

# INDIAN WAR SERVICE PENSION, Act of July 27, 1892. DECLARATION OF WIDOW.

This may be executed before any Person Authorized by Law to Administer Oaths for General Purposes. The Certificate of the Clerk of the Court need NOT be attached; but will be procured hereafter if called for.

State of Florida, County of Lee §§:

ON THIS 17 day of July, A. D. one thousand ~~eight~~ nine hundred and ~~ninety~~ one, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Weeks, a resident of Marco, in the County of Lee, in the State of Fla., who, being by me first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

That she is the widow of John J. Weeks, who served under the name of John J. Weeks as a priv. in the Company commanded by Captain Arthur Roberts in the Indian War regiment of Indian War, commanded by (If in Naval Service, name Vessel, &c.)

in the war with \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_ that her said husband enlisted at can not say, on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_, for the term of \_\_\_\_\_; that she was married under the name of Elizabeth Raulerson to her said husband, by J. H. R. Plummer, on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 1875, at Key West, in the State of Florida, and lived with her said husband from the date of her said marriage until the day of his death, to wit: the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 1900, when her said husband died at Coximbas, in the State of Florida, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that neither she nor her husband had been previously married, except that her husband had; that she has not since remarried.

No. 1. That her said husband, being duly enlisted, as aforesaid, actually served thirty DAYS with the Army or Navy of the United States, in the war as above stated, which service was as follows:



Mary Elizabeth Raulerson Weeks (widow of John J. Weeks), widow's pension application file No. 7956 Indian Wars; Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Indian War Service; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1960; Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.; digital images, "Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1926"; citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication T318, 12 rolls.



and was honorably discharged at \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_

No. 2. That her said husband was personally named in a resolution of Congress for a specific service in said war, to wit: In the resolution of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_ and was honorably discharged at \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_

That her said husband has never served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, otherwise than as above stated, except other Sem. Indian Wars, Mexican War (State other service, if any.)

That she has not heretofore made application for pension or bounty land soldiers pension was allowed ch. # 3, 797

That since the death of her husband she has resided at the following places, to wit: Marco, Lee Co., Fla.

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States under the provision of the act of July 27, 1892.

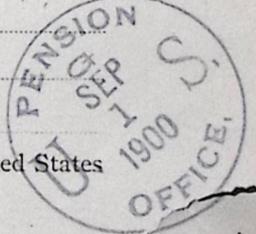
That she hereby appoints NATHAN BICKFORD, of Washington, D. C., her lawful attorney to prosecute this claim.

That her Post Office address is Marco, Lee Co., Fla.

W. D. Gallier  
R. L. Erbman  
Elizabeth Weeks (Claimant's signature.)

(If affiants mark two witnesses who can write sign here.)

ATTY FILED



Also personally appeared W. D. Callier,  
and R. L. Eubank, residing  
in Marco, Fla., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to edit,  
and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they present and saw Elizabeth Weeks  
the claimant, sign her name (make her mark) 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.



Mary, Elizabeth Ravulson Weeks (widow of John J. Weeks), widow's pension application file No. 7955 Indian Wars; Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Indian War Service, Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1950; Department of Veterans Affairs; Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.; digital images, "Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1926," citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication T318, 12 rolls.



W. D. Callier,  
R. L. Eubank

(Witnesses to mark.)

(Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 189\_\_\_\_; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. I further certify that the foregoing declaration and joint affidavit were read over to and understood by the respective parties before they made their several signatures to the same: and that Elizabeth Weeks acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing power of attorney to be her free act and deed.

E. J. Stephens

(Official Signature.)

Notary Public  
Lee Co  
Fla

(Official Character.)





# WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR ACCRUED PENSION.

State of Florida, County of Lee, SS:

On this 17 day of July, 1900, personally appeared Elizabeth Weeks, who, being duly sworn, declares that she is the lawful widow of John J. Weeks, deceased; that he died on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900, that he had been granted a pension by Certificate No. 3,797 which is herewith returned ( or if not, state why not )

~~;~~ that he had been paid the pension by the Pension Agent at ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ up to the ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ day of ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ 18 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, after which date he had not been employed or paid in the Army, or Navy, or Marine service of the United States except ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

that she was married to the said John J. Weeks on the day of 1895, at Key Street, in the State of Florida, that her name before said marriage was Elizabeth Raulerson; that she ~~had~~ or had not ) been previously married; that her husband had (or had not) been previously married; that she hereby makes application for the pension which had accrued on aforesaid certificate to the date of death; that she hereby appoints

NATHAN BICKFORD, of WASHINGTON, D. C., her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute her claim; and that her Post Office address is Marco Lee Co. Fla.

(Widow's Signature.)

Elizabeth Weeks  
mark

Also personally appeared W. D. Collins, residing at Marco, Fla., and R. L. Eubank residing at Marco, Fla., who being duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Elizabeth Weeks sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they know her to be the lawful widow of John J. Weeks, who died on the 4 day of June, 1900, and that their means of knowledge that said parties were husband and wife, and that the husband died on the said date, are as follows;

I know the fact of always living with and  
supporting her, & always claimed to be

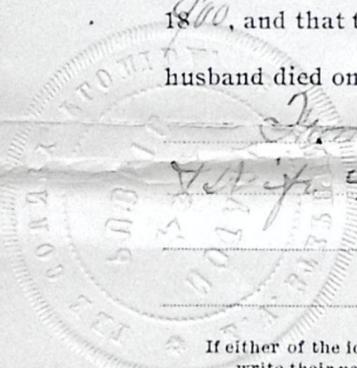
If either of the identifying witnesses sign by mark, two persons who write their names MUST attest by signing on the lines below.

