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Hon. F. L. Campbell,

Asst. Sec. of the Dept. of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 25, relating to a claim of the widow of Capt. J. I. Wilson, late of the 36th Illinois Infantry, now pending on appeal under docket, # 75,443, is received.

You said that the appeal will receive early consideration, and referred to the fact that I had additional evidence to show that Capt. Wilson's death was due to his military service.

In order to save time, I have thought fit to enclose, herein, this additional evidence. If you can not properly examine any of these new affidavits, may I ask you to refer them to the Commissioner of Pensions?

It occurred to me, however, that although as you say, "the appeal will be considered in the light of the evidence when it was adjudicated by the Commissioner of Pensions", yet you might properly consider, also, some of these new affidavits, especially those from distinguished members of the medical profession, who had known and treated Capt. Wilson. Doubtless, I shall hear from you what the decision is with reference to the appeal, and in any event, would thank you to have the 6 or 8 new affidavits put on file with the Commissioner of Pensions.

Retain copy

Respectfully yours,

O. O. Howard

Maj. Gen. U.S. Army (Retired)

Burlington, Vt., July , 1902.

Hon. E. L. Campbell,

Asst. Sec. of the Dept. of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 26, relating to a claim of the widow of Capt. W. L. Wilson, late of the 58th Illinois Infantry, now pending on appeal under docket, & 75,448, is received.

You said that the appeal will receive early consideration. Are referred to the fact that I had additional evidence to show that Capt. Wilson's death was due to his military service.

In order to save time, I have thought fit to enclose herein, these additional evidence. If you do not personally examine any of these new affidavits, may I ask you to refer them to the Commissioner of Pensions?

It occurred to me, however, that although if you say "the record will be considered on the ground of the evidence when it was adjudicated by the Commissioner of Pensions, yet some weight properly consider also, some of these new affidavits, especially those from distinguished members of the medical profession, who had known and treated Capt. Wilson. Possibly so, I shall hear from you what the decisions with reference to the appeal, and in any event, would like you to have the 6 or 8 new affidavits put on file with the Commissioner of Pensions.

Respectfully Yours.

Burlington, Vt., July , 1902.

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Morristown, N. J., July 1 1902

General O O Howard,
Burlington,
Vermont,

My Dear Sir,-

Yours of the 28th. of June is at hand, and I write again to say that I do not understand that portion of your reply which reads: — "x x x x General Silas Casey came to me and earnestly besought me to help his friend, Nelson A. Miles, who was then unable (on account of his alleged youth) to obtain a commission, which he desired, by taking him as an aide-de-camp upon my personal staff." Inasmuch as I have seen what seems to be a reliable statement that Miles entered the service as First Lieutenant in Co. E, Twenty Second Mass. Vols., I do not understand how he should, at the period you apparently refer to, have been "unable (on account of his alleged youth) to obtain a commission," he seems, to me, to have been a commissioned officer at the time.

You will, I trust, pardon this further trespass upon your time, but as I do not wish to be in the dark I write you again to

ascertain the exact facts in the case.

Thanking you for your courtesy in replying to my first letter, and hoping you will find it convenient to reply to this, I am

Yours very truly

Andrew H. Sherman.

EDITORIAL ROOMS
Gen. C. H. Howard, Managing Editor
O. McG. Howard
N. F. Howard

FARM, FIELD AND FIRESIDE
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CHICAGO

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July 2, 1902.

Mr. Harry S. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Harry:-

Returning from a trip to Maine, I find yours, enclosing the letter of Asst. Sec'y. F.L. Campbell. I will act upon this; but I amin some doubt, still, whether they mean to grant us the appeal or not, and think I will write a letter, using your father's name, and ask the Assistant Secretary whether he wants any of the new evidence sen t to him to enable him to decide whether an appeal can be allowed.

What puts me in a great quandary in regard to it, is one paragraph of this letter, namely, "You are advised that an appeal will be considered in the light of the evidence in the case when it was adjudicated by the Commissioner of Pensions. Now, query: Does this mean that the old evidence, only, will be considered, or does it mean that it will be in the light of that evidence, and of other additional evidence? He says distinctly that the "new and additional evidence should be filed with the Commissioner of Pensions, who has original jurisdiction in pension cases."

