

MORMON BATT'N VOLS. (MEXICAN WAR).

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Ephraim K. Hanks, Private, Co. B., Mormon Batt'n, Vols. (Mexican War.) appears on Company Muster Roll for Jul 16th to Aug 8th 1846. He joined for duty and enrolled July 16, 1846 at Council Bluffs. It was not stated whether he was present or absent.

His next roll on file is dated December 1846. Ephraim appears on Company Muster Roll for Jan. & Feb 1847. It is not stated whether he was present or absent. Ephraim appears on Company Muster Roll for Mch & Apl 1847 and May & June 1847. Apr 1847 E. Hanks is absent on detd service since 19 April 1847 by order of Capt. Hunter. Eph K. Hanks appears on Co. Muster-out Roll dated May and Jul 16, 1847. He was last paid to Feb. 28, 1847.

1873

DIVORCE - Harriet A. Hanks & Ephraim K. Hanks

Territory of Utah, County of Salt Lake.

I, D. Bockhold, Clerk of the Probate Court, in and for the County of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Decree of said court, in the case of **Harriet A. Hanks vs Ephraim K. Hanks in divorce** as appears of Record in my Office, Book B, page 604 & 605.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand affixed the Seal of the said Court, this first day of July, A.D. 1873.

D. Bockholt
Probate Clerk

Harriet A. Hanks, Plaintiff

Against

} **In Divorce**

Ephraim K. Hanks, Defendant

This case on for hearing upon the petition of the plaintiff and upon the investigation it was made to appear to the satisfaction of the court that the facts alleged on Plaintiff's petition were litterly true and that her welfare and happiness required that she should be separated from her said husband the defendant and therefore being fully advised in the premises it was ordered and decreed by the court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the said Harriet A. Hanks and Ephraim K. Hanks be and the same are hereby forever dissolved. It is further ordered and adjusted by the court that the said plaintiff shall have and retain the custody and control of her three youngest children; viz: Clara Vilate, Charles Decker, and Isaac ... Hanks, the other viz: Ephraim Marcellus, Mercia, Amelia, and Harriet Page Hanks, being of sufficient age, to elect for themselves to which of their parent they will attach themselves. That she shall have and retain for her use and benefit the bed and bedding, household and kitchen furniture and all other property heretofore owned by the said ... which may now be in her possession, one yoke of oxen and five sheep and also that she shall have and retain the absolute right of possession of the premises where she now resides in Great Salt Lake City, the same being the west half of lot 3, three, block fifty one (51), Plot B, Great Salt Lake City survey, together with all the appurtenances thereto belonging to appertaining and that the said defendant pay cost of suit.

E. Smith, Probate Judge

1887

SURVIVOR'S BRIEF - Soldier, Ephraim K. Hanks

Mexican War Pension. Act of January 29, 1887. P.O., Teasdale. Rank, Private. County, Piute. Company, B. Sate, Utah Ty. Battn Iowa Mormon Vols. Recognized Attorney: Name, R. A. Burton. Fee, \$10. P. O., Washington D. C.. Articles filed, none. Dates of Service: Enlisted July 15, 1846. Discharged July 16, 1847. Length of service, one year. Record evidence of service Bounty Land Claim, Claimants statement confirmed by A. G. Born Mar 21, 1826. Age, 61. Submitted for adm, Aug 26, 1887. Declaration filed Mar 5 and Apr 8, 1887. Rate: Eight Dollars per month, commencing January 19, 1887, Admission on ground of disability. W. L. Chamberlin, Examiner. No pension previously applied for. Silas Boyce, Pension Searcher. Bounty Land Claim 481161...47. Marion B. Hudson, Bounty Land Searcher. Approved August 27, 1887. Olwsted, Reviewer. Approved August 27, 1887, Dawson, Re-Reviewer.

SURVIVOR'S SERVICE PENSION - Ephraim K. Hawks Hanks

No. 2788, B. L. No. 48116-160-47. Mexican War, Act of Janury 29, 1887, Residing in Teasdale, Piute Co., Utah, Co. "B" Mormon Bat'ln, Enlisted July 15 1846, Discharged July 16, 1847, Age 61. George H. Hildreth, See Ind. W. O. 16569, Thomas Giles, Indian War (last husband), Clerk. R. A. Burton, Washington, D. C., Attorney. Received Mar. 5, 1887.

Territory of Utah, State of Utah, County of Piute. Mr. Ephraim K. Hanks, being duly sworn says: My age is 21 years. I am the identical person of the above name who enlisted at Council Bluffs on the 16 day of July 1846, in Company B by Captain Jesse D. Hunter, in the ... Regiment of the Mormon Battalion troops in the war with Mexico. At that time I was 20 years old, 5 ft ...inches high of light complexion and the color of my eyes was light. I served in the said war in said Company and Regiment until the 16 day of July, 1847, when I was honorably discharged at Los Angeles. Since then my place of residence have been as follow, viz:... My discharge .. About the year 1847. I procured a Land Warrant on the account of my said military service. I hereby apply for pension, and appoint R. A. Burton, of Washington, D. C. my attorney, with full power of substitution to prosecute this claim. My Post Office Address is Teasdale, County of Piute, Territory of Utah, and my actual residence is Teasdale, Piute Co., Utah. Witnessed by Andrew J. Allred, Rufus Stoddard. Signed Ephraim K. Hanks. Also personally appeared Andrew J. Allred, aged 56 years, and Rufus Stoddard aged 53 years, both resident of Piute County, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they have known the said Ephraim K. Hanks for 47 years and 40 years, respectively; that they were present and saw him sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and they further say that they are able to identify him as the identical person who rendered the service alleged in the above application in the company of Jessie D. Hunter, in the regiment of Mormon Battalion, in the war with Mexico; by the following named facts and circumstances viz: by being present at the time of the enlistment andby beingand as comrade ...service. 11 February 1887, John Morrill Clerk of County Court of Piute.

MEXICAN WAR PENSION - Oliver G. Workman

Act of January 29, 1887. Affidavit of Witness. Territory of Utah, County of Salt Lake.

Before me, a Clerk of a Court of Record in and for the county of Salt Lake on the first day of April, A.D. 1887, personally appeared **Oliver G. Workman**, who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I have known Ephraim K. Hanks for the space of about 41 years, and I was requested by said Ephraim K. Hanks to sign my name as a witness to the declaration for pension under the Act of January 29, 1887, sworn to by him on the First of April, A.D. 1887; and that at his

request I so signed my name as witness: that the said Ephraim K. Hanks is the identical person who signed the foregoing declaration, and who is therein described, and who was enlisted in the company of Captain Jesse D. Hunter, in the Mormon Battalion commanded by Colonel P. H. George Cook, in the Mexican war, as in the said declaration set out.

No. 1. That the said Ephraim K. Hanks actually served sixty days with the Army or Navy of the United States in Mexico, or on the coast or frontier, or en route thereto, that I swear to these facts from knowledge obtained as follows: because I enlisted at the same time and in the same Company and served with said Hanks until mustered out on July 16, 1847.

No. 2. That the said Ephraim K. Hanks was honorably discharged, and these facts I swear to from knowledge obtained as follows: as I served in the same Mormon Battalion and in the same Company.

No. 3. That said Ephraim K. Hanks is disabled by reason of: in the winter of 1872 being caught in a snowstorm in the mountain, lost all the toes of his right foot (been frozen), and in 1874 a load of wood falling on him, breaking his left hip which left him a cripple, unable to do work which said disability was not incurred while the said Ephraim K. Hanks was in any manner voluntarily engaged in, or aiding or abetting, the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, but was incurred on or about the year 1872 & 1874, and this fact I swear to from knowledge obtained as follows: having often visited him during the time he was laid up.

No. 4. That the said Ephraim K. Hanks is dependent in whole or in part for his support, and is incapacitated from the performance of manual labor, and I swear to the fact of dependence from knowledge obtained from and based upon the following facts: as he is a cripple from the facts as before stated.

Oliver G. Workman.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of April, A.D. 1887.

