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Widow's Certificate File Number

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SHANKS

Soldier's Last Name

JOHN

Soldier's First Name

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Soldier's Middle Name/Initial

B

Company or F&S

6

Regiment, Battery  
Battalion or Militia

MISSOURI

State, Territory, US Army,  
US VRC, US Vols, USCT

Infantry

Cavalry

Or Military Unit: STATE MILITIA CAVALRY

Artillery

Pensioner(s)

SHANKS

Pensioner's Last Name

PHILINDA

Pensioner's First Name/M

CUMINGS

(if applicable) Maiden Name

Pensioner's Last Name

Pensioner's First Name/M

Pensioner's Last Name

Pensioner's First Name/M

Pensioner's Last Name

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Pensioner's Last Name

Pensioner's First Name/M

Relationship of Pensioner(s) to Soldier:

- Widow
- Mother
- Minor(s)
- Father
- Sister(s)
- Brother(s)

Mass bit.  
WAR OF 1861

Act of July 14, 1862.

CLAIM FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

64,938

BRIEF in the case of *Philinda Shanks*, Widow of  
*John S. Shanks* Priv No 13<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Regt -  
of *Missouri* S. M. Cav. Vol.  
resident of *Ray*, County and State of *Missouri*.  
Post Office address *Rayville Missouri*.

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.  
PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service. *Rolls show Enrollment Feby 24<sup>th</sup> 1862.*  
*Mustered into Service as a Priv March 1<sup>st</sup> 1862,*  
*and "Killed in Action at Lone Jack Mo*  
Death. *August 16<sup>th</sup> 1862."*

Marrage. *Record Evidence.*

Names and dates of birth of children. *One child name and age given.*

Loyalty. *Declared.*

Agent and his P. O. address. *Sam. D. Miles of Washington D C*

Admitted *March 15<sup>th</sup>*, 1862, to a Pension of \$ *9.00* per month,  
commencing *Aug 1<sup>st</sup>*, 1862.

App'd. *H. Hutton*, Examining Clerk.  
*220*

APR 1863

I do certify that John Shanks and Philinda -  
Cummings were lawfully married as husband &  
wife on the second day Oct 1848. Dec 1848  
The Town of  
Filed for record E. March 1849  
R. Sevier Clerk



State of Tennessee }  
County of Ray } I, Robert Sevier, clerk of the Circuit  
Court and Civil Recorder of the County of Ray, do hereby  
certify that the above is a true and perfect copy of the  
record of the certificate of the marriage of John Shanks  
and Philinda Cummings, and of all the foregoing a  
part of said record, as the same appears of record in  
my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto  
set my hand, and affixed the Seal of  
said Court, at Office in Richmond  
this 15th day of April A.D. 1863  
R. Sevier Clerk & Recorder  
F. C. Sevier Deputy

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

State of Missouri }  
County of Ray } Set.

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty three

personally appeared before me, the Clerk of the County Court for the County and State aforesaid,  
Mrs. Philinda Shanks, a resident of Knoxville, Mo.

in the county of Ray, State of Missouri, aged  
32 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration,

in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862; that she is  
the widow of Cole S. Shanks, who was a Private in company D.

commanded by Captain Plumb in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Missouri  
State Militia commanded by Colonel G. B. Cameron at the duty  
in the war of 1861, who was killed dead on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August

1861 at Leach's in the County of Jackson State of  
Missouri that his death was caused by an shot while on

Battle under orders of the She further declares that she was married to the said  
Cole S. Shanks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October

1848, at the House of Jesse Cummins, by John H. Moore  
Re that her husband, the aforesaid Cole S. Shanks

died on the day above mentioned.

and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto  
annexed. She also declares that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in  
the United States. And she further states that she believes there is no public record of her said marriage, and

there is no private or family record, and the best evidence she is able to procure of her marriage is at  
a Book of Married Records attached

That the name and age of her child under sixteen years of age at her husband's decease, and the place  
of residence is as follows: Leah M. Shanks ten

years old, January 10<sup>th</sup> 1863 and  
lives with his mother

And that her Post Office address is Knoxville, Ray Co. Mo.

She hereby authorizes SAMUEL V. NILES, of Washington City, D. C., to prosecute her claim and receive  
the pension certificate.

