

Dennis Murphy Files

Death of Beneficiary Form

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Finance Form 985

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE – DEATH OF BENEFICIARY

From: Chief Accounting Division

(10-9) Date 3/10/39

To: Adj Div. Reimb [sic] Subdiv [sic]

Subject: Payment [crossed out Suspended on] C-2,682,759 (WC 710 618)

Correspondence Symbol DaF-B

Payments on award for Eliza A. Murphy as widow of Dennis Murphy have been suspended, notice of death having been received. There is no record in this Division of any other beneficiary whose rate of payment will be affected by the elimination of this payee from the rolls.

By Russell

Clerk

Letter Att

Partial Declaration for Invalid Pension

Since leaving the service he has resided in Jackson and [illegible] Counties and his occupation has been that of a farmer and laborer. That prior to his entry into the service above named, he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled a farm laborer That he is now greatly disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of his injuries above described, received in the service of the United States; and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, [blank] of [blank] State of [blank] his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That he has [blank] received [blank] applied for a pension. His post office address is [blank] County of [blank] State of [blank]

Dennis Murphy

Signature of Claimant

Two witnesses who can write.

Harvey Baker

Jacob R Chambers

Also personally appeared Harvey Baker P.O. [illegible] County of [illegible] State of Indiana and Jacob R Chambers P.O. Bloomington County of [illegible] and State of Indiana 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 Dennis Murphy the claimant, sign his name (make his mark) to the foregoing declaration and power of attorney; and they further swear 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 known him for 8 years last past: that his habits have been uniformly good, and his occupation has been that of a Farmer and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

When signed by mark, two persons must sign as witnesses to mark. [Both lines are blank.]

Signatures of two identifying witnesses

Harvey Baker

Jacob R Chambers

Sworn to, acknowledged and subscribed before me, this 17 day of August 1885 and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration of claimant and affidavit of witnesses was made known to each of them before administering the oath; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Official Signatures.

D.W Browning

The law requires that this application must be executed before a Clerk or Judge of a Court of Record.

Pension of Children Form June 1912

GENERAL LAW.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION OF CHILDREN UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

STATE OF Indiana

COUNTY OF Lawrence SS.

On this 15 day of June, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and Twelve personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, Sarah Ann Wray, aged 59 years, a resident of Yellowstone, county of Monroe, State of Indiana, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain pension under the acts of Congress granting pension to the minor

children of soldiers and sailors who have died by reason of wound or injury received, or disease contracted, in the service of the United States and in the line of duty.

That she is the guardian of Flora Belle Murphy legitimate child of [blank] of Dennis Murphy, who was (Enrolled or commissioned.) enrolled under the name of Dennis Murphy at [blank] on the [blank] day of [blank], 1[blank] as a [Here state rank and designation of organization or name of vessel.] Private in Co 'I' 22nd Reg. Ind. Inf. also as "Corporal" 22nd Reg. Ind. Vet Inf. and was discharged on the 22nd day of Dec, 1863 also discharged on the 24th day of July 1865, and who died at Yellowstone Ind. on the 15th day of June, 1910, of [Here state the immediate cause of death.] Organic Disease of Heart due to army service incurred in the above-named service. That he was not in the military or naval service of the United States except as above stated. [If any other service it should be stated in full, with dates of enlistment and discharge.] [blank]

That the mother of said child [blank] was married under the name of Flora Belle Browning to the soldier at Yellowstone Ind on the 24th day of May, 1900 by Charley Ross; that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had not been previously married; that he had [line drawn through] been previously married. [If there was a prior marriage of either, the name and the date and place of death or divorce of former consort or consorts should be stated.] Elizabeth Murphy died at Yellowstone Ind died Feb. 8 1900 Flora Bell [sic] Murphy died Sept. 18-1905 that he left a widow surviving remarried to [State date of death or remarriage.] Liza Crockett May 23 1910

That the following named are the only surviving children of the soldier who were under sixteen years of age at the date of his death:

Ivan Murphy born August 15, 1901, at Yellowstone Ind.

Flora Belle Murphy born Sep. 16, 1905, at Yellowstone Ind.