W. D. Collins  
R. L. Eubank

Signatures of two witnesses.



ATTY FILED



No. 7956

B. L. No.

# Widow's Service Pension, INDIAN WARS,

Act of July 27, 1892.

Elizabeth Weeks  
Marco Lee Co - Florida

WIDOW of John J Weeks  
1st - Capt Roberts

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Enlisted ..... 18

Discharged ..... 18

Died June 4, 1900

Age .....

India Sur. Orig 5,339, Sur. Ct/ 3797

Mex. Sur. Orig 24,722, no Mex. Widows

no OW Sur. or Wid claim on file Sept 10-1900

A. W. Bridges

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City

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witnesses as to her previous  
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W. F. W.

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Marriage License  
The State of Florida

Do any person legally authorized to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony

Granting  
These are to License and permit  
you to join together in the  
Holy Estate of Matrimony  
John J Weeks and Elizabeth  
Robson and make return to  
this office as the laws direct  
to wit within ten days

Given under my hand and seal  
of office at Big West this eight-  
teenth day of March A.D. 1878

(Sd) John Sitcher  
Clerk Circuit Court  
Monroe County

State of Florida  
County of Monroe

This is to Certify that I have  
joined together the above named par-  
ties in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony  
in pursuance of the above license  
this eighteenth day of March A.D.  
1878.

(Sd) J. M. V. R. Plummer  
Witness  
(Sd) John Sitcher  
Justice of the Peace

Marriage



Use  
Mch 18/78

IN # 7956

Widow of  
Jno J. Weeks  
Capt Roberts Co. Ill.

Marriage  
License  
John J Weeks  
vs

Elizabeth Robinson

Recorded in Book  
B. Page 57 Marriage  
License Records  
March 25 1878

J. M. & R. Plummer  
City Clerk

State of Indiana  
County of Monroe  
B. B. Whetton County Judge  
and for said County and State do  
hereby certify the foregoing to  
be a true and correct copy  
of the Record of my office

Witness my hand and  
seal of office at the  
West Monroe County  
Indiana this 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of April A. D. 1901

B. B. Whetton  
County Judge  
Monroe County

O. W. & N. DIVISION  
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HATHMAN RICKFORD,  
CLAIMANTS' SOLICITOR  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



Mary Elizabeth Raulerson Weeks (widow of John J Weeks), widow's pension application file No. 7956 Indian War; Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Indian War Service; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1960, Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15, National Archives, Washington, D.C.; digital images, 'Indian War Pension Files, 1892-1926', citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication T318, 12 rolls.



# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

Affiants Should Sign at the End of their Written Statements. Signatures by Mark Must be Attested by Signatures of Two Persons Who Write Their Names.

In the pension claim of Elizabeth Weeks widow of John Weeks

late of \_\_\_\_\_ Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Reg't \_\_\_\_\_ Vols.

ON THIS 29 day of October A. D. 1901 personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

Frank Sayles aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,

whose Post-Office address is Coryglace, Florida.

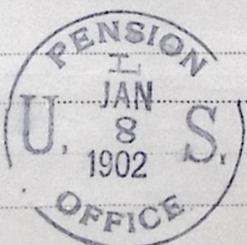
and \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,

whose Post-Office address is \_\_\_\_\_

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn, declares each for himself, in relation to aforesaid case, as follows :

NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

*I was well acquainted with the late John Weeks and was present when he died, he died on the fourth day of June 1900 at Horro Island Cassimbas, Fla. of Dropsy, and was buried at same place, I helped bury him, there was no Doctor present, as there was none nearer than Okokoloskee Island = 25 miles away. There was no one else except his wife & children present, and I further state that to my certain knowledge Elizabeth Weeks has not remarried*  
*Frank Sayles*



*Death Soldier  
Widowhood*

State of Florida, County of Lee, SS:

Sworn to and subscribed before me on date aforesaid, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added, and acquainted ~~them~~ <sup>him</sup> with its contents before ~~they~~ <sup>he</sup> executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant <sup>is</sup> are personally known to me, and that ~~they are~~ <sup>he is</sup> credible persons.

*E. Stephens*

Signature.

*Notary Public*

Official Title

*State of Fla., at Large*



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Mary Elizabeth Raulerson Weeks (widow of John J Weeks), widow's pension application file No. 7 936 Indian Wars; Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Indian War Service, Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1960; Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.; digital images, "Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1926"; citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication T318, 12 rolls.



It will facilitate settlement of the claim if the authenticating officer certifies in his own handwriting his personal acquaintance with the affiant and as to his or her credibility.

This affidavit may be executed, within the limits of his jurisdiction, before any officer who is authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes.

No erasures or interlineations will be permitted, unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before the execution of the paper.

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late of \_\_\_\_\_ Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Reg't \_\_\_\_\_ Vols.

ON THIS *29* day of *October* A. D. 19*01* personally appeared before me, a  
*Notary Public* in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths *William D. Collier* aged *50* years,  
whose Post-Office address is *Marco Lee Co. Fla.*  
and \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
whose Post-Office address is \_\_\_\_\_

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn, declares each for himself, in relation to aforesaid case, as follows :

NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

*I am acquainted with Elizabeth Weeks, and have known her for years, and to the best of my belief & knowledge she has not remarried.*  
*W. D. Collier*



Mary Elizabeth Raulerson Weeks; (widow of John J Weeks), widow's pension application file No. 7 956 Indian Wars; Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Indian War Service; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1960; Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.; digital images, "Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1926"; citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication T318, 12 rolls.

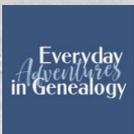


*with*

*Meredith*

State of Florida, County of Lee, SS:

Sworn to and subscribed before me on date aforesaid, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiants, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added, and acquainted him he with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is are personally known to me, and that they are he is a credible person.



