

Army Service Muster Rolls and Discharge and Pension papers of James McAfee

**Muster Rolls and Disability and Pension papers of [James McAfee](#) ¹
the son of [Alexander McAfee](#) and [Jane McCarty](#).**

Born in Bradford, Co. Penn., 18 August 1827, he died at Roscoe, Ill., 30 March 1901, He served in the U S Army at the time of the Civil War; enlisted August 11, 1862² and discharged due to disability on January 7, 1863.³

These are copies of documents located at the Illinois State Archives, Springfield, Illinois and the National Archives and Records Administration office, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408

David C Ralston⁴ was able to obtain the pension documents for me.

¹ James is my great grandfather; father of Hannah J McAfee Ralston.

² His first wife, Almeda McCausland had died in 1856 and he remarried Margaret L Cross in 1866.

³ His brother Edwin also served.

⁴ My younger brother

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McAfee, James

Co. E, 74 Illinois Infantry.

Sergeant | *Sergeant*

CARD NUMBERS.

1	29688389	28
2	29688479	29
3	29688573	30
4	29688720	31
5	29688806	32
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<p><i>James McAfee</i> Sgt., Co. E, 74 Reg't Illinois Infantry.</p>	<p><i>James McAfee</i> Sgt., Co. E, 74 Reg't Illinois Infantry.</p>
<p>Appears on</p>	<p>Age <i>35</i> years.</p>
<p>Company Muster Roll</p>	<p>Appears on</p>
<p>for <i>dated Oct. 31, 1862</i></p>	<p>Company Muster-in Roll</p>
<p>Present or absent <i>Present</i></p>	<p>of the organization named above. Roll dated</p>
<p>Stoppage, \$.....100 for</p>	<p><i>Rockford Ill Sept 4, 1862</i></p>
<p>Due Gov't, \$.....100 for</p>	<p>Muster-in to date <i>Sept 4, 1862</i></p>
<p>Remarks:</p>	<p>Joined for duty and enrolled:</p>
<p>.....</p>	<p>When <i>July 13, 1862</i></p>
<p>.....</p>	<p>Where <i>Harlem</i></p>
<p>.....</p>	<p>Period <i>3</i> years.</p>
<p>.....</p>	<p>Bounty paid \$<i>25</i>.100; due \$.....100</p>
<p>.....</p>	<p>Remarks:</p>
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Muster Rolls

<p><i>(M)</i> 7-1 Ill.</p> <p><i>James McAfee</i> <i>Sgt.</i>, Co. E, 74 Reg't Illinois Infantry.</p> <p>Appears on</p> <p>Company Muster Roll</p> <p>for <i>Jan. & Feb.</i>, 186<i>3</i></p> <p>Present or absent</p> <p>Stoppage, \$.....100 for</p> <p>Due Gov't, \$.....100 for</p> <p>Remarks: <i>Discharged at</i> <i>Boiling Green</i> <i>Jan. 7/63.</i></p> <p>Book mark :</p> <p>(368) <i>Lopez</i> Copyst.</p>	<p><i>(M)</i> 7-1 Ill.</p> <p><i>James McAfee</i> <i>Sgt.</i>, Co. E, 74 Reg't Illinois Infantry.</p> <p>Appears on</p> <p>Company Muster Roll</p> <p>for <i>Nov. & Dec.</i>, 186<i>2</i></p> <p>Present or absent <i>Absent</i></p> <p>Stoppage, \$.....100 for</p> <p>Due Gov't, \$.....100 for</p> <p>Remarks: <i>Assigned to hos-</i> <i>pital at Boiling</i> <i>Green by Nov. 4</i> <i>1862.</i></p> <p>Book mark :</p> <p>(368) <i>Lopez</i> Copyst.</p>
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McA 74 | Ill.

James McAfee
Sgt., Co. ..., 74 Reg't Illinois Infantry.

Appears on **Special Muster Roll**
for *Apr. 10*, 186*3*

Present or absent _____

Stoppage, \$ _____ 100 for _____

Due Gov't, \$ _____ 100 for _____

Remarks: *Discharged*
at Bowling Green
June 7/63.

Book mark: _____

(359) *Lopez* Copyist

McA 74 | Ill.

James McAfee
Serg't, Co. E, 74 Reg't Illinois Infantry.
Age *35* years.

Appears on **Co. Muster-out Roll**, dated
Nashville, Tenn. June 10, 1863.

Muster-out to date _____, 186 .