[stamp: U S PENSION OFFICE JUN 26 1912]

That no prior claim on behalf of said child [blank] has been filed. [If prior application has been made, the number thereof, the service on which it was based, and the name of the soldier should be stated.]

That her post-office address is Yellowstone county of Monroe, State of Indiana

ATTEST: (1) Resa Jones

(2) X her mark Lizzie Murphy

Sarah Ann Wray

(Claimant's Signature.)

Also personally appeared Resa Jones, residing at Yellowstone Ind and Lizzie Murphy, residing at Yellowstone Ind, 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 Sarah

Ann Wray, the claimant, sign her name (or 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 of 10 years and 10 years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Resa Jones

X her mark Lizzie Murphy

[Signature of witnesses.]

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 22 day of June, A.D. 1912, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words [blank], erased, and the words [blank], added, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Perry Woolery

(Signature.)

Notary Public

(Official character.)

My Com. Exp. Jan 25/1914

TO AMEND SECTION FORTY-SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWO, TITLE FIFTY-SEVEN, REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES, ANF FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., That section forty-seven hundred and two, title fifty-seven, of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

"SEC. 4702. If any person embraced within the provisions of sections forty-six hundred and ninety-two and forty-six hundred and ninety-three has died since the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or hereafter dies, by reason of any wound, injury, or disease which under the conditions and limitations of such sections would have entitled him to an invalid pension had he been disabled, his widow or if there be no widow, or in the case of her death without payment to her of any part of the pension hereinafter mentioned, his child or children under sixteen years of age, shall be entitled to receive the same pension as the husband or father would have been entitled to had he been totally disabled, to commence from the death of the husband or father, to continue to the widow during her widowhood, and to his child or children until they severally attain the age of sixteen years, and no longer; and if the widow remarry, the child or children shall be entitled from the date of remarriage, except, when such widow has continued to draw the pension-money after her remarriage, in contravention of law, and such child or children have resided with and been supported by her, their pension will commence at the date to which the widow was last paid."

Approved August, 7, 1882.

SEC. 4703. The pensions of widows shall be increased from and after the twenty-fifth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-six at the rate of two dollars per month for each child under the age of sixteen years, of the husband on account of whose death the claim has been, or shall be, granted. And in every case in which the deceased husband has left, or shall leave, no widow, or where his widow has died or married again, or where she has been deprived of her pension under the provisions of the pension-law, the pension granted to such child or children shall be increased to the same amount per month that would be allowed under the foregoing provisions to the widow, if living and entitled to a pension: Provided, That, the additional pension herein granted to the widow on account of the child or children of the husband by a former wife shall be paid to her only for such period of her widowhood as she has been, or shall be, charged with the maintenance of such child or children; for any period during which she has not been, or she shall not be, so charged, it, shall be and paid to the guardian of such child or children: Provided further, That a widow or guardian to whom increase of pension has been, or shall hereafter be, granted on account of minor children, shall not be deprived thereof by reason of their being maintained in whole or in part at the expense of a State or the public in any educational institution, or in any institution organized for the care of soldiers' orphans.

MINOR CHILDREN.

W.C. 710618

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

ICU 452746

GENERAL LAW.

Claimant, Susan Ann Wray

Soldier, Dennis Murphy

Service, I 22 Ind. Inf.

[stamp: LAW DIVISION RECEIVED JUN 25 1912]

[stamp: CIVIL WAR DIVISION JUL 9 1912]

INSTRUCTIONS.

This form may be used for pension under the laws above cited.

Declaration and testimony in support of same to be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must

be certified by the proper State, county, or city officer under his official seal, unless such certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

[stamp: [illegible] DIVISION JUL 27 1912]

Dennis Murphy Discharge Certificate July 1864

To all whom it may Concern.

[image: eagle with stars background and a holding a flag standing on olive branches]

Know ye, That Dennis Murphy a Corpl [sic] of Captain Leroy S Mayfield Company, (O,) 22d Regiment of Ind Vet Infy [sic] VOLUNTEERS, who was enrolled on the 23d day of December one thousand eight hundred and Sixty three to serve three years or during the war, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States this 24 day of July, 1864, at Louisville Ky by reason of G.O. No 26 Army of the Tenn [sic]

(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist. [see footnote below])

Said Dennis Murphy was born in Montgomery Co in the State of Indiana, is 19 years of age, [blank] feet [blank] inches high, Light complexion, Grey eyes, Light hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Soldier

Given at Louisville Ky this 24 day of July 1865.