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Ed. Stephens  
Signature.

Notary Public  
Official Title.  
State of Fla. at Large

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OLD WAR AND NAVY DIVISION.

Service Pension—Indian Wars.

3-29.  
(Old No. 3-062.)

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RECORD & PENSION OFFICE

Ind. War No. 7956

John J. Weeks

Private

Co. Reg't Indian War

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 27, 1902

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For use in the above-entitled claim for pension, you are requested to furnish a statement of the service of John J. Weeks who, it is alleged, enlisted Indian War, 1832, in Captain Pucert's Company of Florida Wds and was discharged 1857

Service is also alleged in

Please state whether the organization Was mustered into the service of the United States, and at the seat of war for a period of thirty days.

Very respectfully,

*A. Clay Evans*

Commissioner

To Chief of The Record & Pension Office  
War Dept.



Circuit-Court-Southern Circuit  
Hillsborough County Florida,  
October Term A.D. 1855.

Deborah Weeks  
vs  
John Weeks } Divorce

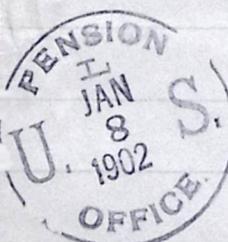
It is ordered that this cause  
be continued until next Term of the Court.

Circuit-Court-Southern Circuit  
Hillsborough County Florida,  
October Term A.D. 1856.

Deborah Weeks } In the Circuit-Court-Southern  
vs } Judicial Circuit of Florida,  
John Weeks } Bill for Divorce

This case came on to be heard,  
and it appearing to the Court that legal notice  
had been perfected on the defendant and  
that a decree pro-confesso had been reg-  
ularly taken against him in this cause, it  
is ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the said  
pro-confesso stand confirmed, and it further  
appearing to the Court by testimony adduced that  
the allegations in the Complainant's Bill of Com-  
plaint are true, It is therefore ordered ad-  
judged and decreed, that the said Com-  
plainant & defendant be and are hereby  
forever released and discharged of & from  
the Bonds of Matrimony and that the Compla-  
inant do have her reasonable costs to be taxed  
by the Clerk

Wife  
Oct. 1856.



State of Florida  
County of Hillsborough



Mary Elizabeth Raulerson Weeks (widow of John J Weeks), widow's pension application file No. 7 956 Indian Wars; Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Indian War Service; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1960; Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C., digital images; "Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1926," citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication T318, 12 rolls.



I Wm L Hanks Clerk of the  
Circuit Court in and for Hillsborough County  
State of Florida do hereby Certify that the  
above and foregoing is a true and correct  
Copy of the Records in said Case as appears  
upon the Minutes of said Court.

This Decr 10<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1901

Wm L Hanks  
clerk ct. ct.



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OLD WAR AND NAVY DIVISION.

Service Pension—Indian Wars.

Inde Mil No. 7956  
John J. Weeks  
Private.

Co. . . . . Reg't Ind War.

SIR:

3-729.  
(Old Form 3-662.)

2-2034  
1-286  
M. B. H. Ex'r.  
14-2157

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 27, 1902



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For use in the above-entitled claim for pension, you are requested to furnish a statement of the service of John Weeks. or John J. Weeks. who, it is alleged, enlisted January 3, 1856, in Capt Hooker's Company of Florida Mld Vols. and was discharged August 20, 1856.

Service is also alleged in Capt Sparkman's Co., Independent Co., Florida Mld Vols. from February 20, 1857 to August 17, 1857

(Report dated March 10 1900, from Record and Pension Office shows service as above)

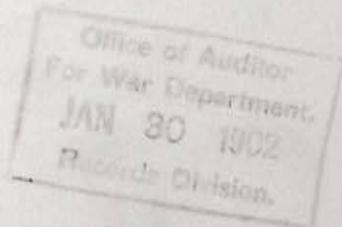
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Very respectfully,

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Commissioner

To Hon Auditor For the War Dept.

U. S. Treasury



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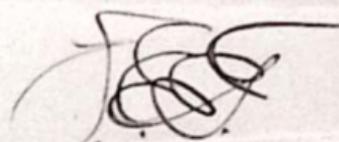
OFFICE OF THE  
AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13, , 1902.

Respectfully returned to the  
Hon. Commissioner of Pensions.

The muster roll of Capt. William B. Hooker's Co., Fla. Vols., reports John Weeks enrolled Feb. 18, 1856, mustered in Feb. 21, 1856 by Capt. A. A. Gibson, 2nd Arty., and mustered out with company Aug. 20 1856, by Francis N. Page, Asst. Adjt.-General, at Ft. Meade, Fla. He was paid from Feb. 20, 1856, to Aug. 20, 1856, (6 months), without travel pay.

The muster roll of Capt. S. L. Sparkman's Co., Fla. Vols., reports John J. Weeks enrolled Feb. 20, 1857, at Ft. Brooke, Fla., mustered into service Feb. 20, 1857, by F. N. Page, Maj. and Asst. Adjt. Gen., and mustered out Aug. 17, 1857, by same officer. He was paid from Feb. 20, 1857, to Aug. 17, 1857, (5 months and 27 days) without travel pay.

