

Department of the Interior  
PENSION OFFICE

Washington, D.C. March 18, 1874

Sir:

I have the honor to request of you any information you may have, or can give by way of reference to other parties who may know the facts relative to the sickness and cause of death of one Charles H. Ferris, who is alleged to have died at Montgomery, Ala, while acting as clerk and assistant superintendent in the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. The Adjutant General, U.S.A., reports him as serving in the above capacities from Oct 9, 1865 to Jan 8, 1867.

His mother who applies for a pension (claim No. 190,747) states that you visited her son a short time before he died, at Montgomery, Ala, at which place he died

Department of the Interior



Washington, D.C. August 18, 1887

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Jan'y 9. 1867. She says that at the time you  
visited her son, he was very low and not  
expected to recover and that you talked  
with him about his approaching death,  
and she requests that you be called  
upon for any information you can give,  
as she has exhausted all other means of  
procuring evidence touching her son's death.

With your reply please return this letter.

Very respectfully,

W. Barber  
Commissioner

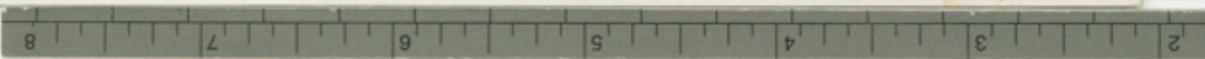
O. O. Howard,  
Present,

Advt. of Sullivan  
of Meek. 18.74

W. Baker  
Cmrs

Also information con-  
cerning cause of  
declines & deaths of  
Chas. K. Ferris.

should be the same.



H. D. Beau

W. W. COOPER,

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Counsellor-at-Law and Attorney for Claimants against the United States.

330 Four-and-a-half street, near City Hall.

Washington, D. C. March 19, 1874

Genl. O. O. Howard

W. H. P.

I have been making a rough estimate of the amount of labor involved and time required to go over the records in the Freedmen's Branch A. G. O. in the manner suggested by you & have come to the conclusion that to look over the letters sent, six or seven vols. then letters received 16 or 17 vols. taking a memorandum of & reference to everything which might have a bearing on your case, particularly with regard to assignment of officers & appointments of Agents in Bureau, and all relating to payment of bounties & disbursement of money, looking at the filed letters when necessary; then going over the boxes of letters received by C. D. O. & the press copies of letters sent by him in the same way & with the same view, together with his volumes of letters sent & received; looking over our Special Orders & Circulars which contain appointments, orders for inspection &c. & making a note of all regulations & orders issued by yourself by letter, Special Order or Circular in regard to the Bounty & disbursing Branch, to say nothing of making copies of any documents which might be found of value by your Council, would in my judgment take at least one month of the hardest kind of work. And I think further that to get up all that the Bureau records show in relation to these officers specially named in the Secy. of War's charges viz Genl's Balloch & Runkle, Mandeville & O. C. French would take about two weeks of the same kind of work.

If I were to undertake this labor I would have to leave my office & business entirely unattended to, during the time required. The work to be done is not in my judgment professional but clerical work of the most difficult kind. And I could not afford to engage in it unless I were distinctly hired for a specific sum which would be, in proportion to the time consumed, at the rate of not less than \$200 - per month.

I thought it would be

letter to advise you in regard to this so that you might if you thought  
best get some one else to do it who has not at the same time any  
other or professional business to attend to, and who could perhaps  
afford to work for a less salary.

Very respectfully

J. D. Beaman

Washington D.C.

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1874

Beaman N. D.

States, that to ex-  
amine the records  
referred to would be  
a great task.

And also that he would  
not attempt it for less  
than \$200 per month.



MAR 23 1874  
D. O. T. E.

Peekskill, N.Y., March 20/74

D. O. Howard, Esq.

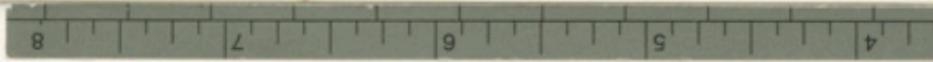
Brig. Genl. U.S.A.

My dear General;

I did receive yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> after writing you, and will have it read at the concert tonight. It will be satisfactory, though a disappointment.

I have delayed writing, hoping to be able to say that Mr. Beecher will take your place. We shall know this P.M. I suppose.

I desire you to know that many friends whom you do not know personally regard your "trial" as one of the "persecutions" to which all who will live godly in St. Jesus are exposed.  
Very truly yours,  
John B. Thompson.





[ca. Mar. 20, 1874]

MAR 20 1874  
There is a rainbow in the sky,  
Beneath the arch by tempests trod,  
'Twas written by the Hand on high;  
It is the autograph of God.

Crown Point Centre, N. Y.