R Papst

Capt [sic] 10th Mich [sic] Infy [sic] and A C M 2d Div [sic] 14th [illegible] [crossed out: Commanding the Reg't. [sic]]

[footnote: This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.]

Thomas Shea

Col Comdg [sic] Regt [sic]

Backside of Discharge Certificate

OATH OF IDENTITY.

[blank] of the Town of [blank] County of [blank] in the State of [blank]

On this [blank] day of [blank] in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty [blank] personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County and [blank] above mentioned, [blank] who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical [blank] who was a [blank] in the Company commanded by Captain [blank] in the Regiment [blank] commanded by [blank] that he enlisted on the [blank] day of [blank] for the term of [blank] and was discharged at [blank] on the [blank] day of [blank] by reason of [blank]

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year above written.

[blank]

I certify that [blank] before whom the above affidavit purports to have been made, is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, this [blank] day of [blank] in the year [blank] at [blank] in the State of [blank]

Clerk of the [blank]

[The letters L.S. are enclosed in a rectangular shaped object to the left of this paragraph.]

Dennis Murphy Discharge Certificate December 1863

To all whom it may Concern.

[image: eagle with stars background and holding a flag standing on olive branches]

Know ye, That Dennis Murphy a Private of Captain Ravenscrofts (Dale Lundermans) Company, (A,) 22d Regiment of Indiana Infantry VOLUNTEERS, who was enrolled on the tenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and Sixty one to serve three years or during the war, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States, this [crossed out] to date the 22nd day of December, 1863, at Blains Cross Roads Tennessee by reason of Reenlistment as a Veteran Volunteer

(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist. [see footnote below])

Said Dennis Murphy was born in Montgomery County in the State of Illinois, is eighteen years of age, Five feet ten inches high, Light complexion, Black eyes, Light hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer

Given at Chattanooga Tenn [sic] this fourth day of Febray [sic]1864.

H N [illegible]

Capt 55th Ills Infty [sic] and asst Comsy [sic] of musters 2nd Div 4th as Corps

[crossed out: Commanding the Reg't. [sic]]

A C M 2d Div [sic]14th [illegible] [crossed out: Commanding the Reg't. [sic]]

[footnote: This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.]

Leroy S Mayfield

2 Lieut [sic] Comdg [sic] Company

[handwritten on left margin: Paid [illegible] Bounty February 5th 1864 By Maj W [illegible] Paym [sic] USA]

Backside of Discharge Certificate  
OATH OF IDENTITY.

[blank] of the Town of [blank] County of [blank] in the State of [blank]

On this [blank] day of [blank] in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty [blank] personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County and [blank] above mentioned, [blank] who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical [blank] who was a [blank] in the Company commanded by Captain [blank] in the Regiment [blank] commanded by [blank] that he enlisted on the [blank] day of [blank] for the term of [blank] and was discharged at [blank] on the [blank] day of [blank] by reason of [blank]

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year above written.

[blank]

I certify that [blank] before whom the above affidavit purports to have been made is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, this [blank] day of [blank] in the year [blank] at [blank] in the State of [blank]

Clerk of the [blank]

[The letters L.S. are enclosed in a rectangular shaped object to the left of this paragraph.]

Pension Claim Questions Form May 1898  
Western Div.

Inc. Cft [sic] No. 452.746

Dennis Murphy

Co I, 22nd Reg't [sic] Ind. Vols.

N.C.N. Ex'r.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D.C., May 19th, 1898,

SIR:

Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully.



J L [illegible signature]

Acting Commissioner.

Mr [sic] Dennis Murphy

Yellowstone, Ind..

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name. Answer: Elisabeth maiden name Hunter

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: March 21st 1861 polk [illegible word crossed out] Township Monroe County Ind Mitchell Starns

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: Family and County

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce. Answer: no

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth. Answer: John [illegible letters crossed out] January 31st 1862 William M. May 9 1866 Phebe J August 16th 1870 Cawzada April 23d 1874 Laura A December 25th 1875 Herman November 2d 1883

Date of reply, May 28th, 1898.

