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## DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

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State of Massachusetts } ss.  
 County of Worcester

On this 34 day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-  
nine, personally appeared before me Clark of the Central Dist. Court  
 the same being a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Benjamin  
Widow aged 30 3/4 years, a resident of Holden  
 County of Worcester State of Massachusetts, who, being duly sworn  
 according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the Boston  
Map Pension Agency at the rate of 12 dollars per month, by  
 reason of disability incurred in the service of the United States while (1) a Private  
in Co. G. 2<sup>d</sup> Regt Map Team, Artillery  
 that his present physical condition is such that he believes himself entitled to receive an increased pension; and  
 that he herewith returns his present pension certificate.

He further declares that he is disabled in the following manner, to wit: (2) While a Prisoner  
of War in Andersonville & Florence in consequence  
of exposure improper & scanty food want of clothing  
&c. has contracted heart disease & chronic diarrhea  
his constitution is entirely destroyed. - Has been for the  
past four months confined to his room - his life has been despaired  
of. until within the past weeks he has got a little more comfortable. but will  
 that he appoints F. E. Abbott of Worcester Mass. his true and lawful attorney  
 to prosecute his claim; that his residence is No. Jeffersonville street, of Holden  
 County of Worcester, and State of Mass  
 ; and his post office address is anatom

(Attest,)-Two witnesses who can write:

Benjamin Widow  
 (Claimant's signature.)

Also personally appeared Victor Smith, residing at  
Worcester and Levi F. Sheppard  
 residing at Worcester, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled  
 to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Benjamin  
Widow, the claimant, 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 that they have no interest  
 in the prosecution of this claim.

Victor Smith  
Levi F. Sheppard  
 (Signatures of Witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 34 day of February,  
 A. D. 1879, and I hereby certify that the contents of the  
 above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the appli-  
 cant and witnesses before swearing, including the words.....  
 .....erased, and  
 the words.....  
 added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of  
 this claim.

[SEAL.]

Benjamin  
 (Signature.)  
Clark of the Central Dist. Court  
 (Official character.)

1. Company and Regiment, if in the Army; and Vessel, &c., if in the Navy.
2. Set forth extent of present disability as sequence of disability for which pension was originally allowed; how far incapacitated for manual labor, or dependent upon the personal aid or attendance of others.

again he will be taken - any effort causes almost suffocation - the frequent attacks of fits - falls in the street - in church, or at home, cannot be kept alone - can do no labor. have my days & weeks.

Nothing important was on back side.  
Copied only for signature of Benj. Nedow.

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