MEXICAN WAR PENSIONS - George W. Boyd

Act January 29, 1887. Affidavit of Witness. Territory of Utah, County of Salt Lake.

Before me, a clerk of a Court of Record in and for the county of Salt Lake, Utah on the First day of April, A.D. 1887, personally appeared **George W. Boyd**, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I have Ephraim K. Hanks for the space of about 41 years and I requested by said Ephraim K. Hanks to sign my name as a witness to the declaration for pension under the Act of January 29, 1887, sworn to by him on the First Day of April A.D. 1887; and that at his request I so signed my name as witness; that the said Ephraim K. Hanks is the identical person who signed the foregoing declaration and who is therein described and who was enlisted in the company of Captain Jesse D. Hunter, Co. B, in the Mormon Battalion commanded by Colonel P. H. George Cook, in the Mexican war, as in the said declaration set out.

No. 1. That the said Ephraim K. Hanks actually served sixty days with the Army or Navy of the United States of Mexico, or on the coast or frontier, or enroute thereto, in the war with that Nation, that I swear to these facts from knowledge obtained as follows: I was enlisted at the same time July 16, 1846 in the same Mormon Battalion at Council Bluffs, Iowa, myself serving in Company D, and served with said Hanks in said Battalion until discharged in July 1847 at Los Angeles California.

No. 2. That the said Ephraim K. Hanks was actually engaged in a battle in said war, these facts I swear to from knowledge obtained as follows: as I was discharged at the same time.

No. 3. That said Ephraim K. Hanks is disabled by reason of in the year 1872, having been caught in a snowstorm in the mountains, had his right foot frozen so that he lost all his toes off his right foot; and in 1874, a load of wood falling on him, broke his left hip so as to incapacitate him to do labor which said disability was not incurred while the said Ephraim K. Hanks was in any manner voluntarily engaged in, aiding or abetting, the late rebellion against the authority

of the United States, but was incurred on or about the time stated in 1872 & 1874 at Summit County, Utah, and this fact I swear to from knowledge obtained as follows: having visited him while thus been laid up.

No. 4. That the said Ephraim K. Hanks is dependent in whole or in part for his support, and is incapacitated from the performance of manual labor, and I swear to the fact of dependence from knowledge obtained from and based upon the following facts: that he is a cripple which any one can see.

George W. Boyd.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of April, A.D. 1887. And I hereby certify the person who signed and executed the foregoing affidavit to be a credible person, and of good repute for truth and veracity in the community in which he lives, and that the contents of the above were fully made known to me before signing. John C. Cutler, Deputy. Pension Office, April 8, 1887.

DECLARATION OF SURVIVOR - Ephraim K. Hanks

Declaration of Survivor Mexican War pensions. In his declaration of survivor for pension in the Territory of Utah, and County of Salt Lake.

On 1st April 1887, Ephraim K. Hanks, a resident of Teasdale, in the County of Piute, in the Territory of Utah, appeared before John C. Cutler, County Clerk, Salt Lake Co., U.T. Ephraim K. Hanks, who served under the name of Ephraim K. Hanks, as a Private in the company commanded by Captain Jesse D. Hunter, Company B, in the Mormon Battalion, commanded by Colonel P. H. George Cook, in the war with Mexico. He enlisted at Council Bluff on or about the sixteenth day of July 1846 for the term of one year and was honorably discharged at Los Angeles, California, on the 16th day of July 1847.

That being duly enlisted, as aforesaid, I actually served sixty days with the Army or Navy of the United States in Mexico, or on the coast or frontier thereof, or en route thereto, in the war with that Nation which service was as follows: "I marched with my Company from Council Bluffs, Iowa, by way of Santa Fe, across the Plains to San Diego, California, where I remained till discharged at Los Angeles, California.

That I am 61 years of age, having been born at Madison, Lake County, Ohio, on the 21st day of March, 1826. I am disabled having my left hip broken, a lead of wood falling on me in the year 1874, which leaves me crippled so that I am unable to work by reason of not being able to bend down. In 1872 caught in a snow storm of a cold night in the mountains, and unable to reach shelter. I lost all my toes off the right foot."

That I am disabled by reason of "aforesaid accidents," which said disability was not incurred while in any manner voluntarily engaged in aiding or abetting the late rebellion against the authority of the United States; but that said disability was incurred at "the times hereinfore stated" on or about "1872 and 1874," in manner as follows: "as stated".

That I am married; that the maiden name of my wife "Thisbe Read", to whom I was married at "Salt Lake City, Ut", in the "Territory of Utah, 1861" that my wife is now "living". That the name of my present wife is "Thisbe Hanks".

That in support and proof of my right to pension I tender herewith, under the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Interior, the following evidence: "the enlistments and discharges were never handed to Company B of which I was a member, but are on file with the Department" and the affidavits of "George W. Boyd and Oliver G. Workman, both serving with me in the same Battalion, Boyd the Co. D and Workman the Co. B."

That I have "never" heretofore made application for pension or bounty land." I made an application about a month ago but believe those papers have not been in file."

That I am "not" a pensioner of the United States. That since my discharge from said service I have resided as follows, to wit: "in Utah Territory."

That I am not laboring under any political disabilities imposed by the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States. "Ephraim K. Hanks"

SURVIVOR'S BRIEF - Ephraim K. Hanks

Soldier, Ephraim K. Hanks. P.O., Teasdale. County, Piute. State, Utah. Rank, Private. Company, B. Regiment, Battn Iowa Mormon Vols. Recognized Attorney, R. A. Burton. Born Mar 21, 1826, age 61 years, writes rate eight dollars per month, commencing January 29, 1887, admission on ground of disability. No owed pension previously applied for. Silas Boyce, Pension Searcher. W. L. Chamberlin, Examiner. Approved August 27, 1887.

No. 86..., **Mexican War**, (Act of January 29, 1887,), **Survivor**. Ephraim K. Hanks, Rank Private, Company B., Regiment Battl. Iowa Mormon Vols., Agency San Francisco, Rate per month \$8.00, Commencing January 19, 1887. Certificate issued Aug 29, 1887, Certificate mailed Sept. 5, 1887, Fee, \$10.

1888

FOR INCREASE OF INVALID PENSION - Ephraim K. Hanks

State of Utah, County of Piute

On this 28th day of March A. D., 1888, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid E. K. Hanks, aged 62 years, a resident of the County of Piute, Ty of Utah.

I am a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the San Francisco pension agency, at the rate of eight dollars per month, by reason of disability incurred in the military service of the United States, while a member of Company B, Regiment of the Battalion Iowa Mormon Volume Volunteers, and my present physical condition is such that I believe I am entitled to receive an increase of pension. I am now disabled in the following manner, to wit:

My left hip was broken from which I have been troubled since.

That my disability has resulted in a weakening of the hip injured connected with pain rendering the limb at time practically useless.

That I observed the following symptoms of said resulting disability about April..., I was frostbite from the increasing weakness and from resulting from the injury.

It is with full power of substitution that I hereby appoint J. B. Cralle of Washington, D. C. my true and lawful Attorney to prosecute my claim. My Post Office address is teasdale, County of Piute, Ty of Utah, and the number of my certificate is 8633. Witnesses: Wm Meeks, C. H. Mansfield.

INCREASE - Ephraim K. Hanks

State of Utah, County of Wayne.

On this 4 day of February A.D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety three personally appeared before me, a notary public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Ephraim K. Hanks, aged 66 years, a resident of Pleasant Creek, County of Wayne, Sate of Utah, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United Sates, enrolled at the San Francisco Pension Agency at the rate of eight dollars per month, Certificate No. 8633; under the provisions of the act of January 29, 1887, granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the Mexican war and for other purposes. That he is wholly disabled for manual labor

and is in such destitute circumstances that eight dollars per month are insufficient to proved the claimant with the necessaries of life. That affiant believes he is entitled to an increase of pension on account of physical infirmity and disability resulting from age. Right foot, toes all gone. Left hip ... been broken badly.

And that he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Alex M. Keanaday, of Washington, D.C., P.O. 37, his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute this claim and to receive the fee allowed by law. His Post Office address is Teasdale, Wayne County, Utah.