Dear

General

It would afford me  
pleasure to add YOUR name to my col-  
lection of Autographs of distinguished  
Military Men of America.

With confidence in your  
indulgence,

Yours very truly

Hi' Buck  
State Street 34. N.Y. 1874

ADDRESS,

Lieut. HI' BUCK,

Crown Point Centre,

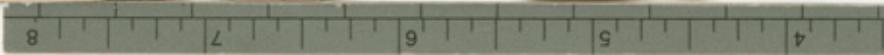
Essex County, N. Y.

In duplicate, please!

Franklin County N.Y.

Hi Buck

Auto Autograph



Office of C. H. HOWARD & CO., PUBLISHERS,

151 and 153 Fifth Avenue,

Chicago, Nov 21 1874

Dr Bri - We get no word of how  
the trial goes on - Is it public? Do  
Wash - papers bear testimony? - Give  
my regards to Col. G. P. K. Vash  
him to write me if he can - I  
want, also, to hear how Mrs. Smith is.  
Will you see your letters in "Admonition"  
"around our table"? Affly  
C. H. H.

Rowland Callahan to C. H. Howard -

United States  
POSTAL CARD

WRITE THE ADDRESS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. LIFE-THE LIFE OF THE OTHER



Washington  
D.C.

2 1/2 P. M.,

Office of Edgar Betchum,

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No. 12 John Street, (near Broadway.)

New York, March 21. 1874

Dear General Got in' at the new Depot - Warden where  
I was and tho<sup>t</sup> I had put me into the wrong place, but all  
found right. Found my sky berth and telling my friend  
your old ass<sup>t</sup> in Nicolson. Th<sup>o</sup> Conway of my efforts at  
the hotel off<sup>r</sup> a young man next - me had thro  
kindness to say the floor berth was his and he'd like  
to do as he'd be done by, and not let an old gentle-  
man (!) climb up above while he lay below, but  
rather exchange. and so he did. We conversed  
some afterwards and I found he was a Mr Johnson  
of Lawrence Kansas. Had a comfortable trip, with short  
sleep and long time, reaching here at 9 1/4 instead of  
6 o.c. a.m. So I breakfasted at the table we did, in  
the Times building, instead of at home, where I hope to  
be by and by. And now I have Scott's Digest  
of the Civil Laws of the U.S., very good - and I have  
gone to check an account of events in Washington  
and Montreal during the week. This a.m., leaving  
the cars at Ferry City I met Congressman Potter along  
with - I am pretty sure (think of Wood & Schmeier!)  
found Mr - Dowell in Citizen's drop - who spoke kindly  
and shook hands and said - "So it was good to

you the Court adjourned over Saturday" - Pres:  
ponding heartily in the affirmative. I have very  
good impression of the week's work in its relations  
to yourself; - very good impression of our Col: Dyer -  
- and of our Ins: advocates; and of the Court: -  
the Court is magnificent! I value above  
diamonds my week's attendance upon that Court:  
- to have seen such men, so near, so long!

I have been atoning this A.M. for absence  
by fixing up many things suspended, and am  
just going homeward but could not leave with-  
out reporting to you in at least a brief letter.

My love to the dear children

My regards to your wife & hearty thanks,  
with all them to yourself from

I am most truly

Edgar Ketchum

New York  
March 29-1874

Ketchum Edgar

Friendly Letter

9-30 Am.

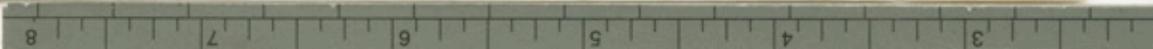
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Wch. 23/54

My dear General;

Will you make  
this Am. (4 every other day) to dictate  
to Cassa Laden or Within a report  
which I can give out & from which I  
can make a "variegated" copy - I think  
the Tribune is all right - Will  
also see the American Paper.

Believe me will teach Boynton  
that he does not own the Paper of  
this country - The copy need  
not be a nice one but a good  
fair legible one - Will try  
to be at E. P. room this Am. at let 344  
but if should not see you could the matter  
be left at my P.O. box 174. or at my house  
407 Map. Av. Faithfully Yours  
J. Garrison



Office of Thomas Wilson, Attorney-at-Law,

Columbian Exchange Building, Fifth Street,

Washington, D. C., March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1874.

Genl O. O. Howard.

Howard University, Washington D. C.

Dear General,

I see by the papers, what they profess to be doing in your Court. If it becomes necessary to show the difficulty of making payments to the proper men, and the great liability of making payments to the wrong men it may be that I can help you, with my testimony. If so, I am entirely willing.

