

325143

Sevierville  
R.F.D. No. 6  
Sevier Co. Tenn.

Feb. 25, 1907

To the Beureau of pentions  
all so to the Commisiner of pentions  
Washington D.C. James Maples  
Tennessee Calvary Volunteer ridgment Company  
in regard to the separation of James Maples and Polly Ann Maples they was married June  
1904. She left him last April. her son Ples Dixion stayed with them about 17 months and  
kept two of his children on them about 6 months and never loud him any pay neither by  
labor or any other means for keeping them. Crocket Dixon ther son he was also there  
almost half of this time and toating away his stuff that was bought by his pention money  
in connection with some of her soninlaws spunging on them also. these men are no  
acount. numbers of citizens said that they would move them if they had to take a gun to  
them. Jime Maples said to Polly Ann Maples that his money would not keep them all up  
one evening. She flue mad and senare with a bitter oath that she would not cook another  
bite for him or his three children so she tells and he tells and the children tells. she left  
him some time in the following night.

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(2)

her first husband was Henry Dixion. he had to do just what she said in order to live with  
her she was ambissios William Dixion Jane Dixion Dave Dixion Henry Dixion Jane  
Dixion her soninlaws Jame Williams She has five girls that I no of and these parties all  
has familys

the reason I gave these names the division in his pension they are trying to keep apart that is the reason why I gave these names. her home is with same Williams her formal name was Polly Ann McMahan and she brought an air before she was married to Henry Dixon. this I no. She must be between 75 and 80 years old. this is guest at by me. I have known here ever since I have known any body away from home and I am 63 years old. it is rumored with any and all that the girl married him on order to get a division in his pension. and it is said that she said that she would rather have half of his pension than to live with the old Devil. he is very feeble at this time please write me if there is any thing else lacking.

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that I Read Said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he Executed the same I futher certify that I am in no wise intrusted in said case Nor am I concerned in it Prosecution and that said affiant is Personally known to me and that he is credible Person

A. D. Eledge

Notary Public

Redmond Maples

Company I 2 Tennessee Calvary

Volunteer ridgment

No. 325143

Sevierville

R.F.D. # 6, Tenn.

March 15, 1907

to the Commissiser of pension

Washington D.C.

I taken five Affadaveds in my case James Maples 2 Tenn Cav. vol, Ridgment company I.

I will give you the names Dr. McMahan W. M. Maples Jane Maples Cad McMahan and

I made an Affadaved my self. pension agent A. D. Eledge acting Justice of the peace I

left these Affadavdes with him to mail to you and I want to no whether you got them or

Didnt

yours truly

James Maples

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Sevierville

R.F.D. #6, Tenn.

March 18, 1907

To the Beureas of pentions

I James Maples 2 Tenn cav. vol. Ridgment Company I. I now make a statement in my own way as to how me and Polly Ann Maples got along to gether while we lived to gether. We was married June 18, 1904. and lived together untill April 3, 1906. and we had no quarreling at all. occassionly some of my neighbors told me that she was threatening to leave me also her son Ples told me. because she could not get along with his father.

(2) Also her children and grand children stayed on me lived on me and toated away my stuff that I had to live on I had nothing to look to for my living but my pension money. and I am totally disable to labor for my living. numbers of men have told me that she married me for no other purpose in wiks only to get my pension for I was very feeble at that time and was stated by the board of doctors that I would not live long.

my brother Redmond Maples came to see me at that time and when

(3) he went to leave she told him to come back to see me for I was not going to live long in my presence.

Aged 84 years his post office address is Sevierville Rout 6. Sevier Co Tenn.

James Maples

Sworn to and subcribed before me this the 18 day of March 1906

A. D. Eledge Notary Public

State of Tenn. )

County of Sevier ) on the Pension claim of James Maples, Co I 2 Regt. Tenn.

vol. cav. cert. No 325,143

Personally came before me a Notary Public in and for aforesaid county and State of Tenn.

Jane Maples aged 42 years hose post office is Sevierville Rout #14 Sevier Co. Tenn and

Marvel Maples aged 48 years whose post office is Sevierville Rout #14 Sevier Co. Tenn.

well known to me to be Respectable and intitle to credit who being duly sworn declairs in

Relative to the affore said case as fowlows we are Personally acquainted with James

Maples we live Joining farms with the above claimant all the time and Polly Ann his wife

lived together we was frequently at their house all the time tha lived together her son

Pleas stade with the above Pensioner him and his family most the time tha lived together

and Crocket and his family was their several others of the her correction he had to board

them the most of the time and carred off a heap of his stuff & wold not a put up with

wold not put up with the treathe give him he had to live on his pension being holey

unable to Perform any manul labor I have heard her threten to leave him lots of times wee

have hard her thretten to leave and have half his money

Marvel Maples

Jane Maples

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of March 1904

A. D. Eledge

Notary Public

LAW DIVISION

3-1866.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,**

**BUREAU OF PENSIONS,**

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 11, 1907.

Mr. James Maples,

R. F. D. No. 6,

Sevierville, Tenn.

Sir:

Referring to the claim of Polly Ann Maples, under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one-half the pension allowed you as of Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Tenn. Vol. Cavalry, Ctf. No. 325,143, you are advised that the claimant has filed her own sworn statement, substantially supported by the testimony of two apparently credible witnesses, in which she alleges that the cause of your separation was that you wanted to bring Iva Dunn, a woman of immoral character, into your house to live with you; that she told you that she did not want such a woman around; that on April 4, 1906, you brought a jug of whiskey home and while drinking the same you commenced talking to her about said woman; that your talk was such that she became afraid that you would do her bodily harm, and she went to a neighbor's house; that on April 5, 1906, when she came home, you would not speak to her, but left; that she tried to persuade you to live with her, but you would shun (2) her company and refused to live with her or provide for her support; that you spent your money for the woman above named; that while you lived with her you would fool your money away.

You are at liberty to file your own sworn statement in answer to each and all the above allegations of the claimant, and any statement that you may make relative to the same should be corroborated as far as possible by the testimony of several credible witnesses having personal knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

Thirty days from the date of receipt of this letter will be allowed within which to comply fully with its requirements.

All evidence must be under oath, and the witnesses must state their names in full, ages, post-office addresses (with street and number, or route, if any), and means of knowledge of the facts to which they testify; and their credibility should be certified to by the officer before whom the affidavits are executed, if he can consistently do so, in his own handwriting.

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.



LAW DIVISION.

3-1868.

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1899.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,**

**BUREAU OF PENSIONS,**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11, 1907.

Mrs. Polly Ann Maples,

R. F. D. No. 14,

Sevierville, Tenn.

Madam:

Referring to your claim, under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one-half the pension allowed James Maples, Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Tenn. Vol. Cavalry, Ctf. No. 325,143, you are advised that in response to a formal thirty days notice of the filing of your claim, the pensioner has filed his own sworn statement, substantially supported by the testimony of three apparently credible witnesses, in which he alleges that on April 3, 1906, you cursed and swore, saying you would not live with him any more, and left him while he was asleep; that you were away two days and nights; that when you came back home to move, you took everything, leaving him not even a bed; that you bought a pair of shoes on credit while you were away; that you asked him for money to pay for them and he gave you \$1.25; that he and his two children stayed at home till November 1, 1906, when he procured a home for the children; that he is now at home and has been staying there (2) most of the time since; that you lived happily together until April 3, 1906, when some of the neighbors told him that you had threatened to leave him; that your children and grandchildren lived with you at times and took away things that he had to live on; that a number of people have told him that you married him simply to get his pension.

You are at liberty to file your own sworn statement in answer to each and all the above allegations of the pensioner, and any statement that you may make relative to the same should be corroborated as far as possible by the testimony of two or more credible witnesses having personal knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

Thirty days from the date of receipt of this letter will be allowed within which to comply fully with its requirements.

All evidence must be under oath, and the witnesses must state their names in full, ages, post-office addresses (with street and number, or route, if any), and means of knowledge of the facts to which they testify; and their credibility should be certified to by the officer before whom the affidavits are executed, if he can consistently do so, in his own handwriting.

Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,

J. L. Davenport.  
Acting Commissioner.

State of Tenn.            )        On the matter of the application for half Pension of  
County of Sevier        )        Polly Ann Maples wife of James Maples Co I, 2<sup>nd</sup> E Tenn.  
vol. cav. ctf. No. 325,143

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1907 Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid county duly authorized to administer oaths Polly Ann Maples the above claimant aged 73 years whose Post office address is Sevierville Rout #14 Sevier county Tenn. Well known to me to be reputable and Entitled to credit and who being duly sworn in Relation to the aforesaid case as follows in ancer to my husbands affidavit Refurd to in yor letter dated May the 11, 1907 stating I cursed swore saying I wold not live with him I Never swore Nor sed I wold not live with him I wanted to live with him but he wold not live with me he Run off and lived when I came back home I could not get to taulke to him as to my taking Every thing he had I Never tuck off Neare as much as I tuck their he only Paid me a little money I had let him have or lounded it to him money I had when I went their as to his staying at home he got a bad woman to stay with him he stade while she stad and Run his own girl off and him and her and two of his small children stade till she got a furd they wold be lowed and she left and he left home as soon as she left he has got a Nother woman and family of his land that is of a bad cairector and as low as they can git and he has bin staying their some of the time but he has got a fraid to stay thir all the time but he has bin giving them some of his money that is who gose with his money he foals it a way with such chairrectors as that as to my children and grand children the Never stade Nor tuck off any thing only what he let them have for cuting wood or doing somthing for him as to his witnesses that coaberted his statement thir has not bin a witness tistifide that was their on Aprile the 1 1906 Nor has the time what made him mad

he wanted to bring a lud woman in to stay with us I told him wee had no use for her and I did not want her to stay he got drunk and abused me so about her I thaut I wold step off till he got Sorry. Reconsild it was after sun up broud day light he was so drunk he didn't know whether he was a sleep or a wake I had no thaut of leaving home till he Entirely disbanded me and wold not Provid Nor live with me I have tride at diferent times to git to live with him he always gits out of the way and won't taulke to me I holowed at him and tride to git to taulk to him he wold not stop Nor taulke to me

Witnesses

M. E. Eledge  
M. J. Eledge

her  
Polly Ann Maples  
mark

Sworn to and subscribed me the May the 16 1907 by the above affiant and I certify that I Read said affidavit to said affiant and equanted her with its contents befor she executed the same I certify that I in no wise intrust in said case and not conserved in it Prosecution that said affiant is Personally known to me that she is credible Person

A. D. Eledge  
Notary Public

State of Tenn.            )

County of Sevier        )