F. E. RITTMAN,  
Auditor.1-234.  
2-2070.  
Ind. War. 7956.


F. A. C. 77.

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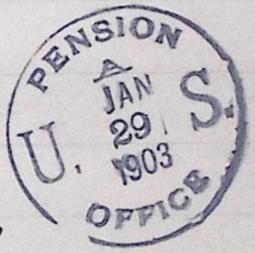


State of Fla  
Lee Co

Personally before  
me Lamin Astbury a  
Notary Public this day  
came Mary Elizabeth Weeks  
who on oath says: That she  
is the widow of John J. Weeks  
deceased: and that she is  
now aged forty years. but  
that she dont remember the exact  
date because the Bible in  
which she had her age  
recorded was swept away  
together with the house she  
was living in by a storm  
in 1873. at Choccolitha where  
she was then living her  
Mary Elizabeth Weeks  
mark.

Witness to Signature  
E. V. Stephens  
Andrew  
Barnes

Sworn to and true  
mark affixed by  
Affiant before me  
on this the 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of February ad. 1902  
Lamin Astbury  
Notary Public



# General Affidavit.

Affiants Should Sign at the End of their Statements. Signatures by Mark Must be Attested by Signatures of Two Persons Who Write Their Names.

In the Matter of *Pension claim of Elizabeth Weeks,*  
*widow of John Weeks*

Personally came before me, a *Notary Public* in and for the aforesaid County  
Notary, Justice or Clerk of Court

and State, *William Weeks,* aged *88* years,  
Name of witness.

and \_\_\_\_\_, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
Name of witness.

citizens of the town of *Marco*  
Post-office address.

County of *Lee*, State of *Florida*  
Give Street and No. if in city or town.

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

NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

*I have known Elizabeth for 23 or 24 years, and that she was not married previously to her marriage to my uncle John Weeks, my uncle said John Weeks was married to Deborah Tanner - who was divorced - my knowledge of his previous marriage & divorce is only from hearing my father tell of it, and to my certain knowledge Elizabeth Weeks has not remarried since her husband's death.*

*Wm Weeks*

Everyday  
Adventures  
in Genealogy

Mary Elizabeth Raulerson Weeks (widow of John J Weeks), widow's pension application file No. 7,956 Indian Wars; Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Indian War Service; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1960; Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.; digital images, "Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1926," citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication T318, 12 rolls.



*No per nize claim - w/ h/ e*

State of Florida, County of Lee SS:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a credible person and so reputed in the community in which he reside .

Witness my hand and official seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 1907.

E. Stephens  
Notary Public  
State of Fla. a. l. a. n. g. e

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Mary Elizabeth Raulerson Weeks (widow of John J. Weeks), widow's pension application file No. 7,956 Indian Wars: Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Indian War Service: Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1960, Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15, National Archives, Washington, D.C.: digital images, "Indian Wars: Pension Files, 1892-1926," citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication T338, 12 rolls.



Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates, names and places as nearly correct as you can, and state how you know what you say to be true.

This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.

W.F.W. Ex'r.

Ind. Wid. 7956.  
John J. Weeks.  
Fla. Vols.

Feb'y 1, 1904.

Sir:-



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Competent testimony is required from old time acquaintances of soldier showing whether he was married after his divorce from his first wife in 1856, and prior to marriage to claimant in 1878; if so, the name and date of death of the wife should be established.

Testimony of one more witness is required to show that claimant had never been married prior to her intermarriage with soldier in 1878.

Inasmuch as the copy from marriage records shows that John Wicks was married to Elizabeth Roleson and claimant has stated that her full name is Mary Elizabeth and that her maiden name was Raulerson, these discrepancies should be explained under oath.

No testimony has yet been filed to show that claimant and soldier lived together as husband and wife to date of his death.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Mr. Nathan Bickford,  
City.



of the Court need NOT be attached; but will be procured here after if called for.  
State of Florida, County of Lee SS,:

On this 17 day of July, A. D. one thousand nine hundred,  
personally appeared before me, a Notary Public  
within and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Weeks,  
a resident of Marco, in the county of Lee, in the State of  
Fla., who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, deposes, and says:

That she is the widow of John J Weeks, who served under the name of  
John J Weeks, as a prvt. in the Company commanded by Captain  
Arthur Roberts in the \_\_\_\_\_ regiment of Indian War, commanded by  
\_\_\_\_\_, in the war with \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_  
that her said husband enlisted at can not say, on or about the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_ for the term of \_\_\_\_\_; that she  
was married under the name of Elizabeth Raulerson to her said husband,  
by J. W. V. R. Plummer, on or about the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
A. D. 1875, at Key West, in the State of Florida,  
and lived with her said husband from the date of her said marriage until the day of his death, to wit:  
the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, A. D. 1900, when her husband died at  
Caximbas <sic>, in the State of Florida, there being no  
legal barrier to such marriage; that neither she nor her husband had been previously married, except  
that her husband had; that she has not since remarried.

No. 1. That her said husband, being duly enlisted, as aforesaid, actually served thirty days with the  
Army or Navy of the United States, in the war as above stated, which service was as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ and was honorably discharged at \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_

No. 2. That her said husband was personally named in a resolution of Congress for a specific service  
in said war, to wit: In the resolution of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was honorably discharged at \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_

That her said husband has never served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States,  
otherwise than as above stated, except other Sem. Indian Wars, & Mexican War

That she has not heretofore made application for pension or bounty land soldiers pension  
was allowed ctf. # 3.797

That since the death of her husband, she has resided at the following places, to wit:  
Marco, Lee Co. Fla.

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States  
under the provision of the act of July 27, 1892.

That she hereby appoints Nathan Bickford, of Washington, D. C.,  
her lawful attorney to prosecute this claim.

That her Post Office address is Marco, Lee Co. Fla.

W. D. Collier

her

R L Eubank

Elizabeth X Weeks

(If affiants mark two witnesses who can write sign here.) (Claimant's signature.)

mark

{stamp} U.S. Pension Office SEP 1, 1900

{stamp} Atty filed.