Last paid to _____, 186 .

Clothing account:

Last settled _____, 186 ; drawn since \$ _____ 100

Due soldier \$ _____ 100; due U. S. \$ _____ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ _____ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ _____ 100

Bounty paid \$ _____ 100; due \$ _____ 100

Remarks: *Disch. - Jan 7/63.*
Disability By war
Gen Munroe.

Book mark: _____

(361) *Proz* Copyist

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of Disability)

James McAfee, a Sergeant of Captain Elias Casper's
 Company, (E) of the 7th Illinois Regiment of United States
 Soldiers justly was enlisted by Capt. J. B. New of
 the 11th Regiment of at Marion, Winnebago Co., Illinois,
 on the 11th day of August 1862, to serve 3 years; he was born in
 in the State of Pa. of Anderson, is thirty five years of age, five feet nine
 inches high, light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, and by occupation when
 enlisted a Farmer. During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for duty 60 days.
 (Here consult directions on Form 13, p. 35, Medical Dept. Gen. Reg.)

M. A. Cochran
 Capt. - 16th Regt
 Mustering Officer

STATION: Bowling Green, Ky
 DATE: Dec 24th 1862

Commissioning Company.
 I Certify, that I have carefully examined the said James McAfee, Sergeant of
 Captain Elias Casper's Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of
 (Here consult par. 1289, p. 24, and directions on Form 13, p. 35, Med. Dept. Gen. Reg.) Chronic
 dyspepsia of three months standing with
 indigestion & protracted prostration caused
 by continued intermittent fever & illness
 to the extent of

DISCHARGED this seventh day of January 1863, at Bowling Green Ky
 Henry M. Mallow Surgeon
 M. D. Manson Brig Genl
 Commanding the Post.

NOTE 1.—When a probable cause for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability.
 NOTE 2.—The place where the soldier desires to be allowed may be here added.
 Town—Bowling Green County—Winnebago State—Illinois

Certificate of Disability for Discharge

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

J.M. Cf.
Index Sheet, Claims No. 1008057

James McAfee, deceased.

Service, E. 74 Ill. Inf -
Act of June 27, 1891.

NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS	DATE OF FILING	SUBJECT
1	Sold.	July 18, 1890	Declar.
		June 13, 1892	Incurrence of hernia.
3	"	May 24, 1895	Declar.
4	"	Jan. 31, 1900	Incurrence of venereal
5	"	Sept. 11, 1893	Incurrence of hernia.
6	"	Apr. 24, 1891	No suits, service.
7	"	Sept. 2, 1897	P. of atty. to W. H. Allen, City.
8	Margaret L., Mid.	May 28, 1901	Account app.
9	Soldier's voucher	" " "	
10	" pension cert.	" " "	
	Pension Agent -	June 7, 1901	Date last payment. sold.
12	E. H. Wood & W. C. Adams, Roscoe, Ill.	Aug. 15, 1893	Existence of hernia.
13	Same	Sept. 11, 1893	Good habits.
14	John M. Rhodes, 510 2 nd St. N. E., City.	Apr. 23, 1900	Degree of disability.
15	Byron Leitch, E. H. Wilson, Geo. H. Baldwin, C. H. Richardson, Roscoe, Ill.	Jan. 31, 1900	+ " " "
16	Edo P. Ransom, Roscoe, Ill.	Dec. 12, 1890	Treat., degree of disability, no vicious habits.
17	Wilmet L. Ransom, M.D., Rockford, Ill.	June 10, 1892	Treat., degree of disability.
18	Same	Aug. 15, 1893	Same no vic. Lab.
19	H. D. McAll. M.D.	Oct. 31, 1900	Treat. degree of disability.

Pension Files index sheet

Declaration for Original Invalid Pension.

State of Illinois
County of Shinnelago

On the date hereinafter mentioned, personally appeared before me, a _____ within and for the County and State aforesaid

James McAfee, resident of the Town of Roscoe
County of Shinnelago, State of Illinois

who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical person who was enrolled under that name, on the 11th day of Aug., 1862, and served in Company E of the 74th Regiment of Ill. Inf. Commanded by Colonel Marsh and was Discharged at Bowling Green Ky on the 7th day of Jan., 1863; that his present personal description is as follows: Age 63 years; height, 5 feet 10 inches; complexion, light; hair, gray; eyes, blue. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty, at Crat Orchard in the State of Kentucky, on or about the 20 day of October 1862, he contracted dysentery and in December of same year at or near the 15th of 1863 he became afflicted with jaundice and these diseases resulted in disease of heart. His disabilities were caused by the hardships and exposure incident to the service.