In the matter of the application for half Pension of Polly Ann Maples wife of James Maples Co I 2 Regt. Tenn val cov cert. No 325,143 On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1907 Personally appard before me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid county duly authorized to administer oaths William D. Sutaine age 72 years a Resident of Sevierville Rout #9 Sevier County Tenn well known to me to be resputabled and entitled to credit and who being duly sworn Declairs in Relation to the aforesaid case as fowllows I am Personally acquainted with the above claimant and husban James Maples have bin acquainted with above named Partes for 20 years I lived in a quarter of a mile of the above Named Partis from the day of their mairage till the day the said Maples deserted his wife. I saw them Every friwdays was at their home offten was at their hom the same day the seperated he was drunk and sed he had Run his wife the above claimant off and that he wold not live with her any more the truble seemed to be about a bad wommon he wanted to bring in his home to stay when his wife came back home he wold leave and wold not Provid any thing for the above

(See B J #7)

claimant she allways sid she wanted to live with him and trid to git to live with him he wold spurn her company and wold Not taulk to her Nor live with her he sid he stade at home him and his litle children he got a lude woman to stay with him and Run his own girl off from home and him and this woman stad their to gether till she got afraid of being lowed and left he bout dresses and hats out of the store for her when she left he left till he got a Nother low down family that is on his land Nov he has stad their a goadeal of the tim since they have him on his farm he claims she tuck Every thing he had she didn't tak

off as much as she tuck he thay had to Pass my house to git out or in I saw some of her  
balke thir some times but he farmed he had there cuting wood or doing something she is a  
Nise old lady of good carrector out to have half of his Pension it is Just he is drinking it  
up and fooling it away a mong the Trach and law carector I have mad the above  
statement from my own Personally knowlage by liveing close Nabor being at thir homes  
with them offten while thay lived togethe and since to the Present time I have no intrest  
in said claim Not concerned in its Prosecution Nor of no akin to Ether one

Witnesses

M. J. Eledge  
M. E. Eledge

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William D X Suttain.  
mark junior

Sworn and subcribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1907, by the above Named affiant  
and I certify that I Red said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents  
before he executed the same I futher certify that I am in nowise interested in said case  
Nor am I concerned in it Prosecution and the said affiant is Personally known to me that  
he is a creditable Person

A. D. Eledge

Notary Public

State of Tenn.            )

County of Sevier        )        In the matter of the application for half Pension of Polly  
Ann Maples wife of James Maples Co I, 2 Reft. Tenn. vol. cav cerft. No 325,143 on this  
17 day of May 1907 Personally appeared before me a notary Public in and for the  
aforesaid county duly authorized to administer oaths M E Eledge aged 33 years whose  
Post office address is Sevierville Rout #14 Sevier County Tenn well known to me to be  
reputable and Entitle to credit and who being duly sworn declairs in relation to the affore  
said case as follows

I am Personally acquainted with the above claimant and her husban James Maples have  
lived close Nabors Ever since thay was maired and was aquainted with James Maples for  
several years before him and the above claimant was maired he has lived close me for 8  
or 9 years thay have both bin at my home offten I have bin at thir home while thay lived  
to gether I have lived in a quarter of a meld of them all the time thay lived to gether he  
always kept a lude set of wimen about him and kept an uprore and disturbance in the  
Naborhood before him and the above claimant was moir that is why he disbanded his  
wife he wanted to still keepe some lude woman about him and his wife wanted to be Nice  
and Respectfully and it didn't sute him was all to Excuse he had

I have seen him drunke time and again he has bin at my house drunke he came to my  
house the next day drunk and said he wanted the above claimant his wife to git hir things  
a way in a hurrey I saw the above claimant as she came back home she sid she wold  
drather di than to hafto leave home and wanted to live with him as to his staying at home  
after he desurted his wife he got a lude woman to stay with him he sade while she stade I  
was thir at his house and him and her was both drunke our field Runs Rite close the house

I saw her thir offten he bout goods out of the store for her she toted them Right apast my house New hats and dresses people taulked about lowing them his woman got a fraid and left and he left till he got a Nother low down thing on his land he has stad with them till he has got afraid it will be in favor of his wife giting half his pension has not bin thir as much for a few days said claimant has No means of support has to work for what she live as best she can I have made the above statement from my own Personally kowlage I have no interest in said claim Nor No akin

M. E. Eledge

Sworn to and subcribed before me this 17 day May 1907 by the above named affiant and I certify that I Read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted her with its contents before the Executed the same I futher certify that I am in nowise interested in said case nor am I concerned in its prosecution and that said affiant is Personally known to me and that she is a credible Person

A D Eledge

Notary Public



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**Additional Evidence**

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No. 325,143

Polly Ann Maples  
Name of Claimant

James Maples  
Name of soldier.

Co. I, 2.E. Regt. Cav Vols.

Nature of Claim for half Pension

State of Tennessee,

County of Sevier, SS:

SWORN to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant, and I certify that I read affidavit to said affiant, Including the words Name and date was Rong and changed erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that he is a credible person.

D. R. Pitner  
Official signature

[L.S.]

Notary Public  
Official character

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was, at the time of so doing, \_\_\_\_\_ and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190 \_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

[L.S.]

Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE. - To be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. The official character and signature of any such officer not required by law to use a seal, must be certified by the clerk of the proper court, giving dates of beginning and close of official term. If certificate on file, so state.

No Revenue Stamps Required.

## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Tennessee,

County of Sevier, SS:

IN the matter of the application for pension of Polly Ann Maples, wife James Maples, Co. I, 2 Regt. Tenn. vol. Cav. No. 325,143.

ON THIS 16 day of May, 1907, A. D. 190 , personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths R. P. Dixon, aged 39 years, a resident of Trundles Cross Roads in the County of Sevier and State of Tennessee, whose Post Office address is Trundles Cross Roads, Tennessee, and \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ whose Post Office address is \_\_\_\_\_

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I am well and personally acquainted with the above named claimant Mary A. Maples and her husband James Maples, and was often in their home while they lived together and often saw him badly intoxicated and abusing his wife very badly and giving his means to bass characters and refusing to provide for his wife, and often telling her to go and stay until through his wicked threats and vicious habits she was forced to leave home on or about April 5, 1906.

I also know him to still be clinging to his bad habits and drinking and refusing to provide for his wife.

I also know her to be of good character and without means of support.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

R. P. Dixon

State of Tennessee

Sevier County

Personally appeared before a N. P. A. B. Maples in and for the state and county afore said Redmon Partain who deposes and says his age is 23 years and that his P. O. address is Sevierville RFD #12 a Resident of Ogle X Roads who makes oath in due form of Law and States as follows that I went to James Maples and Polly Ann Maples Residence and James Maples said that Polly Ann had left him last night some time in the night while he was a sleep and I ask the James Maples what was the cause of her leaving and he told me it was on the account of his children and that she had threaten to leave previous to this time and I the said Redmon Partain lived with the said James Maples and Polly Ann Maples about two months and during my time of Stay with them the said Polly Ann Maples would quarl and flout and use very abusive in language and said by god she was not going put up with noe such children as these is and she Polly Ann Maples the said James Maples wife said in my presence that if Jim as she called her husband didnt get some place else for his children to stay that she Polly Ann would not Stay with them and my Reasons for knowing what I have Stated is from my own personal knowledge of the facts because I lived on said farm be fore this separation and was at there home oftin times and she Polly Ann Maples said to her Husban James there is noe use your children comeing here so much and he her Husband James Maples said that his children had as good a right to come here as yours and she would quarl and flout about what his children would eat and when her children came to their home she would be good and kind to them and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this cause.

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Redmon X Partain  
mark

William Maples, Sevierville R. F. D. #14, Tenn.  
Mary Watson Sevierville Tenn. R. F. D. No. 12

Redmon Partain who Reside at Ogles X Roads Tenn. whose P. O. address is Sevierville  
RFD #12, Sevier Co. Tenn. - whome I certify to be Respectable and entitle credit and  
new the contents of this statement before swearing their to:

Sworn to and Subscribed before me a N. P., A. B. Maples on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May  
1907 and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this cause.

A. B. Maples N. P.  
Sevierville R F D #9  
Sevier Co      Tenn

State of Tennessee )

Sevier County )

Personally apperd before me A. B. Maples a N. P. in and for the county and State afore said Archable. L. Maples who Depos and says his age is 21 years and his P. O. is Sevierville R. F. D. 36 Tenn. a Resident of the same.

and that he has been at the Residence of the said James. Maples and wife Polly Ann Maples while tha lived together as Husband and wife and dureing his visits at said Residence of about 5 times that the said Polly Ann Maples was in ann ill mood and was quarling about the said James Mapes her Husbands children about their eating did not want them to eat much and I ask one of her Grand Daughters if her Grand Mother Polly Ann was ill or mad at the said James Maples tow little children and she said she was and James Maples the said Polly Ann Maples Husband told his two children to go out of house and go down in field to play and get out her presence and dureing my several visits to said James Maples Residence several of the said Polly Anns children and Grand children was at their House and the said Polly Ann allwas appeard in a pleasant and fine mood with her own children and grand children and my Reason for knowing these facts was because one of said Polly Ann Maples Grand Daughters was my suiter or sweetheart and said Grand Dauter told me that her Grand Mother Polly Ann Maples that noe one could not get along withe her and that James Maples her Husband would not quarl withe her and that said Polly Ann Maples said as many as two or three times that she would leave or abandon the said James Maples home and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this case.

Archable. L. Maples

Witnesses:

Wm Ogle Sevierville #6 Tenn.

M. C. Coak Sevierville R. F. D. #6 Tenn.

Archable. L. Maples who Reside at the P. O. address Sevierville R. F. D. #6 Sevier Co.

Tenn Whom I certify to be Respectable and entitled to credit & new the contents of this affidavit before swearing their to

Subscribed and sworn to before me a N. P. on this the 18 day of May 1907 and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this cause.

A. B. Maples N. P.

Sevierville R F D #9 Tenn.



I did not spend any money on the said Iva Dunn; neither did she come to live with us and the children would not stay in house during the day or days, they would go out away from the house and build themselves fires to warm and stay by during the day when I would be away from House, these words are absolute facts, and the two children had told me previous of our separation that that was the Reason of their Staying out of doors in day time was because Polly Ann was so mean to them they would go out of her presence and hearing and/ she Polly Ann, would quarrel at them about what they would eat, at one time the children got some onions to eat and/ She Polly Ann Maples/ wished the onions in the childrens d--d Rotten asses - and/ She Polly Ann Maples/ wanted me to whip the children for not Staying at the house with her and I told her that the children told me how you talk to them about what they would eat and would quarrel at them and be mean to them was the Reason they would not Stay at the house and she said the children had told a damn lie and I called on the children to state how Polly Ann, had talk to them and the children hears the same to her that they did to me and she told the children when they said it was the truth She Polly Ann Maples said the said children had told a God damed lie - and that she would not wash another Rub nor cook another bite for them and she said she would leave and so she left in the night time while I was asleep as she said she would do. and as to her ever offering to offer a compromise to live with her any more is an absolute falsehood and I never made any threats up on her person. and her statement as to doing her Bodily harm is untrue and absolute falsehood and when she Polly Ann Maples come back to get her things she told me she had bought herself a pair of shoes and I ask her if she paid for them and she said no and I had the money to pay for them, and before the said Polly Ann Maples and we separated during our time of living together as husband and wife of

about 22 & 10 days her children would come and stay with us and Grand children would come and impose on me and R. P. Dixon her son a widower stayed on me about 17 months and two of R. P. Dixons children stayed with me about six months and he never paid me any thing for their board and others of her children would come and carry of out my provisions for their support and she Polly Ann. Maples would steal of my stuff and give to her children for I saw her do it and she threatened to leave ever once in a while we lived together. and when my children would want any thing she would Rais a row or quarl about me leting them have any thing.