Dennis Murphy

(Signature.)

Widow's Claim for Pension Form August 1910  
WIDOW.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

ORIGINAL.

Claimant Eliza A. Murphy

Soldier, Dennis Murphy

Service, I. 22. Ind. Inf.

FILED BY [blank]

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[blank], born [blank], 1[blank], at [blank]. They are 4 lines exactly like this.

(If any child has died since the soldier's death, its name and the date of its death should be stated. If the soldier left no children, the claimant should so state.)

That she has not heretofore applied for pension. [If prior application has been made, the number thereof, the service on which it was based, and the name of the soldier should be stated.] [blank]

That her post-office address is Yellowstone County of Monroe, State of Indiana

Eliza A Murphy

(Claimant's signature.)

ATTEST: (1) Thomas Elkins

(2) J.S. Hammer

Also personally appeared Thomas Elkins, residing at Heltonville [crossed out] Yellowstone Ind and J.D. Hammer, residing at Heltonville Ind, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Eliza A Murphy, the claimant, sign her name (or 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 of 20 years and 30 years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Thomas Elkins

J.S. Hammer

[Signature of witnesses.]

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 9 day of August, A.D. 1900 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were made fully known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words "Heltonville", erased, and the words "Yellowstone", added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Perry Woolery

[Signature.]

Notary Public

[Official character.]

Notary Public, Lawrence County, Indiana.

My Commission Expires Jan. 25, 1914.

[stamp: Validity accepted to execution S.A. Cuddy, Chief Law Division. per J [illegible]]

Statement of Military Service

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO A.G. 201

Murphy, Dennis

(5-2-30) ORD

STATEMENT OF THE MILITARY SERVICE OF DENNIS MURPHY

Pvt., Co. I, 22nd Indiana Vol. Inf.

It is shown by the official records on file in this office that Dennis Murphy was enrolled July 10, 1861, at Madison, Indiana, and was mustered into service August 15, 1861, at the same place, as a private of Company I, 22nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry, to serve three years. He was honorably discharged December 22, 1863, and re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer in the same organization December 23, 1863. He was promoted to corporal June 10, 1865, and was mustered out with the company and honorably discharged the service July 24, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky, a corporal.

His personal description is recorded as follows; Age, 18 years; height, 5 feet , 10 inches; complexion, light; eyes, black; hair, light ; born in Illinois; occupation, farmer.

The prisoner of war records show that he was captured at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, December 31, 1862; confined at Richmond, Virginia, January 21, 1863; paroled at City Point, Virginia, January 26, 1863; reported at Camp Parole, Maryland, January 27, 1863; sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, March 10, 1863, where he reported some time between March 10 and March 23, 1863; sent to Indianapolis on or about March 27, 1863, and was returned to his regiment on or about June 6, 1863. The 22nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry is shown to have participated in the following engagements:

Glasgow, Mo. September 19, 1861

Blackwater or Milford, Mo. December 18, 1861

Pea Ridge, Ark. March 6-7, 1862

Perryville, Ky. October 8, 1862

Lancaster, Ky. October 13, 1862

Nolinsville [sic], Tenn. December 26, 1862

Stone [sic] River, Tenn. Dec. 31, 1862-January 3, 1863

Liberty Cap, Tenn. June 26, 1863

Chattanooga, Tenn. Sept. 24, and Nov. 23-25, 1863

Tunnell Hill, Ga. May 7, 1864

Rocky Face Ridge, Ga. May 9, 1864

Resaca, Ga. May 14, 1864

Rome, Ga. May 17, 1864

Dallas, Ga. May 27, 1864

Kennesaw Mountain, Ga. June 10-July 3, 1864

#### Biographical Information

Dennis Murphy was the youngest known child of Dennis Murphy and Mary Dye. According to his military and marriage records, he was born May 23, 1844, in Montgomery County, Illinois. His military papers tell that he stood 5 feet, 10 inches tall, had gray eyes, a light complexion, and light hair.

Dennis was born in Illinois, but he grew up among the farm lands of Indiana. In 1850 he and his mother lived near his sister Drusilla Murphy Wray and her family in Jackson County. The next year his mother married Samuel Fowler, widower of Obedience Faubian Fowler, in Brown County, Indiana. Samuel Fowler moved his new family to a farm in Polk Township, Monroe County.