Also personally appeared W. D. Collier,  
and R. L. Eubank, residing  
in Marco, Fla., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit,

and who, being by me duly sworn, said that they present and saw Elizabeth Weeks the claimant. sign her name (make her mark) 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.

W.D. Collier

R. L. Eubank

(Witnesses to Mark.)

(Signatures of witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ A.D.

189\_\_; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

I further certify that the foregoing declaration and joint affidavit were read over to and understood by the respective parties before they made their several signatures to the same: and that Elizabeth Weeks acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing power of attorney to be her free act and deed.

E. V. Stephens

(Official Signature.)

Notary Public

(Official Character.)

Lee Co

Fla

Indian War Service Pension.

Act of July 27, 1892.

Declaration of Widow.

Applicant.

Widow of

Jno. J. Weeks

\_\_ CO., Capt. Arthur

Roberts Co.

Enlisted \_\_\_\_ 18

Discharged \_\_\_\_ 18

Filed By

Nathan Bickford,

Claimant's Solicitor,

Washington, D.C.

{stamp} O.W.& N. Records. SEP 8, 1900

{stamp} Law Division <illegible> SEP 6, 1900

{stamp} Record Division. SEP 6, 1900.

No. 7956

B. L. No. \_\_\_\_

Widow's Service Pension,

Indian Wars.

Act of July 27, 1892

Elizabeth Weeks

Marco, Lee Co - Florida

Widow of John J Weeks

Pvt - Capt Roberts

Enlisted \_\_\_\_, 18\_\_.

Discharged \_\_\_\_ . 18\_\_.

Died June 4, 1900

Age \_\_\_\_

Indin <sic> Sur Orig 5339, Sur Ctf 3797

Mex. Sur. Orig 24.722 No Mex. Wid

No OW Sur or Wid clim on file Sept 10 - 1900

N.w. Bridges

<written along the left edge> No Dup.

Received Sep 1, 1900.

Nathan Bickford

City

<written along the left edge> Atty filed.

(12580-4,000.) 6-770 Attorney.

{stamped} ABANDONED

Execute and Return BOTH copies.

This form of the agreement is prescribed by the Commissioner of Pensions and approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 8, 1884 under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July for 1884.

To be executed in duplicate without additional cost to the claimant.

Articles of Agreement.

Whereas, I, Elizabeth Weeks, widow of John

J. Weeks

late a \_\_\_\_\_ in Company \_\_\_\_\_ of the Capt. Regiment of Arthur Roberts Co. Volunteers, in the war of 18\_\_\_\_, having made application for pension under the law 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, Nathan Bickford, the fee of Twenty-Five Dollars, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any service in 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 granting my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions and that the same shall be paid to him in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4768 and 4769, R. S.

1. T.E. Hart

Her

Elizabeth X Weeks

Signature of the Claimant.

2. R. J. Eubank

Mark

Marco, Lee Co, Fla.

Signatures of two Witnesses who can write, in every case. State of Florida, County of Lee, SS:

Post office address, giving street and No. if in a city

Be it known, That on this 10th day of September, A. D. 1900 personally appeared Elizabeth Weeks, the above named, who, after having read over her in the hearing and presence of the two attesting witnesses the contents of the foregoing Articles of Agreement, voluntarily signed, acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed.

E. V. Stephens

Official Signature.

Notary Public

Official Title.

Attorney's Acceptance.

The claimant should not fill any part of the following under any circumstances

And now, to wit, on this 15th day of October, A. D. 1900 I accept the provisions contained in the foregoing Articles of Agreement and will to the best of my ability, endeavor faithfully to represent the interest of the claimant in the premises. I hereby certify that I have received from the claimant above named, the sum of 0----- dollars, and no more; nothing being for fee. And the sum of 0----- dollars being for postage and other expenses; and that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without additional cost of the claimant, as required by law, in excess of the fee above named, I having made no charge, therefor.

Witness my hand the day and year above written.

Nathan Bickford  
Signature of Attorney.

District of Columbia, SS:

Personally came Nathan Bickford, whom I know to be the person he represents himself to be, and who, having signed the above acceptance agreement, acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal of this office this 15th day of October, 1900

[L. S]

<illegible>  
Official Signature.

Commissioner's Approval.

Approved for \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, payable to Nathan Bickford, of Washington, D. C., the recognized Attorney.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner of Pensions.

{stamp} US Pension Office OCT 19 1900

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Please execute and Return BOTH copies  
FEE AGREEMENT.

No. 7956  
CLAIM OF  
Elizabeth Weeks  
widow of  
Jno. J. Weeks  
Co. Capt. Reg't. Arthur Vols.  
Roberts Co.  
Fla. Vols.  
FOR PENSION.

FILED BY  
NATHAN BICKFORD,  
CLAIMANT'S SOLICITOR,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

{stamp} RECORD DIVISION Oct 20 1900

<Form filed in Duplicate>

<Form filed in Duplicate>

1900 Sept 11. Client & atty N  
Bickford notified <illegible>

Sep 18|00. N Bickford <illegible>  
1 death soldier.  
2 marriage.  
4. <illegible> prior mar.  
any divorce.  
6. widowhood.  
1902 Jan. 27 - R. and P for

service in Pacesi Com Auditor  
for service in Hookers Co. (Jan 3  
56 - Aug 20, '56) Sparkman,  
(Feb. '57 - Aug '57). N.B for  
record evidence of death  
or one more witness, claim.  
A<illegible> for age, and witnesses as  
to her non-prior marriage,  
Witnesses as to soldier's alias  
Marriages - 1855 - 1878.