I had the case of James Payne, of doubtful identity and a claim of double payment made by the Freedmen's bank. Mr Tracy took it after me and defended the suit brought in New York, by the James Payne of Poughkeepsie. He will remember all about it, and if it will be of any value to you, you may call me.

Yours truly

Thomas Wilson



H. S. Peam

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330 Four-and-a-half street, near City Hall.

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Washington, D. C. March 24<sup>th</sup> 1874

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I have seen Mr. Hall & looked into his case. What he wants is to borrow money on his claim for cotton taken by the U.S., which has been decided adversely to him by the Court of Claims, & in which he has taken an appeal to the Supreme Court, & he wants money to pay costs & have the appeal docketed. If docketed it may be reached in about a year, but if he is successful he can hardly get his money before 18 months. There was no question in the Court of Claims as between Hall & the Govt. The U.S. had taken the cotton in question & the proceeds (about 9,000.2) are now in the Treasury. But the question was & is as between Hall & one Roach who claims to have been the owner both of Hall & this cotton. The case of Hall vs U.S. & of Roach vs U.S. were tried together & the majority of the Court held that Roach did own, (at the time ~~the~~ when Hall says the cotton was sold to him by Roach) both Hall & the cotton. That Hall being a slave at the time of such alleged sale could acquire no title. Judge Nott in a dissenting opinion held that Hall was not a slave & hence could & did acquire a title. The Court gave judgment in favor of Roach because it was shown in evidence that while Hall was born free, of a free mother, yet he was actually living in servitude, as a slave of Roach & his father before him for many years & was so held in servitude when the alleged sale took place.

I think he has good grounds of appeal to the Supreme Court at least enough to justify him in testing the matter there. Hughes Denver & Peck are his attorneys. Hall proposes

to assign one half of the claim after deduction of Hughes & Co's  
percentage for fees for the sum of \$400, = say 300<sup>th</sup> of claim  
for \$400.

This would be buying into a litigation. I don't know whether  
you want to go into such a speculation or not, because it is  
precarious. But I told Hall that I thought you had no  
money to invest. I don't think I would invest my  
own money in it, if I had it to invest. ~~But~~ except out  
of sympathy - if at all.

I have been extremely busy & have not had  
time to see you personally.

Very respectfully &c

H. D. Beaman

Nov 24,

Beaman, N. D.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 25, 1874.

Gen. O. C. Howard,

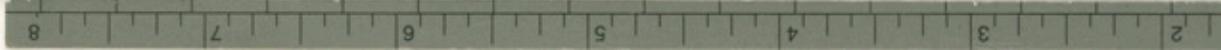
Pres. Howard University,

Dear Sir:

Not having rec'd my salary  
for services rendered during month of March,  
I desire you to receive said ~~cash~~ salary  
when it shall be authorized to be paid.

Respectfully,  
Marion C. Ward.

Washington, D.C. June 25, 1861  
Dear Mother  
I received your letter of the 20th and was  
glad to hear from you and to hear  
that you were all well. I am  
well at present and hope these few  
lines will find you all the same.  
I have not much news to write  
at present. I am still in  
Washington and hope to see you  
soon. I have not much news to  
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Washington D.C.  
Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> 1874

Genl O. O. Howard U.S.A.  
Washgtn D.C.

My Dear General

This will introduce  
Prof B. P. Worcester of New York  
City, who is an old friend of  
mine. He is a gentleman of  
extended travel & intelligence  
& gives lectures of travel  
illustrated by a series of  
beautiful views I have  
given him this, better thinking  
arrangements might be made  
for the Professor to give a  
series of lectures before the  
Students of the University



I shall esteem it a  
personal favor if you can  
aid him in this matter  
The Prof has the very  
best endorsements & no  
words of mine, from a  
personal knowledge, can  
be sufficiently commenda-  
-tory of his highly instruct-  
-ive & interesting entertainments  
With great respect  
your friend  
W. A. Morehitt

Gene O. Howard use  
Famous University  
Wash D.C.

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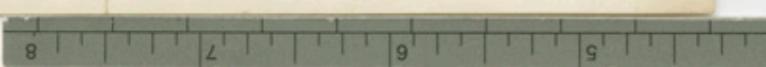
New York, March 28 1874

Dear General - I write in a  
6 min time, write - Your  
kind letter rec'd this a.m. Thank!  
It all looks well. Yesterday  
at 1. o'clock was Papa and with  
another Granddaughter! all well  
& happy even so much. My  
week has been a wonderful week  
in engagements & labor & they  
have compelled me to appointments  
in next week too. What shall  
I do. How well you get along -  
why not me? The day the letter  
one came A.P.K. was jolted  
out of his collecta's saddle by an Ex

Feb 28 1871

Hutchins, E.