SURVIVOR'S BRIEF INCREASE - Ephraim K. Hanks

Claimant, Ephraim K. Hanks. P.O., Teasdale. County, Wayne. State, Utah. Rank, Private. Company B. Regiment, Battalion Iowa Mor. Vols. Rate, \$12 per month, commencing December 20th 1893.

Recognized attorney, A. M. Kenedey. Fee, \$2. Rufus King, Examiner. Length of service 1 yr. Pensioned at \$8 per month from Jan. 29, 1887. Issued Aug. 29, 1887. Declaration filed 20 Feb 1893.

1894

PENSION - Ephraim K. Hanks

As an act of January 29, 1887 and January 5, 1893, Ephraim K. Hanks is listed as a survivor of the Mexican Ward, Certificate #8633, and is granted a rate of \$12 per month, commencing December 20, 1893. This Certificate is issued Jan'y 5, 1894 and mailed 11/2 1894 for a fee of \$3.

1896

DEATH - Ephraim K. Hanks

Cainesville, Utah, Oct. 10th, 1896

I, John H. Curfew have this day examined the Church Record of Caineville ward and have seen the record of the Death of Ephraim K. Hanks, As it is recorded there which occurred on the 9th day of June, A. D. 1896. John H. Curfew, Notary Public. Stamped Nov 11, 1896.

PENSION APPLICATION - Thisbe Hanks

To the Hon. William Lockren,
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D. C.

Hon. Sir:

The undersigned petitioner in this her application for pay due her husband as a pensioner under acts of Congress of Jan. 29th 1887, and Jan. 5th 1893, sets forth the following statement of facts:

1. That she is the widow of the late Ephraim K. Hanks, deceased, who was a private in Company B. Battalion of Iowa Mormon volunteers and at the time of his death and previously

thereto, he was enrolled as a Mexican War survivor pensioner, at the San Francisco Pension Agency, at the rate of \$13 per month evidenced by certificate no. 8633 for increase of pension, bearing date of January 4th 1894.

2. That there was due to her husband aforesaid, the sum of \$36 for the quarter ending Jun 4th 1896, and the further sum of \$2 for the time, and after the 4th day of June and the time of his death on the 9th day of June A.D. 1896 the sum of \$2 making a total due to said Ephraim K. Hanks from the United State government, as said pensioner the sum of \$38, on the 9th day of Jun A.D. 1896 and that no part of the same has been paid.

3. That said Ephraim K. Hanks died on the 9th day of June 1896, in Wayne County, Utah, and that the undersigned petitioner was the lawful wife of said Ephraim K. Hanks at the time of his death aforesaid and has not since married and that she is entitled to draw the pay due her husband at the time of his death aforesaid and she therefore prays that the amount of \$38 be paid to her therefore in liquidation of the amount due.

Mrs. Ephraim K. Hanks

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of July A.D. 1896.

Matthew W. Mansfield, Notary Public

State of "Utah" County of "Wayne"

Before me, "the undersigned notary public" on this "13th" day of "August, 1896," personally appeared "**Thisbe Read Hanks,**" known to me as the person described in, and who executed and signed the foregoing declaration for pension as widow of "Ephraim K. Hanks." "Matthew W. Marshfield, Notary Public. My com. expires Feb 17, 1897."

Also personally appeared "Seth Taft," residing at "Thurber, Utah," and "Hyrum R. Huntman, Jr.," residing at "Mesa, Utah," persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw "Thisbe Read Hanks" the claimant "sign" her "name" to the foregoing declaration: that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim. "Seth Taft" Hyrum R. Huntsman, Jr."

Application of Mrs. Thisbe Hanks to the Honorable William Lochren, Commissioner of Pensions, for the pay due her husband from the United States Government at the time of his death on June 9th 1896 as a pensioner.

DECLARATION OF WIDOW FOR PENSION - Thisbe Read Hanks

Mexican War Pensions. State of "Utah." County of "Wayne." On this "13th" day of "August, 1896" personally appeared before me, "the undersigned notary public in Wayne County, state of Utah, **Thisbe Read Hanks**" a resident of "Floral" in the county of "Wayne" in the State of "Utah," who, being by me first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

I am the widow of "Ephraim K. Hanks," who served under the name of "Ephraim K. Hanks," in the company commanded by Captain "Jesse D. Smith," in the "Battalion, Iowa Mormon volunteers," commanded by "Colonel St George Cook," in the war with Mexico; that my said husband enlisted at "Council Bluffs, Iowa Ter" on or about the "16" day of "June, 1846" for the term of "one year"; that I was married under my name of "Thisbe Read" to my said husband; by "Alexander C. Pyper" on or about the "10th" day of "September, 1874" at "Salt Lake City," in the State of "Utah," and lived with my said husband from the ate of my said marriage until the day of his death, to wit: the "9th" day of June, 1896," when my said husband, being duly enlisted as aforesaid, actually served sixty days with the Army and Navy of the United States in Mexico, or on the coast or frontier thereof, or en route thereto, in the war with that Nation, which service was as follows: "marched from place of enlistment into California by way of Santa Fe, and served in California in the mainting the authority and

supremacy of the United States" and was honorably discharged at "Los Angeles, California" on the "16" day of "July, 1847."

That I am "not" pensioner of the United States.

That since the death of my said husband I have resided at the following places, to wit: "Floral, Wayne County, State of Utah." I hereby appoint with full power of substitution and revocation George E. Lemon, of Washington. D. C., my true and lawful Attorney, to prosecute my claim. my post office address is "Teasdale, Wayne County, Utah." "Thisbe Read Hanks" "Seth Taft, H. R. Huntsman, Jr." witnesses.

Department of the Interior. Bureau of Pensions. Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Thisbe Hanks
c/o US Pension Agent
San Francisco, Cal.

22 Aug 1896

Madam:

Referring to a declaration for accrued pension, titled in this Bureau on the 4 day of Aug. 1896, in behalf of yourself as widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, Cer. 8633, Mexi. War. under act of January 29, 1887, you are advised that said declaration is informal because there are not two identifying witnesses to the same. Enclosed is another blank upon which you may apply anew, also a Hank application for widow's pension.

Your attention is invited tot he fact that one of the requirements prescribed in the proper execution of a declaration for pension (and set out in the blank form of application approved by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior), is that it shall be executed in the presence of two disinterested identifying witnesses, who should also be sworn, and who should certify that they were present and saw the claimant sign the declaration: that they are personally acquainted with her, and believe that she is the person she represents herself to be. Please return this letter with your reply.

Very respectfully
D. P. Murphy, Commissioner

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT - Thisbe Read Hanks

Whereas I, Thisbe Read Hanks, widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, late a Capt. Smith's Company Mormon Battln Iowa Regiment, war of 1846-47, having made application for pension under the laws of the United States.

Now this agreement witnesseth: That for and in consideration of services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my attorney, George E. lemon, of Washington, D.C. the fee of twenty-five dollars, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any services in the furtherance of said claim; and said fee shall not be demanded by or payable to my said attorney, in whole or in part, except in case of the granting of my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions. Thisbe Read Hanks. 7 Sep 1896.

APPLICATION FOR ACCRUED PENSION WIDOW - Thisbe Read Hanks

State of Utah, County of Wayne.

On this 9th day of September 1896, personally appeared Thisbe Read Hanks, who, being duly sworn, declares that she is the lawful widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, deceased; that he died

on the 9 day of June 1896; that he had been granted a pension by Certificate No. 8633, which is herewith returned. Agent at San Francisco up to the 4th day of March, 1896; after which date he had not been employed or paid in the Army, Navy, or Marine service of the United States; that she was married to the said Ephraim K. Hanks on the 10 day of September, 1874, at Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, in the State of Utah; that her name before said marriage was Thisbe Read; that she had not been previously married; that her husband accrued on aforesaid certificate to the date of death; and that her residence is village of Floral, County of Wayne, State of Utah, and her post office address is Teasdale, Wayne Co., Utah. Thisbe Read Hanks.

