

**ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES**  
**CERTIFICATE**  
**OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE**

Pvt. Samuel Fryberger of Captain Jos. A. Gilmore Company, (H), of the 48<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment of United States Vols. Was enlisted by Capt. Gilmore of the 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Penn. Vols. At Pottsville PA. on August 1861, to serve 3 years; he was born in Schuylkill Co. in the state of Penn. Is 18 years of age, 5 feet 5 ½ inches high, florid complexion, brown eyes, brown hair, and by occupation when enlisted a miner. During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for duty 61 days.

STATION: Convalescence Camp, Va.

DATE: July 24 of 63

I certify that I have carefully examined the said Samuel Fryberger of Captain Gilmore's Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of gunshot wound of right hip; received at battle of Antietam and causing serious lameness. Disability ½.

Signed by surgeon.  
(Name illegible)

Discharged this fourth day of February 1865, at Convalescence Camp, Virginia.

Signed by Commander of Reg.  
(Name illegible)

State of Pennsylvania  
County of Schuylkill

On this eighteenth day of February A.D. 1863, before me the Prothonatary of the Courts in aid for the County and State above named personally appeared Samuel Fryberger a resident of Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, aged 19 years who being duly sworn that he is the identical Samuel Fryberger who was a private in Company H, commanded by Captain Joseph A. Gilmore in the 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, commanded by Colonel J. K. Seigfried: in the war of 1861 and 1862 for the suppression of the Rebellion against the Government of the United States. That he volunteered at Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, A. D. 1861 for the term of three years and was honorably discharged at the Convalescent Camp near Alexandria, Virginia on the fourth day of February A. D. 1863 as will appear by his Certificate of Discharge herewith presented.

That while in the line of his duty in said service at the Battle of Antietam, Maryland, on the 17<sup>th</sup> September A.D. 1862 he was wounded in the thigh and by reason of said wound is unable to follow his occupation.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the Invalid Pension Roll of the United States by reason of the disability above stated and he hereby makes constitute and appoints N. Ramlay Potts of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania his attorney to prosecute this claim and procure a pension certificate.

Witness present.

His  
Samuel (X) Fryberger  
Mark

Sworn to subscribed and acknowledged before me the day and year just before written and on the same day personally appeared Thomas Bohannan; a resident of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania and James E. Evans, a resident of Saint Clair, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, who being duly sworn according to law do say that they are personally acquainted with Samuel Fryberger who has made and subscribed the foregoing declaration in their presence and 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 represents himself to be that they reside as above stated and are disinterested in this claim for a pension and they further swear that the applicant made his crop mark in their presence to his signature.

Thomas Bohannan  
James E. Evans

Sworn to and subscribed before me and I certify that I am not interested in the claim or concerned in its prosecution that I believe the affiants to be credible witnesses and the claimant is the person he represents himself to be. In testimony whereof I have herewith signed my name and affixed my official seal this Eighteenth day of February A.D. 1863.

Chas. Frailey, Proth.

Surgeon's Certificate  
In case of

Samuel Fryberger  
Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Reg't, Penn. Vol's

Application for Pension  
No. 23149

Date of Examination  
January 16<sup>th</sup> 1879

Daniel W. Shindel  
Examining Surgeon

Post Office, Sunbury  
County, Northumberland  
State, Pennsylvania

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined Samuel Fryberger, late a Private in Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Reg't, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the service of the United States, who is an applicant for an invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from G.S. wound of right hip & right shoulder.

In my opinion, the said Samuel Fryberger is Five Eighths ( $\frac{5}{8}$ ) incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before me, it is my belief that the said disability did actually originate in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

The disability is probably permanent in degree.

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Height: 5 ft. 9"; weight, 145 lbs.; complexion, dark; age, 33 yrs.; pulse, 68 per min.; respiration, 18 per min.

Applicant received a minnie ball on the upper face of right thigh. The ball passing under muscles, out and around hip and lodged in glutis muscles of same side from which it was extracted several months after wounds, a large abscess having formed from the presence of the ball. Wounds now healed, but I find the site of entrance contracted and tender to the touch, also three distinct cicatrices on back part of hip, the result of incisions made in search of the ball, and the evacuation of matter from the abscess. The body slightly inclined forward with some loss of power in bending the leg and drawing it inwards and outwards from probably injury to muscles. Considerable weakness of the whole limb with lameness equal to eight. I also find a large and deep cicatrix near ----- of right scapula, made, on my judgement, by a passing ball, perhaps in a flank movement. We also find from wound of back, some difficulty and pain in drawing the arm backwards, equal to one-fourth disability.

