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Williams Abby M.

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South Boston dec 5 1889

General O O Howard

will you please Inform me where my son Frank is as I have not herd from him for three weeks I assure you I am almost distracted about him it cant be he has no money or stamps or such for I have sent money to him Every week so will you please let me hear someway Oh Genl Howard I am very sorry to convey the Idea that my boy was a foolish boy he is far from that I invent he was quite Insane when labouring

under Excitement and
was not accountable for what
he was saying or doing so pray
Excuse me for causing you to
labor under a mistake and
if you will reconsider your
sentence and restore him
or discharge him please let
me know at once where
he is as his Father is quite
poorly on the account of
not hearing as he has written
twice a week previously

Your respectfully
Mrs Abby M Williams
115 H St So Boston
Mass

see if he is sick please

Frank E Ward

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John F. Dillon

Wager Swayne

Dillon & Swayne,

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,

195 Broadway,

Western Union Building

New York, Dec'r 5, 1889 188

General O. O. Howard,

Governors Island, New York Harbor.

My dear General:-

I want to thank you personally for the pleasure you gave us all at the meeting of the Commandery last night; the resolution of thanks will be formally written out and sent to you. It is now my duty to go to work at once to try to secure for the Commandery a pleasant evening at its next meeting on the first Wednesday in February; of course we want you as our guest; and I want also any suggestions which you can conveniently give me as to speakers for that meeting. I have in mind that the next two meetings should be one of them devoted principally to the memory of General Thomas and commemorative incidents, and the other devoted to the memory of Farragut and commemorative incidents; I want for each of these a paper written by some officer of great distinction and high rank, such as the New York Commandery ought to command, as I think, for each of the five meetings it holds during the year; and then I want crisp pleasant talks in quick succession following. For any suggestions in aid of either of these purposes I will be very grateful.

Yours, very truly,

Wager Swayne

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Brooklyn, N.Y. Dec. 5, 1889.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

Having read in the papers a discussion before the Military Service Institution on Governors Island on the subject of Pensions to the Army and Navy and see you advocate 1915 was early enough when service pension should go into effect now I as one who served nearly four years during our late Troubles can not see why then if not now are those

that will be left better than
those who must pass away
before that time take for
instant those who were
forty and more when they
enlisted and performed
their duty well I have
received two letters of a
comrade who was between
40 and 5 years of age at
time of enlistment and
must be a very old man
by this time he requested
me to help him to get a
pension by giving a state-
ment of his sickness
with chronic diseases & now
why shall so many soilder
pass away and receive
no benifit and those
who had young blood to

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Bachman J. W.

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P.S. Should you be kind enough to answer this my imperfect letter address

J. W. Bachman,
foot of Wilson St.,
Brooklyn. E. D.
N. Y.

Member of
Company D, 48th Regt.
P. V. V.
9th Army Corps

sustain them through camp-life receive pension in 1915 if we are to receive anything let all have it or only those who were crippled during the service as for myself I never looked for anything and never shall yet I have spent Hundreds of Dollars for Medical aid for chronic malaria which I brought along from the swamps I am sorry I have not the education to write properly and make myself understood but I had to paddle my own way from childhood and I

suppose this will land in
your waste-basket But Dear
Comrade should this find
in your heart any sympathy
I hope and pray you may
use your education and
influence for your suffering
comrades and I believe it
will pay the Goverment to
be genrous to the Defender
of our Union even to-day
we are a unit to defend our
flag, and our children
will remember whether the
people or Govt will be
genrous to its defenders
and will respond according
-ly to the call if it should
be nessary to do so but
not with bitter memories

truly yours &c
J. W. Bachman

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W. B. FUNK, PRES. LAKE CITY BANK.

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N. N. BOYDSTON.

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Western and Southern Lands a Specialty.

OFFICE: ADAMS EXPRESS ROOM,
MARKET ST., NEAR STATE BANK.

Warsaw, Ind. Dec 6th 1889.

Maj-Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

Dear & Comrade.