James Maples

Witnesses:

J. H. Porter, Route #9: Sevierville, Tenn.

C. L. Maples. Sevierville R.F.D. #6, Tenn.

Subscribed and sworn to before me A. B. Maples N.P. this the 18 day of May 1907 and that I have no Interest direct or indirect in the Prosecution of this cause.

A. B. Maples N. P.

Sevierville R F D #9 Tenn.

P. S. James. Maples. who Reside at P. O. address Sevierville R F D #6 Sevier Co., Tenn. who I certify to be Respectable and entitled to credit Regarding his oath and new the contents of this statement before swearing their to.

A. B. Maples N. P.

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Daniels, Ex'r.

**INVALID.**

No. 512,454

**Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1872.**

James Maples

**P.O. Pokeberry**

Sevier Co. Tennessee

**Service Div. I, 2 Tenn Cav.**

**Enlisted: Sept 15, 1862**

**Discharged: July 5, 1865**

**Application filed: May 5, 1884**

**Alleges: Rheumatism in hips & back**

**Re-enlisted: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Attorney: Geo. E. Lemon**

Notified 5 - 13/ 84

May 21/84 A. G. Cir for P. O. ad &c Bd.  
Ey Swigs, Knoxville, Tenn. ACK

April 10/25. To Atty. Lemon Aff. of Swig. as to treatment in service.  
med. (or other tes.) go to Con. at and runs dis. in eddletters to witnes

Letter that Blalocks Aff. as to clmts. cer. since dis unsatisfactory and to here discrepancy  
between the clmt. Blalock and Watson, as to time and place of incurrence of dis. to be  
expained by party in error.

To Blalock & Watson for their means of knowing what they testify to. R.P.U.

Sept. 7/85. Pres. Atty. General, vs of Com. officer in 6<sup>th</sup> Co. G Blalock absent and prets.  
not considered at present vs of all physicisans who treated clmt. since discharge. P. M.  
cred. of witnesses. adds of Capt. Hook & Lt. Maples given Briefed to date. R.P.U.

LAW DIVISION.

3-1868.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 4, 1907.

The Chief of

The Special Examination Division.

Sir:

Herewith are referred to you the papers in the claim, under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Polly Ann Maples, for one-half the pension allowed James Maples, Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Tenn. Vol. Cavalry, Ctf. No. 325,143, for the purpose of a thorough special examination, to determine whether or not the pensioner is legally chargeable with marital desertion, and whether the claimant is in necessitous circumstances.

This action is deemed necessary for the reason that the evidence filed in the claim is of such a conflicting character as to make it impracticable to properly adjudicate the claim with the investigation requested.

It is suggested that the papers be referred to a special examiner whose district embraces Sevier County, Tenn., with instructions to call on the pensioner and the claimant, take their depositions covering the points at issue, verify the evidence filed and secure such additional evidence as may be

2 necessary to a proper adjudication of the claim.

The claimant alleges that the pensioner wanted to bring a woman of immoral character to their home, to which she objected; that he brought whiskey home and was drinking and abusing her until she became afraid of him and went to a neighbor's home;

that when she went back he would not speak to her, and has since refused to live with her or provide for her; and that she is in necessitous circumstances. She denies that she ever used profane language or that she left pensioner and said she would not live with him. She furnishes the affidavits of a number of apparently credible witnesses in support of her contentions.

In answer to the claimant the pensioner alleges that she cursed and swore she would not live with him; that she left him at night, and later came back and took things from the house, leaving him with no bed. He claims that their trouble was caused by his two children whom claimant abused and with whom she would quarrel and scold, using abusive and vulgar language. He denies that he was the cause of claimant's leaving and also denies that he brought any woman of immoral character to their home. He furnishes a number of affidavits to corroborate his statements.

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The evidence adduced on special examination should show whether or not, as alleged by the claimant and her witnesses, the pensioner's abuse of the claimant, his habits and his association with lewd women were such as to justify the claimant in leaving; or whether, as alleged by the pensioner and his witnesses, the claimant left home without any just cause on his part.

In connection with necessitous circumstances, the claimant's physical condition and the relative ability of each of the parties to earn a support by manual labor should be shown.

Under the instructions of the Department, the special examiner should eliminate all reference in his examination to the FEE or AGREEMENT between the pensioner or claimant and his or her attorney for professional services in the case, unless the issue

involved in the case relates to unprofessional conduct or extortion on the part of the attorney or attorneys.

If during the course of the special examination it shall develop that perjury has been committed by either the claimant, the pensioner or their witnesses in the evidence heretofore filed in the claim, the special examiner should

4 take such additional testimony as may be available to demonstrate that fact, and render a separate criminal report in the premises.

The post-office address of the pensioner is R. F. D. No. 6, Sevierville, Tenn., and that of the claimant is R. F. D. No. 14, Sevierville, Tenn.

Both the claimant and pensioner should be advised of the time and place of holding said special examination, and all their rights and privileges thereunder should be made fully known to them.

This letter should appear as an exhibit in the report of the special examiner.

The invalid papers are retained in this Division.

Very respectfully,

Chief, Law Division.

LAW DIVISION.

3-1868.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,**

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 4, 1907.

United States Pension Agent,

Knoxville, Tenn.

Sir:

Referring to the claim of Polly Ann Maples, under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one-half the pension allowed James Maples, Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Tenn. Vol. Cavalry, Ctf. No. 325,143, general law, your attention is invited to Bureau letter dated February 11, 1907, in which you were requested to forward to the pensioner by registered mail a formal thirty days notice of the filing of the wife's claim, and to transmit to the Bureau the registry return receipt card when the same should have been received by you.

You are now requested to state by endorsement hereon what disposition, if any, has been made of the said registry return receipt card, if the same has been received by you.

A prompt reply will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.



LAW DIVISION.

3-1868.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 4, 1907.

Mr. James Maples,

R. F. D. No. 6,

Sevierville, Tenn.

Sir:

You are hereby notified that the papers in the claim, under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Polly Ann Maples, for one-half the pension allowed you as of Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Tenn. Vol. Cavalry, Ctf. No. 325,143, will be referred to the field for special examination, to determine the merits of the same.

The Special examiner charged with the papers will duly notify you of the time and place of holding said special examination, and all your right and privileges thereunder will be made fully known to you.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

LAW DIVISION.

3-1868.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 4, 1907.

Mrs. Polly Ann Maples,

R. F. D. No. 14,

Sevierville, Tenn.

Madam:

You are hereby notified that the papers in the claim, under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Polly Ann Maples, for one-half the pension allowed you as of Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Tenn. Vol. Cavalry, Ctf. No. 325,143, will be referred to the field for special examination, to determine the merits of the same.

The Special examiner charged with the papers will duly notify you of the time and place of holding said special examination, and all your right and privileges thereunder will be made fully known to you.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

325,143

U. S. Pension Agency,

Knoxville, Tenn.

June 7, 1907.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., with the report that in the case of James Maples, Ctf No. 325143, General Law, the formal thirty days' notice of filing of the wife's claim under Act of March 3, 1899, was sent to the pensioner by registered mail with his check in payment for pension due Feb. 4, 1907, but the registry receipt card was not returned to this Agency.

The matter has been taken up with the postmaster at this place. The records show that the letter was received at the office at Sevierville, Tenn.

I will advise you when I receive his report.

Wm Rule

U. S. Pension Agent.

REPLY AT THE BOTTOM AND RETURN THIS NOTICE

**REGISTRY CIRCULAR OF INQUIRY.**

Post Office, Knoxville, Tenn.

6 - 7, 1907

To the Postmaster at Sevierville, Tenn.

INQUIRY AS TO DISPOSITION OF REGISTERED LETTER OR PARCEL.

Inquiry is made at this office as to what disposition has been made of Registered  
{Letter} No. 2152 addressed to James Maples and sent to you from this office in  
Registered Package Envelope No. 2152, on Feb. 14 1907

Please state in the space at the bottom of this sheet (under "REPLY") whether you  
have received the registered letter or parcel as above described, and, if so, what  
disposition has been made of same; and return this circular to me immediately.

Yours respectfully,  
A Postmaster.

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**REPLY**

This letter was delivered to James Maples R. F. D. #6

Sallie J. Massey

Postmaster at Sevierville, Tenn.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY,

Knoxville, Tenn., June 24, 1907.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Sir: -

Bureau letter of February 11, 1907, Law Division, with reference to the case of James Maples, Ctf No. 325143, General Law, is herewith returned with the information that the return registry receipt card from the pensioner has never reached this Agency.

Report from the postmaster stating that said letter was delivered has this day been received at this Agency and is herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,

Wm Rule  
U. S. Pension Agent.

JMM.

LAW DIVISION.

3-1868.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 17, 1907.

Mrs. Polly Ann Maples,

R. F. D. 14, Sevierville, Tenn.

Madam:

Referring to your claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one-half the pension allowed James Maples, Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> East Tenn. Vol. Cav., Cert. No. 325,143, you are advised that in view of your statement before Special Examiner Herbert W. Meyers that you never signed the declaration on file, it will be necessary for you to execute the enclosed blank form of declaration under said Act specifically alleging desertion and the date thereof. Upon receipt of said declaration properly executed your claim will receive prompt consideration.

Please return this communication with your reply.

Very respectfully,

L. M. Kelley

Acting Commissioner.

Law Div.

August 17, 1907.

Mrs. Polly Ann Maples,

R. F. D. 14, Sevierville, Tenn.

Madam:

Referring to your claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one-half the pension allowed James Maples, Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> East Tenn. Vol. Cav., Cert. No. 325,143, you are advised that in view of your statement before Special Examiner Herbert W. Meyers that you never signed the declaration on file, it will be necessary for you to execute the enclosed blank form of declaration under said Act specifically alleging desertion and the date thereof. Upon receipt of said declaration properly executed your claim will receive prompt consideration.

Please return this communication with your reply.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

**ACT MARCH 3, 1899.**

Proviso 1<sup>st</sup>

Class Wife

Claimant, Polly Ann Maples  
P. O., R.F.D. No. 14 Sevierville  
County, Sevier State Tenn.