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: at Brackets No 3
Bowling Green Ky by Resident Physician
That he has not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above.

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in Roscoe
Shinnelago Co. Ill.

That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound physical health, being when enrolled, a Farmen That he is now materially disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor, by reason of the injury or disability, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution, LOUIS K. GILLSON & CO., of Chicago, Ill. his true and lawful Attorneys to prosecute his claim. That he has not received but has applied for pension. That his Post Office address is Roscoe

Invalid Pension Application

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This is a letter that was written by James McAffee and was filed in conjunction with an application for a Civil War Pension.

"Roscoe Winnebago County Illinois As to vericocle several years ago I got it started it wrestling and about ten years ago I was getting over a fence I was going to fall and had to jump and in the operation the testacl came down about 3/4 of an inch since then I have had to wear a support

As to the vericose veins they have been growing on me for the last ten or fifteen years they are not caused by any vicious habits I have no way of proving the matter I have not been able to do any manual labor for twenty five years

James McAffee
Post office in Roscoe

Subscribed and sworn to
the 27th day of November 1899

D A Sturtevant Notary Public"

[Stamp dated by Pension Office 31 Jan 1900]

In an Affidavit prepared by D.A. Sturtevant for the firm of Louis K. Gillson & Co., pension attorneys, Chicago, Ill., witnessed on 6 June 1892:

"for Pension as Sargent of Co. E, 74 Regt Ill. Inf. Vols. and that my hernia on left side was caused about six years ago. I was getting over the fence and had to jump to keep from falling my varicose veins commenced several years ago but did not bother me much until I started them at the time I caused my hernia and the last three years have been growing worse. and now if I stand or walk they are quite painful

Jame McAffee"

A Doctors notorized statement:

"Roscoe, Ill., Aug. 9, 1901

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that Mr. James McAffee died the 30th day of March 1901. the result of gangrene of the lower extremities.

Respectfully
W. W. Crockett M.D."

Letter transcribed by David

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A long letter by Margaret L. McAfee to the Pension Office, this would have been about 1 year following the filing of a claim for pension (dated as received by the pension office 20 May 1901, about 50 days following the death of her husband):

" 2667 Lowell Avenue
Chicago, Ill

April 26th 1902

Replying to letter of March 18th 1902 from the Pension Department at Washington Dc to W. F. Seldon I offer the following further evidence required

The \$2,000 was until the 9th of February 1902 in the form of Certificates of Deposits A portion being in the Winnebago National Bank of Rockford Ill. The remainder being in the Forrest City National Bank of the same place.

\$919 was in the Winnebago National Bank and drew 2 per ct interest from June 7th 1901 until Dec 7th 1901.

\$1,000 was a note drawing 6 per ct interest from May 20th 1901 until August 9th 1901 at which time it with an additional \$61 was deposited in the Forrest City National Bank and drew 2 per ct interest from Aug 9th 1901 until Feb 9th 1902 when it was withdrawn and with the \$919 before mentioned was invested in a lot 50 x 132 ft and toward the building of a one and one half story cottage for my home in Irving Park Cook Co. Ill. Land described as follows prt of S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 15 Township 40 North Range 13 East of the third Principal Meridian.

As this lot has not been assessed - so far as I know - since the erection of the cottage which is nearing completion it is impossible to say what the annual expenditures on this property will be for taxes nor what will be the annual cost of repairs but I have paid \$6.67 for one year insurance.

My expenditures for taxes on my Roscoe Winnebago Co. Ill property - real estate and personal - for 1901 was \$35.?? as shown by the receipt which is probably a fair average

The buildings on this property are insured in the Manchester Mutual Insurance Company and I have received no notice of an assessment since May 20th 1901.

My annual assessment since I have been insured in this company has not exceeded \$2.00 per year.

The annual cost of repairs I can only estimate as I have no account dating back from which to obtain an average. It will be necessary very soon - the present year if possible - to rebuild a considerable amount of fence and I am obliged each year to make repairs on the buildings. One of these is fifty years old and others nearly as old.

The pumps to wells and cisterns have also frequently to be repaired.

I believe the annual cost of maintaining buildings and fences in a fair renting condition to be not less than \$50.