I see in the Pres that you expect your views as being opposed to the granting of "Service Pensions" to the Survivors of the late war. It came as a surprise to me & the Comrades here & vicinity. Precedents in favor of Service Pensions to the dependents of the Nation=have been the watchword since & including the days of Washington & why not we have the same who made it possible for this Nation to prosper & exist 1000 years. Thousands of men who went out in 1861 & 1862 will go down in Poverty & die before they will ask for a Pittance under the "Dependant bill" In case it becomes a law. we are Entitled to something better and Thousands will never receive a Pension only under the

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law of "Service Pension" which may be graded according to the time of service in the army. Take my case for example I Enlisted in August 1861 & was mustered out Dec- 6th 1865 at Indianapolis. I never was sick or off duty during the time our Regt always on the front. I cannot claim a Pension only from the destruction of my teeth owing to our Diet as I had the Toothache often & much.
Am I not Entitled to a Pension! If so, how will I obtain it why only on the "Service plan" & so with Thousands who went out Early & formed the great nucleous for the armies of 1863 1864 & 1865 & made it possible to crush the Rebellion. my age is 52 my Physical is breaking down fast & am in Poor circumstances = as the majority are = & yet we are denied our just

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does that it will require so much money and the time is not ripe for Service Pension "But must wait untill 1915"
Great God, is that the "formula" to be dealt out to us! It simply means die first & we will be relieved of the incubus that horrid night mare "Service Pension".
When the "Battle of Franklin Tenn" opened & Hood with 40000 men was anxious to interview us, Our Regt 30th Ind had just Recd 400 drafted men Substitutes. Deserters & God knows what all. I had these men in line behind our improvised work giveing them their guns & advising them even then the balls were flying. we held that portion of the line amid Hell and carnage & Hood & his minions were crushed after a long & the hardest fighting

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and the greatest carnage for the time of the whole war. when I was standing before those men that morning Nov - 30th 1864 had we supposed that our service would have been so little appreciated after the war we might have faltered at that supreme moment and to have you "Gent" declare against our welfare and interests leads us to certain conclusions.

During the war I was in favor of arming any element to aid us even the black to kick the Rebellion down and so now I am in favor of pensioning the true soldier. you cant give him to much fack about impoverishing the nation that is the cry of the Southern Hamptons & others & the Mugwumps. the $600,000 paid out in one month in pensions where does it go. why right into the channels of trade

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and Industries. not lost but gone to pay debts & make happy the Veteran & his family in their little home bought with Pension money. were it not for the Pension money paid out annualy in america $100,000,000 — Trade would languish we would see a mighty difference why not make it a Service Pension & rank & benefit all according to their term of Service thereby save $300,000 paid by the Gov — in Expense in various ways & to Pension Attorneys & cut of the Red Tape in the Pension Bureau the basis of Pensions is $1 — to $4 — pr month $1.63½ $2.19½ $2.29⅔ $3.33½ and so on are some of the magnificent offerings to men who hustled for Rebels & Rebellion night & day. Storm. Sunshine, Snow & mud. I will send you copy of Genl Howeys Report. Hoping for the best I

Remain yours for Service Pension
to the Union Soldier
A. N. Boydston

Boydston. A. N.
Ala.

A. T. DECKER. W. H. KIRBY.

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A. T. DECKER & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

GEORGIA & FLORIDA YELLOW PINE,

YARDS OFFICE,
FOOT OF BETHUNE ST.,
NORTH RIVER.

New York, December 6th, 1889.

Comrade:-

It is proposed to incorporate ''The Union Prisoners of War National Memorial Association,'' the object of which shall be to perpetuate by Monument, Memorial Building, or such other means as the Association may determine the memory of the Union Soldiers who died in Andersonville and other Southern Military Prisons, during the War of the Rebellion.

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The Committee of Union Ex Prisoners of War, who have charge of this matter desire to make the Association a National one, in which the Union Soldiers of the Country shall be fully represented, and most cordially invite you to become one of the incorporators.

Kindly inform us of your decision by return mail.

A. T. Decker

Chairman.

To General O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, N. Y.