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Feb. 1|04. To atty B. for  
client to explain as to <illegible>  
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any widowing mgs  
of sol between 1855 &  
1878: one more wit  
to non pr mge client.  
W.F.W.

Marriage License  
The State of Florida  
To any person legally authorized  
to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony  
Greeting  
These are to License and permit  
you to join together in the  
Holy Estate of Matrimony  
John J. Wicks and Elizabeth  
Roleson and make return to  
this office as the law directs  
to wit within ten days  
Given under my hand and seal  
of office at Key West this eigh-  
teenth day of March A.D. 1878  
(Sa) John Sitcher  
Clerk Circuit Court  
Monroe County  
State of Florida  
County of Monroe  
This is to Certify That I have  
joined together the above named par-  
ties in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony  
in pursuance of the above license  
this eighteenth day of March A.D.  
1878. (Sa) J.W.V.R. Plummer  
Witness Justice of the Peace  
(Sa) John Sitcher  
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J.W. #7.956

Widow of  
Jno J. Weeks  
Capt. Roberts Co. J.W.

{stamp} O. W. & N. DIVISION  
AUG 14 1901  
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NATHAN BICKFORD.  
CLAIMANTS' SOLICITOR  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Marriage  
License  
John J Wicks  
To  
Elizabeth Roleson

Recorded in Book  
B. Page 54 Marriage  
License Records  
March 25th 1878  
J W V R Plummer  
Dpy Clerk

State of Florida  
County of Monroe  
I BB Whalton County Judge in  
and for said County and State do  
hereby certify the foregoing to  
be a true and correct copy  
of the Record of my office.  
Witness my hand and  
seal of office at Key  
West Monroe County,  
Florida this 13th day  
of April A.D. 1901.  
BB Whalton  
County Judge  
Monroe County

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

Affiants Should Sign at the End of their Written Statements. Signatures by Mark Must be Attested by Signatures of Two Persons Who Write Their Names.

In the pension claim of Elizabeth Weeks widow of John Weeks,  
late of \_\_\_\_\_ Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Reg't. \_\_\_\_\_ Vols.

ON THIS 29 day of October A.D. 1901 personally appeared before me, a  
Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to admin-  
ister oaths Frank Sayles aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
whose Post-Office address is Everglade, Florida.  
and \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,

whose Post-Office address is \_\_\_\_\_

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn, declares each for himself, in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

Note. - Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

I was well acquainted with the late John Weeks, and was present when he died, he died on the fourth day of June 1900 at Horr's Island Caximbas, Fla. of Dropsy, and was buried at same place, I helped bury him. There was no Doctor present, as there was none nearer than Chokoloskee Island= 25 miles away. There was no one else except his wife & children present, and I further state that to my certain knowledge Elizabeth Weeks has not remarried.

Frank Sayles

Death soldier

Widowhood.

{stamp} U.S. Pension Office. JAN 8 1902

State of Florida, County of Lee, SS:

Sworn to and subscribed before me on date aforesaid, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me, and that he is credible person.

E.V. Stephens

Signature.

Notary Public

[SEAL.]

Official Title. State of Fla. at large

It will facilitate settlement of the claim if the authenticating officer certifies in his own handwriting his personal acquaintance with the affiant and as to his or her credibility.

This affidavit may be executed, within the limits of his jurisdiction, before any officer who is authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes.

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No. 7956

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

widow of

Jno J. Weeks

Ind. War.

FILED BY

NATHAN BICKFORD,

SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS AND PATENTS,

Washington, D.C.

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late of \_\_\_\_\_ Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Reg't. \_\_\_\_\_ Vols.

ON THIS 29 day of October A.D. 1901 personally appeared before me, a  
Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to admin-  
ister oaths William D. Collier aged 50 years,  
whose Post-Office address is Marco, Lee Co., Fla.  
and \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
whose Post-Office address is \_\_\_\_\_

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn, declares each for himself,  
in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

Note. - Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

I am acquainted with Elizabeth Weeks,  
and have been for years, and to the best of  
my belief & knowledge, she has not remarried.

W.D. Collier

{stamp} U.S. Pension Office. JAN 8 1902

wdhd

widowhood

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on date aforesaid, and I certify that I read said affidavit to  
said affiant, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased  
and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added,  
and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I  
am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is  
personally known to me, and that he is a credible person.

E.V. Stephens  
Signature.  
Notary Public  
Official Title.  
State of Fla. at large

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OLD WAR AND NAVY DIVISION. 3-<illegible>29. M B H, Ex'r.

Service Pension—Indian Wars. (old No 3-062.)

Ind. War No. 7.956 Department of the Interior,

John J. Weeks BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Private Washington, D.C., January 27, 1902

Co \_\_\_\_\_ Reg't Indian War

Sir:

For use in the above-entitled claim for pension, you are requested to furnish  
a statement of the service of John J. Weeks  
who, it is alleged, enlisted Indian War, 1832, in \_\_\_\_\_  
Captain Papesti's Company of Florida Vols  
and was discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 1857

Service is also alleged in \_\_\_\_\_

Please state whether the organization was mustered into the service of the United States, and \_\_\_\_\_ at the seat of war for a period of thirty days.

Very respectfully,  
<illegible>

Commissioner

To Chief of the Record & Pension Office  
War Dept.

Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office,  
War Department, Washington, D.C."

Record and Pension Office,  
WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, JAN 31, 1902.

Respectfully returned to  
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

There are no records on file in  
this office of  
Capt. Pacetti's Co.

Fla. Vols, Indian War.

By AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

F.C. Ainsworth

Colonel, U.S. Army, Chief of Office

{Stamp} U.S.PENSION OFFICE FEB 1 1902

{stamp} O.W.& N. Received FEB 13 1902

Circuit Court Southern Circuit  
Hillsborough County Florida,  
October Term A.D. 1855.