After leaving home, Dennis continued to reside in Monroe County. Presumably he owned land in the area of the county that today is named Dennis Murphy Hollow. Dennis married for the first time on March 21, 1861, to Elizabeth Hunter, daughter of William J. Hunter and Mary "Polly" Browning in Polk TWP, Monroe County, Indiana. Dennis was just two months short of his seventeenth birthday. Elizabeth was five and a half years his senior. Five months after his marriage, Dennis enlisted as a private of Company I 22nd Regiment Indiana Volunteers at Madison, Indiana, on August 15, 1861. He was only seventeen years old. His wife was four and a half months pregnant with their first child, John Murphy, who was born January 31, 1862. It is unlikely that Dennis was present for the birth. Four and a half years passed before their second child was born.

From August 15, 1861, to June 1862, Dennis was present at each company muster roll. While near Corinth, Mississippi in 1862 he suffered from sun stroke. Later he claimed that this was the beginning of his many crippling headaches. By April 1862 he was indebted to the government for \$40.13. The reason was not given.

He was taken prisoner December 31, 1862, at the Battle of Stone [sic] River in Tennessee, and was confined at Richmond, Virginia, January 21, 1863. He was paroled at City Point, Virginia on January 26, 1863, and reported at Camp Parole, Maryland, on January 27, 1863. He was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, on March 10, 1863, where he arrived on March 22, then was sent to Indianapolis on furlough. In a surgeon's certificate dated February 10, 1909, Dennis said that at Indianapolis about 1863, he contracted rheumatism [rheumatoid fever]. Evidently, this bout with fever damaged his heart and led to his death many years later. He then reported to Camp Carrington, Indiana "date

not given," but was present on April 30, 1863. His May and June muster rolls for 1863 indicate he was sick in the hospital at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, since June 24, 1863.

For the time being, his health improved and he was present for muster roll beginning July 1863. He was mustered out December 22, 1863, at Chattanooga, Tennessee. The very next day, with the Civil War still in progress, he re-enlisted as a Veteran Volunteer at Barnes Crossing, Tennessee, for a period of three years. In August 1864, he was absent due to sickness at the division hospital. He recovered once again and returned to his division. On June 10, 1865, he was promoted to corporal and given a ten day furlough (by order of General Vandevere) just before being mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, July 24, 1865. He listed his place of residence as Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana.

Monroe County, Indiana, Census 1870

Dennis Murphy age 26 b. IL

Elizabeth age 32 b. IN

John H. age 8 b. IN

Monroe County, Indiana, Census 1880, Polk Township

Dennis Murpfee [sic] age 36 b. IL

Elizabeth age 41 b. IN

John H. age 18 b. IN

William age 14 b. IN

Pheba J. age 9 b. IN

C age 6 b. IN [Cansady]

Sarah A. age 4 b. IN

Dennis and Elizabeth were married for almost thirty-nine years when Elizabeth died of pneumonia at age 62. Three and a half months after her death in 1900, Dennis married Flora Ibelle Browning, daughter of Benjamin Browning and Sarah E. Finley. Flora was 29 and Dennis 56.

Monroe County, Indiana, Census 1900, Polk Township

Dennis Murphy age 56

Flora age 29

Herman age 16

Dennis and Flora were married for five years when Flora Belle died of a postpartum hemorrhage two days after the birth of their second child. Dennis was now 61 years old and found himself with two small children (Ivan was 4 and Flora Belle was a newborn) and no wife. His own health was failing.

[image: photo of Dennis Murphy as an elderly man]

In failing health and now a widower for a second time, Dennis applied for an increase in his Civil War pension. In his pension file is a surgeon's certificate which gives a clear picture that Dennis was not a healthy man. By the time he was 65 (when the report was made) his heart was quite diseased from rheumatism. The joints in his arms, legs, hands and feet had lost most of their motion. He had no contraction of his tendons. His frequent headaches sent him to bed for three or four days at a time. He often experienced vertigo. The surgeon felt there was evident mental impairment although Dennis could answer questions clearly. Dennis was said to be anemic and emaciated at 125 pounds (for his height of 5 feet, ten inches).