If this merely means that the Commissioner of Pensions is to have the consideration of the case after the appeal is granted, that is what I expected. I think I will get round the difficulty by sending all the new evidence to Sec. Campbell, asking him to forward it to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Affectionately yours,

C. H. Howard

P. S.

I will enclose copy of a letter which I have dictated for your father to sign, to the Secretary. As your father said he was coming soon to Chicago, I think I will retain the original with the papers , hop-

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ing he can sign it here; but if he first goes to Burlington, will you please have him sign it, and send it to me here. I will them put it with the affidavits, and forward it to Washington.

C. H. H.

Julius L. Brown,
Attorney at Law.
Offices in The Joseph E. Brown Building,
Opposite the Kimball House.

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Atlanta, Jan 3. 02.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Bowdoin College,

Brunswick, Me.

My Dear General:-

I herewith enclose you passes just received from Col. Thomas, President of the N.C.&St.L.R.R. from Nashville to Atlanta, and return. These passes are for yourself "and two". I need now to get passes from Cincinnatti to Nashville, or from Nashville to Chattanooga, and have applied for them.

Of course, you understand that when you come down here, you will be the guests of the Association, and your hotel bills will be paid.

I send you this pass now, because I have just received it, and I will send the others later. I have invited the Grand Army of the Republic and the Confederate Veterans to be with us.

Kindest regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Julius L. Brown

Pres

Gen. J. O. Bowers,

Bowdoin College,

Brunswick, Me.

My Dear General:-

I hereby enclose you passes just received from Col. Inness, President of the N.C.A.S.L.A.A. from Nashville to Atlanta, and return. These passes are for "Powers" "and Bro". I need one to get passes from Chattanooga to Nashville, or from Nashville to Chattanooga, and have applied for them.

Of course, you understand that when you come down here, you will be the guests of the Association, and your hotel bills will be paid.

I send you this pass now, because I have just received it, and I will send the other later. I have instructed the Grand Atty. of the Association to make arrangements to be with us.

Kindest regards, I am,

Yours truly,

[illegible]

C. W. & A. A. STOUGHTON,
ARCHITECTS
96 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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July 3rd. 1902

Genl. O. O. Howard
Burlington Vt.

My dear General Howard;

I again come to you with a favor to ask, presuming on your good will and assuming that if there is any reason for declining to grant it you will not hesitate to do so.

If you are unacquainted with Col. Mann, I will say that he served throughout the war, from Michigan, invented army accoutrements used in our army, was the inventor of the Mann Boudoir car, and is now the proprieter of the papers "Town Topics" and "The Smart Set"

He is to erect a very large building of lofts for printing houses and we are making some sketches for it. I send a type written letter, which, if you find suitable, will save you the trouble of transcribing.

I need not say that we all enjoyed your oration at the dedication of the Monument on memorial day. Many of our friends spoke of it with warm appreciation. There were some pictures taken for us on that occasion and as soon as I can have a print made I will one which I think will please you.

Thanking you for past favors, and your constant courtesy to us,

I remain very sincerely yours,

Arthur A. Stoughton

Letter signed & mailed July 9. OO

July 6th. 1932

Genl. G.G. Howard
Bartlington Vt.

My dear General Howard:

I again come to you with a favor to ask, presuming on your good will and assuming that if there I may reason for declining to grant it you will not be minded to do so.

If you are unacquainted with Col. Mann, I will say that he serves throughout the war, from Gettysburg, invented many accoutrements used in the army, was the inventor of the Mann Bonnet car, and is now the proprietor of the Essex "Town Topics" and "The Essex Co".

He is to erect a very large building or lodge for printing houses and we are making some photos for it. I need a type written letter, which, if you find suitable, will save you the trouble of typewriting.