Department of the Interior  
Pension Office  
March 01, 1879

Sir:

Please furnish this Office a report of hospital treatment in the Claim No. 23149, of Samuel Fryberger, late a "H" Co. 48<sup>th</sup> PA. Vol., from the data given below.

1. Disability from GSW, right hip, in action, Antietam Md. Sept. 17, 1862  
Disability from GSW, right shoulder, in action, Wilderness, Va., May 04, 1864
2. Treatment, as follows: in Hospital at Frederick City, Md., Sept. 21, 1862 for 4 or 5 months, for 2<sup>nd</sup> wound in Hospital at West Philadelphia.

Reenlisted in same company & regiment, March 04, 1864

3. The adjutant General's report shows : Admitted to hospital; wounded at Antietam MD. Sept. 17, 1862; stayed until Feb. 28, 1863. Discharged on S.C.D. at Camp Convalescence, Va. Feb. 04, 1863. Wounded May 06, 1864; in hospital Philadelphia, Pa., transferred to V.R.C Sept. 23, 1864
4. Discharged July 15, 1865

## Declaration for the Increase of an Invalid Pension

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, SS.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. on thousand eight hundred and eighty two, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, Samuel Fryberger, aged 37 years, a resident of the Boro of Shamokin, county of Northumberland, State of Pennsylvania who, being duly sworn and according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the Philadelphia Pension Agency at the rate of six dollars per month, by reason of disability from Gunshot wounds of the right hip and right shoulder incurred in the Military service of the United States while a Private of Company "H", 48<sup>th</sup> Reg., Pa. Vol's.

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of increased disability arising from said wounds. His physical condition by reason of said wounds of right hip is such as to cause him great pain and the wounds being on the same side of the body prevent him at times from doing any work.

Claimant Signature: Samuel Fryberger

Attest: H. Daniell  
Wm. W. Ryant

Application for Accrued Pension  
(Widows)

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1896, personally appeared Margaret Fryberger, who, being duly sworn, declares that she is the lawful widow of Samuel Fryberger, deceased; that he died on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1896; that he had been granted a pension by Certificate No. 162726 which is herewith returned; that he had been paid the pension by the Pension Agent at Philadelphia up to the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1896; after which date he had not been employed or paid in the Army, Navy, or Marine service of the United States; that she was married to the said Samuel Fryberger on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1868, at Cressona, in the State of Penna.; that her name before said marriage was Margaret Garing; that she had not been previously married; that her husband had not been previously married; that she hereby makes application for the pension which had accrued on aforesaid certificate to the date of death; and that her residence is No. 5 S. Rock St, City of Shamokin, County of Northumberland, State of Penna., and her post office address is Shamokin, Penna..

(Widows Signature) Margaret Fryberger

Also personally appeared Margaret Reagan, residing at Shamokin, Pa., and Mary Consadine, residing at Iowa City, Johnson Co., Iowa, who, being duly sworn, say they were present and saw Margaret Fryberger sign her name to the foregoing declaration; that they know her to be the lawful widow of Samuel Fryberger, who died on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1896; and that their means of knowledge that said parties were husband and wife, and that the husband died on said date, are as follows:

Affiant Margaret Reagan knows they lived and cohabited together as man and wife for past sixteen (16) years. Mary Consadine knows they lived as such for past nine months, and both were present at soldiers bedside when he died.

(Signature of Witnesses) Margaret Reagan  
Mary Consadine

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1896 and I certify that the affiants are reputable persons; that they know the contents of their depositions, and that their statements are entitled to full faith and credit. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the above claim.

(Signature) Francis M. Rowe  
(Official Character) Justice of the Peace

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, ss.

In the matter of Pension Claim No. 635,917 of Margaret Fryberger, Widow of Samuel Fryberger, Co. H, 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA Inf.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1896, personally appeared before me A Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, M. C. Farrow aged 43 years, a resident of Shamokin in the County of Northumberland and State of Penna. Whose post office address is Shamokin, PA.

I am an undertaker in the Borough of Shamokin and was mutually acquainted with deceased soldier for at least eighteen years and know that he died on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1896, as I was called to his residence immediately after his death to prepare the body for burial, and I buried him in the Shamokin Cemetery on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1896.