Philinda Shanks  
mark  
(Signature of Claimant)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

Also personally appeared Asper D. Davis and Salie Burgess residents of Belk Township county of Ray and State of Missouri, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Mrs. Philinda Shanks sign her name to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim. And they further swear that they were well acquainted with her and her husband before he entered the service, and know that they lived together as man and wife, and such was their reputation; that she has remained a widow ever since the death of the said John J. Shanks and is now a widow. That the above mentioned claimant has not in any way been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion, but has always been true and loyal to the Government of the United States. That they are able to state the foregoing facts from the following circumstances:

of having been neighbours of the said family for more than ten years and know that they have always been recognized as man & wife by their neighbours and never during heard the fact of marriage disputed by any of their neighbors

That the name and age of the child of Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ under sixteen years of age at her husband's decease, and the place of their residence is as follows:

(Signatures of Witnesses.)

Asper D. Davis  
Salie Burgess

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April A. D. 1863

and I certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my official seal at Richmond this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1863

[L. S.]

(Signature of Officer.)

James H. Shriver Clerk

Declaration for Widow's Pension,

Mrs. Philinda Shanks  
Ray Co. Mo.  
State of Missouri  
Co. Ray Dist. 1

Asper D. Davis  
Ray Co. Mo.  
State of Missouri  
Richmond Mo.

FILED BY  
S A M U E L V. N I E S S  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
April 21 1863

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Nov 16, 1865.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 30,163, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that J. M. L. Shanks was enrolled on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1862, at Cameron Mo in Co. B, Regiment of Mo S. W. Cav. Volunteers, to serve \_\_\_\_\_ years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1862, at Cameron Mo, in Co. "B", Regiment of Mo S. W. Cav. Volunteers, to serve \_\_\_\_\_ years, or during the war. On the Muster Rolls of Co. "B" of that Regiment, for the months of July and August 1862, he is reported "Killed in action at Lees Fork Mo August 16, 1862."

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. P. Cook

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

W. S. 56

State of Missouri )  
County of St. Louis ) ss.

On the 15 day of June A.D. 1867, personally appeared before me Clerk of the Court, Court in and for County of St. Louis St. Louis whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth depose and say, that his said Office is in the City of St. Louis in the County of St. Louis of the State of Missouri, that he personally and personally acquainted with John P. White who doth claim to be a Son of John P. White of the County of St. Louis in the State of Missouri, and with his widow Elizabeth who is also with John P. White the Son of the said John P. White of the County of St. Louis in the State of Missouri, that he knows of his own personal knowledge that the said John P. White was born in the County of St. Louis in the State of Missouri on the 19 day of January, A.D. 1833, that he knows of his own personal knowledge that he was present at the birth of the said John P. White on the 19 day of January, A.D. 1833, that he knows of his own personal knowledge that there was no physician present at said birth, and further states that he is not related to applicant by blood or affinity.

and he further says that his knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following source, viz: personal observation as aforesaid

and that he has no interest nor concerned in the prosecution of the said John P. White:  
James H. Bond either directly or indirectly, nor in the said John P. White.  
(Two witnesses required when mark is made.)  
James H. White } Samuel L. Lewis  
James Lute }

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of June A.D. 1867, and I hereby certify that I have no interest nor concerned in the prosecution of said claim, and that I read the foregoing to the deponent, and that he subscribed and swore to the same with a full knowledge of its contents, and further that I am not related to applicant.  
James M. Thompson Clerk  
of County Court of St. Louis

\*Name and resident of affiant. If convenient, should be sworn to before a Clerk of Court of Record. If before a Justice of the Peace, certificate of Magistracy must be attached. No Revenue Stamp required.



No. 62238

Applicant, Richard Shanks  
Residence, Waco, Texas  
JUL 2 1898  
DIVISION OF LANDS  
OFFICE OF THE REGISTER  
WACO, TEXAS  
Richard Shanks

Filed by  
Joseph A. Mack  
Ray Co  
Mo. Attorney.

No. 67,938

Missouri

Philinda Shanks

Wid of John L. Shanks

Rank Priv

Company "B"

Regiment 6 Mo. S. M. Cav. Vols

Warren City Agency.

Rate per month, \$ 8

Commencing 17 Aug '62

Certificate dated 28 Mch '66

and sent to Saml V Niles

Present.

Not 14th July, 1862.