It's obvious that Dennis had lived most of his days when he married for the third time. His new bride, Eliza A. Browning Crockett, was the sister of his second wife and widow of David Crockett. Eliza had six children by her first husband. Twenty-four days after his last marriage, on June 15, 1910, Dennis died at Yellowstone, Monroe County, Indiana, of organic heart disease due to rheumatism. He was attended by Dr. Perry Woolery. Flora Bell, his daughter went to live with Sarah Ann and Benjamin Wray (Benjamin and Flora Bell were cousins). Ivan lived with his Browning grandparents and later his Uncle Perry Browning at Freetown. Dennis' widow, Eliza, must have continued to receive his pension because in May 1914, Mrs. Perry Browning wrote a letter to the United States Pension Department complaining that the pension money was being spent on Eliza's own children, rather than the Murphy orphans.

Dennis is buried at Mitchell Cemetery, Monroe County, Indiana. His first two wives are buried on each side of him. Flora Ibelle Murphy Steward is buried at Robertson Cemetery, Jackson County.

Dennis Murphy Related Writings/Memories

From the writings of Ivan Dennis Murphy: On July 10th, 1861, my father enlisted "to serve three years or, during the war," in Company I, 22nd Regiment of Indiana Infantry Volunteers, and was mustered into the service August 15, 1861, at Madison, IN. Although the army records show him to be 18 when he enrolled he was, of course, just past 17. I remember hearing him say many times that he told a lie to get in and would have told a thousand to get out. I cannot recall ever having heard any explanation of why he left his new bride for the army.

I recall some of the stories of his army experiences that my father used to tell. One that fascinated me as a youngster was, while sleeping on the ground, to awaken to find himself covered with snow and finding that it served as a warming blanket. You will recall that on the march from Atlanta to the sea, the army lived off the land. I remember at least two stories of that experience. One was stealing hives filled with bees and honey. The soldiers would plug the openings of the hives and carry them to their quarters for robbing them of their honey. As the army advanced through the countryside the farm families tried all sorts of ways to hide their foodstuffs. In one instance I remember him telling about arriving at a farmstead where some hogs were in a pen. They tore down the pen, and took the hogs, despite the family protesting that this was all they had. Then the officer in charge called for a mattock, and ordered a soldier to dig beneath the pen where they uncovered a supply of cured bacon.

Another story that I also like to hear him tell was about the battle of Chattanooga, there the Union army was attempting to dislodge the Southern army from the top of Lookout Mountain. Father's regiment helped dig a tunnel under the mountain into which it was intended to place explosives. Another feature of that story that fascinated me was his explanation of the Southerners overshooting the Union soldiers as they climbed the Mountain because of the odd angle.

Memories of Dennis Murphy by his son Ivan Dennis Murphy, taken from a letter written by Ivan, post marked Apr. 12, 1924, to Lillian K. Pickerl: "It has been a long time since I have dreamed of my parents but my memory often goes back to those few short years which are recalled only by a few extraordinary incidents, I recall one episode especially just now. There was nearly a year that father and I lived alone. About 7 or 8 o'clock he would put me to bed. I recall that little room so well. This particular night I didn't want to go to bed. I wanted to sit up with him – he always would sit and read till late at night. But he put me in I anyway and I cried very hard. He gathered up his paper and began reading not even noticing my cries. When I saw that, I began studying him and it made me wonder. I can see him as plainly as it if were last night, I pulled the cover up to leave a small crack for me to see and I tried to see what he was thinking about by watching his face but of course it was only boyhood fancy then. But those days are gone.

Letter to William Browning from Flora (Browning) Murphy

Yellowstone Ind June 5 1905

Dear Brother it is with pleasure I drop you a few lines this morning I am not felling [sic] very well this morning. I have had aful [sic] poor health this spring.

Dennis and Ivan has had pretty good health this spring.