This testimony is written by the Justice Francis M. Rowe at his office at Shamokin, PA. In my presence on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1896 and only from my oral statements to him there made. I have not used and am not ordered or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person, "Except to refer to my record of deaths" and not attached as an exhibit of my testimony.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

M. C. Farrow

## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, ss.

In the matter of Pension Claim No. 635,917 of Margaret Fryberger, Widow of Samuel Fryberger, Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA Inftry.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1896, personally appeared before me A Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, August Shultz, aged 39 years, a resident of Shamokin in the County of Northumberland and State of Penna. Whose post office address is Shamokin, PA.

I have known deceased soldier and claimant for the past fifteen years. They lived in this town during all of that period and lived and cohabitated together as man and wife during all of this time and up and to date of soldiers death June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1896, and to the best of my knowledge were therefore never divorced. Claimant has not remarried since soldiers death this fact is known to me personally. If she had resumed marriage relations, I would have been acquainted of the fact. I also know positively that the children claimed for, Frank R., Dora E., Eva V., Maggie M., and Marion, are living at this date. The manner in which coal mining is carried on at present the claimants income is Three Dollars per week which is amount of earnings received from her minor son, has no other income other than \$30.00 per month which she receives from her sons who are of legal age, when they earn sufficient to pay this amount, so possesses no property other than house with effects.

This testimony is written by the Justice Francis M. Rowe at his office at Shamokin PA on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1896, in my presence and only from my oral statements to him there made. I have not used and am not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital prepared or dictated by any other person and not attached as an exhibit to my testimony.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

August Schultz



GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, ss.

In the matter of Pension Claim 635,917 of Margaret Fryberger, widow of Samuel Fryberger, Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA Infty.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1896, personally appeared before me A Justice of the Peace, in and for the aforesaid county duly authorized to administer oaths, Rev. D. T. Davis aged 73 years, a resident of Shamokin in the County of Northumberland and State of Penna. Whose post office address is Shamokin, Penna.

I Rev. D. T. Davies, Pastor of the Welsh Congregational Church of Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Penna. Do testify that I baptized Mr. Samuel Fryberger and his wife Margaret Frybergers children.

Margaret was born Sep. 19, 1885. Baptized Sept. 30, 1885. Eva Viola was born June 26, 1889, was baptized Sept. 1889. Dora Elizabeth was born November 8, 1891, baptized August 15, 1893. Frank Rayman was born March 13, 1893, and was baptized July 11, 1896.

The above is written by my own hand writing as facts according to my record book of baptizing.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Rev. D. T. Davie

## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, ss.

In the matter of Pension Case No. 635,917 of Margaret Fryberger, widow of Samuel Fryberger, Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA Infty.

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1896, personally appeared before me A Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, John Weir aged 60 years, a resident of Shamokin in the County of Northumberland and State of Penna whose post office address is Shamokin Penna.

I am the assessor of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward of the Borough of Shamokin, the ward in which soldier resided and in which the claimant still resides for the past ten years, 1886 to 1896 inclusive, and since 1887 to 1897 inclusive, soldier nor claimant did not possess any taxable property of any kind whatever, as the records kept in my custody show.

This testimony is written by the Justice Francis M. Rowe at my residence at Shamokin PA, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1896, in my presence and only from my oral statements to him then made. I have not used and am not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital prepared or dictated by any other person "except to refer to my yearly records of assessments made" and not attached as an exhibit to my testimony.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

John Weir

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, ss.

In the matter of Pension Claim No. 635,917 of Margaret Fryberger, widow of Samuel Fryberger, Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA Vols. Infty.

On this sixteenth day of July AD 1896, personally appeared before me A Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, W. E. Fischer aged 46 years, a resident of Shamokin in the County of Northumberland and State of Penna whose post office address is. . . .

I am at present pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church at Shamokin, and find by the church record, that Marion Christian Fryberger, son of Samuel Fryberger and his wife Margaret, was born in Shamokin, Northumberland Co., PA. On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1883, and that he was baptized by the Rev. J. A. Flickinger October 31, 1883 who was at that time pastor of the above mentioned church. I have written this above without dictation from anyone, and only as upon the facts as above narrated.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

W. E. Fischer, Pastor of Trinity  
Lutheran Church, Shamokin PA.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, ss.