I have been, in fact - your  
 very letter as I have written, thank  
 you for the very interesting  
 and I shall now paper and with  
 another Green Bay paper! all  
 to help you in much. May  
 that has been a wonderful what  
 the experience and then to the  
 have completed one to appreciate  
 in next week too. What that  
 I do. How well you get along -  
 why not? The day this letter  
 was sent. I hope you are  
 out of the letter, and so on &



centive idea, and fell right  
into the Judicial Customs office  
of appraiser in place of Judge  
Hopson, Hilger nothing!

Now I Edeon - mine  
in a few hours - Yours  
affectionately & in high  
hopes  
Edgar Ketchum

int the public Content the  
of opinion in Henry's  
proprietor, Helge's

(How) I believe  
in a few hours - Open  
- effort to be in high

before  
I expect to be



Red Cloud Agency Da<sup>r</sup> Territory  
 March 30, 1874

Dear General:

I have been during the past three weeks, as one of the Board of Indian Commissioners, associated with Bishop Hare Rev S. D. Hinman and Dr. Bevier Ind<sup>r</sup> Inspector, at this and Whetstone Agency, fifty miles distant. We have labored under peculiar embarrassments in having to deal with a large mass of semi- or wholly hostile <sup>Indians</sup> in connection with military authorities seemingly quite as desirous of active hostilities. I think however, our mission, has, on the whole, been reasonably successful. My object in writing, just now, is especially, to speak of one of my associates here, Mr. Hinman. He has been mentioned to me an investigation, partially at your instance, into

Charges of impurity, which he says he caused to be thoroughly investigated, the result of which in his judgment was a complete vindication of Mr. H. The Bishop, however, had the impression in some way, that you were not entirely satisfied as to the impartiality of the investigation.

Of course I know nothing of the facts. I could not have been more surprised when I heard the charges. One of the first things I learned on reaching here, was that on a visit of a month at ~~these~~ <sup>these</sup> Agencies, last summer, Mr. Hinman induced every white man and half breed at these agencies, living with Indian women to be married. In the recent intimate relations, we have held since meeting him, now, I do not think I have ever been more impressed with the ability of a man to do good in any sphere than of that of Mr. Hinman, among the Dakota Indians.

He speaks the language as well as the  
Indians themselves, and his excellent judgment,  
earnestness, frankness and personal magnetism  
accomplishes more with these people in  
an hour than any man through an  
interpreter could do in a month.

I cannot believe him guilty of the crime  
charged, and I am convinced that if you  
knew him personally, you would believe  
any other result of an inquiry into a charge  
of impurity, impossible. He does not belong  
to our particular mission, but, he is laboring  
in the same Cause of our dear Lord with us,  
and if it is true that he can accomplish and  
does accomplish more than ten new men  
can, among these poor savages, I know  
that you will be glad to give him not  
only your hand, but your heart and entire  
confidence. — I have written this letter  
at my own instance, <sup>and without his knowledge</sup> trusting that you, who

Know how easy it is for the character of a man to be blackened in public estimation through the malice of his enemies, would be glad to know in what light a brother under like circumstances appears to one intimately associated with him

I am entirely satisfied that the present Indian policy can never have a fair trial while the military forces in the Indian Country are in the control of men who make no concealment of doing every thing to thwart it. Indeed I became so impudged in this direction during my week's detention at Cheyenne before coming here that I wrote to your brother Gen O.O. that as soon as his delivery came from his presenters in Washington, I should insist on his coming in charge of this <sup>Department</sup> Military. I leave in a couple of days for a trip to Puget Sound and would be glad to hear from you at San Francisco. Care of Hon. E.D. Wheeler, U.S. Dist. Judge, should you care to write. Yours truly Francis H. Smith

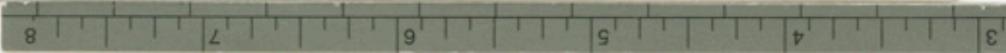


Washington, D. C. Mar 30 1874

Dear Sir -

If you are willing I  
 should very much like your  
 autograph on this circular which  
 I propose to have printed by Photo-  
 Lithography -

Very Respectfully Yours  
 Henry R. Seale



Argument

O. D. H.

Nov 30. 1874

Leaids, N. R.

# Unofficial

United States Consulate  
Nassau St. 31<sup>st</sup> March 1854

Sir,

Desiring that the enclosed letter  
should reach Mr. Douglas and  
not knowing his address, I have,  
at the suggestion of the Honble. Mr.  
Crocker of Mass: who is sojourning  
here for his health, - transmitted  
the same to you, with the hope  
it will be forwarded to him at  
your earliest convenience

I am Sir,

Your obt<sup>d</sup> Servant  
Mehlon France  
Consul

To

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> O. C. Howard

to + to

Washington

D.C.

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