First page of a letter

I have ordered my agent to make such repairs this spring as will be necessary to renting the place but so far have not received the bill of expenses neither have I heard the place was rented - so can report only the repairs of which I had supervision which amounted to \$23.15 between the 20th of May 1901 and the 1 of November of same year.

I was assessed in 1901 with two pieces of land. One of them described as follows (?) pt SW pt NE 1/4 and SE prt NE 1/4 Section 29-46-2 - 18.59 acres in which I own only a three fourths undivided interest. The land is all assessed in my name and I pay the taxes but I am reimbursed by the owner of the 1/4 undivided part of the 18.59 acres for the taxes (\$2.39) advanced by me on his account.

Since that assessment was made the joint owner William H. Cross of Saratoga California and I have sold 7/8 of an acre of this property leaving 17.715 acres.

The other piece of real estate consists of lots 21, 22, 23, and 24 Section 33-46-2- 27.81 acres making a total of 46.40 acres assessed to me in 1901.

These two pieces of real estate with the lot in Irving Park Cook Co. Ill is all the land I own. I do not understand the 51.92 acre assessment alluded to in the letter from the Pension Department but think I may have been the cause of a mistake by not having stated clearly that I owned but 3/4 of the 18.59 acre piece.

The amount of interest money reported by the two witnesses Peter W Ralston and E I(?) Worcester above what I received from the \$2000 was derived from a short loan of part of my income.

My expences for taxes since May 20th 1901 was	\$35.57
" " " repairs " " " "	\$23.15
" " " insurances " " " "	\$ 6.67

Margaret L. McAfee"

Subscribed and sworn to
before me

Charles W. Smith
Notary Public

Stamped by Pension Office 30 Apr 1902

Second page of letter

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A letter received by the Pension Office (stamped on 23 Jul 1902):

"In the matter of the
Claim of Margaret L. McAfee
Widow of Jamse McAfee
for Government Pension

Roscoe Ill
July 12th 1902

Pension Department
Washington D.C.

I have just been offered a yearly rental of \$100 for the 18.59 acre piece in which I own a 3/4 interest which I am now preparing to give up to occupy my house in Irving Park and as that amount with the increased rent I am now able to get for my house in the village of Roscoe - because of the construction of an electric railway through the place - and from the rent of a portion of my house in Irving Park will be more than sufficient for an net income of \$250. I hereby withdraw my application for a widow pension.

Thanking you for your kindness and courtesy to me.

I am

Respect yours
Margaret L. McAfee"

A brief letter written to the Pension Department:

"In appreciation for an increase of pension under an Act of Congress and approved by the President Sep 8, 1916.

I am the widow of James McAfee who died March 30, 1901 He was a sargent in Co. E. 74th Regt Illinois Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War. The No. of my Pension Certificate is 542072.

My maiden name was Margaret L. Cross.

I was born in Roscoe Winnebago Co. Illinois April 21, 1839.

I was married to James McAfee on March 22nd 1866.

