

Preston Wells Records

Drop Report-Pensioner Form

DROP REPORT- PENSIONER

Margaret A Wells
RR1 BOX 585
957235 C W WID
JOPLIN MO

[blank] Cert. No. [blank]
Pensioner [blank]
Soldier [blank]
Service [blank]
Class [blank]
Remarks [blank]

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

OCT 16 1931, 193 [blank]

The name of the above-described pensioner
who was last paid at the rate of \$50
per month to SEP 4 1931, 193 [blank]
has this day been dropped from the roll because of DEATH Sept-19-1931
Vet. Adm. PENSION W. H. Holmes

Adjutant General's office Form

War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington D. C., July 9, 1880

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st day of Oct. 1879, requesting a "Statement of Service" of Preston Wells. The following information has been obtained from the files of this Office, and is furnished in reply to your inquiry. No. 277,799.

In the case of Preston Wells there is no original Enlistment or Muster-in Roll showing him to have been enrolled or mustered into the service of the United States as an enlisted man in Company H of the 21st Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, on file in this Office up to date.

The Muster-Rolls of Company H of that Regiment contain the following evidence of service:

Enlisted as a Recruit Jany [sic] 5, 1862 at Ironton Mo. to serve 3 years. On roll for Jany [sic] and Feby /62 he is reported Private present. To [illegible] to Jany [sic] and Feby, /63 when reported absent. Sick in Hospal [sic] at Nashville. Company was in action at the battle of Stones River Tenn. Jany [sic] 1 /63. [illegible] present to Aug 31 /63. Sept. and Oct. /63 absent Missing in action Sept. 20/63. Company was in action Sept 19, 20 /63 at Chickamauga Ga – Name dropped from sick rolls. He was mustered out on Detached M. O. Roll Feby 13 /65 at Springfield Ills with remark: Captured by the enemy at the battle of Chickamauga Ga. Sept 20 1863.

Pris of War Records show Pvt Preston Wells or Welds Co “H” 21st Ills; captured at Chickamauga Ga Sept 20th 1863; Confined at Richmond Va Sept 29 63; Sent to Danville Va [sic] Dec 12 1863; Confined at Florence, S.C Oct 1864; Paroled at Charleston SC Dec 10 1864; Reported at Camp Parole Dec 16 1864; Furloughed Dec 25 1864 for 30 days to report at Camp Chase Ohio where he arrived Jany [sic] 26 1865, and sent to Prv. Mar. Columbus Ohio Jan 27 1865; No evidence of medical treatment or disability on said records. This report is accepted as referring to Preston Wells Co. “H” 21” Ills Vols

The records of this office do not furnish any evidence of wounds Jany. [sic] or September 1863 nor show mentions of sickness reported [illegible] Mo. Roll for Jany. [sic] and Feby. 1863.

Company Mornng [sic] Report Book April 23 1863 shows him “Returned to duty from Genl [sic] Hospl [sic] Louisville Ky [illegible]”

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
H C [illegible]
Assistant Adjutant General.
[illegible signature]
The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D.C.

Declaration for Widow’s Pension Form

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW’S PENSION.
Act of May 1, 1920

State of Missouri, County of Jasper

On this 23rd day of October, 1924 personally appeared Mrs. Margaret A. Wells before me the undersigned, who makes the following declaration as an application for pension under the provisions of the act of Congress approved May 1, 1920.

The she is 77 years of age, that she was born January 15th, 1847, at Barry County, Missouri, and that her post-office address is Joplin, Missouri, Route #1 – Box 585.

That she is the widow of Preston Wells, who ENLISTED 6th of January, 1862, at [blank], under the name of Preston Wells, in (Here state company and regiment, if in the Army; or vessel if in the Navy.) Company H 21st Illinois Inf. [sic] and was honorably DISCHARGED Feb. 13th, 1865 Springfield, Illinois having served ninety days or more, or was discharged for, or died in service of the United States of a disability incurred in the service in the line of duty, during the CIVIL WAR, and who DIED October 19, 1924, at Joplin, Missouri (Royal Heights).