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No. 34163 <sup>67,938</sup>

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Richard Shanks, Bay Co. Mo. m'd of  
John E. Shanks, m'd for m.  
Co. 6 Missouri Cavalry  
Killed at Lone Jack Mo.  
Aug 16. 1862

Pension Office,

Aug. 18 1863

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

Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

Mail

Received, Aug 15 1863.

Samuel W. Miles

Washington

D.C.

Attorney.

Mo State

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Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

August 21<sup>st</sup> 1863.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 22163, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that John S. Shanks was enrolled on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1862, at Cameron, and mustered into the <sup>United States</sup> service as a Capt. March 1<sup>st</sup> in Co. D 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Md. State Mil. Cav. Volunteers, to serve during the war.

The Muster Rolls of Co. D of that Regiment for the months of July & August, 1862, (covering the period of his alleged death and discharge,) are not on file in this Office; the proper authorities having, thus far, neglected to furnish them, though repeatedly notified of their neglect.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Samuel Duck

Assistant Adjutant General

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant, Phineas Shanks

Address, Pottsville Township, Perry Co.

D. H.

1160

State of Missouri  
County of Caldwell

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1866  
1866, personally appears before me the undersigned  
Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of said  
and State of Missouri - William Hume  
with whom I am well and personally acquainted  
whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to  
full faith and credit and who being duly sworn  
according to law upon his oath states that he  
was well and personally acquainted with John  
Ch. Drunko dead late a private in Co. B. 6 Regt  
Cm. Miss. of which Company I was Captain  
- that I know of no other personal knowl-  
edge that said Drunko was regularly enlisted  
enrolled and mustered into the service of the Uni-  
ted States and that at the time of said muster  
he was sound and in good health and that  
he continued in said service performing the duties  
of a good and faithful soldier until ~~the~~  
~~time~~ he was killed at the battle of Lone Jack in  
Jackson County State of Missouri on the 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of August 1862. being killed by a death being  
produced by wound produced by a gun ball in  
service in the line of his duty and in the service of the  
United States. Of said State I am not a citizen  
and am not interested directly or indirectly in  
the prosecution of this claim -

Given to and subscribed by William Blunt, Clerk of the Court  
before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1866, and further certify that I am not  
of him to participate and am not interested directly or  
indirectly in the prosecution of this claim  
Wm. Blunt Clerk  
6<sup>th</sup> M. S. H. Co.

Helena Shanks  
No 30.163.

Adm Evidence

Filed by J. B. Niles  
Mar 13/66.



SAMUEL V. NILES,  
ATTORNEY FOR CLAIMANTS,  
No. 202 I Street,  
(Between 20th and 21st Streets,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington,

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1866.

Hon J. H. Barnett,  
Comd of Pensions.

Sir:

I file herewith affidavit  
of Capt M<sup>r</sup> Plumb, as to death of soldier,  
an additional evidence in support of Pension  
Claim No 30,163, of Philanda Shanks, widow  
of John L. Shanks, Co B, 6<sup>th</sup> Mo Cav, and  
trust same will be regarded as a satisfactory  
compliance with your request of Nov 9, 1865,  
and that the certificate will issue as soon as  
practicable.

Claim filed Aug 12, 1865.

Respectfully,

Samuel V. Niles.





*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text on lined paper, possibly a pension application or receipt.]*

CLAIM FOR INCREASE OF WIDOW'S PENSION.

Supplemental to case in which certificate No. 67,938 was issued March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1866

BRIEF in the case of *Philinda Shauks!*, Widow of *John L. Shauks! Priv Co 6<sup>th</sup> Regt Mo S. M. Cavalry*

Resident of *Ray* County, and State of *Missouri*  
Post Office address: *Ray Knoxville P.O. Mo.*

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.  
PROOF EXHIBITED.

Abandonment or adoption.

*Shurt.*

Date of Marriage of Parents.

*Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1848.*

Name and date of birth of children.

<i>Frank M.</i>	born <i>Jan 4<sup>th</sup></i>	, 18 <sup>57</sup>	who will be 16 years old <i>Jan 8<sup>th</sup></i>	, 18 <sup>67</sup>
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Proof of age.

*By witnesses present at birth of child.*

Only children.

*Shurt.*

Agent and his P. O. address.

*Joseph S. Black of Richmond Missouri*

Issue certificate for *Eight* dollars per month, commencing *Aug 17<sup>th</sup>*, 186<sup>2</sup>, and two dollars per month additional for each of the above-named children, commencing *On the 25<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*, 186<sup>6</sup> deducting former payments.