Dennis is still bothered with his head he had a bad spell last week with his head he is plowing this morning over by the Barn his corn is large enough to plow it was so wet this spring that they were late getting to plant. well Willie I wish you could see Ivan he is laying on the floor writing to uncle widey he said that he wished he could see uncle widey he said that you used to be over to grandma and I wish you were here for dinner I

would have black berrys [sic] for dinner sure if you were here there is a going to be lots of berrys [sic] and grapes if nothering [sic] hapins [sic] to them for there was lots of bloom how I wish I could see you this morning I could talk lots better than I could rite [sic] Ivan said wonder if uncle w[illegible] the water he thinks that is grand fun to get to play in the branch he wants me to hurry so he can take your letter to the ofice [sic] he goes to the store by his self I sent him a few days ago and told him to get a domes [sic] worth of rise [sic] and he went and got the mail and started back home and thought of the rise [sic] and went back to the store and got it well Willie Dennis is a goint [sic] to start your B[illegible] to morrow [sic] if notheing [sic] hapins [sic] no more than he noew [sic] of now I wanted to send you a Picture in the box and he said that is [sic] mite [sic] bet [sic] lost he said wit [sic] till you come home and you could have [illegible] John stayed with is last jight [sic] Rayburn Pheba and ma went to Bloomington Saturday and are to come home to day I just know it will nearly wear ma out well Willie I hope you will get your coat all rite [sic] may the good lord bless and keep us till me [sic] meet again Rite [sic] soon

From flora and Family to her Dear Brother Willie By By Rite [sic]Soon

Pension Increase

Your pension is increased to \$25 per month from October 6, 1917, by the Act of Congress approved on that date.

ATTACH THIS SLIP SECURELY TO THE FACE OF YOUR PENSION CERTIFICATE.

F [illegible name]

Commissioner of Pensions.

Widow's Pension Certificate October 1910

No 710618 original

UNITED STATES AMERICA

DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

It is hereby certified That in conformity with the laws of the United States Eliza A. Murphy Widow of Dennis Murphy a Private Co. I 22d Regt. Indiana Volunteer Infantry is entitled to a pension at the rate of Twelve dollars per month, to commence on the sixteenth day of June 1910 and to continue during her widowhood.

Given at the Department of the Interior this twenty second day of October one thousand nine hundred and ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty fifth

R C Balluegan

Secretary of the Interior.



Countersigned,

J L Davenport

Commissioner of Pensions

War Enrollment Forms January 1886

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D.C. Jan 27, 1886.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Dennis Murphy, a Private of Company "I", 22, Regiment Ind. Volunteers, was enrolled on the 15 day of Aug., 1861, at Madison, for 3 yrs [sic], and is reported on Roll to August 31, 1861 Present. Same to June 30, 1862. Roll July and August 1862 presence or absence Not Stated. Returns for July and Aug. 1862 Not on file. Roll Sept. and October 1862 Present. Roll Nov. and Dec. 1862 absent without leave. Roll Jan. and Feby. 1863 absent taken Prisoner battle Stone [sic] River Dec. 31, 1862. Same to April 30, 1863. (Company was in action there on above date). Roll May and June 1863 absent sick in Hospital Murfreesboro, Tenn. since June 24, 1863. Subsequent Rolls to Dec. 31, 1863. Reenlisted as Veteran Vol. Dec. 23, 1863. Roll from Dec. 31, 1863 to April 30, 1864 (four months) [note: over is written at bottom of form] Muster Present. Same to June 30, 1864. Return for [illegible] 1864 does not report him absent. Roll July and August 1864 absent sick Div. Hospital. Roll September and Oct. 1864 reports him present. Same to April 30, 1865. Roll May and June 1865 absent on furlough of ten days order of Genl. Vandewere. Mustered out with Company as Corporal July 24, 1865 Louisville. Ky.

Prisoner of War Records show him captured at Murfreesboro Tenn. December 31, 1862, conf'd [sic] at Richmond, Va., January 21 '63. paroled at City Point Va. January 26, '63. reported at Camp parole, Md., January 27, '63. Remark absent without leave Sent to Camp Chase Ohio March 10, '63 where he arrived March 22, '63 disposition not given. Reported at Camp Carrington Ind date not given where he is present April 30, '63. Sent to regiment on or before June 6, '63. No evidence of medical treatment or disability on said records

Co. Returns show the following June 63 absent sick at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Aug. 64 at Div [sic] Hospl. [sic]

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The records of this office furnish no evidence of alleged disabilities.

Regtl. [sic] Hospl. [sic] records furnish no information prior to 1864 are not on file.

T.S. Rucker

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