Pensioner, James Maples  
Rank, Sergt. Co. I 2 E. Tenn Vol Cav  
Cert. No. 325,143 Rate, \$24 per month  
P.O. address, RFD No. 6 Sevierville,  
Tenn. Sevier Co.

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MINOR CHILD ----- UNDER 16 YEARS

OR

PERMANENTLY HELPLESS AND DEPENDENT CHILD -----

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Born \_\_\_\_\_, 1\_\_\_\_  
(Sixteen \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_

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(Sixteen \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_

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RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

FOR CLAIMANT.

FOR PENSIONER.

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
P. O., \_\_\_\_\_

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
P. O., \_\_\_\_\_

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IMPORTANT DATES.

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Declaration filed Dec. 24, 1906  
" " August 26, 1907  
Pensioner advised of filing Feb. 18, 1907  
Pensioner advised of result \_\_\_\_\_  
Claimant advised of result \_\_\_\_\_  
Pension Agent to suspend Dec. 28, 1906  
Pension Agent to pay beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_  
Pension Agent to pay pen, in full \_\_\_\_\_  
Governor of Home to suspend \_\_\_\_\_  
Governor of Home to pay \_\_\_\_\_  
Division of current pension to commence  
from date of last full payment to  
pensioner \_\_\_\_\_ Nov. 4, 1906

Claimant's marriage to pensioner June 19,  
1904  
Pensioner divorced from claim't \_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian appointed \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's marriage to pensioner \_\_\_\_\_  
Death or divorce of mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarriage of pensioner \_\_\_\_\_  
Entrance into Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Discharge from Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of actual desertion April 5, 1906  
Date of statutory desertion \_\_\_\_\_



APPROVALS.

Submitted for Spl Exam June 4, 1907  
answered " " " " " "  
Resubmitted admission Aug. 28, 1907

F. N. Libby, Examiner.  
R. W. Burroughs, Reviewer.  
" "

Approved for ADMISSION

Approved for Admission

PENSIONER DESERTED CLAIMANT  
HIS LAWFUL WIFE WHO IS A  
PERSON OF GOOD MORAL  
CHARACTER AND IN NECESSITOUS  
CIRCUMSTANCES.

for reason stated by Reviewer.

George R. Davis

R. W. Burroughs

August 28, 1907 Legal Reviewer.

August 28, 1907. Rereviewer.

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LAW DIVISION.

3-906.

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1899.

**Department of the Interior,**

**BUREAU OF PENSIONS,**

Washington, D. C., August 28, 1907

Mr. James Maples,

R. F. D. No. 6,

Sevierville Sevier Co. Tenn.

Sir: -

You are hereby notified that the claim of Polly Ann Maples under the act of March 3, 1899, for one-half the pension granted James Maples sergeant, Company I, 2 Regiment E. Tenn. Vol. Cav. certificate number 325 143, has this day been approved for admission on the ground that " \_\_\_\_\_ "

Division of current pension to commence from date of last full payment to pensioner Nov. 4, 1906

Either party is allowed, under Rule 16, thirty days from receipt of this notice, to appeal from said Bureau action to the Secretary of the Interior, the **APPEAL TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY THIS NOTICE** and due proof of service of copy of the appeal upon the appellee, as required by Rule 17. Copies of Rules 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 are herewith inclosed.

The claimant's post-office address is R. F. D. No 14, Sevierville, Tennessee

The appeal, if any, and all communications relative thereto should be addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Very respectfully,  
Acting Commissioner.

325,143

AUG 29 1907

**REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT**

Received from the Postmaster at Sevierville, Tenn.

Registered (letter) No. 582,388      **From Post Office at WASHINGTON, D. C.,**

Addressed to James Maples

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 190

James Maples  
(Signature or name of addressee)

325,143

AUG 29 1907

**REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT**

Received from the Postmaster at Sevierville, Tenn.

Registered (letter) No. 582,389      **From Post Office at WASHINGTON, D. C.,**

Addressed to Mrs. Polly Ann Maples

Date Sept. 4, 1907

Mrs. Polly Ann Maples  
(Signature or name of addressee)

J. L. Gobble  
(Signature of addressee's agent)

**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS.**

**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.**

RETURN TO:

Name of Sender, S F Rogers

Street and Number, )  
or Post Office Box, ) \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office at Sevierville

County \_\_\_\_\_ State Tenn.

(Seal from Pigeon Forge Rural, Sevierville, Tenn. is stamped and dated Sept. 16, 1907.)

Appeal.

No. 325,143                    )  
Polly Ann Maples            )  
Wife of James Maples        )  
Co. I, 2 Reg. Tenn. Vol. Cav. )

To the Secretary of Interior:

State of Tenn., Sevier County, SS:

On this 13 day of Sept., 1907, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and state aforesaid, James Maples, Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tenn. Vol. Cav., and whose Pension certificate is No. 325,143, who prays for an appeal from the decision of the Commissioner of Pensions in granting one half of his pension to his wife, Polly Ann Maples, on the grounds that "pensioner deserted claimant, his lawful wife who is a person of good moral character and in necessitous circumstances", for the following reasons:

1. Said pensioner is a helpless old man of 84 years of age, and unable to work for a living, and has no other means of support.
2. He denies emphatically that he deserted his wife, Polly Ann Maples, but will prove that she deserted him.
3. That said wife, Polly Ann Maples is not a woman of good moral character, which will be shown by affidavits of parties personally acquainted with her.
4. That it is the belief of appellant, that she married him and then deserted him wholly for no other reason but to obtain one half of his pension.

For the above reasons appellant prays for an appeal, not to defraud his wife out of anything, but that justice and right way be done.

Witness           (C. L. Maples.

James Maples

(J W Caughron

Also personally appeared C. L. Maples, residing at R.F.D. No. 6, Sevierville and J. W. Caughron, residing at same post office persons being duly sworn, say they were present

and saw James Maples, appellant, sign his name to the foregoing appeal, and from appearance of said appellant and their acquaintance with him for 10 and 5 years, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

C. L. Maples

J W Caughron

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Sept. 13, 1907, and I do hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing appeal & etc., were fully made known and explained to the appellant and witnesses before swearing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

A. B. Maples N. P.

**The Volunteer State,**  
Published Every Friday.  
S. F. Rogers, Editor.

Sevierville, Tenn., \_\_\_\_\_ 190 \_\_\_\_

State of Tenn, Sevier County, SS -

Personally appeared before me, S. F. Rogers, attorney for James Maples, and to me well known, who says, that he sent a verbatim copy of the appeal in pension case No. 325,143 of James Maples and his wife Polly Ann Maples, by registered letter, and that the receipt for same was returned to him. The receipt is hereby sent to the department.

S. F. Rogers

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 21 day of Sept. 1907.

W. G. Calact

Notary Public



**REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT**

Received from the Postmaster at Sevierville, Tenn.

Registered (letter) No. 42, from Sevierville, Tenn.

Addressed to Mrs. Polly Ann Maples

Date 9/16, 1907

Mrs. Polly Ann Maples  
(Signature or name of addressee)

Mrs. M. M. Williams  
(Signature of addressee's agent)

(Stamped RECEIVED - BOARD OF PENSION APPEALS Sept. 25, 1907.)

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

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State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

In the matter of the application for pension of In the matter of a division in a Pension of James Maples and wife Polly Ann Maples

ON THIS the 19 day of Sept., A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me, a N. P. in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Eli Tinker aged 85 years, a resident of Sevierville in the County of Sevier and State of Tenn. whose post-office address is Sevierville R f d #9 and \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ whose Post-office address is \_\_\_\_\_ is well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declaree in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

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[The affiants should state how they gained a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.]

that I lived within about a mile to the said James Maples and I went to the said James Maples house withe in a few days probably 4 days after tha Seperated and I asked the said James Maples where his wife was and he told me she had left me that she had sliped of while we were all asleep and a few days later I was at his home again and he told me that his wife Polly Ann had come and taken away nearly all tha had in the hous and moved to her soninlaws Sam Williams and I have known the said Polly Ann Maples about 20 years and have been at her home during her first mans life time several times and Saw that she was disagreeable and quarlsome withe her family and one of her sons to wit, R. P. Dixon said in my Presence that she his mother Polly Ann Maples was dishonest and there was not an honest bone in her and that she deserted and left the said James Maples he did not leave her

And I futher declare that I have no interest in said case and is not conserved in its prosecution.

R. Maples  
C. L. Maples

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Eli X Tinker  
mark

Law Division.

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**Additional Evidence.**

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No, 582388

James Maples  
Name of Claimant

James Maples  
Name of Soldier

Co. I Regt. Tenn. Vols Cavl.

Nature of Claim Division of Pen.

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FILED BY

Samuel F. Rogers

Sevierville,

Tenn.

For James Maples

State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

SWORN to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added and acquainted him with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me and that is a credible person.

A. B. Maples, N. P.  
Official signature

[L.S.]

Sevierville Rfd #9 Tenn

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was, at the time of so doing, \_\_\_\_\_ and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190 .

[L.S.]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE--To be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. The official character and signature of any such officer not required by law to use a seal, must be certified by the clerk of the proper court giving dates of beginning and close of official term. It certificate is on file, so state.

No Revenue Stamps Required.

## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

In the matter of the application for pension of In the matter of a division of the Pension between James Maples and wife Polly Ann Maples

ON THIS 14 day of Sept., A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths William Sutton aged 71 years, a resident of Sevierville In the County of Sevier and State of Tenn. whose post-office address is Sevierville Rfd #9 and Sullie Sutton aged 48 years, a resident of Sevierville in the County of Sevier and State of Tenn. whose Post-office address is Sevierville Rds #9 is well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declaree in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

that our Residence was about one fourth of a mile from the Residence of James Maples of Co. I - 2 Regt. Tenn. vol cal certificate No. 325,143, and wife Polly Ann Maples on or about April 1906 the said James Maples sent two of his children to our house to get the said Sullie Sutton to get his the said James Maples and his children Breakfast for them that his wife Polly Ann Maples had left him soon one moring while we were asleep and would not get their Breakfast and within about one day or two the said Polly Ann Maples come to our Residence and said to us the affiants that she sliped off and left them all asleep and that she did not intend to stay an longer withe said James Maples for she did not intened to be bother withe his children and that she moved her things away and that said James Maples did not leave or desert her

we futher declare that we have no interest in said case and are not conserved in its prosecution.

R. Maples

Ivar Sutton

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William X Sutton  
mark

her  
Sullie X Sutton  
mark

Law Division.

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**Additional Evidence.**

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No, 582,388

James Maples  
Name of Claimant

"  
Name of Soldier

Co. I Regt. Tenn. Vols Cavl.

