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Civil War Pension Application for Martha Blackburn Stinson

Submitted by Mary Stinson Claunch-Lane, Paris Texas

Declaration for Widow's Army Pension

Martha Blackburn Stinson, Widow of Andrew J. Stinson
State of Indiana, County of Vanderburgh

On this 15 day of December A. D., one thousand eight hundred and 76 personally appeared before me, Jesse W. Walker Clerk of the Circuit Court, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Martha Stinson, a resident of near Evansville in the County of Vanderburgh and State of Indiana age [blank] years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862. That she is the widow of Andrew J. Stinson who enlisted in the service of the United States at Evansville, Indiana in the State of Indiana on the first day of August 1862 as a Private in Company H, commanded by Capt. S. R. Hornbrook in the 65th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. In the war of 1861; who while in the service aforesaid, in the line of his duty, was severely wounded in an engagement with the enemy at Blountsville, E. Tennessee, Sept. 22, 1862 from which he died at Vanderburgh county in the State of Indiana on the 30th day of September A. D., 1876. She further declares that she was married to the said Andrew J. Stinson in the County of Vanderburgh and State of Indiana on the 5th day of January in the year of 1867 that her name before her said marriage was Martha Blackburn. That her husband, the said Andrew J. Stinson died on the day above mentioned, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. And further the following one the name and date of births of the several children of the said Andrew J. Stinson, and said Claimant now living, who were under sixteen years of age at the time of his decease, viz: Mary R. Stinson born April 7th 1869, Nannie L. Stinson born July 24, 1873, both born at their home near Evansville, Indiana, and now living with their mother, said Claimant. The deceased was holder of Pens. Cert. No. 60.007 herewith surrendered. The Claimant asks reference to testimony in file with orig. Application. She also declares that she has not, in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States. She hereby appoints Wm. G. Bradley of Evansville State of Indiana her true and lawful Attorney, with full power of substitution to prosecute this claim for pension, and to receive the certificate which may be issued therefor. She requests that her pension be paid at Indianapolis State of Indiana. Her post office address is Evansville, 211 ½ 3rd, County of Vanderburgh State of Indiana.

Signature of Claimant: Martha Stinson

Signature of Witnesses: Martin S. Ragland and William Blackburn

Also personally appeared Martin S. Ragland and S. R. Hornbrook resident of the County of Vanderburgh, State of Indiana. Whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me first duly sworn, say they were present and saw Martha Stinson sign her name to the foregoing declaration and power of attorney; 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; that they have been well acquainted with her and her said husband Andrew J. Stinson deceased, for 30 years and know they lived together as husband and wife, and were so reputed; that they were adjoining neighbors to said Ragland, during their whole married life and said deceased was intimately known to said Hornbrook who was his Capt. in the Army, that the names and ages and residence of his children as represented by her in the foregoing declaration are true as they verily believe; and also, that the only children of Andrew J. Stinson under sixteen years of age at the time of his decease. They further declare that she has remained a widow ever since her husband's decease, and that she has not, in any manner,

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aided or abetted the rebellion; and that they have no interest in prosecution of this claim, and that they are not near relatives of the claimant. The said Ragland married sister of deceased, and said Hornbrook says he has no personal knowledge of the age of the children but believes the statement correct. Signed Martin S. Ragland and S. R. Hornbrook. Sworn to, acknowledged and subscribed before me, this 15th day of December 1876, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declarations of claimant and affidavit of witnesses were 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 signature: Jess M. Walker, Clerk V. C. C.

