

Lieutenant Morrison Worthingham Files

Adjutant General's Form April 1865

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D.C.,

April 29th 1865

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 88.867 and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Morrison Worthingham was enrolled on the 15th day of July, 1862, at Joliet in Co. "K", 100th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a 2d Lieut [sic] on the 30th day of August 1862, at Joliet, Ills, in Co. "K", 100th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "K" of the Regiment, for, the months of Jany [sic] and Feby 1863 he is reported "Killed in battle Near Murfreesboro Tenn [sic] Dec 31st 1862."

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[illegible] Preck

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D.C.

Memoranda.

Name of applicant, [blank]

Address, [blank]

[initials J.J.S. are written to the left of address]

Marriage Certificate

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF WILL. SS,

I, William Tonner, Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that on the Twenty ninth day of August A.D. 1839 Morrison Worthingham and Sarah Ana Barker were duly joined in Marriage, in conformity with the

Laws of the State of Illinois, by A Chenewith a Minister of the Gospel as appearing by the record of marriage for said County in my said office remaining.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Joliet, this 28th day of March A.D. 1863.

Wm. Tonner Clerk.

Pension for Minor Children Declaration Form
DECLARATION OF MINOR CHILDREN FOR PENSION.

State of Illinois

COUNTY OF Will SS.

On this 24th day of March A.D. 1865 personally appeared before the Clerk of the County Court of the said County and State Wellington B. Worthingham a resident of the city of Joliet in the County of Will and State of Illinois aged 21 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on oath, make the following declaration as guardian of the minor children of Morrison Worthingham deceased, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862, granting pensions to minor children under sixteen years of age of deceased officers and soldiers; that he is the guardian of Lydia M. Worthingham and Charles M. Worthingham [illegible words crossed out] whose father was 2d Lieutenant in company "K" commanded by Captain David Kelly in the 100th Regiment of Illinois Inf. Volunteers, in the war of 1861, and that the said Morrison Worthingham died at or near Murfreesboro Tenn. on the 31st day of December in the year 1862 of gun shot wound by him then and there received in action at the battle of Stone [sic] River near Murfreesboro Tennessee that the mother of the children aforesaid [crossed out; died or] again married, being now the wife of Enos Brown on the Eighth day of March in the year 1865 and that the date of his said wards is as follows: towit [sic] Lydia M. Worthingham born August 31, 1849 and Charles M. Worthingham born June 5 1861

He further declares that the parents of his said wards were married at Joliet Will County Ills. on the 29th day of August in the year 1839 by one A. Chenowith V.D.W. a Minister of the Gospel

My Postoffice [sic] Address is Joliet, Will County Illinois

And he hereby constitutes and appoints Royal E. Barber of Joliet Will Co. Ill, his Attorney to prosecute this claim and procure a certificate.

Angelia Hardy

Mariam [illegible initial] Williams

Two Witnesses.

W.B. Worthingham

Guardian as aforesaid

[handwritten on form]: Also personally Angelia Hardy and Miriam [illegible initial] Williams residents of Joliet in Will County and State of Illinois 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 Willington B Worthingham sign his name with foregoing declaration, and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with him that he is the identical person he [rest is cut off]

Cover for Pension Form

DECLARATION FOR MINOR CHILDREN FOR PENSION.

Guardian of Minor Children of Morrison Worthingham Co. "K", 100th Reg't, [sic] Illinois Inf. Volunteers.

R.E. Barber atty Joliet Illinois

APPLICANT'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Name, W B Worthingham

Town, Joliet

County, Will

State, Illinois

[illegible stamp]

Widow's Pension Form

APPLICANT'S POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

Name, Mrs [sic] Sarah A. Worthingham

Town, Joliet

County, Will

State, Illinois

R E Barber Atty

Joliet Illinois

[stamp: illegible except for Apr 3 1863]

Widow's Application FOR ARMY PENSION.

Sarah A Worthingham

Morrison Worthingham

Co K, 100th Reg't [sic], Illinois Infy [sic] Volunteers.

Letters of Guardianship Form

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

La Salle COUNTY. SS.

[illegible seal]

In the County Court February Term, A.D. 1869 The People of the State of Illinois, to Sarah A. Brown of said County, GREETING:

WHEREAS, at the February term of the County Court of said County, A.D. 1869, holden at Octavia you were, by order of said Court, duly entered of record on the Twenty sixth day of said month, duly appointed Guardian for Charles M. Worthingham minor son and heir at law of Morrison Worthingham deceased

Trusting in your fidelity, therefore, the said Court doth by these presents constitute and appoint you to be Guardian unto said minor, and authorize and empower you to take and have the care of his person and the custody and management of his property, frugally, and without waste or destruction, to improve and account for the same in all things according to law.

WITNESS, Absalom B Moore Clerk of the said County Court and the Probate Seal of said Court hereunto [rest of form and seal is cut off]

Court Brief for Widow's Pension December 1862

WAR OF 1861.

6929

Brief in the case of Mrs [sic] Sarah A. Worthingham widow of Morrison Worthingham 2d Lieut [sic] in Co K 100th Regiment Illinois Volunteers Will County, and State of Illinois

Act of July 14, 1862.