Deborah Weeks}

vs } Divorce

John Weeks }

It is ordered that this cause  
be continued until next Term of the Court.

Circuit Court Southern Circuit  
Hillsborough County Florida,  
October Term A.D. 1856,

Deborah Weeks} In the Circuit Court Southern Circuit

vs } Judicial Circuit of Florida

John Weeks } Bill for Divorce

This case came on to be heard,  
and it appearing to the court that legal notice  
had been perfected on the defendant and  
that a decree pro-confesso had been reg-  
ularly taken against him in this cause, it  
is ordered adjudged and decreed that the said  
pro-confesso stand confirmed. And it further  
appearing to the Court by testimony address that

the allegations in the complainants Bill of Complaint are true. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed that the said complainant & defendant be and are hereby forever released and discharged of & from the Bonds of Matrimony and that the complainant do have her reasonable costs to be taxed by the clerk.

{stamped} U.S. PENSION OFFICE JAN 8 1902

State of Florida

County of Hillsborough

I Wm. L. Hanks Clerk of the Circuit Court in & for Hillsborough County State of Florida do hereby Certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the record in said case as appears upon the Minutes of said Court.

This Decr 10th A.D. 1901

W.L. Hanks  
Clerk Ct. Ct.

J.W.7956.

Widow of

Jno J. Weeks

Capt Roberts Co.

Ind War

Nathan Bickford.

Claimant's Solicitor

Washington, D.C.

OLD WAR AND NAVY DIVISION.

3-529

M.B.H, Ex'r.

Service Pension—Indian Wars.

(Old No. 3-062)

Ind. Wid(?). No. 7956

Department of the Interior,

John J. Weeks

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Private.

Washington, D.C., January 27, 1902

Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Reg't Ind. War.

SIR:

For use in the above-entitled claim for pension, you are requested to furnish a statement of the service of John Weeks or John J. Weeks who, it is alleged, enlisted January 3 1856, in \_\_\_\_\_ Capt. Hooker's Company of Florida Mtd Vols. and was discharged August 20, 1856.

Service is also alleged in Capt. Sparkman's Co. Independent Co., Florida Mtd Vols. from February 20, 1857 to August 17, 1857 (Report dated March 10, 1900, from Record and Pension Office shows service as above.)

Please state whether the organization was mustered into the service of the United States, and at the seat of war for a period of thirty days.

Very respectfully,  
H. Clay Evans  
Commissioner

To Hon. Auditor For the War Dept.  
U.S. Treasury

{stamped} U.S. PENSION OFFICE FEB 14 1902

{stamped} Office of Auditor For War Department Records Division. JAN 30 1902

{stamped} O.W. & N. Division RECEIVED. FEB 15 1902

Form 490.

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RETURN SLIP.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE

AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D.C., Feb. 13, 1902.

Respectfully returned to the

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions.

The muster roll of Capt. William B. Hooker's Co., Fla. Vols., reports John Weeks enrolled Feb. 18, 1856, mustered in Feb. 21, 1856 by Capt. A.A. Gibson, 2nd Arty., and mustered out with company Aug. 20, 1856, by Francis M. Page, Asst. Adjt.-General, at Ft. Meade, Fla. He was paid from Feb. 20, 1856, to Aug. 20, 1856, (6 months), without travel pay.

The muster roll of Capt. S.L. Sparkman's Co., Fla. Vols., reports John J. Weeks enrolled Feb. 20, 1857, at Ft. Brooke, Fla., mustered into service Feb. 20, 1857, by F. N. Page, Maj. and Asst. Adjt. Gen., and mustered out Aug. 17, 1857, by same officer. He was paid from Feb. 20, 1857, to Aug. 17, 1857, (5 months and 27 days) without travel pay.

F.E. Rittman.

Auditor.

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F.E.R.

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Ind. War. 7956.

F.A.C. 77.

M.

{stamp} U.S. Pension Office FEB 14 1902

State of Fla}

Lee Co }

Personally before  
me Louis A Hendry a  
Notary Public, this day  
came Mary Elizabeth Weeks  
who on oath says: That she  
is the widow of John J. Weeks,  
deceased: and that she is  
now aged Forty Years. but  
that she can't remember the Exact  
date because the Bible in  
which she had her age  
recorded was swept away  
together with the house she  
was living in by a storm  
in 1873 at Chocaliska<sic> where  
she was then living.  
Mary Elizabeth Weeks  
her X mark  
Sworn to and her  
mark affixed by  
affiant before me  
on this the 24th  
day of February A.D. 1902  
Louis A. Hendry  
Notary Public

{stamped} U.S. PENSION OFFICE JAN 29 1903

Written along the side:

Witness to signature or mark of

E.V. Stephens

Andrew

Barnes

I.W. # 7956 BA

Widow of

Jno J. Weeks

Capt Roberts Co -

Indian War

Nathan Bickford.

Claimant's Solicitor

Washington, D.C.

O.W. & N. Division

JAN 30 1903

Received.

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of Two Persons Who Write Their Names.

In the Matter of Pension claim of Elizabeth Weeks,  
widow of John Weeks

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County

and State, William Weeks, aged 33 years,  
and \_\_\_\_\_, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years.

citizens of the town of Marco  
County of Lee, State of Florida

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

Note.--Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

I have known Elizabeth for 23 or 24 years,  
and that she was not married previously to  
her marriage to my uncle John Weeks,  
my uncle said John Weeks was married to  
Deborah Tanner - who was divorced - my knowl-  
edge of his previous marriage & Divorce is only  
from hearing my Father tell of it.

And to my certain knowledge Elizabeth  
Weeks has not remarried since her husband's  
death.