Nature of Claim Div. of Pension

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FILED BY

Samuel F. Rogers

Sevierville,

Tenn.

For James Maples

State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

SWORN to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added and acquainted them with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant's are personally known to me and that tha are credible person's.

A. B. Maples, N. P.  
Official signature

[L.S.]

Sevierville Rfd #9 Tenn

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was, at the time of so doing, \_\_\_\_\_ and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190 .

[L.S.]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

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No Revenue Stamps Required.



GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

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ON THIS 14 day of Sept., A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Ashley Sutton aged 22 years, a resident of Sevierville In the County of Sevier and State of Tenn. whose post-office address is Sevierville Rfd #9 and \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ whose Post-office address is \_\_\_\_\_ is well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declaree in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

that in the month of April 1906 came to our house which was about 1/4 mile from the said James Maples house the said James Maples children to get some one to go and get their Breakfast that Polly Ann Maples had left them while tha wer all asleep and would not get them any thing to eat and about one day or two Polly Ann Maples come to our house and said that she left soon one morning while tha wer all asleep and that she was not going to live with them any longer and she moved her things away from the said James Maples and left him and his children alone and that James Maples did not leave her for he Remained at home withe his children the said James Maples is of Co I 2 Regt. Tenn vol cavl. Certificate No. 325,143.

and I futher declare that I have no interest in said case and is not conserved in its prosecution.

R. Maples

Ivar Sutton

Ashley Sutton

Law Division.

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**Additional Evidence.**

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No, 582,388

James Maples  
Name of Claimant

"  
Name of Soldier

Co. I, 2 Regt. Tenn. Vols Cavl.

Nature of Claim Div. of Pension

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FILED BY

Samuel F. Rogers

Sevierville,

Tenn.

For James Maples

State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

SWORN to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added and acquainted him with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me and that he is credible person.

A. B. Maples, N. P.  
Official signature

[L.S.]

Sevierville Rfd #9 Tenn

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was, at the time of so doing, \_\_\_\_\_ and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190 .

[L.S.]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

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No Revenue Stamps Required.

## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

In the matter of the application for pension of In the matter of a division in James Maples Pension and his wife Polly Ann Maples

ON THIS 14 day of Sept., A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Henry Bohanon aged 68 years, a resident of Sevierville In the County of Sevier and State of Tenn. whose post-office address is Sevierville Rfd #6 Tenn. and \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ whose Post-office address is \_\_\_\_\_ is well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:  
that on the 11 day of Sept. 1907 my self and wife and an other person met the said Polly Ann Maples in the Public Road near her son's William Dixon and while in conversation my wife ask the said Polly Ann Maples if her and the said James Maples wer going to live together any more or not and she said she was not that she had left him one moring wright soon and that she was not going to live with said James Maples any more and that I never known of nor heard of the said James Maples of Co. I - 2 Regt. Tenn vol cavl certificate No 325 143 leaveing or deserting or abandoning the support of the said Polly Ann Maples his wife and that I the said Henry Bohanon beleves that said Polly Ann Maples is not intitled to any part or portion of said Pension on the wourd that she told me she would live withe said Maples and did not do what she said she would do.  
and I futher declare that I have no interest in said case and is not conserved in its prosection.

C. L. Maples.

R. Maples

his  
Henry X Bohanon  
mark

Law Division.

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**Additional Evidence.**

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No, 582,388

James Maples  
Name of Claimant

"  
Name of Soldier

Co. I, 2 Regt. Tenn. Vols Cavl.

Nature of Claim Div. of Pension

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FILED BY

Samuel F. Rogers

Sevierville,

Tenn.

For James Maples

State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

SWORN to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added and acquainted him with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me and that he is credible person.

A. B. Maples, N. P.  
Official signature

[L.S.]

Sevierville Rfd #9 Tenn

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was, at the time of so doing, \_\_\_\_\_ and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190 .

[L.S.]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

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No Revenue Stamps Required.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

In the matter of the application for pension of In the matter of a division of Pension between James Maples and wife Polly Ann Maples

ON THIS the 21 day of Sept., A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me, a N. P. in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths W. W. Web aged 23 years, a resident of Sevierville In the County of Sevier and State of Tenn. whose post-office address is Sevierville Rfd #14 and \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ whose Post-office address is \_\_\_\_\_ is well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declaree in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

that in the Spring Season of the year 1906 I was at the said James Maples Residence his wife the said Polly Ann Maples had her house hold goods beds and other articles put in a wagon and hauld off and left the said James Maples and abandoned his compionship and that the James Maples did not leave or desert or abandoned the support of the said Polly Ann Maples and the said James Maples Remained on at his home for some time after his wife Polly Ann Maples moved off and left him

and I futher declare that I have no interest in said case and is not conserved in its prosecution.

R. Maples

W B Houk

his  
W. W. X Web  
mark



Law Division.

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**Additional Evidence.**

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No, 582,388

James Maples  
Name of Claimant

James Maples  
Name of Soldier

Co. I, 2 Regt. Tenn. Vols Cavl.

Nature of Claim \_\_\_\_\_

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Samuel F. Rogers

Sevierville,

Tenn.

For James Maples

State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

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A. B. Maples, N. P.  
Official signature

[L.S.]

Sevierville Rfd #9 Tenn

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was, at the time of so doing, \_\_\_\_\_ and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190 .

[L.S.]

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Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

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## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

In the matter of the application for pension of In the matter of a division of Pension between James Maples and wife Polly Ann Maples

ON THIS the 23 day of Sept., A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me, a N. P. in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths G. P. Maples aged 48 years, a resident of Ogles X Roads In the County of Sevier and State of Tenn. whose post-office address is Sevierville Rfd #12 and \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ whose Post-office address is \_\_\_\_\_ is well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declaree in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

that I was at the Residence of the said James Maples vary early one morning and the said James Males was prepareing Breakfast for himself and his children and I ask the said James Maples where Grand-ma was as I called her (the said Polly Ann Maples) and he said he did not know that she got up and sliped off in the night and while I was their about 4 o clock in the moring on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 1906 the said Polly Ann Maples came in the house and did not speake to any one and I ask her if she was not going to speak to me and she went Pileing up her things and said that she was not going to stay their for the wagon was on the way the hawl her things away and she did offer to compromise any thing withe said James Maples for she did not speake to him while I stayed their and that the said James Maples did not leave his home nor abandon the support of said wife but she sepperated from him and left him at his home

and I futher declare that I have no interest in said case and is not conserved in its prosecution.

Ezalee Maples

G. P. Maples

Sarah Maples

Law Division.

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**Additional Evidence.**

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No, 582,388

James Maples  
Name of Claimant

James Maples  
Name of Soldier

Co. I, 2 Regt. Tenn. Vols Cavl.

Nature of Claim Div. of Pension

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FILED BY

Samuel F. Rogers

Sevierville,

Tenn.

For James Maples

State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

SWORN to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added and acquainted him with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me and that he is credible person.

A. B. Maples, N. P.  
Official signature

[L.S.]

Sevierville Rfd #9 Tenn

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was, at the time of so doing, \_\_\_\_\_ and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190 .

[L.S.]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

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No Revenue Stamps Required.

## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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State of Tenn. County of Sevier, SS:

In the matter of the application for pension of In the matter of a division of Pension Between James Maples and wife Polly Ann Maples

ON THIS the 24 day of Sept., A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me, a N. P. in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Sophia Bohanan aged 57 years, a resident of Sevierville In the County of Sevier and State of Tenn. whose post-office address is Sevierville Rfd #6 and \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ whose Post-office address is \_\_\_\_\_ is well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declaree in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

that me and my Husband to wit, Henry Bohanan met the said Polly Ann Maples James Maples wife in the Public Road near her sons Wm Dixon's and during our conversation about the said James Maples her Husband about liveing withe him again and she said she did know whether she would live withe her said Husband or not but she did not think she would that she had left the said James Maples and left him mighty soon just as soon as she could see how to walk and she did not say that the said James Maples had left her and abandoned her support but that she left him and left him mighty soon. this conversation occered on or about the 11 day of Sept. 1907.

and I futher declare that I have no interest in said case and is not conserved in its prosecution.

A. S. Bohanon

her  
Sophia X Bohann  
mark

Law Division.

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**Additional Evidence.**

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No, 582,388

James Maples  
Name of Claimant

James Maples  
Name of Soldier

Co. I, 2 Regt. Tenn. Vols Cavl.

Nature of Claim Div. of Pension

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Law Div.  
1/2 Pension

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FILED BY

Samuel F. Rogers

Sevierville,

Tenn.

For James Maples



State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_, SS:

SWORN to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added and acquainted her with its contents before I executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me and that she is credible person.

A. B. Maples, N. P.  
Official signature

[L.S.]

Sevierville Rfd #9 Tenn

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was, at the time of so doing, \_\_\_\_\_ and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190 .

[L.S.]

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No Revenue Stamps Required.

K.O'D.

Form No. 1.

R. F. Hill

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

October 17, 1907.

Certificate No. 325,143. )  
Polly Ann Maples, Appellee. )

Docket No. 814

v.

James Maples, Appellant. )  
Co. I, 2d E. Tenn. Cav. )

Appeal filed September 25, 1907.

(Division of Pension, Act of March 3, 1899.)

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

Herewith is transmitted the appeal in the above-entitled claim under the Act of March 3, 1899.

The Bureau will suspend payment of the portion of pension in controversy, pending consideration of appeal, and forward papers in the case, with a report, to the Board of Pension Appeals.

Very respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson

Assistant Secretary.

LAW DIVISION.

3-1868.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the papers in the claim of James Maples, Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> East Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry, Certificate number 325,143, together with the papers in the claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Polly Ann Maples, his wife.

The latter claim was approved for admission August 28, 1907, upon the ground that "pensioner deserted claimant his lawful wife, who is a person of good moral character and in necessitous circumstances", and under the rules of practice thirty days were allowed the parties within which to appeal from the action of the Bureau, one half of the pension having been suspended.

An appeal was filed September 25, 1907, Docket number 814.

There are no recognized attorneys in the claim.

The papers are now forwarded for your consideration of the appeal upon its merits.

Very respectfully,

V. Warner

Commissioner.

Oct. 18, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the papers in the claim of James Maples, Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> East Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry, Certificate number 325,143, together with the papers in the claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Polly Ann Maples, his wife.

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There are no recognized attorneys in the claim.

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Very respectfully

Commissioner.