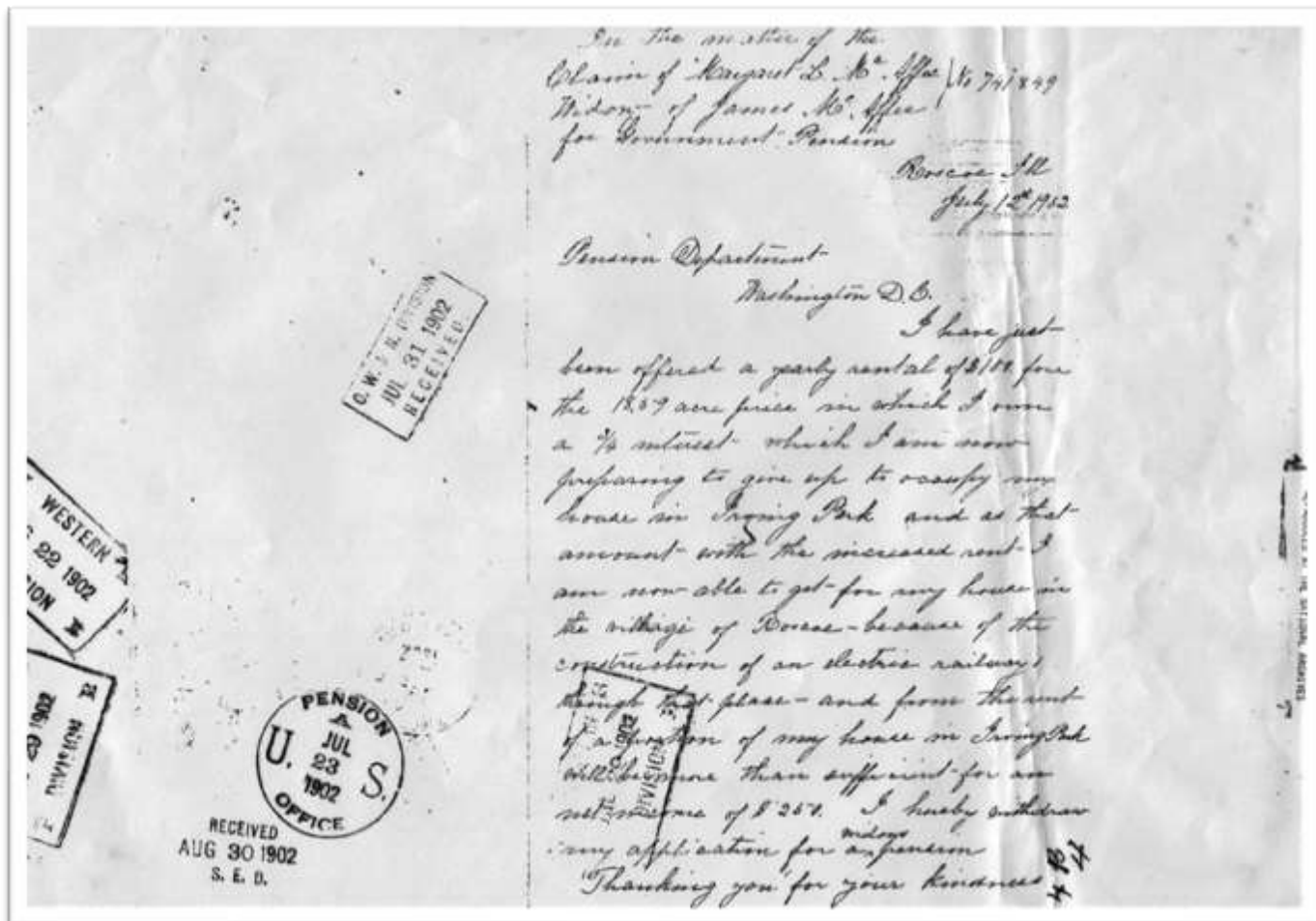
My present address is 4328 Lowell Ave., Chicago Ill

Margaret L. McAfee

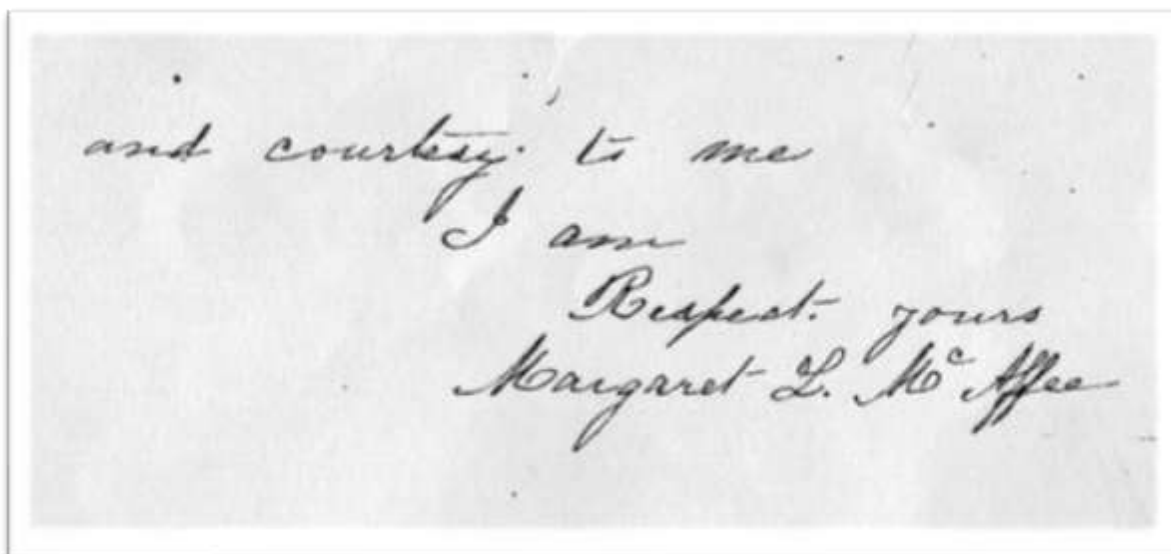
Sep 29th 1916"