Post office address of Applicant, Joliet, Will, Co, Illinois

Claim for Widows [sic] pension.

Declaration and Identification in due Form.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Marriage Certified copy of County record

Widowhood Claimants [sic] declaration attested by the identifying witnesses.

Children Two under sixteen years of age.

Power of Attorney To Royal E. Barber Joliet Ills.

Evidence of service and death. The rolls show that Morrison Worthingham was mustered into service Aug 30th 1862 as private [crossed out] 2d Lieutenant in Co K 100th Regt Ills Vols and "Killed in battle near Murfreesboro Tenn [sic] Dec 31 1862"

Admitted October 9th 1863, to a pension of \$15.00 per month, commencing December 31st, 1862.

Name and Residence of Agent

Royal E. Barber Joliet Illinois

J.E. [illegible]

EXAMINING CLERK.

Court Brief for Minors' Pension
Chicago

WAR OF 1861.

Act of July 14, 1862

68.350

CLAIM FOR MINORS' PENSION.

BRIEF in the case of Lydia M. Worthingham [han was crossed out and ham written above] and Charles M. Worthingham [han was crossed out and ham written above] minor children of Morrison Worthingham [han was crossed out and ham written above] late 2d Lieut. Co. "K" 100 Ills Vols

Residence of guardian Will County and State of Illinois

Post office address Joliet Will County Ills

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service. Adjt [sic] Gen Reports enrolled July 15/62, Mustered Aug 10th/62.

Death. and Killed in Battle near Murfreesboro Tenn. Dec 31st/62.

Marriage of Parents. Certified copy of Public Record

Name and dates of birth of minors. Lydia M Worthingham Born Aug 31st/49 and Charles M Worthingham Born Jun 5th/61

Death or remarriage of mother. Certified Copy of Public Record of remarriage of mother March 8th/65 (and was a Pensioner)

Guardianship. [illegible 2 words] to W B Worthingham

Increase of Minors' Pension Form February 1874

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

Acts of July 25, 1866, and subsequent acts.

INCREASE OF Minor's PENSION.

AGENCY, Chicago

Lydia M. Worthingham and Charles M. Worthingham Minors of Morrison Worthingham

Rank, 2d. Lt.

Company, K.

Regiment, 100 Ill.

Present Guardian, [crossed out: (alleged,)] Sarah A. Brown Letters filed

Residence, La Salle County, and State of Ill.

Post Office, marseilles La Salle County, and State of Ill. (Box 200)

No Attorney

No Fee\$

No contract, and no material evidence filed since July 8, 1870.

Rate of pension, \$15.00 per month, commencing March 9th, 1865, the date at which the original pension commenced, and two dollars per month for each of the following children:

[Note: The following information is from a table that has two sections: By former marriage and By Inst marriage. Within those sections are lines that say Born, and one that says sixteen. The last column says commencing. Nothing is written in the section of by former marriage. The two names are both listed in the By Inst marriage.]

Lydia M Born, Aug. 31, 1849 Sixteen, Aug 30, 1865 Nothing is written in the commencing column for her.

[Note: There is another line for Lydia M with the same info that has been crossed out.]

Charles M. Born, June 5th, 1861 Sixteen June 4, 1877 Commencing July 25, 1866

[crossed out: Former Guardian, Wellington B. Worthingham]

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

ADMITTED, February 7, 1874.

APPROVED, Feby 12, 1874.

Wm. Hanna, Examiner.

A. Strecker L.C.W., Reviewer.

Chief of Division

Affidavit of Sarah Worthingham March 1863

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

COUNTY OF Will SS.

On this twenty eighth day of March, A.D. 1863, personally appeared before me Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid Mrs [sic] Sarah A. Worthingham a resident of the City of Joliet in the County of Will and State of Illinois aged 38 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862:

That she is the widow of Morrison Worthingham who was a 2nd Lieutenant in Company K commanded by Captain David Kelly in the 100th Regiment of Illinois Infantry Volunteers, in the war of 1861, who at the battle of Stone [sic] River or Murfreesboro in the State of Tennessee was killed on or about the 31st day of December A.D. 1862, and the cause of his death was a cannon (six pounder supposed) shot striking and passing through his body

She further declares that she was married to the said Morrison Worthingham on the 29th day of August in the year A.D. 1839 that her husband the aforesaid Morrison Worthingham died on the day above mentioned, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period She further declares that she has two children by her said husband under sixteen years of age, towit [sic], Lydia M. born August 31st A.D. 1849 and Charles M. Worthingham born June 5th 1861 and none other minor sixteen years old, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. She also declares that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States.

And she herby constitutes and appoints Royal E Barber of Joliet Ill. her Attorney to prosecute this claim and procure a certificate.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF

Otis Hardy

Angelina hardy

Sarah A Worthingham

Declarant's Signature.

Also personally appeared Otis Hardy and Angelina Hardy residents of said City of Joliet, in the County of Will and State aforesaid, persons whom I certify to be respectable, and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, say that they were present, and saw Mrs [sic] Sarah A Worthingham sign her name, to the foregoing declaration, and they further swear that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim [illegible line of text, end of text]