That he also served in None (Here give a complete statement of all other military, naval, or home guard services, if any, at whatever time rendered) and that, except as herein stated, said soldier (or sailor) was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States; THAT SHE WAS MARRIED to said soldier (or sailor) July 7, 1870, at Washburn, Mo. by Williamson Seamster that she had not been previously married, that he had not been previously married;

That she was NOT divorced from the soldier (or sailor) and that she has NOT remarried since his death;

That the following are the ONLY children OF THE SOLDIER (or sailor) who are now living and are under sixteen years of age;

(If he left no children under sixteen years of age, the claimant should so state)

[blank], born [blank], 1 [blank], at [blank]

[blank], born [blank], 1 [blank], at [blank]

[blank], born [blank], 1 [blank], at [blank]

[blank], born [blank], 1 [blank], at [blank]

[blank], born [blank], 1 [blank], at [blank]

[blank], born [blank], 1 [blank], at [blank]

That she has not heretofore applied for pension, the number of her former claim being [blank]; that said soldier (or sailor) was [blank] a pensioner, the number of his pension certificate being 321037

Two attesting witnesses

(1) Benoa Scott

(Signature of first witness)

R.R. #1 Joplin, Mo.

(Address of first witness)

(2) Edward B. [Illegible]

(Signature of second witness)

R.R #1 Joplin, Mo

(Address of second witness)
Margaret H Wells
(Claimant's signature in full)
R.R#1 Box 585 Joplin, Mo
(Claimant's address in full)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of October, 1924 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant 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.

My commission expires January 19, 1925
Cora W. Stewart
(Signature.)
notary public
(Official character).
Webb City, Mo, Box 413
(Post-office address of Officer.)

[Stamp: Pension H U.S. OCT 29 1924 OFFICE]

[Stamp: Declaration accepted as a widow's claim under Act of May 1, 1920. Chief Law Div. Per]

[Signed initials: Jsy]

Invalid Pension Form

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

Acts of June 27, 1890, May 9, 1900, and July 1, 1902.

NOTICE-This application may be sworn to before a JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, NOTARY PUBLIC, or before a Clerk of Court.

State of Missouri, County of Newton ss:

ON THIS 7 day of Feby, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and three personally appeared before me, R. O. Mitchell, Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Preston Wells aged 60 years, a resident of the City of Granby, County of Newton, State of Missouri, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Preston Wells who was Enrolled on the 6 day of Jany, [sic] 1862, in (Here state rank, company, and regiment if in the military service or vessel if in the navy, and all the services in the Federal Army.) Private Co H 21st Regiment Illinois infantry Volunteers in the service of the United States in the War of the Rebellion, and served at least ninety days and was Honorably Discharged at Springfield, Ill, on the 13 day of Feby.. 1865. That he has not been employed in the Military or Naval service of the United States, prior to Jany [sic] 6th 1862 (Here state what the service was, whether prior, subsequent to that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.) or subsequent to Feby 13th, 1865 That he is Totaly [sic] unable to earn a support by manual labor by reason of (Here name the disease or injuries from which disabled.)

disease of Gums and [illegible] cicatrices on right leg and back and contracted tendons and atrophic muscles of right foot, Spinal muscular rheumatism and enlargement Prostate Gland. That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent, and have existed since his first application. That he has applied for pension, the said claim being No. [blank]. That he has been a pensioner under Certificate No. 321037

[Stamp: Pension C U.S. Feb 10 1903 OFFICE]

(If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application if one was made. Erasing to suit the facts.)

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States under the provision of the Acts of June 27, 1890, of May 9, 1900 and July 1, 1903.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, T. W. TALLMADGE of Washington D.C., his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim, and to receive therefor a fee of TEN dollars; that his Post Office address is Granby, County of Newton, State of Missouri

ATTEST:

1. W.W. Scholes

2. F.L. Repass

(Two witnesses who can write, sign here.)

Preston Wells x his mark

(Claimant's signature.)

Bureau of Pensions Form

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington D.C., January 2, 1915.

Sir: Please 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 widow or children. Use the inclosed [sic] envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

G M [illegible]

Commissioner.

[Stamp: Pension L May 8, 1915 U.S. Office]

PRESTON WELLS

GRANBY MO
321037 ACT MAY

- No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. May 23, 1842 Coles County, Illinois
The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. Twenty first Illinois Infantry, Company H
- No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. Westfield, Clark County Illinois
- No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. Margaret Abigail Wells nee Cornelison
- No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. July 7, 1870, Barry Co., Mo by Williamson Seamster (clergyman)
- No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? Yes
If so, where? Answer. Cassville, Barry County Missouri
- No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer. No
- No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. No
- No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. no separation
- No. 9 State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living and dead. Answer.
William Jesse Wells May, 16, 1871
Lelah Wells October, 1, 1872
Celia Wells March, 5, 1874
Anna Wells October, 1, 1875
Carter Wells January, 10, 1877 (Deceased)
E. D. Harlan Wells March, 31, 1878
Dora Wells October, 14, 1879
Margaret Abigail Wells March, 21, 1881
Audie Wells Jan., 25, 1883
Lydia Edith Wells Dec., 29, 1886

Date May 6, 1915
(Signature) Preston Wells