Adjutant General's Office
Washington, D. C. May 15, 1877

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No 229.205, and to return it herewith with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file this Office that Andrew J. Stinson was enrolled on the 1st day of Aug. 1862 at Evansville in Co. "H", 65th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, to serve 3 years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Pvt. on the 18th day of Aug. 1862, at Camp Lewis, Evansville, Indiana, in Co. "H", 65th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll Co. "H", of that Regiment, from muster in to Aug. 31, 1863, he is reported Present. Sept. & Oct. 63 Absent. Wounded at Battle of Blountsville, Tenn. Sept. 22nd. In Hospital Knoxville, Tenn. (Co. was in action at said place and date) Nov. & Dec. 63 Sent to Camp Nelson, Ky, wounded Nov. 22, 1863. Absent in Hospital on ___ (?) Rolls to June 30, 1864. July & Aug. 64 Present. Sept. & Oct. 64 same. Nov. & Dec. 64 Absent. In hospital Evansville, Indiana, Jan. & Feb. 65 same with additional remark "Sick". March & April 65 Sgt. "Discharged March 18, 64 for G. S. W."

Cert. of Disability reports him discharged at Evansville, Ind. March 18th 1865.

I am sire, respectfully,

Your obedient servant, G. W. Benjamin, Assistant Adjutant General
The Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

Army of the United States
Certificate of Disability for Discharge

Sergeant Andrew J. Stinson of Captain S. R. Hornbrook's Company, "H", of the 65th Ind. Inft. Regiment of the United States Volunteers was enlisted by S. R. Hornbrook of the 65th Regiment of Ind. Inft. at Evansville, Indiana on the first day of August 1862, to serve Three years; he was born in Posey Co., in the State of Indiana twenty four years of age for ___ (?), complexion: dark; eyes: blue and dark hair, and by occupation when enlisted a farmer. Station: Evansville, Ind.

Date: February 28th 1865

Signed: Newton M. Brook, Capt. I. R. C. Mil. Asst.

I certify, that I have carefully examined the said Andrew J. Stinson of Captain S. R. Hornbrook's Company and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of gunshot wound of the left thorax; and ball lodged within the thoracic cavity received in action at Bloutsville, Tenn. on the 22nd day of September 1863. He is unfit for V. R. C. Degree of disability, two thirds.

Signed: ___ (name illegible) Assistant Surgeon ___ (?) Board of Examiners

Discharged this 18th day of March 1865, at Evansville, Indiana. J. S. Simonson, Col. Asst. Military Comd.
The soldier desires to be addressed at Evansville, County of Vanderburgh, State of Indiana

Marriage License

Indiana, to wit, Vanderburgh County, ss.

To All Who Shall See These Presents — Greeting:

Know Ye, That any person empowered by Law to solemnize Marriage, is hereby authorized to join together as HUSBAND AND WIFE, Andrew J. Stinson and Martha Blackburn and for so doing, this shall be his sufficient authority. In Testimony Whereof, I Blyth Hynes, Clerk of the Vanderburgh Circuit Court, hereunto subscribe my name and affix the Seal of said Court, at Evansville, this 4th day of January, A. D. 1868. Signed: Blythe Hynes, Clerk [note: the name Soren Sorenson, Clerk, was stricken out]

Additional affidavit: Certificate of Marriage. Indiana, to wit, Vanderburgh County: This Certifies that I joined in Marriage, as Husband and Wife, Andrew J. Stinson and Martha Blackburn on this 5th day of January A. D. 1868. Signed: James G. Ensle (?)

State of Indiana

Vanderburgh County

I, Jesse M. Walker, Clerk of the Vanderburgh Circuit Court of said County do hereby certify that the within is a Copy of the License issued and the Certificate of Marriage of Martha Blackburn to Andrew J. Stinson as the same appears of Record in Marriage Record for 1816 (?) To 1870 on page 102 in the Records of said Court in my office and that the same are regular and in due form of law. Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court this 23rd day of January 1877. Jesse M. Walker, Clerk. Stamped in Department of Interior, Pension Office on Jan. 26, 1877.

(To be used only in case increase of pensions is claimed under Act of September 8, 1916 — Sign name as it appears on pension certificate. No attorney will be recognized and no attorney fee will be paid.)

Evansville, Ind. Sept. 1st 1917

Widows Certificate Number: 178490

Name of Soldier: Andrew J. Stinson

Service of Soldier: Private, Co. H. 65th Regt. Ind. Vol. Inf.