In the matter of Pension Claim No. 635,917 of Margaret Fryberger, widow of Samuel Fryberger, Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA Vol. Infty.

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1896, personally appeared before me A Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, Christiana Rephom aged 43 years, a resident of Shamokin in the County of Northumberland and State of Penna. whose post office address is No. 29 North Rock St., Shamokin PA.

I have known Samuel Fryberger, the deceased soldier since I was seven years old. Our family and his family lived in the same town for a great number of years and therefore know that he was not married prior to his marriage to the claimant.

This testimony is written by the Justice Francis M. Rowe at his office at Shamokin, PA on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1896 in my presence and only from my oral statements to him then made. I have not used and am not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated, by any other person and not attached as an exhibit to my testimony.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Christiana Rephom

## General Affidavit

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, ss.

In the matter of Pension Claim No. 635,917 of Margaret Fryberger, widow of Samuel Fryberger, Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA Vol. Infty.

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1896, personally appeared before me A Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, Elias Seitzinger aged 62 years, a resident of Shamokin in the County of Northumberland and State of Penna whose post office address is No. 130 S. Shamokin St, Shamokin PA.

I have known Samuel Fryberger this deceased soldier from the time that he was about twelve or thirteen years old, long enough before his marriage to any person have lived neighbors together in Gordon, PA and Shamokin, PA for at least forty five years, and can therefore state positively that he had not been married prior to his marriage to the claimant.

This testimony is written by the Justice Francis M. Rowe at his office at Shamokin, PA on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1896 in my presence and only from my oral statements to him then made. I have not used and am not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated, by any other person and not attached as an exhibit to my testimony.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Elias Seitzinger

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, ss.

In the matter of Pension Claim No. 635,917 of Margaret Fryberger, widow of Samuel Fryberger, Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA Vol. Infty.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1896, personally appeared before me A Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, Patrick Martin aged 64 years, a resident of Shamokin in the County of Northumberland and State of Penna whose post office address is #638 E. Race St, Shamokin PA.

That I know this widow prior to her marriage to Samuel Fryberger, her maiden name was Margaret Gehring. I have known her for the past thirty five years. I resided in Gordon, Penna the same town in which claimant resided during her single days and was acquainted with her and her family and can therefore state positively that she was never married prior to her marriage to soldier. I also knew deceased soldier prior to his marriage to claimant as he lived at Fountain Springs, PA about a mile from Gordon, PA, and know that he was never married prior to his marriage to claimant.

This affidavit is written by the Justice Francis M. Rowe at his office at Shamokin, PA on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1896 in my presence and only from my oral statements to him then made. I have not used and am not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated, by any other person and not attached as an exhibit to my testimony.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Patrick Martin

## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, ss.

In the matter of Pension Claim No. 635,917 of Margaret Fryberger, widow of Samuel Fryberger, Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA Vol. Infty.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July AD 1896, personally appeared before me A Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, Henry Startzel aged 56 years, a resident of Shamokin in the County of Northumberland and State of Penna whose post office address is 120 S. Pearl St, Shamokin PA.

That I have known this claimant for about thirty six (36) years, went to school with her and known from my long and intimate acquaintance with her that she was a single woman when she married the soldier. She was positively not married prior to her marriage to Samuel Fryberger, the deceased soldier. Her maiden name was Margaret Gehring. I also know that soldier was not married prior to marriage to claimant.

This affidavit is written by the Justice Francis M. Rowe at his office at Shamokin, PA on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1896 in my presence and only from my oral statements to him then made. I have not used and am not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated, by any other person and not attached as an exhibit to my testimony.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Henry Startzel

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Penna, County of Philadelphia, ss.

In the matter of application of Margaret Fryberger, widow of Samuel Fryberger, personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, John F. Gearing, aged 54 years, resident of 2414 N. 25<sup>th</sup> St, Philadelphia, County of Philadelphia, and State of Penna., and . . .

That he is the brother of Margaret Fryberger, formerly Gearing, who is now the widow of Samuel Fryberger who died at Shamokin, PA., June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1896; that the said Margaret Gearing was married to Samuel Fryberger on the Twenty-First day of November, 1868, at Cressona, in Schuylkill County, PA., at the residence of this affiant and that he was present at the time and he further declares that the said Margaret Fryberger had never been married before and has not been married since. This statement being made in the presence of John H. Craven and reduced to writing on this Eighteenth day of August, A.D. 1896, at 1546 Nth Seventh Street, Philadelphia, that he was not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement made, prepared or dictated by any other person and not attached as an exhibit to this testimony.