Also personally appeared Wm S. Rust, residing at Hanksville, Wayne, Utah, and James Smith, residing at Thurber, Utah, who, being duly sworn, say they were present and saw Thisbe Read Hanks, sign her name to the foregoing declaration; that they know her to be the lawful widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, who died on the 9 day of June, 1896, and that their means of knowledge that said parties were husband and wife, and that the husband died on said date are as follows: We have been acquainted with Ephraim K. Hanks and his wife Thisbe Read Hanks as neighbors and with their children and knew the said persons as husband and wife for yearst last past. Wm S. Rust.

Sworn and subscribed before me on this 9th day of September 1896, and I certify that the affiants are reputable persons; that they know the contents of their depositions, and that their statements are entitled to full faith and credit. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the above claim. Matthew, W. Mansfield, Notary Public.

MARRIAGE - Ephraim K. Hanks & Thisbe Read

Andrew Smith & Martha Read of the City and County of Salt Lake, being first duly sworn, says that they were **present at the marriage ceremony** of Ephraim K. Hanks to Thisbe Read which was performed in the City of Salt Lake, Utah, on the 10th day of September A.D. 1874. Judge Pyper officiating, and further says not.

Andrew Smith

Martha Read

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of September A. D. 1896.

George W. Lambourne, Notary Public

MEDICAL REPORT - Thisbe R. Hanks

To the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Mrs. Thisbe R. Hanks, widow of the late Ephraim K. Hanks, of Floral, Wayne Co., Utah, is unable to do manual labor of any kind in account of paralysis of left side and a large fatty tumor on back, tumor mass 8x5 in and 3 in thick.

Her trouble is increasing and there is no probability that her condition will ever improve. Her disability began before the death of her husband.

I wrote this affidavit myself.

Charles F. Wilcox, Asst. Surg.

23 December 1896

No. 13515, Mexican

MEDICAL EVIDENCE claim of Thisbe Read Hanks. Stamped pension office Feb 27, 1897.
Received 9 Mar 1987.

MARRIAGE - Ephraim K. Hanks & Thisbe Read

Territory of Utah
Salt Lake County
Salt Lake City

This is to certify that the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace of said County, did on the 10th day of September 1874, join in lawful wedlock, Ephraim K. Hanks and Thisbe Read, with their mutual consent in the presence of **Capt. Andrew Burt and Andrew Smith and Martha Read**, witnesses.

Alexander C. Pyper, Justice of the Peace

I hereby certify that the above is a full true and correct copy.

George W. Lambourne, Notary Public
Salt Lake County, Utah

Secured by Pension office Nov 11 1896.

MEDICAL REPORT - Thisbe R. Hanks

In the matter of claim Thisbe R. Hanks, widow of Ephraim K. Hanks.
Secured by Pension office Nov 11 1896.

State of Utah, County of Salt Lake. Case #13515. In the **pension claim** of Thisbe R. Hanks, widow [of] Ephraim K. Hanks, Iowa Vols.

Personally came before me, notary public, in and for aforesaid County and State, Charles F. Wilcox (name of surgeon), a resident of Salt Lake City, of the County of Salt Lake, State of Utah, who, being duly sworn, declares, in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I have been practicing medicine 7 years. I first knew the lady about Nov. 4th 1896. I first treated her professionally about Nov. 4th 1896.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT - Eliza M. Curfew

State of Utah, County of Wayne. ss: 13375.

In the matter of claim for Thisbe R. Hanks, widow. Ephraim K. Hanks, name of soldier.
Personally came before me, a notary in and for aforesaid County and State, **Eliza M. Curfew**, aged 30 years, residing at Caineville, County of Wayne, State of Utah, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: We each one of us on oath do say we have known Thisbe R. Hanks, widow of the late Ephraim K. Hanks. And each one of us does know that she was never divorced from her husband. We make this affidavit from personal knowledge. As we were and have been personally acquainted (sic) with late Ephraim K. Hanks and his wife, Thisbe R. Hanks for eleven years past. And we farther (sic) swear that we have not used any printed or written statement or recital. Prepared or dictated by any other person and this testimony was all written in my presence and only from my oral statements here made. And I further certify that it has all been read to me before I signed my name to it. We further declare that we have no interest in said case, and are not concerned in its prosecution. Geo W. Carrell, Eliza M. Curfew, Signature of Affiant. Sworn and subscribed before me this 30 day of December 1896, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiants before swearing thereto, including the words Late in

line 15 added: that the affiants are to me well known and are both reputable persons and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. John H. Curfew (name of officer before whom executed), Notary Public.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT - George M. Rust & Geo P. Pectol

State of Utah, County of Salt Lake.

In the matter of claim for Thisbe R. Hanks, widowed. Ephraim K. Hanks, Iowa Vols., name and service of soldier. Personally came before me, a notary public, in and for aforesaid County and State, **George S. Rust**, aged 63 years, residing at Caineville, County of Wayne, State of Utah, and **Geo P. Pectol**, age 60 years, residing at Caineville, County of Wayne, State of Utah, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: that we each one of us do say we were personally acquainted with Thisbe R. Hanks, widow of the late Epram (sic) K. Hanks, whose maiden name was Thisbe Reed (sic). And we know she was not married until she was married to the late Ephraim K. Hanks. And we make this statement from personal knowledge. And we have not been aided or prompted by any printed or written (sic) statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person. And this statement has been written only from our oral now made and it has all been read to, each one of us before we signed our names to it, for we have been acquainted with Thisbe R. Hanks since about April 1876, nearly 21 years and we do know she has never divorced from the late Ephraim K. Hanks. We further declare that we have no interest in said case, and are not concerned in its prosecution. George S. Rust and Geo P. Pectol, signature of affiants. Sworn and subscribed before me this 30 day of December 1896 and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiants before swearing thereto, including the words that the affiants are to me well known and are responsible and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. John H. Curfew, Notary Public.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY From Thisbe R. Hanks.

Mexican War, Case 13515. Bureau of Pensions. Charge to Examine, Order 327. Dated Feb. 13, 1897 and stamped Old War & Navy Files, Mar 10 1897.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT - Thisbe Read Hanks

State of Utah, County of Wayne. In the matter of claim for Thisbe Read, widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, Capt. Smith's Co. "Mormon Battln" Iowa Vols. Personally came before me, a notary public in and for aforesaid County and State, **Thisbe Read Hanks**, age 49, residing at Caineville, County of Wayne, State of Utah, who being duly sworn declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

My full name is Thisbe Read Hanks. My post office address is Caineville, Wayne County, State of Utah. The date of my birth is the 26th day of April 1847, and I make this application for pension on account of disability and dependance. Paritial paralasis (sic) of the left side first made its appearance in the spring of 1882 and it has left me in a very weak condition ever since. And there is also a tumor on the right side of the spine which has been coming for the past 3 years. Any property consists of one small house in which I live and my cooking utentials (sic) consisting of one stove and furniture and a small ammount (sic) of household furniture, the whole is not worth over one hundred dollars and I derive no income whatever except having no rent to pay. My husband, the late Ephraim K. Hanks, did not serve in the late rebellion in any capacity. I farther swear that I have not been aided or prompted by an printed or written

statement prepared or dictated by any other persons. And this statement has all been written in my presence and only from my oral statements where made at Caineville this the 19 day of March A.D. 1897 to John H. Curfew who wrote it from my statements here made. I desire to claim pension under the disability clause act of Jan. 29th, 1887, before reaching the age of 62 and I waive all other rights contained in said act. Thisbe Read Hanks, signature of affiant. J. F. Carrell and **Mary E. Stewart** name of witnesses to signature. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of March 1897 and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained in the affiant before swearing thereto, that the affiant is to me well known and is responsible and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. John H. Curfew, Notary Public. My commission expires Dec 16th 1887.