I need not say that we appreciate your position at the dedication of the Monument on memorial day. Many of our lodges broke of it will warm celebration. There were some pictures taken for us on that occasion and as soon as I can have a print made I will, the week, I think, will please you.

Thanking you for many favors, and your courtesy to us,

I remain very sincerely yours,

OFFICE OF
LEON G. BALL,
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ROOMS 15 AND 16, SAVINGS BANK BUILDING.

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Warren, Penn'a., July 7th, 1902.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

New York,

Dear Sir,-

The pleasure of your esteemed personal autograph to place in my collection of world renowned personages would be greatly appreciated If not inconvenient I would appreciate it if you would embody a sentiment therein.

Thankfully yours,

Leon G. Ball

EDITORIAL ROOMS

GEN. C. H. HOWARD, MANAGING EDITOR
O. McG. HOWARD
N. F. HOWARD

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July 7, 1902.

Mr. Harry S. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Harry:-

I am glad to have yours of July 5. Missed your father also on his return.

Your reasoning is perfectly correct in regard to the appeal; but unfortunately the Interior Department does not follow the usual rules of the courts.

You will call to mind that I have been through this once before. The Secretary of the Interior granted an appeal on the ground that we stated that we had other evidence, and that it did not appear that the Pension office had notified Mrs. Wilson, distinctly, that she had the right to submit further evidence before closing the case. Then the Secretary referred the whole matter back to the Commissioner to receive the additional evidence, and act upon it.

If he would do as you say, and according to other courts of appeal, he would consider the new evidence, and grant the pension. Probably you are right that there would need to be some defect somewhere in the action of the Commissioner in the judgment of the Secretary, in order for the latter to grant an appeal; but when he has granted the appeal, it will not mean that the pension will be ordered, but merely that the case is opened again.

Now, in order to meet this double-headed affair, I wrote a letter, as you have seen, and your father on his return found it at the depot, and signed it.

In view of my experience with the Department, I can not see that it will work any harm to send on this letter with the affidavits. The full reference to the new evidence will have weight with the Secretary, as it did before.

The closing sentence of your father's letter is as follows: "Doubless I shall hear from you what the decision is with reference to the appeal, and in any event, will thank you to have the 6 or 8 new affidavits put on file with the Commissioner of Pensions".

July 7, 1903.

Mr. Harry S. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Harry:-

I was glad to have your of July 6. I read your father also on his return.

Your reasoning is perfectly correct in regard to the appeal; but unfortunately the Interior Department officers follow the usual rules of the courts.

You will call to mind that I have been through this once before. The Secretary of the Interior granted an appeal on the ground that we stated that we had other evidence, and that it did not appear that the Pension office had notified Mrs. Wilson. Actually, that she had the right to submit further evidence before closing the case. Then the Secretary referred the whole matter back to the Commissioner to receive the additional evidence, and act upon it.

If he could do so in the first place, why should he not do so after an appeal. He would consider the new evidence, and grant the pension. Probably you are right that there would need to be some difference in the action of the Commissioner in the Department, in order for the latter to grant an appeal, but when he has granted the appeal, it will not mean that the pension will be reduced, but merely that the case is opened again.

Now, in order to get this document, I wrote a letter, as you have seen, and your father on his return found it at the depot, and signed it.

In view of your correspondence with the Department, I can not see that it will work any harm to send on this letter with the affidavits. The full reference to the new evidence will have met the Secretary, as it did before.

The closing sentence of your father's letter is as follows:

"Pardon I shall hear from you that the decision is with reference to the appeal, and in any event, will thank you to have the 6 or 7 new affidavits submitted to the Commissioner of Pensions".

There can be nothing improper in this, inasmuch as he has the whole case copied off, and brought there to him for his consideration, and then refers it back again to the Commissioner, if he grants the appeal, and with it, he would include this additional evidence.

In another sentence, you will observe that you r father states " In order to save time, I thought fit to enclose, herewith, the additional evidence. If you can not properly examine any of these new affidavits, may I ask you to refer them to the Commissioner of Pensions."

I will suspend sending this letter of your fathers for a few days until I have an opportunity to hear again from you.