Affiants declare that he has no interest direct or indirect in said case, and that he is not concerned in its prosecution.

Witness, Mae b. Lewis

John F. Gearing

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896, and I hereby certify that the contents of the affidavit were fully made known to the affiant before signing and that I have no interest in this claim.

Official Signature: John H. Craven  
Notary Public

Amongst the records of the Orphans' Court of the County of Northumberland, State of Pennsylvania, will be found the following:

To the Honorable the Judges of the Orphans' Court of Northumberland County, Penna,

The petition of Dora E. Fryberger born Nov. 8/1891., and Frank R. Fryberger, born March 13/1893., and Eva V. Fryberger, born June 26<sup>th</sup> 1889, minor children of Samuel Fryberger, deceased, of Shamokin, said County and State, and late Co. H. 48<sup>th</sup> Regt. Penna. Vol. Infy and Co. B. 14<sup>th</sup> Regt. Penna. Reserves, by their next friend (and mother), Margaret Laughlin (nee Fryberger,) respectfully represents, that of the above minor children the two former are under fourteen years of age and the latter is over fourteen years of age, and that the above named minor children are entitled to a pension by reason of their father the above named soldier having been a Pensioner (and that their Father left no other Estate from which they would derive any benefit) and they are entitled to pension at the rate of Two dollars per month, until they each arrive at the age of sixteen years.

They therefore pray the Honorable Court to appoint some suitable person as their Guardian for that purpose, as they have no person legally authorized to take charge of their persons and estates (as their mother having remarried on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1905.) and the latter named minor suggests the name of her mother as her Guardian she being over fourteen years of age.

And it is further represented that the above named minors will be entitled to Two dollars per month each until sixteen years of age, from the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1905, the date of the filing of their application made by Margaret Fryberger, now Laughlin, mother and next friend, and the amounts to be received (or due said minors, will be about as follows, Eva V. will be entitled to draw about \$5.20 for 2 mos 18 days, and Dora E. \$62.00 dollars for 31 months and Frank R. \$94.33 dollars for 47 1/6 mos, therefore Eva V. prays the Court to waive her appearing to avoid expense and respectfully requests that her mother Margaret Laughlin be appointed as her Guardian, and therefore joins in this petition and prays the Court to waive the matter of Bondsmen in her case as the amount will be too small to bear the expense, and your petitioners will every pray to

Witnesses to mark  
Jno. J. W. Schwartz  
Hannah J. Fetterman

Her  
Margaret X Laughlin  
mark  
for Dora E. Fryberger  
And Frank R. Fryberger

Eva V. Fryberger

Margaret Laughlin (nee Fryberger, above named, having been duly sworn according to law, deposeth and says that the facts stated in the foregoing petition are true and that the amount of money which will come into her hands as guardian of the said minors above stated will be about \$161.00 dollars should they live to be sixteen years of age.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1904

Notary  
Seal

Jno. J. W. Schwartz  
Notary Public, Shamokin PA  
Commission expires January 16, 1909



I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Margaret Laughlin, nee Fryberger, the mother of the within named minors, who is suggested as Guardian, that she is a person of respectability and good character and can be safely entrusted with said appointment and that there was no estate left by the soldier Samuel Fryberger, I which said minors have an interest and the Pension money due them under the law is necessary towards their maintenance and support.

Notary  
Seal

Jno. J. W. Schwartz  
Notary Public, Shamokin PA  
Commission expires January 16, 1909

### Order of Court upon Petition

At an Orphans' Court held at Sunbury, in and for the County of Northumberland, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1905, the petition of Margaret Laughlin, nee Fryberger, as mother and next friend of Eva V. Fryberger, Dora E. Fryberger, and Frank R. Fryberger, minor children of the late Samuel Fryberger (the latter two being under fourteen years and the former, Eva V. being over fourteen years joining in said petition and as these minor children had no person legally authorized to take charge of their persons and estate and praying the Court to appoint some suitable person as their guardian for that purpose and suggesting the name of their mother, Margaret Laughlin, as such, upon due consideration the Court, believing it to be for the best interests of said minor children, hereby appoints Margaret Laughlin as Guardian as aforesaid and direct that she give bond in the sum of Eighty dollars for Dora E. Fryberger and in the sum of One hundred and twenty dollars for Frank R. Fryberger with sufficient surety, to be approved by the Court, for the faithful performance of the duties of her said trust, and in the case of Eva V. Fryberger the Court, waive the matter of requesting a Bond to be furnished as the sum will be so small as not to warrant the expenses incident thereto, and also appoints the same guardian over her person and estate.