Mexican General Affidavit. State of Utah, County of Salt Lake. SS: Mexican. In the matter of claim for Thisbe R. Hanks, widowed. Ephraim K. Hanks, Iowa Vols., name and service of soldier. Personally came before me, a Notary Public, in and for aforesaid County and State, **Orson P. Arnold**, aged 59 years, residing at Salt Lake City, County of Salt Lake, Sate of Utah, and **Alicia Arnold**, aged 56 years, residing at Salt Lake City, County of Salt Lake, State of Utah, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: that we each one knew Thisbe Read Hanks before she was married to the late Ephraim K. Hanks. And that her maiden name was Thisbe Read and we farther swear that she was not married to any other person until she was married to the late Ephraim K. Hank (sic) for we were personally acquainted (sic) with said Thisbe Read Hanks since the year 1861. And we farther swear that we were not aided or prompted by any printed or written (sic) statement or recital prepared or dictated by any other person and that it has been all read to us before we signed our names to it. We further declare that we no interest in said case, and are not concerned in its prosecution. Orson P. Arnold, Alicia Arnold, signature of Affiants. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of May 1897, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained in the affiants before swearing thereto that the affiants are to me well known and are credible and reliable persons and I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. George ... Lundbourne, Notary Public.

Mexican War Pensions. Act of January 29, 1887. **(Survivors.)** Affidavit of Witness. Ephraim K. Hanks, Applicant. B Co., Mormon Battalion Regiment. Pension Office, Apr 8, 1887.

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Additional Evidence. No. 13515. Case of Thisbe Read Hanks, widow. filed by Alva S. Taber, Attorney, Representing Executors of the Estate of George E. Lemon, Deceased, Washington, D. C. Pension Office, Apr 19, 1897.

Mexican Own Division. No. 13515. Additional Evidence. Case of Thisbe Read Hanks. widow for affidavit of _____. Filed by Alva S. Taber, Attorney, Representing the Executors of the Estate of George E. Lemon, Deceased, Washington D. C. Pension Office May 21, 1897. S. E. Division H. C. S. December 3, 1897. **Mrs. Thisbe Read Hanks**, Caineville, Utah. Madam: Upon request of Hon. Frank J. Cannon, you are advised that your pension claim No. 13,515, as widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, Mexican War, requires special examination, the evidence on file not warranting adjudication. The case has been referred to a Special Examiner who will dispose of the matter at the earliest date practical, it being hoped that his inquiries may result in final action. Very respectfully. Commissioner.

S. E. Division A. M. H. December 6, 1897. **Mrs. Thisbe Read Hanks**, Caineville, Utah. Madam: Upon request of Hon. J. L. Rawlins, you are advised that your pension claim No. 13,515, as widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, Mexican War, requires special examination, the evidence in file not

warranting a judgment. The case has been referred to a Special Examiner, who will dispose of the matter as the earliest date practicable, being hoped that his inquiries may result in final action. Very respectfully, Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior, Office of Special Examiner U.S. Bureau of Pensions at Salina, Utah, Sept 3, 1898. Notice of Special Examination. Case of Thisbe Read Hanks, No. 13515 to Thisbe Read Hanks, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 3 day of Sept, A.D. 1898, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Salina, County of Severe and State of Utah, and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all material witnesses will be heard.

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

Sherman Williams, Special Examiner.

I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 3 day of Sept, 1898 and desire the examination to begin at once.

Mrs. Thisbe Read Hanks

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DEPOSITION - Thisbe Read Hanks

Case of Thisbe Read Hanks. No. 13515.

On this 3 day of Sept, 1898, at Salina, County of Sevier, State of Utah, before me,

Sherman Williams, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared **Thisbe Read Hanks**, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

I am 52 years of age. I am now on my way to Manti, Utah, but my residence is Cainesville, Wayne County, Utah. I am the widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, who served as a Prvt in Co. B, Capt Smith's Iowa Mormon Battn. He enlisted, I think, July 16, 1846, and discharged July 16, 1847. He had served three years in the U.S. Navy on a man of war where he was only 16 years of age.

My late husband was born at Madison, Lake Co., Ohio, and was there till he was 16 years of age where he went into the Navy, as above. He then came home and went to Navoo, Ills. and joined the Mormon Battn. After he was discharged he came to Ut and I met him there when I was about ten years of age. He was then married to Harriet Decker Little, who was the widow of Edwin Little, a nephew of Brigham Young. He was then sealed to Jane Capener by the Mormon Church. I was then sealed to him as his third wife, Apr 5 1862, in Salt Lake City by Pres. Woodruff.

Harriet left him finally and afterwards got a divorce, a copy of which decree is with the papers. He then continued to live with Jane and myself until about two years before I was legally married to him, Sept. 1894. Jane got a divorce through the church as she was married. She, Jane, then married Joseph E. Taylor, of Salt Lake City. She lived with him several years and had two children by him. She then got a divorce from Mr. Taylor and married a Mr. Giles and now lives in Heber City, Wasatch Co., Ut.

I was never sealed to or married to any other man except Mr. Hanks. He was never married to or sealed to any other than the ones above mentioned. We lived together up to the time of his death and were never separated or divorced up to his death, June 9, 1896. I have not remarried or been sealed to any man since. I am now his legal widow. Mr. Hanks' brother, Benjamin Hanks, who lives in Madison, Lake County, Ohio. He also has a brother, Elijah Hanks, in Rochester, Minn. These brothers can testify to the fact that he was not married before coming to Utah.

I was born in London, England, and came over here to Utah where I was between 10 and 11 years old about 1856. I went back to Council Bluffs, Ia. and was gone about three years. In 1861 we returned to Salt Lake City, and I was sealed to Mr. Hanks as above in 1862. We lived in around Salt Lake City until the latter part of the 70's where we came down in this country. We have tho since been back every year and several times a year and have remained there at times as long as 2 or 3 months in Salt Lake.

I understand that Harriet Hanks now lives with her son, George Little, at Teton Basin, Idaho. I cannot give you the name of the vessel that Mr. Hanks served on. I know that he was in the Navy for three years.

I have got a little one-room log house, and a little lot and a cow. I am totally unable to do any kind of work by reason for a tumor which discharges inwardly. I have had the tumor four years. I cannot sweep since or do anything else. I have not done anything since Mr. Hanks' death. I have no income from any source and am dependant upon my children and relatives in Salt Lake City for support. My brother and sister of Salt Lake have sent me money for some time ever since Mr. Hanks' death.

I am pleased that you took testimony in Salt Lake before seeing me. All of the people who have testified knew Mr. Hanks and myself almost always. They know that I have nothing. I can't offer any better witnesses than those you have seen. They know everything about our lives. I can name plenty of others who can testify to the same things but no one knows more.

This deposition has been read to me and I am correctly recorded herein.

Mrs. Thisbe Read Hanks

Yes sir, I married Mr. Hanks under the name of Thisbe Read. W. P. Read of Salt Lake City is my brother.

Mrs. Thisbe Read Hanks

DEPOSITION - Joseph E. Taylor

Case of Thisbe Read Hanks, No. 13515.