I can not quite agree with you in view of what I know of the methods of the Department that it would subject your father to any possible ridi -cule to send such a letter with this new evidence.

I think I will enclose another letter in case your father is at home which I think would be well for him to send to the Secretary, to the effect that one of the affidavits is from a physician who tended, person -ally, upon the Captain, but whose affidavit it was impossible to obtain at the time of the filing of the original papers.

He, Dr. Brower, is one of the most distinguished physicians in the U. S. , making a specialty of brain and nervous diseases, such as the Captain had. Mrs. Wilson did not think at the time of the first application about his having treated the Captain, and that his evidence would be important.

I note the visit of Capt. Sladen. I wish we might see him and his wife on their return.

Affectionately your uncle,

C. H. Hocson

There can be no harm happened to him, inasmuch as he has the whole
[illegible] copy of it, and brought it to him for his consideration, and then
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wife on their return.

Affectionately your uncle,

[illegible]

Hugh A. Myers. Wm. B. Ten Eyck.

Myers & Ten Eyck,
Attorneys-at-Law,
934 N. Y. Life.

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Omaha, Neb., July 9th, 1902.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:

In the case of Flanagan v Mathisen, in which you are interested, the Judge unfortunately held in favor of Flanagan as to the title of all of the lots in controversy, with the exception of two. The trial occupied a period of about 5 days. We secured all the evidence that it was possible to secure and made out, what we believe to be a case sufficiently strong to warrant a decision in our favor, but the court seemed to think otherwise. We filed a motion for a new trial and made a record of our exceptions to the ruling of the court. The law in this state provides that no one holding the record title to real estate shall have his title set aside without the payment on the part of the person maintaining a higher title, of the value of all improvements and all taxes with interest thereon at the rate charged by the city and county on delinquemt taxes for all the period of time the record title holder and his grantors have claimed title to said property. This would require on the part of John Flanagan, the payment of taxes and interest thereon, in our judgment an amount almost, if not wholly, equivalent to the value of the property in controversy. We can take advantage of this law, which is known as the occypying claimant's act; or, we can appeal to the Supreme Court of this state where, we believe from the record and the evidence, the action on the part of the trial court will be reversed. Kindly advise us as to your wishes in the matter.

Yours truly Myers & Ten Eyck

Wrote him July 13.
To try plan of getting back twice for the 4 of 40'

Zamboanga P.I.
July 10th 1902.

My dear General:-

I have often thought of you and wondered how you were and pictured you hard at work as usual with your great force and tireless energy. We saw that you had been as near us as San Francisco and wished that you had had the time to have come out all the way here. There is no man living for whom I have as high a regard and love as much. You have many times reminded me of my dear old father now gone, but to save whose life I would have willingly laid down my own.

We are living surrounded by savages, the fierce and dreaded "Moros", and they are not such terribly bad fellows after all. I have many good friends among them. Have just written a magazine article about them which gives a fairly good idea of them and which you may find interesting, it will be published in Scribner's for Oct. or Nov.

I have instructed the publishers to send you fifty dollars to help pay a scholarship in "Lincoln Memorial University. I trust that this beneficent institution is growing and prospering. We will be returning to New York in about six month I think.

I trust that my commission will be renewed and that I will be given a majority and then I can get into the regular service. Gen. Baldwin with whom I have been serving, has said that he is going to mention me favorably in his report of the Lake Lanao Expedition and the Chief Surgeon of my department here is friendly.

You can help me very greatly General, by looking after the Washington end and I will still further be deeply indebted to you.

Our friend Senator Depew will again very cheerfully be of service I am sure if you will write to him with the great influence which you have back of you.

My old home on the Hudson River was not so very far from his and the President's uncle James Roosevelt at Hyde Park was a near neighbor of ours.

I sincerely trust dear General Howard, that you are well & I pray that our dear Lord & Master will reward you for all your kindness to me. I can only be very grateful and hold you in highest estimation while living and cherish your memory after you have gone.

With many kind regards and well wishes for yourself and family from Mrs Gill, the children and myself I am,

ever with great respect

Your devoted and loving friend

Charles R. Gill.