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Decker & Co. N.Y.
Gen. O. O. Howard
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Holton W. H. H.
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244. E. 112th St.
Dec. 7, 1889.

Dear General,

Enclosed is Programme of our Anniversary Service — next Sunday the 8th (tomorrow) — The design is that you take all the time you desire. Mr. Hepworth cannot absolutely control his own time and may be compelled to disappoint us, though he will be present if possible.

Praying for a great blessing this anniversary — thanking you in advance for your kindness in coming, believe me

Most sincerely Your
Wm H. H. Holton

Maj Gen O O Howard
Governors Island

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Angelica, Allegany Co. N.Y.
Dec. 7th 1869.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir:- Lassa S. Haviland who has been of such service to me of late enjoined upon me - exacted a promise that I write and remind you that you pledged to send me $10 in Nov. I wrote you of her thought that enough. But she says "Remind him" I did not like to do this, but it is now done.

Accept my regards, and believe me

Sincerely yours,
Calvin Fairbank.

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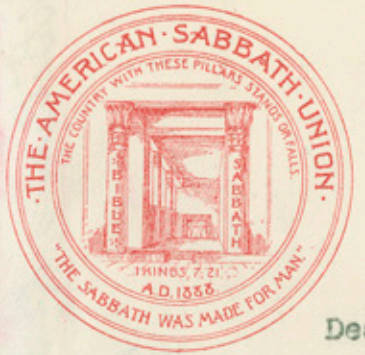

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27 Grove St.,

NEW YORK, December 7th, 1889.

Dear Sir:

Your presence is requested at a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Sabbath Union, to be held in romms 33 and 34 at 23 Park Row, Monday next (Dec. 9th) at 3'30 P.M.

Sincerely yours,

Leighton Williams,
Sec'y Executive Committee.

answered
D.A.S.

American Sabbath Union

Williams Leighton

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Letter no. 24627:

Rufus Adams to OOH, New York, December 7, 1889

attached to, and filed with
letter no. 24606:

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Major Hooper

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Yours, very truly,

Wager Swayne

(S., O. O. R.)

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Yours, very truly,

Roger Sherman

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HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE ATLANTIC.

Granby Missouri

~~Governor's Island, N. Y.,~~ Dec 8th 1889.

My dear General:

It is some time since I wrote you other only officially. Since then, it gives me pleasure to say I have improved considerably in health. It is now two weeks since I had a "bad spell" and my cough which clung to me so persistently, has subsided. The weather here has been very nice and warm so I have not been in any hurry to start for California. and of course my parents are anxious to keep us as long

as possible. Nevertheless we will start for the West some day this week. As they have just decided to spend the winter in California we shall see them again. I think if you could see me you would say I have "picked up" wonderfully. I can eat meat (beef) & bread - but the Drs. say I must be very careful of my diet for months to come. I am undecided just where we will locate yet, but it will be Los. Angeles, Pasadena or Santa Barbara. Please address care of Hdq's. Dept. of Arizona.

Mrs Chase and the boy are well and send love to you all.

Lt Chase receives letters from home regularly. Lt Chase is stationed at Fort Grant, Arizona. There is nothing new or interesting. The northern part of this Ter. is very wild & very different from California. Only a few more months & we shall be with you.

Give my kind regards to Mr Jones & family & accept my best wishes for a happy Christmas & prosperous New Year.

Affectionately yours

Lt Chase

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39 Spencer Place
Dec 8th 89

Dec 8, 1889

My dear General:

Your very kind letters are received and I wish to thank you for them=

I not only appreciate their contents but am greatly pleased that they bring you

Rice Nora Grant

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Gen. Thomas is the man for Minister — I wish that matter could be settled at once. I am sure it would please everybody.

Yours truly
U. S. Grant. Rice

Gen'l U. S. Grant
Commd. Army U.S.

to me would be
hopeless after these
many years —
thinking I could
make a slight return
and that perhaps
you would care to
see the photograph
of one you have
been asked to
introduce, I enclose

a liberal of money taken
recently — you can understand, without
my saying, that I should be
delighted to have the same
photographs — I can remember you
very well, and hope to hear
from you —