On this 29 day of Aug, 1898, at Salt Lake City, county of Salt Lake, State of Utah, before me, Sherman Williams, special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared **Joseph E. Taylor**, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 67 years of age; my post-office address is #253 E 1 So, this city. Undertaker. I have resided here since 1852. Thisbe Read came here in, I think, the winter of 1856, a girl not more than 12 years of age. She lived here all but 3 or 4 years, the time from there up to the present. I have known her infimably ever since. I have eaten many a meal she cooked. I know absolutely that she never married until she married Ephraim K. Hanks. I think that it was in the spring of 1862 that she became a plural wife of Mr. hanks according to the ecclesiastical rights of the Mormon Church. He then had Harried and Jane M. Capener. Harriet was his first wife I have been told here in 1848. I think he married or had sealed to him the second wife Jane here in this city between 1853 & 1865. Jane secured an ecclesiastical divorce from Ephraim between 1873 and 1875. Harriet secured a legal separation in 1873 and it was very soon after that Jane secured a divorce through the church. There may be a record of these proceedings in the Priest's office, sometime in 1874. As I understood Thisbe was legally married to Mr. Hanks by Alexander Pyper, a J.P. I was not present but I understood about it at the time. No, he, Mr. Hanks, was not sealed to any other woman after he married Thisbe Read. I'm satisfied that Mrs. Thisbe R. Hanks never had any other husband. I know these people very intimately. Harried, his first wife, had married a man by the name of Little, who died in 1846, at Council Bluffs, Ia. The son of Harriet by the marriage to Little married my sister. Harriet and Hanks both have told me that she was his first wife. I am sure that this is true. I thought when I first met Ephraim here in 1852 that he was about 26 years of age. According to my knowledge and belief he had no wife either ecclesiastical or legal after he was legally married to Thisbe Read. Yes sir, I am satisfied that she is his legal widow. He had seven children by Jane. She, Jane, has remarried to Thos H. Giles, 10 or 12 years ago here in this city. Mr. Giles was then a widower. I do not know who his by. Jane had been sealed to myself in the meantime and lived with me for nine years and we had two children. I think I married her eclesisastically in 1875. No she was not legally married to me. Here sister was my legal wife. She obtained an eclesiastical divorce from me upon the same grounds, incompatibility of temper that she had obtained one from Ephraim Hanks. In 1861 and precious to that time Ephraim and Harriet were living apart and had been for some time. They never lived together any more and in 1861 Thisbe Read was Ephraim's sealed wife, or one of them. His statement with reference to Thisbe's being his wife or that he married her in 1861 refers to the sealed marriage or ecclesiastical marriage. This deposition has been read to me and correctly recorded. He was not married to Thisbe Read until the spring of 1862. She came here in the fall of 1856 and it was then in the summer of 1858 that she went back to Council Bluffs, Ia. and remained until Oct. 1861, and it was next spring that she was sealed [to] Ephraim. He is wrong in the statement that he married her in 1861. The foregoing is correct as read to me. Joseph E. Taylor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of Aug 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Sherman Williams.

DEPOSITION - Jane Talbot

Case of Thisbe Read Hanks, No. 13515.

On this 29 day of Aug 1898, at Salt Lake City, county of Salt Lake, Sate of Utah, before me, Sherman Williams, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared **Jane Talbot**, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 60 years of age; my post office address is # Coyote, Garfield Co., Utah. I was born in Scotland and at about the age of 15 years I went to London, England. I there became very well acquainted with Thisbe Read when she was about 8 years of age. I knew here for three or four years in London and she left there about the age of eleven years and came over here. I did not come until 1859. I then came directly to Salt Lake and she was till single when I got here and remained so until she was sealed to Ephraim Hanks here. I am sure that she never married or was sealed to any other man.

I live now not very far from claimant and know that she has not remarried since Mr. Hanks died about two years ago. I have always been here since coming in 1859 and have known the claimant infimably.

This deposition has been read to me and I was correctly recorded.

Jane Talbot, Deponent.

DEPOSITION - O. G. Workman

Case of Thisbe Read Hanks, No. 13515.

On this 29 day of Aug 1898, at Salt Lake City, county of Salt Lake, state of Utah, before me, Sherman Williams, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared **O. G. Workman**, who, being by me first duly worn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 71 years of age; my post-office address is #36 So 1st West. Stonecutter. I served in the Mormon Battn Co. B. Enlisted July 1846 and served two years... I first knew Ephraim Hanks when I enlisted as above. Met him at Council Bluffs, Ia. He served only one year. Yes sir, I knew him as infirmabaly then as a brother. He was about my age at the time, about 18 years old. Yes sir, he was single then. I do not know where he was from any more than that he was an American by birth. I was discharged in Feby 1848 and came on here to the Valley and Hanks came soon after. I have seen and been with him quite often from that time in the state. Harriet Decker was his first wife. He came here to this city only short time after but the same year that I came. He was still single when he came and that year 1848 he married legally Harriet. I do know anything about his other wives. I know nothing about his being divorce from her. I simply know that he was never married until he married Harriet Decker Little.

This deposition has been read to me and is correct.

O. G. Workman.

DEPOSITION - George W. Boyd

Case of Thisbe Read Hanks. No. 13515.

On this 29 day of Aug 1898, at Salt Lake City, county of Salt Lake, Sate of Utah, before, me, Sherman Williams, special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared **Geo W. Boyd**, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during his special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I first met Ephraim Hanks in Feby 1846. We started from Navoo [Nauvoo] Ills. and came west to the Mo River together. I enlisted then at the same time he did in the Mormon Battn. I was in Co. D. He served a year and I was M.O. at same time. We both remained in Calif. until Sept. 1848 when we came here at about the same time. We both lived here ever since. Hanks was not married when I first met him. He and I were about the same age. He married the fall that he came here to Harriet Decker Little. I am positive that he had not been previously married. I do not know anything about any other wives or marriages.

This deposition has been read to me and is correct.

Geo W Boyd, Deponent.

DEPOSITION - Alicia Arnold

Case of "Thisbe Read Hanks, #13515"

In this "29" day of "Aug, 1878" at "Salt Lake City," county of "Salt Lake," State of "Ut," before me "Sherman Williams" special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions personally appeared **Alicia Arnold**, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories prepounded to "her" during his special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I am "57" years of age; my post office address is 155 So. 3rd East. I am the sister of this claimant. I am about five years older than my sister. We were raised together, came to the US together and have always been together. I know that Ephraim K. Hanks was her first husband. She was sealed to him I think April 5, 1862, and that she was legally married to him about Sept 10, 1874. This was her first and only marriage. She lived with soldier up to the time he died in 1896. I know that she has not remarried. I know that at the time my sister married Mr. Hanks that he had the legal wife Harriet and the sealed wife Jane Capener. I know that he was later divorced from both of these one legally and the other ecclesiastically tho I can not give you the date. I'm positive that he had no other wives than these and that my sister is now his legal widower. She is in very great financial distress. We all have to help her a great deal. This deposition has been read to me and is correct.

Alicia Arnold, deponent. Page 20 Deposition 2.

DEPOSITION - Orson P. Arnold

Case of Thisbe Red (sic) Hanks, #13514.

On this 29th day of August 1878, at Salt Lake City, county of Salt Lake, State of Utah. Before me Sherman Williams, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared **O. P. Arnold**, who being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid given for pension, deposes and says: I am 59 years of age; my post office address is #155 3rd St., E-South this city. I came to this place in Sept. 1848, and have since mad this my home. I met the soldier Ephraim Hanks very soon after I came here and have known him very intimately ever since. I was married to the sister of this claimant Nov. 1860. I don't think that Hanks was married when I first knew him but that he was soon afterwards, of this tho' I know re- very little for I was quite young and do not remember thing as distinctly as I might. The first wife that I know any thing about and I feel sure his first wife was Harriet. I met this claimant some time in 1861 before she had married Ephraim, and I am sure that he is the first and only husband that she ever had. She was sealed to him some time. I think about the latter part of 1861 and lived with him since, but was legally married to him some time about 1874. I was not present but knew about the marriage at the time. I was in business and had a safe and the marriage certificate was brought to me and I had it for a long time. I know that she lived with Mr. Hanks up to the time of his death and that they were not separated or divorced. I know that they had nothing at the time of his death and that his funeral expenses are not yet paid. I have seen claimant since the death of Mr. Hanks and am satisfied that she has not remarried. She depends on her children for support. This deposition has been read to me and I am (sic) correctly recorded. O. P. Arnold, Deponent. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of Aug. 1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing. Sherman Williams, Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION - Martha Read

Case of "Thisbe Read Hanks, #13515."

In this "30" day of "Aug, 1878," at "Salt Lake City," county of "Salt Lake," State of "Utah," before "Sherman Williams," a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally **appeared "Martha Read,"** who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories prepounded to "her" during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I am "82" years of age; my post office address is "#249 So 5 St. West this city. I am the stepmother of this claimant. I have known this claimant for thirty or more years. When I first knew her she was a sealed wife of Ephraim K. Hanks. I knew her several years before she married Ephraim legally. I was present when she married him legally. It was at City Hall and the ceremony was performed by Judge Alexander Pyper, J. P. My husband, her father, and others among them. Mr. John Y. Smith were present. Yes sir she lived with Ephraim as his wife afterwards. I can not give you the date of the marriage but I know I was present." This deposition is correct as read to me. Martha Read, Deponent

DEPOSITION - Andrew Smith

Case of Thisbe Read Hanks, No. 13515.