Commissioner of Pensions

Washington, D. C.

Sir: I am pensioned under the above certificate number, because of the service of the soldier named. I was not his wife during the period of his service in the Civil War. (If not, wrote word "not" in blank space.) I was married to him January 4, 1868. I am 70 years of age, having been born February 1st 1848, at Posey Co., Indiana. I am entitled to the increase of pension provided by the first section of the Act of September 8, 1916. Signature: Martha Stinson, Post office address: 1509 West Franklin, Evansville, Indiana [note: stamped by Pension Office, Feb. 3, 1917]

Transcript of United States Veterans Bureau Check

United States Veterans Bureau

Finance Service, Form 1145 revised ___ (?)

From Disbursing to Accounting. Period covering 9/4 through 10/3/32. Office: Wash. D. C. 1932, No. 8, 623-045. 10/4/1932. Pay to the order of Martha Stinson of Evansville, Indiana 2521 W. Franklin; \$40.00 The original of this Check was returned on account of death 10/4/1932 and is now in the return Check File. Asset 10/13/1932, typist: JKJ

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These Parents Think They Will Win Large Family Prize

From the *Evansville Courier*, March 15, 1903

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Horst of 935 South Garvin street think they will win the \$5 offered by The Courier to the parents of the largest family of children in Evansville. They are the parents of fifteen children, seven of whom are alive. The father is 60 years of age and the mother 55. They were married in this city in the Zion Evangelical church nearly thirty-eight years ago.

Both of the parents are German by birth and are samples of the hardy people of that nation. They are proud of their children, although they had refused to send in their coupon until urged to do so by their neighbors.

The first four children were boys and died when infants. Herman, named for his father, was the fifth child, and lived until he was 14 years old. The next child is Henry, aged 29 years, and a well known young man about the city. The first girl, being the seventh child, was named Tillie, but died when 15 years of age. The next child is Fred, who is living and 25 years of age. The next is Benjamin, who will be 24 years of age in October. Following Benjamin came Walter, who died when an infant, and the next child is Herman, who is now 18 years old. Following Herman came Lottie, who died at the age of 5 years. The last three are still living and are Agne, aged 14; Albert, aged 12, and Clarence, the baby, aged 7. It will be seen by this that twelve of the children were boys and three girls. Only one of the girls is living.

"Yes, we are proud of our family," said Mrs. Horst last evening, "but when I talked to the big boys about sending in the coupon they discouraged me. Then the neighbors urged us to, and so one night we filled it out and gave it to the postman. We can prove the statement by showing our living children and showing the burial certificates at Locust Hill cemetery, where all of the others are buried."

All of the children except one live at home. Benjamin, the ninth, owns a grocery in St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Horst is an energetic woman and does all of her own housework. "Bother," she said, "why my children never bothered me. I loved to have them around and found time to go to as many socials and to church as often as I wanted to. Then I took a pleasure in raising my children and seeing them grown into nice boys and girls. I would be worlds happier if the whole fifteen were alive."

Mrs. Horst is one of fourteen children herself. She had a sister who was the mother of fourteen. She came to this city when 5 years old with her parents, and her husband left Germany at the age of 15. He is a teamster. Ever since their marriage they have been members of Zion's church. —

Warrick's First White Child is Taken by Death

From the *Evansville Journal*, March 5, 1922

William H. Anderson, 83, one of the pioneers of Warrick county, who died here at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Sturgeon, 110 Huston avenue, will be held at 1:30 Monday from the home, with burial in the Center cemetery in Warrick county, which is the farm on which Mr. Anderson lived when a boy.

William Anderson is thought to have been the first white person born in Warrick county. He was the son of Bailey Anderson, one of the first settlers of the state and the first white man to settle in Warrick county. Bailey Anderson was a cousin to Ratcliffe Boone, another early Warrick county settler.

Mr. Anderson left two daughters, Mrs. Sturgeon and Mrs. J. R. Whetstone of Newburg, and one son, Homer, of Anderson. —