P.C.

C. R. Savidge, P. J.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we Margaret Laughlin and Peter S. Neidig all of the County of Northumberland, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are held and firmly bound to the said Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the sum of One hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00), lawful money, to be paid to the said Commonwealth; to which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents, jointly and severally.

Sealed with our seals, dated the First day of May A.D. nineteen hundred and five (1905).

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the above bounden Margaret Laughlin Gaurdian of Frank R. Fryberger a minor child of Samuel Fryberger late of Shamokin, P.A. deceased, shall at least once in every three years, and at any other time when required by the Orphans' Court for the County of Northumberland, render a just and true account of the management of the property and estate of the said minor, under his care, and shall also deliver up the said property, agreeably to the order and decree of the said Court, or the directions of law, and shall, in all respects, faithfully perform the duties of Gaurdian of the said Frank R. Fryberger then the above obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

SEALED AND DELIVERED IN S  
THE PRESENCE OF S  
Jno. J. W. Schwartz S  
S  
Hannah J. Fetterman S

her  
Margaret X Laughlin (Seal)  
mark

P. S. Neidig (Seal)

May 2d 1905, the within bond approved  
P. C.

C. R. Savidge, P. J.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890

DECLARATION FOR CHILDREN UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE

STATE OF Pennsylvania  
COUNTY OF Northumberland

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and five (1905), personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, Margaret Fryberger, now Laughlin, aged 56 years, a resident of Shamokin, county of Northumberland, State of Pennsylvania, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain pension under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 27, 1890:

That She is the mother and next friend of Eva V. Fryberger, (sixteen) June 25, 1905, Dora E. Fryberger (sixteen) November 7, 1907, and Frank R. Fryberger (sixteen) March 12, 1909. Legitimate children of Samuel Fryberger, who was enrolled under the name of Samuel Fryberger at \_\_\_\_\_ on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 1861, as a Private in Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Penna. Vol. Infantry and Co. B, 14<sup>th</sup> Reserves, and honorably discharged Feby. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1863, having served ninety days of more during the late war of the rebellion. That the soldier was in the military or naval service of the United States except as stated above. Co. "B", 14<sup>th</sup> Regt., Penna Reservers, and discharged July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1865, at Washington, D. C.

That the mother of said children was married under the name of Margaret Gearing to the soldier at Cressona, Schuylkill Co., PA, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1868 by Rev. Fred K. Cracker (Krecker); that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had not been previously married; that he had not been previously married.

That the said soldier died June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1896, at Shamokin, Pa., that he left a widow surviving and nine children living there and now.

That the following named are the only children of the soldier who are now living and under sixteen years of age, to wit:

Eva V. Fryberger	born	June 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1889,	at	Shamokin, PA
Dora E. Fryberger	born	Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1891,	at	Shamokin, PA
Frank R. Fryberger	born	March 13 <sup>th</sup> , 1893	at	Shamokin, PA

That 1 prior claim on behalf of said children has been filed. Under Certf. No. 430,281, Margaret Fryberger, widow of Samuel Fryberger and Children.

That her post-office address is 147 South Pearl Street, Shamokin, county of Northumberland, State of Pennsylvania.

Attest (1) Emanuel S. Brown  
Attest (2) L. B. Schwartz

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, SS:

I, F. M. Van Devender, Clerck of the Orphans' Court in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the record of the Petition for appointemnet of Guardian for the minor children of Samuel Fryberger, deceased.

So full and entire as the same remains on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the County aforesaid in Docket Book No. 31, Page 74.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set  
My hand and official seal at Sunbury, PA,  
This third day of May, A. D. 1905.

F. M. Van Devender  
Clerk of the Orphans' Court

## Examining Surgeon's Certificate

S. Haven Febry. 18, 1863

I hereby certify, that I have carefully examined Samuel Fryberger, late a Private in Capt. Jos. H Gilmores Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Regt. PA Vols, in the service of the United States, who was discharged at Convalescent Camp, VA., on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1863, and is an applicant for an invalid pension, by reason of alleged disability resulting from gun shot wounds.