On this 31 day of Aug, 1898, at Salt Lake City, county of Salt Lake, State of Utah, before me Sherman Williams, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared **Andrew Smith**, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 61 years of age; my post-office address is #705 So 3rd East, this city. I have lived

here since 1856. I have known Ephraim Hanks almost from the time that I came here. I do not know any thing about his marriages or wives until I saw him married to Thisbe Ready by Judge Alexander Pyper, J. P. I cannot give you the date but I saw the marriage take place and heard the ceremony performed. I think it was sometime in 1874, but I cannot give you the exact date. I understood that they had license to marry and that the marriage was a legal one. The foregoing has been read to me and is correct. I mean to say that I think they were given a certificate of their marriage license were not required at the time.

Andrew Smith, Deponent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of Sept 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing. Sherman Williams.

Claim No. 13515
Thisbe Read Hanks, Widow of
Ephraim Hanks, late of
Co. B, Btty Mormon Vols.
P.O. Cainesville, Wayne Co., Utah

Denver, Colo
Sept. 12 '98
The Hon. Commr of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With the following report I have the honor to return all of the papers in the pension claim above described which was referred for special examination to determine whether the claimant is the legal widow of soldier and came to me for the initial examination.

While in Salt Lake City, Ut. and before seeing this claimant, I took testimony from her relatives and others who knew both claimant and soldier and could testify intelligently upon the point at issue.

I did this to avoid another drop to Salt Lake after having seen the claimant. Mr. Arnold, the brother-in-law of claimant was present at the taking of the testimony in Salt Lake City. The claimant expressed herself as being entirely satisfied at this.

I met claimant on her way to Manti, Ut. She had previously written that she wished to go to Manti and I arranged to meet her. I saw no necessity for traveling over 300 miles to Canesville, Ut. by private conveyance and the expense of about \$25 to \$30 for a rig and the loss of about an entire week in time when the same and better testimony could be secured as I have done.

Mr. **W. P. Read**, a brother of claimant, who has testified in this case, is one of the leading citizens of Salt Lake City, as is also **Mr. Arnold** and **Mr. Taylor**. **Mr. Read** told me that he and **Mr. Arnold** had for some time supported this claimant. I did not take Mr. Read's deposition because he is much younger than the witnesses whose depositions are here with and therefore could not testify to as much as they have.

Joseph E. Taylor is one of the highest officers of the Mormon Church and I was positive that he has given the best and most complete account possible. He is reliable. In fact, all of the persons testify in this case are a superior class of Mormons.

I think the claims is proving, therefore recommend its admission.

Very respectfully
Sherman Williams, Special Examiner

It is not difficult to see that this woman is a great sufferer from physical ailments. SW

WIDOW'S SERVICE PENSION - Thisbe Read Hanks

No. 13515, Mexican War. Acts of January 29, 1887. Thisbe Read Hanks. Teasdale, Wayne Co., Utah, Widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, Pri-Cap Smith, Iowa Mormon Vols., Enlisted June 16, 1846, Discharged July 16, 1847, Died June 9, 1896. Disability Surv. orig #2, 88, Ctg #8633, claim on file, August 27, 1896, Simmons, See Ind. W. O. 16569, Thomas Giles, Indian War (last husband), Received Aug 22, 1896, George E. Lemon, Washington, D. C., Attorney. Navy Records O.K. Sept 24, 1898.

MARRIAGE - Ephraim Knowlton Hanks & Thisby Reed

THIS CERTIFIES that on the fifth day of April, 1862, at Salt Lake City, Utah, **Ephraim Knowlton Hanks** and **Thisby Reed** were **united in holy wedlock**, by Daniel H. Wells, and Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in the presence of W. W. Phelps and S. L. Sprague; which marriage appears of record on page 45, Book D of Marriage of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Geo Reynolds
Custodian of said Record.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 10, 1898.

1899

WIDOW'S BRIEF - Thisbe Read

Mexican War Pension. Act of January 19, 1887. Case #11546, Claimant, Thisbe Read Hanks. Soldier, Ephraim K. Hanks. P.O. Caineville. Rank, Private. Co. "B". County, Wayne. State, Utah. Mormon BatIn Iowa. Recognized Attorney P... B. Stevens & Co. Fee, \$25. P. O., Washington, D. C. Articles filed, Sept 23, 1896. Important Dates: Enlisted, July 15, 1846. Claimant Born, April 26, 1847 (sic). Discharged July 16, 1847. Age 59 years, 3 months, 27 days. Length of service, 1 year. Date of Marriage to Soldier, Sept. 10, 1874. Invalid app'n filed March 5 and April 8, 1887. Date of Soldier's death, June 9, 1896. Record evidence of service in Bounty Land Claim. Record and Pension Office report. Rate eight dollars per month, commencing June 10, 1896. Submitted for Adm. May 24, 1897. Declaration filed August 22, 1896. Submitted for Adm. May 24, 1897. Declaration filed August 22, 1896. Resubmitted for special ex. June 4, 1897. Resubmitted for Adm. Sep 20, 1898, S. Williams. Spl Ex. Resubmitted for Disability, claimant writes. Sur crt 8633, no pension previously applied for, Wm ..., Pension Searcher. Bounty Land claim 48116-16047, R. A. Hales, Bounty Land Searcher. Approved for admission. J. M. Mc..., Special Reviewer. April 8, 1899. Disability.

1903

PENSION GRANTED - Thisbe Read Hanks

As an act of January 29, 1887, Thisbe Read Hanks, widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, is grated a rate of \$8 per month commencing June 10, 1896. The certificate is dated April 12, 1897. The Pensioner is dropped Jun 2, 1904, certificate #11546. Thisbe Read Hanks was last paid at \$8 to 4 Jun 1903 and had been dropped because of July 22, 1903.

Also personally appeared Geo W. Carrell, and Eliza M. Curfew, residing at Caineville, Wayne Co., State of Utah, who, being duly sworn, make oath that they were present and saw

Thisbe Read Hanks after death sign their name to the foregoing declaration; that they know that the legitimate children of Thisbe Read Hanks, who died on the 23 day of July 1903, and the dates of birth and death of said children to be as above stated; and that their means of knowledge as to the date of the pensioner's death, as to the fact of the widow's death, and as to the legitimacy, ages, and death of children, are as follows: Clara E. Hanks.

Signature - Geo. W. Carrell; Eliza M. Curfew.

APPLICATION FOR ACCRUED PENSION (MINORS) - Clara E. Hanks

State of Utah, County of Wayne, Thisbe Read Hanks, deceased was granted a pension by Certificate No. 11546, payable by Pension Agent at San Francisco, California, on the 23 day of July 1903 having been last paid to include the 4th of July, 1903; and the application is hereby made for the pension which had accrued up to the date of the pensioner's death. Further swear to the truth of the following statements:

Thisbe Read Hanks, widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, never remarried after soldier's death. Further swear that the following names, with the dates of birth, or the dates of death, of all the children left by the deceased pensioner, who were under sixteen at pensioner's death, viz: Clara E. Hanks, born Aug 9th 1888.

The affiants' post office address is Caineville, Wayne Co, Utah.
Clara E. Hanks.

1904

INCREASE

Accrued. Cert. No. 11546. Ephraim K. Hanks. Application filed July 29, 1904. Mex. War Service. Aug 5 ... for guardian, widow, death, birth, living.

APPLICATION FOR ACCRUED PENSION - Clara E. Hanks

Minors. Certificate #1154... Pensioner, Clara E. Hanks. Mex. Wid. Dtf... widow of Ephraim K. Hanks. Record Division, July 21, 1904.

March 29, 1906. Hon. Joseph Howell, House of Representatives. My dear Mr. Howell: Relative to the pension claim No. 18,338, of **Mrs. Harriet D. Hanks**, of 24 East Capitol Hill Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, as the widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, late of company B, Mormon Battalion, Iowa Volunteers, Mexican War, I have the honor to advise you that it is rejected on the ground that the claimant is not the legal widow of the soldier. She was divorced from him in 1873. Afterwards he married another woman, who is now pensioner as his widow. Very respectfully, Commissioner.

