with Hemiplegia.

" The disease originated in the line of duty, and the "usual treatment has been pursued. The patient

" was attacked with apoplexia at 8 O'clock

" AM. Nov 18, since which time there has

" been total paralysis of the right side".

(Signes) J. H. Macomber.

Asst Surgeon.

Very respectfully.

(sig) J. C. Palmer.

Surgeon. U.S.N.

Surgeon. P. J. Howitz U.S.N.

Chief of Bureau. Med & Surgery.

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State of New Jersey }  
City of Newark. } ss;  
Essex Co. }

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D. 1868, personally appeared before  
William B. Guild Junior \_\_\_\_\_  
me \_\_\_\_\_ a Notary Public in and for the State of New Jersey  
Ruth M. Hall \_\_\_\_\_  
A \_\_\_\_\_ a resident of Orange, in the county of Essex and State of  
New Jersey, aged 66 years, who being first duly sworn according  
to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order  
to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress,  
approved July 14<sup>th</sup> 1862, granting pensions: That she is the  
widow of T. A. Hall, who was an Acting Master in the United  
States Navy, who died May 29<sup>th</sup> 1866, at Orange in the  
county of Essex and State of New Jersey, of Paralysis. She  
further declares that she was married to the said, T. A. Hall, on  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 1825; that her husband  
the aforesaid, T. A. Hall, died on the day above mentioned, and  
that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as  
will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.  
The personal description of the said T. A. Hall, her deceased  
husband, is as follows; Age 67 years. Height 5 feet 11  
inches. Complexion, dark. Occupation, Sea Captain.  
She also declares that she has not in any manner been engaged  
in or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States.

Ruth M. Hall

Also personally appeared *William S. Jaynes* and *James F. Bonds*,  
 residents of the City of Newark, <sup>County of Essex,</sup> 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 Ruth Hall, sign  
 her name to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear  
 that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of  
 the applicant and their acquaintance with her, that she is  
 the identical person she represents herself to be, and that  
 they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

*William S. Jaynes*  
*James F. Bonds*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*  
 A. D. 1868; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct  
 or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

*Wm. B. Guild Jr*  
*Notary Public.*

*Orange, Essex Co. N. J.*

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, }  
 COUNTY OF ESSEX, } ss.

**I, HENRY T. DUSENBERRY**, Clerk of the County of  
 Essex, and Clerk of the Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas of said County, do  
 hereby certify that said Courts are Courts of Record; THAT *William B*  
*Guild Jr* whose name is subscribed to the  
*Sworn to* of the above affidavit  
 was at the time of taking the same a *Notary Public* in  
 and for said County, duly commissioned and sworn and qualified to act as such; that  
 I am well acquainted with the hand-writing of such *Notary*  
 and verily believe his signature to the same is genuine.



In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal  
 of said Courts and County, at Newark, this *fourth* day of  
*March* A. D., 1868. *H. T. Dusenberry* Clerk.

State of New York, }  
COUNTY OF KINGS. } ss:

I, JOHN J. WHITE, CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS AND CLERK OF  
THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, in and for said County, (*said Court  
being a Court of Record*) DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that

*M. Evans*  
before whom the annexed deposition was taken, was, at the time of taking the same,  
a COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS, in and for the City of Brooklyn, in said County, dwelling  
in said City, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to administer oaths for  
general purposes; and, further, that I am well acquainted with the hand writing of such  
Commissioner, and verily believe the signature to said deposition is genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said County and Court, this  
day of *Jan* 186*5*

*John J. White*  
Clerk.

I hereby certify that the late Acting Master Tobias Allen Hall of the U. S. S. Brandywine - Aged 63 Years - was under my professional care from December 11<sup>th</sup> 1861 until May 19<sup>th</sup> 1862, and that during that time he was suffering from Hemiplegia the result of an Apoplectic Fit which occurred on board said U. S. S. Brandywine, in Norfolk Harbor Va. on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1861, and that said fit was produced, as far as it could be ascertained, by exposure and over-exertion while in such service. Said Tobias Allen Hall continued paralytic until his death which took place in the month of May 1866

Attached to this is a copy of the record of the admission to, and discharge from the Naval Hospital in Brooklyn, of said Acting Master Tobias Allen Hall -

A. S. Peck M. D.

514 Myrtle Avenue

Brooklyn February 26<sup>th</sup> 1869

City of Brooklyn }  
County of Kings } SS  
State of New York }

Personally appeared before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1869 Aaron E. Peck M. D. personally known to me as a practising Physician of this City, who, by me, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that the contents of the above certificate are true to the best of his knowledge and belief

W. Evans  
Commissioner of Deeds

*Copy*

*Acty. Master Tobias A. Hall aet. 63.  
Nat. Maine: Admitted Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1861  
from U. S. S. Brandywine, as with  
Hemiplegia: December 11<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> 1861  
discharged from Hospital.*



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U. S. Pension Agency,  
Wash. D.C.

May 20 1891

Hon. G. B. Rans.  
Commissioner of Pensions.

