

## DEPOSITION    A

### Case of   Mary Nedow, No. 763350

On this   7   day of   April   , 1903, at   Near Keene   , County of   Cheshire   State of   N.H.   , before me,   Russell Barnes   a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared   Mary Nedow   , 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   57   years of age; my post=office address is   Keene N.H. (Spragueville)

I am the claimant for pension as the widow of Benjamin Nedow who was a soldier in Co. G, 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. H. Art. during the civil war. I lived with my mother at Highgate Vt. She was always called Hill by the people at Highgate. I have one uncle living there now. Daniel Ali[ver]? My mother is still living at Holden Mass. with my brother William Hill. They live at a little place called Jefferson in the Town of Holden. I have a sister there also. Phoebe Wissell wife of Peter Wissell. My husband lived at Highgate before he enlisted and was living there when we were married, right away after he came home from the army. He came home in August and we were married in October of the same year.

Mr. Nedow lived in Holden Mass. and so did I when he first came home and we were on our way to Highgate to my mother. We went to White River Junction on the cars and there got a team and drove to Queechee Vt. and were married by a Justice of the Peace. We did not think of getting married when we started out for a drive but on the way we concluded to get married and found a Justice and were married. The Justice lived in the village of Queechee and was an old gray haired man. There was one man in the room at the time but I don't know who he was. I don't know whether Mr. Nedow had to go and get any papers or not. The Justice gave me a small piece of paper, but that is lost. We were married about noon and went that same day to Highgate and stopped with my mother. We occupied the same room that night. We stayed there about six months and Mr. Nedow worked for a Mr. S[k]eels. We stayed in mother's house all the time, and then went down to Holden Mass. to Mr. Nedow's father and lived there for a while at Unionville, then we lived at Oxbridge and there my oldest child was born just a year and a day after my marriage. We lived most of the time at Holden and around there until we came to New Hampshire, but lived about 5 years at Milwaukee Wis. Mr. Nedow's name was Cyprian which is French for Benjamin but living among English people he was always called Ben, and when he enlisted he gave that name. I was always called Mary Hill from the time I was a little girl. My mother ~~and~~ was part French and part Scotch, and my father was an Italian and was named Antoine Hill. I was never

called De Cote or De Corte and the only way I can account for that name on the register of baptisms is that Harriet Nedow who was one of the sponsors for the child, probably talked to the priest in French. My husband's brother Maxim was with her at the time and he still lives at Taunton Mass. and father Nedow is with him. I don't know why Mr. Nedow should have said we were married in St. Albans because we were married before we went there and at Queechee Vt. as I have told you. We lived together all the time from 1865 until he died. I can't be present when the witnesses are seen. I have understood the questions and my answers are correctly recorded.

Mary Her X Mark Nedow

W[??]s {Witnesses}: Emma Greene  
Russell Barnes

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 day of April 1903, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Russell Barnes  
Special Examiner

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Mary L. Nadow  
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{ Maria Emma Greene  
Russell Barnes

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 day of April 1902, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Russell Barnes

Special Examiner.