Accd. Wid. Ctf. 11546. **Clara E.**, Minor child. Ephraim K. Hanks, Mexican War. August ... 1904. Madam: Relative to the above cited claim you are advised that as you are a minor it will be necessary to have a guardian appointed and letters of guardianship filed. The evidence called for in paragraphs #1, 8, 9, of circular letter #3-382 attached should be furnished. The widow was last paid to June 4, 1903, and died July 23, 1903, and the accrued pension due will amount

to about \$13. This information is given you, so that you may decide whether it is advisable to establish your claim. Very respectfully, Commissioner. Miss Clara E. Hanks, Caineville, Utah.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 23 day of July 1904, and I certify that the affiants are reputable persons; that they know the contents of their depositions, and that their statements are entitled to full faith and credit. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the above claim. John H. Curfew, Notary Public.

1906

CLAIM OF WIDOW FOR SERVICE PENSION - Harriet D. Hanks

Under Act of January 19, 1887. State of "Utah," County of "Salt Lake". On this "26" day of "February," one thousand nine hundred and "six," personally appeared before me, a "notary public," within and for the county and State aforesaid, "**Harriet D. Hanks**," aged "79" years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of "Ephraim K. Hanks," deceased, who was the identical person who served under the name of "Ephraim K. Hanks," in the company commanded by Capt. "Jesse D. Hunter" in the "Co. B" regiment "Mormon Battalion" commanded by Col. Allen and Cook," in the Mexican war; that he enlisted at "Council Bluffs, Iowa," on or about the "16th" day of "July, 1846" and was discharged at "Los Angeles, Cal.," on the "16th" day of "July", 1847. That he was engaged in the following named battles: "the soldier served in Indian war in Capt. Geo D. Grant's Company during the year 1850-1853," that he was (or was not) otherwise employed in the military or naval service of the United States; that he also served in the war of the rebellion of Co. "never served in Civil."

That at the time of entering the service claimed for, her said husband was "20" years of age, "5" feet "10" inches in height, with "blue" eyes, "light" hair, "light" complexion, by occupation a "blacksmith," and that he was born at "Madison," county of "Lake," State of "Ohio."

That after leaving the service he resided at "Salt Lake City, 16 years," and "in state of Utah, 50 years."

That she was married to him on the "27th" day of "September, 1848," at "Salt Lake City, Utah," by "Lorenzo D. Young," a "Mormon Elder," under the name of "Harriet Decker Little," that he had not been previously married. That she had been previously married to "Edwin S. Little," who "died" on the "18" day of "March, 1846."

That her husband died at "Cainesville, Wayne Co., Utah," on the "9th day" of "June, 1896;" that she has not since remarried.

That she is "79" years of age, and was born on the "13th" day of "March, 1826," at "Phelps Town (? hard to read), Ontario Co., New York."

That she has been dependent for support (wholly since "June 9, 1896" upon "her children," not legally bound for her support; that she owns real estate and personal property as follows: "no personal property," and that her income from all sources except her own labor is "nothing" dollars per year.

That her husband did not make application for pension, the number of his claim being, "not to my knowledge;" that her husband was (or was not) a pensioner of the United States under certificate No. "not to my knowledge."

That she makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the provisions of the act approved January 29, 1887, and hereby appoints "Wm Crome" of "Salt Lake City, Utah" her true and lawful attorney.

That her post office address is No. "24 East Capitol Hill" street, city of "Salt Lake City," county of "Salt Lake," State of "Utah."

Attest: "Clara V. Felt" "Harriet D. Hanks" Stamped March 2, 1906.

Also personally appeared "Clara V. Felt," residing at "Salt Lake City, Utah," and "Caroline M. Best," residing at "Salt Lake City, Utah," 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 "Harriet D. Hanks, ...," claimant, sign her name to the foregoing declaration.

Sworn and subscribed before me this "26th" day of "Feby, 1906."

... 1906. Mex. Wid. No. 18,338, **Harriet D.** Widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, Mormon Battn, Iowa Vols., Mexican War. Madam: Referring to your above noted claim, you are advised that it is rejected on the ground that you are not the legal widow of the soldier. You were divorced from him in 1873. Afterward he married another woman, who is now a pensioner as his widow. Very respectfully, Commissioner.

MEXICAN WAR PENSION, WIDOW'S BRIEF Claimant - Harriet D. Hanks

Soldier, Ephraim K. Hanks. P. O. 24 City... Rank, Private. Company, B. Salt Lake City, Utah. Mormon Battalion Iowa Vols. Mex. War. Recognized Attorney: Name:... P.O., Salt Lake City, Utah. Important Dates: Enlisted July 16 1846. Claimant Morn March 21, 1826. Discharged July 16, 1847. Age 79 years, 4 months, 27 days. Length of service 1 year. Date of Marriage to Soldier: September 27, 1848. Invalid app'n filed March 5 and April 8 1887. Date of Soldier death: June 19, 1873. Divorce from soldier in 1873. Rate eight dollars per month. Submitted for rejection March 22, 1906. Declaration filed March 2, 1906. Approved for rejection on the ground that claimant not the legal widow of the soldier. She was divorced from him in 1873. Afterwhich he married another woman who is now a pensioner as his widow. H. S. M. Candlish. March 23, 1906.

DECLARATION OF WIDOW - Harriet D. Hanks, Applicant

Mexican War Pension. Widow of "Ephriam (sic) K. Hanks," Co. "B Mormon Battalion" Regiment. Filed by Wm Crome, Pension Agent, Room 27, Latimer Block, Salt Lake City, Utah. Stamped March 5, 1906 and March 13, 1906.

March 22, 1906. Hon. Joseph Howell, House of Representatives. My dear Mr. Howell: In response to your inquiry without date, receive March 20, 1906, as to the status of pension claim No. 18338, of **Mrs. Harriet D. L. Hanks**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, as the widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, late of company B. Mormon Battalion Iowa Volunteers, Mexican War, I have the honor to advise you that it is being considered with a view to its early settlement. Should it be determined upon review that the evidence now on file warrants final action, you and the claimant will be advised of the result without unnecessary delay. Should the review show, however, that additional evidence is required, a proper call therefore will be issued. Very respectfully, Commissioner.

1925

Iowa Division. **Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions.** Feb. 4, 1925. No. Claim 16569, Soldier Giles. To Record Division for the name of any claim filed by Ephraim Hanks, Mormon Batln in 1848, Mexican War. A. Meacham.

J. L. March 19, 1925. **Department of the Interior.** Bureau of Pensions. W. O. 18338 No. W. O. Mexican War. **Harriet D. Hanks**, widow of Ephraim K. Hanks, Mormon Battln, Ia. Vols. Act January 29, 1887. 1. Claimant, 24 East Capitol Hill Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2, 1906, declaration.

Territory of Utah
County of Salt Lake

Probate Court
March ... 1873
Hon. E. Smith, Judge

Territory of Utah
County of Salt Lake

J. D. Bockhold, Clerk of the Probate Court, in and for the County of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of decrees of said court, in the case of.....

Aug 27, 1896 2 Aug 29, '96. ... atty (demon.) ... evidence of disability and independence or waver of same inuctio, other service marriage ... marriage and if so deaths of former, is on soldier and continued and legal widowhood (asst. circular)... ??????????????????????

Mexican War. No. 18338. Harriet D. wid of Ephraim K. Hanks. Mormon Iowa Vols.

Department of the Interior. Bureau of Pensions. ... 190... Searched by ... Original No. 18338. Claimant, Harriet D. Hanks. Soldier, Ephraim K. Hanks. Service, Mormon Battalion Vols. Mex War. Captain Grant's Co. and.....

Department of the Interior. Bureau of Pensions. The widow Thisbe says soldier served in Navy 3 years before enlisting in the Mormon Battalion. The widow Harriet from whom soldier was divorced in 1873 says he also served. Capt. Grants Co. Indian Wars 1850 to 1853. N. S. M. Candlish.