Wm Weeks

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State of Florida, County of Lee, SS:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant; and I certify that I read  
said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I  
further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and  
that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a credible person and so reputed in the  
community in which he reside.

Witness my hand and official seal this 29 day of October, 190<illegible but likely 3>.

E.V. Stephens

Notary Public

State of Fla. at large

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Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates, names and  
places as nearly correct as you can, and state how you know what you say to be true.

This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.

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I.W. No. 7956.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

Widow of

Jno J. Weeks

Capt. Arthur Roberts Co

Indian War

FILED BY

NATHAN BICKFORD,

SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS AND PATENTS,

Washington, D.C.

W.F.W. Ex'r.

Ind. Wid. 7956.

John J. Weeks.  
Fla. Vols.

Feb 1, 1904.

Sir:—

Competent testimony is required from old time acquaintances of soldier showing whether he was married after his divorce from his first wife in 1856, and prior to marriage to claimant in 1878; if so, the name and date of death of the wife should be established. Testimony of one more witness is required to show that claimant had never been married prior to her intermarriage with soldier in 1878.

Inasmuch as the copy from marriage records shows that John Wicks was married to Elizabeth Roleson and claimant has stated that her full name is Mary Elizabeth and that her maiden name was Raulerson, these discrepancies should be explained under oath.

No testimony has yet been filed to show that claimant and soldier lived together as husband and wife to date of his death.

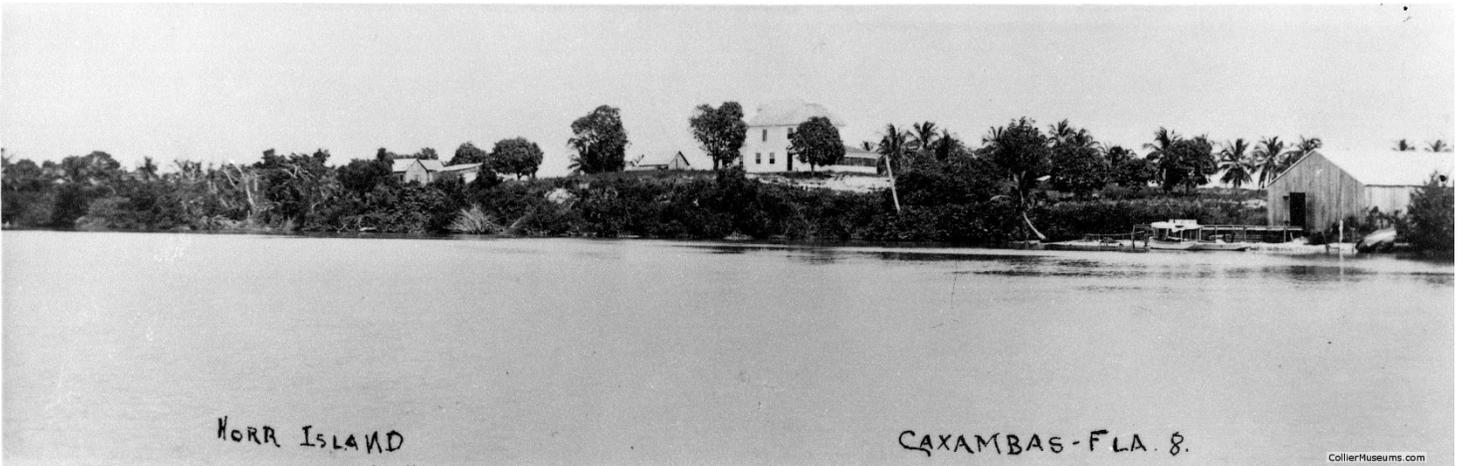
Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Mr. Nathan Bickford,  
City.

### Of Note:

John J Weeks' date of death is noted as June 4, 1900, on Horr's Island in Caxambas, Lee County, Florida. Frank Sayles was in attendance along with John J Weeks' family. Sayles reports that Weeks dies of dropsy which would be called "edema" today. John J Weeks was buried on the island.



Horr's Island, dated 1905. Captain John Horr's (1843-1926) house seen in the center with a pineapple packing shed on waterfront (extreme right). Notation reads "Horr's Island, Caxambas, Fla." Courtesy of Collier County Museums, Naples, Fl.  
<http://i.colliergov.net/museum/everglades-and-ten-thousand-island-historic-archive/78.14.54.jpg.php>

The official divorce record between John J Weeks and Deborah Tanner Weeks from Hillsborough County is included in this application. The divorce was granted "decree pro-confesso" in 1856. Per the website [isd.lw](http://isd.lw), "A decree taken pro confesso is a decision made in favor of the plaintiff when the defendant fails to respond to the allegations in the plaintiff's case. It's like a default judgment in a regular court case."

William Weeks gave an affidavit regarding Weeks' divorce from Deborah Tanner and his marriage to Lizzie Weeks. William notes that John is his uncle and that he has known Lizzie for "23 or 24 years." William is the son of

Madison and Nancy Weeks. William's age is listed as 33 years which is consistent with ages and birthdates reported for him in other sources. 23 to 24 years coincides with the general timeframe in which his father and mother moved their family to the Ten thousand Island vicinity.

Lizzie Weeks' pension was never approved. She married her second husband, Andrew J Barnes in April of 1903. This marriage would have nullified her claim to a widow's pension.

**Conclusion:**

The widow's pension application for Lizzie Weeks' further solidifies known facts and familial ties between John J Weeks of Lee County, FL in the late 1890's and John Weeks of Hillsborough County in the 1840s and 1850s. His date and place of death are confirmed to be June 4, 1900 on Horr's Island in Lee County.