JOHN P. MORTON & CO.,  
INCORPORATED  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

No. 325,143 ) Act of March 3, 1899

Polly Ann Maples ) Docket No. 814

wife of James Maples )

Co. I 2 Tenn Vol. Cav. )

State of Tenn County of Sevier

on this 24 day of Oct. 1907

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and fore affore said county duly authorized to administer oaths Polly Ann Maples aged 74 year whose Post office is Sevierville Rout #14 Sevier County Tenn. who being by me duly sworn states as follows viz

1<sup>st</sup> he says he is a helples old man unable to worke he is able to git drunke and cut up it is said he is under enditement Now in the Sercuit court for drunkenness

2 he denis desurting me he knows he deserted me and wold not Provid any thing for my support

3 he states I am not under a good carrector he knows he cant Prove any thing against in by any body Respectful he states that I just married him to obtain half of his pension he knows I stade with him till he deserted me and I had to do the best I could the special Examioner was here he knows that I am entitled to half his Pension under Act of March 3, 1899 and that the desion of the commissioner of Pension is Right I cant see where thier was any we in the law or the consieration of his claim that entitled him to an appeal to the secretary of the interior he cold not a got any Evidence from any body Respecfull to bin

intitle to an appeal I wold love to know the Point of law and Proof that Entitled him to an  
apeal

Lee Houk.

her  
Polly Ann X Maples  
mark

Sarah Manis

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Oct. 24, 1907 I have No interest in the above  
claim

A. D. Eledge

Notary Public

LAW DIVISION.

3-1868.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 14, 1907.

Mrs. Polly Ann Maples,

R. F. D. 14,

Sevierville, Tenn.

Madam:

Find enclosed herewith a copy of an opinion of The Honorable, The Secretary of the Interior dated Nov. 12, 1907, affirming Bureau action of August 28, 1907, in admitting your claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one half the pension allowed James Maples, Company I, 2<sup>nd</sup> East Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry, Certificate number 325,143.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

LAW DIVISION.

3-1868.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 14, 1907.

Mr. James Maples,

R. F. D. No. 6,

Sevierville, Tenn.

Sir:

You are hereby notified that a copy of an opinion of The Honorable, The Secretary of the Interior dated Nov. 12, 1907, affirming Bureau action of August 28, 1907, in admitting the claim of Polly Ann Maples, under the Act of March 3, 1899, for one half your pension as of Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> East Tenn. Vol. Cav., Certificate number 325,143, has this day been transmitted to your attorney, S. F. Rogers, Esq., of Sevierville, Tenn., to whom you are referred for further information.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.



LAW DIVISION.

3-1868.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 14, 1907.

S. F. Rogers, Esq.

Sevierville, Tenn.

Sir:

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Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

Cert. No. 325,143, ) Docket No. 814.  
Polly Ann Maples, Appellee, )  
v. ) Appeal.  
James Maples, Appellant, )  
Co. I, 2d E. Tenn. Cav. ) Affirmed.

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DIVISION OF PENSION,  
ACT OF MARCH 3, 1899.

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The evidence in the case, after a thorough special examination, shows that pensioner is justly chargeable with marital desertion, under the Act of March 3, 1899, and that the claimant, his lawful wife, is a woman of good moral character and in necessitous circumstances.

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The Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:

Mr. James Maples, late sergeant, Company I, Second East Tennessee Cavalry, and a pensioner at \$24 per month, under Certificate No. 325,143, filed by J. F. Rogers, Esq., his attorney, on September 25, 1907, an appeal from the Bureau's action of August 28, 1907, wherein the application of his wife, Polly Ann, filed December 24, 1906, for one-half his pension was allowed, upon the ground that he had deserted her, she being his lawful wife, of good moral character and in necessitous circumstances, the division of pension to commence from November 4, 1906.

Appellant bases his appeal upon the following reasons:

First, said pensioner is a helpless old man, 84 years of age and unable to work for a living and has no other means of support.

Second, he denies emphatically that he deserted his wife, Polly Ann Maples, but will prove that she deserted him.

Third, that said wife, Polly Ann Maples, is not a woman of good moral character, which he will show by affidavits of parties presumably acquainted with her.

Fourth, it is believed by appellant that she married him and then deserted him wholly for no other reason but to obtain one-half of his pension.

Claimant in her answer to said appeal takes issue with pensioner in his said contentions, so far as they relate to his marital desertion, her necessitous circumstances and good moral character.

This case was specially examined and voluminous testimony was taken, all of which has been carefully considered.

It appears from the evidence that claimant and pensioner were married in Sevier County, Tennessee, June 19, 1904, and cohabited together as husband and wife up to April 5, 1906, when claimant left pensioner and the matrimonial home, since which time they have not cohabited and pensioner has contributed nothing towards her support.

The evidence further shows that pensioner's immorality, cruelty, and abuse were the causes of said separation and that he was the party at fault; that he sought to introduce into his home a woman of known immorality, to which the wife objected, and that, after the separation, he brought said woman into his said home, where she remained for some two months, much to the scandal of the community.

While pensioner has since invited claimant to renew their marital relations and claimant has declined, it is evident from the testimony that she was legally justified in so doing; that his misconduct not only justified her in leaving claimant and the matrimonial home without subjecting her to the charge of marital desertion, but that the cause of the separation, together with pensioner's subsequent conduct, was sufficient ground for a divorce on her application.

It is not always the one who leaves the matrimonial home who is the deserter, for, if the separation was caused by the wrongful and unlawful acts of the party who remained in the matrimonial home and the conduct was such as to tend to terminate all conjugal relations and drive the other party from the home, the wrong-doer would be presumed to have intended the natural, logical and legal consequences of such unlawful conduct.

As held in the case of *Lockard v. Lockard* (14 P. D., 45):

Where the husband by his cruelty and abuse drives his wife from the matrimonial home, it may be presumed that he intended to effect a separation by his own wrongful and illegal acts. The one who intentionally drives the other away is the deserter,

citing *Rothery v. Rothery* (11 P. D., 77, 377). See also authorities cited in case of *Hendershott v. Hendershott* (14 P. D., 130).

The evidence in this case further shows that claimant is a woman of good moral character and in necessitous circumstances.

While pensioner is 84 years of age, he is shown to be a man of unusual vigor, although always addicted to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors, as shown by the testimony of nearly all the witnesses in the case who testify in relation to his habits and reputation. The evidence also shows that, at the time of the holding of the special examination, he was the owner of real estate, the exact amount and value of which did not appear, and that he also owned certain live stock, according to his own admission. He is also in receipt of an annual income of \$288 from his pension. claimant is 74 years of age and is possessed of no property or means of support.

Pensioner has filed twelve affidavits since his said appeal, but these affidavits cannot be considered in determining the question whether the Bureau did or did not err in the allowance of his present claim, as that fact must be determined upon the evidence before the Bureau at the date of said adjudication.

Rule 19 of the Rules of Practice also provides that:

No additional evidence upon the merits of the claim should be filed by either appellant or appellee, or considered upon appeal.

Said rule also provides that the appeal

briefly, but specifically state the error of law or fact complained of and the grounds relied upon for reversing or modifying the Bureau action appealed from.

It is to be noted that appellant assigned no specific error on the part of the Bureau, as required by said rule, and his appeal could very properly be dismissed, but, as no error appears on investigation of the case, the Bureau action appealed from is affirmed, and the papers in the case are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Jesse E Wilson  
Assistant Secretary.

**Act of Feb. 6, 1907.**

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**Cert. 325 143**

**Name James Maples**

**Sevierville**

**Tenn.**

**Application filed Dec. 22, 1911**

**Service, I 2 Tenn. Cav.**

INCREASE

Claim to Inc.

No. 325 143

James Maples

P. O., Pokeberry

County, Sevier

State, Tenn.

Application filed June 12, 1888

State Service Sgt. I 2 Tenn. Cav.

Sept. 4, 1888, To Knoxville Tenn.

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June 19, 90 complaints H L C Houk  
required complaints from neighbors other  
than the who had taken to  
vengeance against my person  
Oct. 14 - 90 P M Case

Ownby and McCarter

L. C. Houk

Disability Rheum. Diarr., Dis. of liver  
& indigestion

Attorney, J. L. Brown.

P.O. Pokeberry

County, Sevier, State Tenn.

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Civil War Division.  
Inv. Ctf. 325143  
James Maples  
Co. I, 2 East Tennessee Vol. Cav.

January 6, 1912.

Mr. James Maples,  
  
Sevierville, Tennessee.

Sir:

Your claim for pension under the act of February 6, 1907, filed December 22, 1911, is rejected on the ground that you are now in receipt of \$24 per month under the general law, which is a greater pension than that to which you would be entitled on account of age, under the act of February 6, 1907.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.



M.L.F.

Removal Division.  
Inv. Ctf. 325,143.  
James Maples.  
Co. I, 2 East Tenn. Cav.

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Mr. James Maples,

R. D. 12, Sevierville,

Tennessee.

Sir:-

Your above entitled claim for pension under the act of May 11, 1912, requires a properly verified copy of the public, baptismal, or family record of the date of your birth.

If a copy of the family record be furnished, the officer certifying to the same should state the year in which the Bible or other book containing the record was published; whether the record bears any marks of erasure or alteration, and whether from its appearance he believes the record to be a reliable one.

If you are unable to furnish record evidence as above indicated, you should state the reasons under oath.

Very respectfully,

J. L. DAVENPORT.

Where born Sevier Co. Tenn.

Age at enlistment 25 years

Name under which served James Maples

Date of enlistment September 22, 1862

Date of discharge July 6, 1865

Any prior sub service none

Any Confederate service none

Battles Hospital Murfreesboro and Nashville, Tenn.

Name of Captain, Lieut and Sgt Gonnau = Webb Webb - John Gonnau

Name of wife. Undivorced Polly Ann Maples

Any prior marriage Two - one divorced and one dead

Name comrades Clabough, Watson, Breeden, Lewis Breeden, Merrill Breeden

Personal description 5-5 fair - grey - brown hair

Signature      James Maples

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS DAY PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED THE ABOVE NAMED PENSIONER, AND I AM SATISFIED THAT HE IS THE SOLDIER AND PENSIONER THAT HE REPRESENTS HIMSELF TO BE.

Chas. D. Shank  
Special Examiner.

**General Law.  
3-1089.**

Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Maples - James

Certificate No. 325 143

Disability: Rheumatism and resulting  
disease of heart, chronic diarrhea and  
disease of liver and resulting disease  
of rectum.

Rank, Co., and Regiment: Sergt., Co. I,  
2, Tenn. Cavy.

Rate and commencement of Pension:  
24.00 June 3,

Class of Certificate: Genl. Law

Date of Certificate: 30 Sep. 1903

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Address: Rt 14 Sevierville  
Sevier Co. Tenn.

3 1647.