Capt. & A. Surgeon U.S.V.

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Northfield, Vt.,
July 10, 1902.

Dear Gen. Howard:

I enclose for your information a paper which speaks for itself As the matter has been referred to a committee to report on September 1st next, I simply refer you to the report which I made last year which fully covers the points of complaint, as it seems to me, with the exception of that in relation to enlisting financial aid.

As during my term, the University has received aid to the extent of $115,000,-i.e.- $90,000 from the State, $25,000 for Dewey Hall, $3,000 for Perkins Fund, more than has been obtained during the existence of the institution, it would seem as if this matter was quite fully covered also..

Your attention is also called to the words of the Valedictorian's Address contained in the copy of the Northfield News sent herewith.

The above is being sent to all trustees not present at the meeting This is the work of the prest of the Boston Alumni, with whom I am not persona grata and have not been for the last three years, chiefly because I do my work in my way and not in his. All the criticisms as to the Military Dept are based on want of knowledge: all these things have been tried and refuse, except that I have recently had a letter from Senator Proctor saying the Secretary promisise us an officer for next year, IF the exigencies&c: you know how much (or little) this may mean so I have said nothing about it.

Money is needed, of course, but I do not see how the Prest of a military institution can be absent all the time, and at the same time exercise the influence he shoulsd over the officers and men: I will be very glad to have you write a letter covering this point, especially, if you will be kind enough to do so.

Very sincerely yours,
Alex. D. Brown
Pro.

Gen O. O. Howard LL.D.
Tacoma

I propose to write a letter about the meeting Sept. 1: I hope you will send your paper to the Trust Company.
A.D.B.

At a meeting of the Norwich University Alumni Association of Boston held at Young's Hotel, Saturday, June 14th, the following memoranda was unanimously adopted:

As the charter of our Alma Mater requires " a course of military instruction, both theoretical and practical," and as by recent legislation the University has become the Military College of the State of Vermont, we believe that more attenyion and more efficiency should be given to the Military Department: that an army officer should be secured as Professor of Military Science and Tactics and that modern equipment, in the way of field guns, etc. should be secured for this department.

As Norwich University is strictly a Military and Scientific educational institution, the energies of the management shoul, first be bent to the strengthening of the department of Civil Engineering. To make this department what it should be, there should, we believe, be a Professor of Mathematics, and , also, a Professor of Civil Engineering. This is urged, even to the extent of abolishing the courses in Chemistry and Arts, and the rearrangement of the courses in such a manner as to add financial and teaching strength to this department.

The assurance of future success to Norwich University demands that a young and aggressive man be elected to the Presidency. The success of educational institutions in general, to-day, depends largely upon the ability of their leaders to enlist financial aid. This most important qualification the present incumbent lack, which fact he appreciates, and this our President must possess, if Norwich University is to hold her honored place in our Educational System.

As loyal sons of old N.U., we respectfully and earnestly request the Honorable Board of Trustees to give the foregoing immediate and careful consideration.

Atrue copy of the recor ,
(Signed) B.W.Gleason, M.D.
Sec'y N.U.A.A. of Boston.

The foregoing resolutions were accepted and adopted, and ordered to be presented to the Board of Trustees, by the Norwich Univ. Alumni Association, at its annual meeting, held in Dodge Hall, Wednesday evening, June 25th, 1902, with the exception of the words underscored in with red ink.

(Signed) W.A.Shaw,
Sec'y N.U. Alumni Ass'n.

The foregoing resolutions were accepted by the board of Trustees, and referred to a committee consisting of Gen. G.M.Dodge ,Gen. W.A. Bancroft, Hon. Frank Plumley, Mr. Wright S, Prior, and Mr. N.L.Sheldon, with W.P.Clement as alternate, to report to the Board of Trustees on Sept., first, next, and that until the committee shall organize, Mr. Sheldon act as chairman.

Done June 26, 1902.

A true copy of the record:
W.A.Shaw.
Sec'y Board of Trustees.