7 914

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of <sup>Mr</sup> Ruth Hall  
Navy, who was a pensioner on the rolls  
of this Agency, under Certificate No. 1353, and who was last paid  
at \$ 20, to June 4, 1890, has been dropped  
because of death of pensioner.

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Very respectfully,

J. L. Kinison  
Pension Agent

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NOV 25 1867  
PENSION OFFICE



U. S. Steamer Ship Brandywine Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1861  
Mrs J. A. Hall

Madam

I am requested  
by your husband Capt. J. A. Hall to answer  
your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

It becomes my painful duty to inform you  
of a sudden attack of illness of Capt. Hall.  
At 7 o'clock on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. he  
went on deck in nearly his usual state  
of health though he had been slightly unwell  
for two or three days previous but was feeling  
much better.

He had been on deck but a few moments  
when he suffered an attack of Apoplexia.  
He was immediately taken below in an  
insensible condition and remained in that  
condition through that day and the most  
of the day following.

He was entirely unable to speak distinctly  
and his right arm and limb are completely  
paralyzed.

This morning I am happy to inform you

He is much improved - He can now speak indistinctly and is conscious of what is transpiring and in a few days I hope to be able to inform you that he has so far recovered as to be able to join you in N.Y.

He is not however entirely out of danger as yet - but if anything of a more serious nature occurs I shall take the liberty to inform you of it at the earliest practicable moment -

With great respect - I am  
Your obedient servant -  
J. H. Macomber  
Assistant-Surgeon  
U. S. A.

P.S. Capt. Hall requests me further to have you write to his son Daniel immediately and have him come on here as soon as possible

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Treasury Department,

Fourth Auditor's Office,

November 4th, 1867.

Sir:

You are advised in reply to your memorandum of the 30th. ultimo, on the back of the letter of this Office, that Tobias A. Hall, late Acting Master, U. S. N. appears to have been appointed as such, August 26th, 1861, and that his name appears on the Rolls of the U. S. S. "North Carolina" from October 1st, 1861 to Oct. 22d, 1861, and thence he was transferred to the U. S. S. "Brandywine" and remained to November 29th, 1861, then transferred to the Naval Station <sup>at New York</sup> where he remained until his account was transferred to this Office, April 30th, 1866. He died May 29th, 1866, and he was paid by this Office from May 1st. to date of death.

Very respectfully yours,

James A. Morgan Esq  
C.S.A. Acting Commissioner of Revenue }  
A. J. W. Taylor } Auditor.

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APR 20 1867  
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Navy Department

Bureau of Medicine & Surgery

March 19 1867

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, I beg to say that there is no information on the records of this Bureau relating to the death of Tobias A. Hall, Acting Master, U.S. "Brandywine".

Very respectfully,  
J. H. Storms  
Chief of Bureau

J. H. Barrett Esq  
Com of Pensions.

No. 1139

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

M.  
Kath. Wall  
Widow of  
Tobias A. Wall  
Acting Master  
U.S.A.

Pension Office,

1866

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

Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

1867 Dec 13 Suspended. No Co of  
wages in line of duty

Received, Dec 22 1866.

Treasurer  
M. Ryan

W. S. ...

1867

Jan 29 Voluntary

March 18. Cert to Pres M. S.

" " 21 Letter to 4th Regt.

" April 13 Letter to Atty -

" May 14 Letter referred back  
to Atty for data that can  
be understood.

" Oct 20. Letter returned to 4th Regt  
voluntary Co of Cayson. Placed in

" Nov 8. Letter to Atty for further ex  
pansion of dis + Hon 11. as to child  
under 16 years of age

" Dec 13. Letter to Atty

1868 Feb 9 Letter referred to Pres M. S. for  
ex of origin from the office of  
the "U.S. Pension Office" then under  
Munton

1869 April 10 papers refer to Pres.

M. S. Letter to H. K.

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WAR OF 1861.

Act of July 14, 1862.

CLAIM FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

BRIEF in the case of Rebecca Hall, Widow of  
Tobias A. Hall  
 Acting Master U.S. Navy.  
 resident of Essex County and State of New Jersey  
 Post Office address Orange.

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service. Appointed Surgeon U.S. Army July 27, 1866.  
From letter of Surgeon General.

Death. May 29, 1866 of Paratyphoid disease of the bowels.  
From affidavit of attending physician.  
Tobias A. Hall, Surgeon U.S. Army, died of Paratyphoid  
disease, not affected with other pyogenic disease, originated in the  
line of duty, and the usual treatment has been pursued. The patient  
was attacked with dysentery at Camp S.W. 1866, since which time  
there has been total prostration of the right side. See Hospital Report.  
Report Bureau of Medical and Surgical.  
Evidence of continuance of the disease up to date of death furnished  
in affidavit of attending physician.

Marriage. Married in the month of November, 1854.  
Evidence of eye witnesses.

Names and dates of birth of children. None under 16 years of age.

Loyalty. Sworn.

Agent and his P.O. address. Hubert King  
Essex.

Admitted June 17, 1866, to a Pension of \$ 6.00 per month,  
 commencing May 29, 1866.

Appd. G. A. M. J. M. McMill, Examining Clerk.



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