**Act of May 11, 1912.**

**Cert. 325 143**

**Name, James Maples  
R. D. #12, Sevierville,  
Sevier Co. Tenn.**

**Application filed June 5, 1912**

**Service, I - 2 East Tenn. Cav.  
3-12-13.**

**INVALID.** Series \_\_\_\_\_

**Cert. No. 325143**

**Name, James Maples**

**Rank, Sgt. Service, Co I 2" East Tenn. Vol. Cav.**

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**Agency.** (Original Roll: Knoxville  
( Transf'd \_\_\_\_\_, 190 , to \_\_\_\_\_  
( " \_\_\_\_\_, 190 , to \_\_\_\_\_  
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Issued Apr. 9, 1902

Mailed Apr. 15, 1902

Rate and Period, \$17 from Dec. 4, 1907

Deductions: Rheum. and res. disease of the heart

Disability: Chr. diarrhea and diseases of liver & disphaisa

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Jan. 30, 1903

Oct. 7, 1903

Period \$24 from June 3, 1903

Deductions: he is disputing dis. of heart

Disability: chr. diarrhea and dis. of heart rest. dis. of rectum

### **INDORSEMENTS**

July 15, 1900 & Atty. refuses to come before the court. Gen. Sessions, years 1886 Houk

P. ? ? ?

Act of May 11, 1912.

No. 325143

Reissue

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**BUREAU OF PENSIONS**

**It is hereby certified** That in conformity with the laws of the United States James Maples who was a Sergeant Co. I. 2, Regiment. East Tennessee Cavalry is entitled to a pension at the rate of Twenty four dollars per month, to commence June 15, 1912 and Thirty dollars per month from March 24, 1913

**Given at the Department of the Interior**  
this twenty eighth day of April one thousand  
nine hundred and thirteen and of the  
Independence of the United States of  
America the one hundred and thirty seventh

Muklin K. Lane  
Secretary of the Interior.

Countersigned,

J. L. Davenport.  
Commissioner of Pensions.

No 325143

Second Tenn Calvary Co. I.  
Volunteer regiment

Hon commissioner of Pension  
Washington D C

Dear Sir

this is to Inform you that my wife is Dead Polly Ann Maples She died the 21 day of July  
1914

Respt

James Maples

Case of James Maples ctf. 325143  
Act 11 May 1912

address per Aug. 1914 voucher  
R.F.D. 6 Sevierville, Tenn.

July 24, 1914

Sevierville Sevier County Tenn.  
Rout #18      Box 21

Hon Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington D C

Dear Sir

you will Please Send me a Reimbursement Blank Decrelation to file for Expencis of  
Polly Ann Maples Decieast Bariel and other Expencis while She was sick

Respectfully

S. P. Williams



Sevierville, Tenn. Aug 1 1914

Sam. P. Williams  
Sevierville R. D. 18

**IN ACCOUNT WITH P. T. HAGGARD,**  
**UNDERTAKER**

DEALER IN

**Furniture, Mantels, Grates Tile, Etc.**

Phone No. 60

Open Day and Night

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1914

July 21

To Burial Outfit  
for Polly Ann Maples

\$15.00

Paid

P. T. Haggard.

Certificate No. 325.143  
Polly Ann Maples  
wife of James Maples  
Co. 1, 2 Tenn. vol. cav.

To identify case return this letter giving full name of PENSIONER,  
CERTIFICATE NUMBER and Company and Regiment, if Army service, or, if Navy, so  
state.

H.L.H.

LAW DIVISION

August 13, 1914.

Mr. James Maples,  
R.F.D. 6,  
Sevierville, Tenn.

Sir:

In response to your letter in the admitted claim under the Act of March 3, 1899, of Polly Ann Maples, for one-half the pension allowed you as of Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> East Tenn. Cav., Ctf. No. 325143, in which you state that your wife, the above beneficiary, died July 21, 1914, you are advised that you should forward to this Bureau a duly certified copy of the public record of her death, showing the fact and date thereof, upon receipt of which her name will be dropped from the rolls and your pension restored to you in its entirety.

Respectfully,

E. C. Tieman

Acting Commissioner.

H.L.H.

LAW DIVISION

3-1868

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**BUREAU OF PENSIONS**

WASHINGTON, D. C. August 13, 1914.

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Respectfully,

E. C. Tieman

Acting Commissioner.

inclosed you will Please find two addivadids of witnesses who witnessed the Death of my  
wife Polly Ann Maples

James Maples

Co. 1, 2 Tenn vol cav

No 325,143

**ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.**

FOR TWO WITNESSES.

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Southern Division,

No. 325143

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CLAIM OF

James Maples

Co I 2<sup>nd</sup> East Tenn.

**REG'T** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLS** Cav

**ACT OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **PENSION**

AFFIDAVIT OF

S. P. Dixon

Creed Huff

**GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.**

**TWO WITNESSES.**

**State of Tenn.,**

**County of Sevier, SS:**

**In the Matter of Pension claim of James Maples Co. I, 2 Tenn vol cav ctf. No 325143**

**ON THIS 17 day of August, A. D. 1914 personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, S W Dixon aged 37 years, a resident of No. 14 P. O. Sevierville Street, \_\_\_\_\_ County of Sevier, State of Tenn, and Creed Huff, aged 24 years, a resident of No. 18 Street, P O Sevierville, County of Sevier, State of Tenn., well known by me to be reputable and entitled to credit; and who, being duly sworn according to law, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: we was Present and Saw Polly Ann Maples wife of the above Named Solger James Maples when she was dead She dide on the 21 day of July 1914 we was both Present at her bareial and witnessed her barial**

They certify that they are not interested in the prosecution of this case.

Their post office address if S. W. Dixon Sevierville Rout 14 Sevier County Tenn.

Creed Huff P O Sevierville Tenn Rout 18

J. L. Maples

S. W. Dixon

Geo. H. Watson

Creed Huff

If affiant signs by mark, two persons who write sign here.

(Signature of Affiant.)

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**State of Tenn.,**

**County of Sevier, SS:**

**Subscribed and Sworn to** before me, this 17 day of August, A. D. 1914 and I hereby certify that I read the contents of the foregoing affidavit, to said affiant including

the words county and state was put wrong and erased, and the words changed in the  
Presents of witnesses added, and thoroughly acquainted \_\_\_\_\_ with its contents  
before the same was executed. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in the claim  
nor concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiants is personally known to me and is  
credible persons

A. D. Eledge  
Official Signature.

Notary Public  
Official Character.



**BRIEF FOR DROPPING**

Claimant, Polly Ann Maples, dest wife of James Maples

P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
County,       Dead        
State, \_\_\_\_\_  
Rate, \$ 30 per month

Rank, Sergeant  
Company, I  
Regiment, 2 East Tenn. Cavalry  
P. O. Rout 6 Sevierville, Sevier Co. Tenn.

Submitted for dropping Aug. 26, 1914  
Beneficiary died July 21, 1914.

G H Hall, Examiner.

**APPROVALS**

Approved for

dropping from the ground that  
beneficiary died July 21, 1914

Aug 28, 1914

Pearce Thompson  
Legal Reviewer.

Aug. 28, 1914

John R. Grace  
Re-Reviewer.

September the 14 1914

Sevierville Sevier County Tenn.

Certificate No. 325,143

Polly Ann Maples Deciest wife of James Maples Co. I 2d E Tenn Cav

Hon Commissioner of Pension

Washington D C

Dear Sir I Rite to you to send me a Reimbursement Blank to fill out for the Expencis of the last Sickness and burial of the above Named Decieast Pensioner Polly Ann Maples whi wont you send it I have Rat and have not heard from you you will Please Send me the Blank or let me know why you want Send it thay have all ways Pad what was Due the Pensioner Desieast for the last sickness and Barial when their was Nothing left to Pay Expences Please let me here soon Respt

S. P. Williams

**3-1013.**  
**WIFE.**  
(Act of March 3, 1899.)

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

I, Polly Ann Maples, make oath that one-half of pension due on pension certificate No. 325.143, dated 28 Apr. 1913, is payable to me on an order of the Commissioner of Pensions under the Act of March 3, 1899, dated Nov 14-07; that I am the lawful wife of James Maples, who is the identical person named in said certificate, and who HAS DESERTED ME; that I am entitled to and hereby make claim for payment of Forty-five DOLLARS \$45.00 as one-half the pension now due, at the rate of 30 dollars per month from MAY 4, 1914 to AUGUST 4, 1914 and that my post-office address to which I desire the check in payment mailed is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street and No. or R. F. D. route.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wife's signature must be written here in full as name appears in the head of this voucher.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
If wife signs by \_\_\_\_\_  
mark or illegibly, two witnesses who write.

\_\_\_\_\_  
State.

**DEPOSITION OF TWO WITNESSES.**

We the undersigned witnesses, do solemnly swear that the contents of the foregoing affidavit have been made known to us; that the affiant is personally known to us, and is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that her further statements in said affidavit are true to the best of our knowledge, information, and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witnesses' signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post-office address.

(One person who writes, other than magistrate or wife, must attest the signature of one or both witnesses, if by mark. Witnesses must not attest each others' signature.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness' signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post-office address.

State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, SS:

Personally appeared before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, the witnesses whose signatures and post-office addresses appear above, whom I believe to be credible persons, and the wife above named, and made oath in due form of law to the truth of the foregoing statements subscribed by them in my presence,

[L.S.]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Magistrate's signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official character.

(Seal must be above this line.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post-office address.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(If any erasures or alterations appear on this voucher, the magistrate must certify above his signature to the jurat that they were made before its execution.)

\$ 45.00

From MAY 4, 1914 to AUGUST 4, 1914

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON THIS VOUCHER IF EXECUTED BEFORE,  
THE DATE LAST GIVEN.

WIFE'S NAME MUST BE SIGNED HERE AND POST-OFFICE ADDRESS GIVEN AS ABOVE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street and No. or R. F. D. route.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post-office.

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

\_\_\_\_\_  
State.

**REIMBURSEMENT.**

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**Certificate No.** 325 143

**Pensioner** Polly Ann Maples

**Class** Deserted Wife.

**Date of Death** July 21, 1914

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**Claimant** S. P. Williams

**Post Office** R. F. D. #18  
Sevierville  
Tenn.

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**Received** DEC 7 1914

Rej. clmt notified.

**REIMBURSEMENT  
DISALLOWED  
DEC 14 1914**

A & N Div.  
Reim. Section.

EH-MAF.

Dec 14 1914

Mr. S. P. Williams  
R. D. No. 18,  
Sevierville, Tenn.

Sir:

Your claim for reimbursement is rejected on the ground that Polly Ann Maples was not a pensioner. She was a beneficiary under the act of March 3, 1899 in one-half the pension of James Maples, who was pensioned under Invalid Certificate No. 325,143.

There is no law authorizing reimbursement to the person who bears the expenses of the last sickness and burial of a wife who was receiving one-half the pension of her husband.

All unpaid Pension in such cases is payable to the pensioner and cannot be diverted to any other use.

The Rules of Practice of the Interior Department give you the right to appeal to the Secretary of the Interior within one year from the date hereof.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

**REIMBURSEMENT**

Claimant S. P. Williams  
 Street and No. R. D. #18  
 P. O. Sevierville  
 State Tenn.