In my opinion the said Samuel Fryberger is not incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before me, it is my belief that the said disability occurred in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

The disability is Temporary

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined.

On 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1862, at Battle of Antietam in the act of evading, received a gun shot wound of right thigh. Ball entered thigh a few ins. below groin, passed upward and backward, was extracted from glutei muscles, flesh wound does not interfere with motions of thigh, I have rejected him.

J. G. Koehler  
Examining Surgeon

## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Pennsylvania, County of Northumberland, SS:

In the matter of Minors Claim #825,576, Margaret Laughlin, Gaurdian and Mother nee widow of Samuel Fryberger, Co. H, 48<sup>th</sup> Reg't, PA Vols. Infantry, died, father of Eva V., Dora E., and Frank R. Fryberger, minors under 16 years of age.

ON THIS 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. 1905, personally appeared before me a Notary Public, in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Lizzie Eisenhuth aged 30 years, a resident of Shamokin, in the County of Northumberland, and State of Pennsylvania, whose Post-office address is 145 South Pearl St., Shamokin, PA. and Agnes Ryan, aged 40 years, a resident of Shamokin, in the County of Northumberland, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose Post-office address is 120 South Pearl Street, Shamokin, said county and state.

Well known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows: They have respectively known Margaret Fryberger, now Laughlin, the mother of Eva V., Dora E., and Frank R. Fryberger, minor children of Samuel Fryberger under sixteen years of age for eight months and seven years, and have been and are now intimately acquainted with the family, and know from personal knowledge that Eva V., Dora E., and Frank R. are still living and are the only children of the said Samuel Fryberger deceased, soldier, living under 16 years of age and the said children claimed for are living with their mother the above named Gaurdian Mrs. Margaret Laughlin, and that the deceased soldier, Samuel Fryberger left no other children under 16 years, now living.

They each further declare that they each have no interest in said case and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Lizzie Eisenhuth  
Agnes Ryan

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ON THIS 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. 1905, personally appeared before me a Notary Public, in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Annie M. Schwartz aged 29 years, a resident of Shamokin in the County of Northumberland, and State of Pennsylvania whose postoffice address is 546 North Diamond St., Shamokin, PA. who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows:

I was personally acquainted with the above named soldier Samuel Fryberger, have known both him and his wife Margaret, about fifteen years, and was intimately acquainted with them and their family, and know her ever since and know from personal knowledge that Eva V., Dora E., and Frank R. Fryberger the minor children of the above named soldier are still living with their mother, now Mrs. Laughlin and that those three are the only children they have or she has under 16 years of age, and they are still living, and that these children, Eva V., Dora E., and Frank R. Fryberger are the only children she has under the age of sixteen either by her first husband and she has no children with her second husband, Mr. Laughlin.

I have no interest in the above claim and am not interested in its prosecution or concerned therein, Annie M. Schwartz.

St. Edward's Church  
Shamokin, PA  
July 13, 1905

Bureau of Pensions  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On page 75 of marriage register in St. Edward's Church, Shamokin, PA., dated Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1905 is a record of the marriage of William Charles Laughlin and Margaret Fryberger.

Witnesses           A\_\_\_ C\_\_\_  
                                And  
                                Mary Mc\_\_\_

Ceremony performed by Rev. J. J. Koch

I remain respectfully yours.

Rev. John M. Br \_\_\_  
St. Edward's  
July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1905



Civil War Division

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W.C. 430,381

Margaret Laughlin  
Formerly widow  
Samuel Fryberger  
H, 48<sup>th</sup>, PA. Inf.

March 22, 1917

Mrs. Margaret Laughlin  
Kulpmont, Pennsylvania

Madam:

In your above cited claim for renewal of pension under the act of Sept. 08, 1916, you should furnish your sworn statement showing whether you remarried subsequent to the date of death of soldier otherwise than to William C. Laughlin, and, if so, the full names of all other husbands and the dates and manner of dissolution of the marriages, as well as the date and manner of the dissolution of your marriage to the said William C. Laughlin.

Very Respectfully,

G. M . Saltzgaben  
Commissioner

268 S. Main St.,  
Duryea, PA.,  
July 29, 1917

The Bureau of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Can you grant Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin of Kulpmont a pension? Her former husband, Samuel Fryberger, served in Co. H., 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA. Vol. Inf. at 16 years of age. He was badly wounded twice. He always declared that a bullet pierced his lung. He had poor health and died with lung trouble, 22 years ago.