Passed *Sept 24<sup>th</sup>*, 186<sup>7</sup>.

*A. S. Hutton*, Examiner.

APPROVED:

*[Signature]*

Invoice  
No. 67.938

Missouri  
Philandas Shanks

WIDOW OF

John S. Shanks  
Rank Private Co. 23<sup>d</sup>  
Regt. 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. S. M. Cav. Vol.

Mo. City Agency.

Rate per Month, \$ 8

Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> Augt 1862

Additional sum of \$2 per Month for each  
of the following children, until arriving at the age  
of 16 years, commencing July 25, 1866, viz:

None Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 4 1869

Former payments, to be deducted

Certificate dated 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 1867

Sent to J. C. Black  
Richmond Mo

Act 14th July 1862.

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E. W. Bates Clerk.

WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE OF PENSION.

Under the Second Section of the Act of July 25th, 1866.

State of Missouri, County of Ray ss.

On this 14th day of January A. D. 1867, personally appeared before me Phileas Schunkle a resident of Winnetka, in the County of Ray State of Missouri aged 47 years, who being first

duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the second section of the Act of Congress, increasing the pensions of widows and orphans, approved July 25th, 1866; that she is the widow of J. S. Schunkle who was a Private in Company 4th commanded by Captain Williams (Reimb) in the 1st Regiment of Mo. Middle Volunteers, in the war of 1861, and that by reason of his death in the service aforesaid, she has been granted a pension of Eight Dollars per month in accordance with a certificate numbered 67,235 bearing date March 23rd 1866 and last paid to include September 1st 1866

She further swears that she has the following named children of her deceased husband and herself, under sixteen years of age, who are now living, the dates of whose birth were as given below, to wit: Sarah M. Schunkle born January 17 1853

and further states that her Post Office Address is at Union Springs, Mo. Pension Certificate No. 67,235 Ray County State of Missouri

She further declares that she has not remarried since the death of her said husband, nor has she abandoned the support of any one of the children above named, nor permitted any one of the same to be adopted by any other person or persons as his, her, or their child, and she hereby constitutes and appoints Joseph C. Child of Winnetka, Mo. of the County of Ray in the State of Missouri my true and lawful Attorney, irrevocable, to prosecute this claim, and procure the Pension Certificate that may be issued thereon, and do all the lawful acts and things whatsoever touching the premises.

My Post Office address is as follows: Winnetka, Mo. Ray County, State of Missouri

Richard W. Hubbell Joseph C. Child Phileas Schunkle Declarant's Signature

Also, personally appeared Adam Sugarden and Daniel Sugarden of Winnetka, Mo. residents of Ray County, in the County of State of Missouri, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, according to law, say that they were present and saw Phileas Schunkle sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the declarant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that the above named Sarah M. Schunkle

is the child, and only child, of said declarant and of her said deceased husband, and that she has not remarried since the death of her said husband, nor has she abandoned the support of any one of the children above named, nor permitted any one of the same to be adopted by any other person or persons as his, her, or their child, and they have no interest nor concerned in the prosecution of this claim.

Richard W. Hubbell Daniel Sugarden Witnesses

Sworn to, and subscribed before me, this 14th day of January A. D. 1867, and I certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim, and that the declarant acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney to be her free act and deed. George A. McCune Clerk County Court Ray County Mo.

WIDOW'S DECLARATION  
FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

Under Act of July 25th, 1866.

*Pauline Shanks*

Widow of

*J. L. S. Shanks, Dec'd.*

*Late. 1st. Co. D. 6. Regt*

*Co. 1st. Vols.*

*for pension for 2 years*

Filed by  
*Joseph E. Black*


Attorney.

*Wm. R. Shanks*  
*Parish County*  
*Missouri*



NOTE.—The names and date of birth of the children must be proven by affidavit of two credible witnesses.  
The children of the widow are only included, and not those children of her deceased husband by a previous marriage.  
The widow or minor children of officers are not entitled to this increase.  
This pension certificate must be sent with all applications filed subsequently to September 4th, 1866.

## SOURCE INFORMATION

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**Branch of Service:** State Militia Cavalry  
**Regiment:** 6  
**Company:** B  
**Application Number:** WC67938  
**Veteran:** Shanks, John L  
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**Birth State Country:** [Blank]  
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