Pensioner Polly Ann Maples Deserted Wife  
 of James Maples  
 Law Act May 11, 1912  
 Agency Knoxville

Rate, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Last paid to \_\_\_\_\_ at \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Last illness commenced \_\_\_\_\_ Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Accrued Pension \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNTS CLAIMED.	CHARGES APPROVED.	DEDUCTIONS.
Physicians' bills \$ 3.00		State aid _____
Medicine 8.00		Assets _____
Board		Insurance _____
Nursing and care <u>\$20.00 &amp; \$20.00</u> 40.00		Amount waived _____
Rent		
Living expenses for pensioner		
Undertaker's bill 15.00		
Livery		
Cemetery charges		
OTHER EXPENSES.		
TOTALS 66.00		
		Total
		SUMMARY.
		Charges approved \$ _____
		Deductions _____
		Amount approved _____

Approved for rejection on the ground that Polly Ann Maples was not a pensioner but a beneficiary under the Act of Mch. 3, 1899.

DEC 14 1914 - A. D. Prally, Rev.

E. Heisner.  
 Examiner.

M. H. Sloulp  
 Reviewer.

FINANCE

CGJ-KAV

September 21, 1914.

Mr. S. P. Williams  
R. D. #18, Box #21.  
Sevierville, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your request of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo that a reimbursement blank be sent to be used as the basis of a claim for reimbursement on account of the expense of the last sickness and burial of Polly Ann Maples, who was a beneficiary, under the Act of March 3, 1899, in the case of James Maples, certificate # 325,143. I have to advise you that there is no fund which might be drawn upon to reimburse the person who bore the expense of her last sickness and burial as she was not a pensioner. All of the pension in the case reverts back to the soldier.

Very respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER.

Commissioner.



Sevierville Tenn R. D. #12

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

to hauling one coffin from Sevierville, Tenn for one James Maples deceased on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

1916

\$8.00

The above bill is unpaid and I am looking to J. L. Maples for my pay

George. Hickman

(Seal from Pension Office dated Dec. 18, 1916 is stamped on this page.)

Sevierville, Tenn. - R. D. 12

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1916

To the following burial goods furnished one James Maples deceased

To one suit clothes	\$15.00
To one pair hose	10
To one shirt	1.00
To one undershirt	<u>.25</u>
Total	#16.35

The above bill is unpaid - and we are looking to one J. L. Maples for our pay.

J. W. Proffitt, T. Bro.

(Seal of Pension office dated Dec. 18, 1916, is stamped on this page.)

J. R. WADE, CHAIRMAN

A. T. MARSHALL, CLERK

**COUNTY COURT OF SEVIER COUNTY**

SEVIERVILLE, TENN. Nov. 9 1916

Hon. Com. of Pensions

Washington D C

Dear Sir

James Maples a U S Pensioner died a few days ago and there are some expenses of last sickness and burial that should be paid and he had no property with wich to pay same I want blanks for making application for the accrued pension due him to apply on his burial and last sickness expenses. Give me such information as you may deem proper about getting the pension due said soldier

Very Respectfully

J. L. Maples

Sevierville R D #12

Tennessee

Date of death: Any widow?

FINANCE DIVISION      NOV 13 1916

To identify case return this letter giving CERTIFICATE NUMBER, and Company and Regiment, if Army service, or, if Navy, so state.

The above soldier died Oct. 31, 1916. He has no Widow. Certificate No. 325143. Company I. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tenn. Cav.

J. L. Maples.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
Office of the Disbursing Clerk,  
Washington, D. C.,

November 10, 1916.

Postmaster,

Sevierville, Tenn.

Sir:

Letter from this office addressed to James Maples, R. R. 12, Certificate No. 325143 Section No. 4 has been returned to you with the information that the addressee is "dead".

I will greatly appreciate it if you will note on this letter the exact date of death and return it to me.

Very respectfully,

GUY O. TAYLOR,

Disbursing Clerk.

\_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_\_

The above named pensioner died October 31 - 1916

Victor C. Stafford,  
Postmaster.

Polly Ann Maples Deciaast  
wife of James Maples

Co. I 2 Regt. Tenn Vol Cav  
Cert. No 325,143

David Dixon wating on the above Pensioner Polly Ann Maples Decieast

20 days \$20.00

S. P. Williams is held for the above amount.

Nov. 17, 1814

David Dixon

Pallyonne Maples Deceased  
Wife of James Maples

Co. I 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Tenn Cav.  
Cert. No 325,143

M. M. Williams waited on the above pensioner Polly anne Maples Deceased

20 days \$20.00

I hold S. P. Williams for the above amount

Nov. the 17 1814

M. M. Williams

**INVALID.**

Cert. No. 325143

**Name, James Maples**

**Rank, Sergt. Service, Co. I 2 East Tenn Cav.**

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**Agency:** ( **Original Roll:** Knoxville  
( **Transf'd** \_\_\_\_\_, **1** , to \_\_\_\_\_  
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7 Issue. Class Reis.

**Issued** April 28, 1913

**Mailed** APR 29 1913

**Rate and period, \$** 24, **from** June 15, 1912 and **\$30** March 24, 1913

**Deductions** \_\_\_\_\_

**Disability** ACT OF MAY 11, 1912  
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**DEAD.**

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**INDORSEMENTS.**

Sep. 21, 1914 = To S. P. Williams

**DROPPED**

NOV 23 1918 dead

DEC 2 - 1916

to J. S. Maples

H.G.

Sevierville Tenn R D 12

Dec. 12, 1916

To nursing and waiting on one James Maples deceased during his last sickness from Oct. 5 to Oct. 31 at \$1.16 cts per day = \$30.00. The above bill is unpaid and I am looking to J. L. Maples for my pay.

Mary. Maples.



Sevierville, Tenn.

Dec. 12 - 1916.

James Maples (Deceased) Sr.

to C. H. Hoffman, M. D.

1916 R. F. D. #9, Sevierville, Tenn.

Oct. 2	to visit and medicine	3.00
" 5 "	" "	3.00
" 14 "	" "	3.00
" 31 "	" "	<u>3.00</u>
	Total	\$12.00

The above bill is unpaid and I am looking to J. L. Maples for payment of same.

C. H. Hoffman, M. D.

Sevierville, Tenn. Dec. 14 1916

J. L. Maples for his Father  
James Maples, Sevierville R. D. 12

IN ACCOUNT WITH

**P. T. HAGGARD**  
**UNDERTAKER**  
DEALER IN

**FURNITURE, MANTELS, GRATES, TILE, ETC.**

Phone No. 60

Open Day and Night

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Nov. 1916    1    To Coffin & Case    \$20.00

Am looking to J. L. Maples for my Pay.

P. T. Haggard.

## REIMBURSEMENT.

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**Certificate No.** 325,143

**Pensioner** James Maples

**Class** Invalid

**Date of Death** Oct. 31, 1916

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**Claimant** J. L. Maples

**Post Office** R. D. #12

Sevierville

Tennessee

Sevier Co.

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**Received** DEC 18 1916

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JAN 4 - 1917 - Cet. responsible slips for D & C & C. Hoffman, M. Maples, P. T. Haggard, G. Hickam & J. H. Proffitt Bros.

F. J. R.

Age Ok

1916 - 10 - 31

1916 - 8 - 4

1 - 28

30

\$58 -

Reim. Sec.  
A. & N. Div.

FJR/DC

January 4, 1917.

Mr. J. L. Maples,  
R. D. #13,  
Sevierville,  
Tennessee.

Sir:

Referring to your claim for reimbursement in the case of James Maples, Inv. Ctf. No. 325,143, you are informed that the enclosed certificates should be signed by Dr. Charles H. Hoffman, Mrs. Mary Maples, Mr. P. T. Haggard the undertaker, Mr. George Hickam, and the manager of the firm of J. W. Proffitt Bros., and after said certificates have been signed they should be returned to this Bureau.

Very respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER.

Commissioner.

The pension accruing from date of last payment to date of pensioner's death in this case is \$58.00 and no greater sum is available for reimbursement.

REIMBURSEMENT.

I hereby certify that I hold J. L. Maples. responsible for the payment of any portion of the accrued pension to which I may be entitled for services rendered, supplies furnished, or money expended during the last sickness and burial of James Maples, late a pensioner by Inv. certificate number 325,143.

(This need not be sworn to.)

P. T. Haggard.

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(This need not be sworn to.)

J W Proffitt. & Bro.

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REIMBURSEMENT.

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(This need not be sworn to.)

Mary Maples.

The pension accruing from date of last payment to date of pensioner's death in this case is \$58.00 and no greater sum is available for reimbursement.

REIMBURSEMENT.

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(This need not be sworn to.)

George Hickam.



A & N. Div.  
Reimb.

CSR.WDC

FEB 3 - 1917

Mr. J. L. Maples,  
R. D. 12,  
Sevierville,  
Tennessee.

Sir:

You are informed that the sum of \$86.35 of the pension accrued to the date of death of James Maples, Cert. 325,143 is allowed you as reimbursement of the expenses of his last sickness and burial.

The voucher herewith should be carefully filled in, signed, executed and returned in the enclosed envelope which does not require postage.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

**REIMBURSEMENT.**

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 Claimant J. L. Maples  
 Street and No. R D #12  
 P. O. Sevierville  
 State Tennessee  
 =====

Pensioner James Maples  
 Class \_\_\_\_\_  
 Law Act of May 11, 1912  
 Agency Group 2  
 =====

Rate, \$ 30.00

Last paid to Aug. 4, 1916 at \$ 30.00

Last illness commenced Oct 2, 1916 Date of death Oct 31, 1916 Accrued pension \$88.00  
 =====

AMOUNTS CLAIMED.

CHARGES APPROVED.

DEDUCTIONS.

Physicians bills

12.00

State aid

Medicine

Assets

Board

Insurance

Nursing and care

30.00

Amount waived

Rent

Living expenses for pensioner

Undertaker's bill

20.00

Livery

8.00

Cemetery charges

Total

OTHER EXPENSES.

SUMMARY.

Burial Clothing

16.35

Charges approved

86.35

TOTALS

86.35

Approved for \$86.35

Feb. 1, 1917, C. S. Robbins.

Examiner.

FEB 2 - 1917 A. D. Prall - Rev.

FEB 3 - 1917 - W. Stout

Re-Reviewer.

The pension accruing from date of last payment to date of pensioner's death in this case is \$58.00 and no greater sum is available for reimbursement.

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I hereby certify that I hold J. L. Maples. responsible for the payment of any portion of the accrued pension to which I may be entitled for services rendered, supplies furnished, or money expended during the last sickness and burial of James Maples, late a pensioner by Inv. certificate number 325,143.

(This need not be sworn to.)

Chas. H. Hoffman, M. D.