They had a number of children, on was 1 ½ years of age at his death. She worked hard. Even taking in washing. She has had a stroke and is deserving of help. One son, Merion Fryberger, age 34 has enlisted. Is in the 19<sup>th</sup> Railroad Engineers at Philadelphia, PA. Perhaps now sailing to France "To serve his country" as he wrote me yesterday. Hoping this will receive your kind consideration, I am

Respectfully yours,  
Ella Benedict  
(her niece)

Civil War Division  
Wi'd Cert. 430,281  
Formerly widow of Samuel Fryberger  
H, 48 PA. Inf.  
B, 14 V. R. C

State of Pennsylvania  
County of Northumberland

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Feb. A. D. 1918 personally appeared Margaret Laughlin, who being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say as follows:

That she is 67 years of age, and resides in the Borough of Kulpmont, County of Northumberland, and State of Pennsylvania, that she is the wife of William C. Laughlin, who is 70 years of age, with whom your deponent lives in the said Borough of Kulpmont, that her present husband, William C. Laughlin, has not served in the Army or Navy of the United States and no claim has been filed by the deponent for pension based on her marriage with her present husband, William C. Laughlin; that deponent's claim is based by reason of her prior marriage to Samuel Fryberger, now deceased; that deponent lived as the widow of said Samuel Fryberger for a period of 10 years, when she married her present husband, the said William C. Laughlin; that since the decease of her former husband your deponent resided at Shamokin for a period of 10 years and at Kulpmont for 3 years; that deponents correct surname is Laughlin;

Mrs. Margaret Laughlin

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Feb. A. D. 1918

George W. Stroup  
Justice of the Peace

My commission expires Jan. 07, 1922

Civil War Division  
Wid. CTF. 430,281  
Margaret Laughlin  
Formerly widow of  
Samuel Fryberger  
Co. H, 48 PA. Inf.

July 27, 1918

Mrs. Margaret Laughlin,  
Kulpmont, Pennsylvania

Madam:

Your above claim for renewal of pension under the act of September 8, 1916, filed October 25, 1915, is rejected on the ground that you are not a widow, as you are living with your second husband, William C. Laughlin.

Very Respectfully,

E. C. Tieman  
Acting Commissioner

Kearney and Shipman  
Lawyers  
Shamokin, PA

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1924

Department of Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Civil War Div.  
Wid. Cert. 430,281  
Margaret Laughlin  
Formerly widow of  
Samuel Fryberger  
H., 48<sup>th</sup>, PA. Inf.  
B. 14 V. R. C

Mrs. Margaret Laughlin of this city has requested that we take up the matter of her pension with you. She informs us that she was married to Samuel Fryberger who died on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1895, after which date she received a pension as Mr. Fryberger was a veteran of the Civil War. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1905, she married William C. Laughlin. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1923, William Laughlin died. We are of the opinion that she is now entitled to a pension as the widow of Samuel Fryberger. Please forward necessary application blanks or request of us any other evidence you may require in order that we may have the claimant execute them and secure her pension.

Very Truly Yours,  
Kearney & Shipman

Kearney and Shipman  
Lawyers  
Shamokin, PA

March 12, 1924

Department of Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Widow Division  
Wid. Cert. 430,281  
Samuel Fryberger  
H., 48<sup>th</sup>, PA. Inf.  
B. 14 V. R. C

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your letter of March 5<sup>th</sup> in regard to the above matter we are enclosing affidavits of Mr. John Campton and Arthur Cotner of this city covering the information requested.

Very Truly Yours,  
Kearney & Shipman

Kearney and Shipman  
Lawyers  
Shamokin, PA

January 19, 1924

Department of Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Widow Division  
Wid. Cert. 430,281  
Samuel Fryberger  
H., 48<sup>th</sup>, PA. Inf.  
B. 14 V. R. C

Dear Sirs:

We are enclosing declaration for remarried widow's pension of the above named claimant. She informs us that her son, who lives in Buffalo, N. Y., holds her husband's, Samuel Fryberger, honorable discharge and other data but in order to avoid further delay in the granting of her pension we were of the opinion that the data contained on the enclosed declaration would enable you to trace the matter satisfactorily. However, if it is not, we will complete the form more fully.

Very Truly Yours,

Kearney & Shipman