23 July 1902 Letter

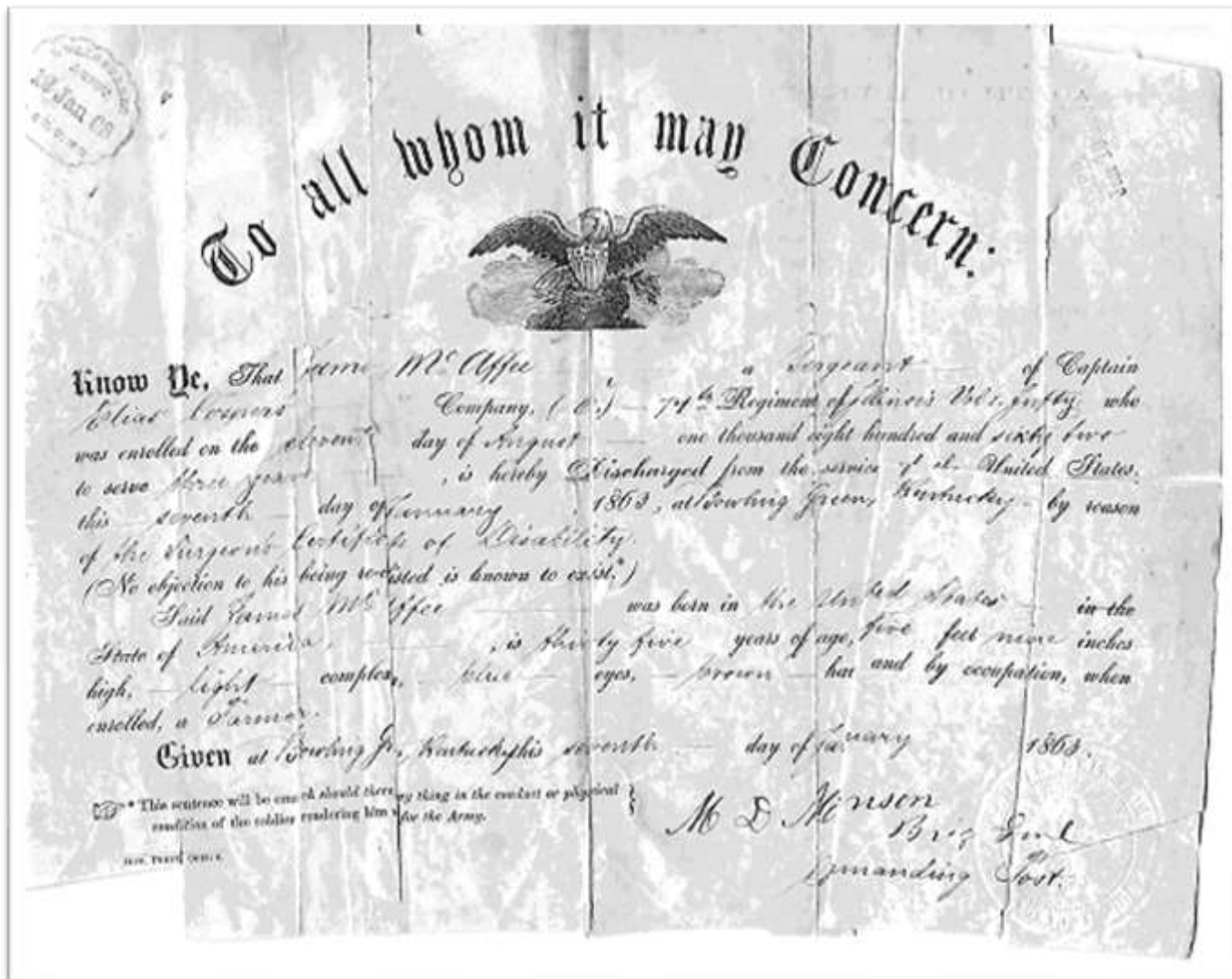
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First page of letter written by Margaret L Cross McAfee to the Pension Department



Second page of letter



Medical Discharge Certificate

To all whom it may Concern

Know Ye, *James McAfee*, a *Sergeant* of *Captain Elias Cospers Company, (E)* of the *74th. Illinois Regiment* of the *United States Volunteers Infantry* was enlisted by *Capt. J. B. Kew* of the..... Regiment of.... at *Harlem, Winnebago Co., Illinois*, on the *11th. day of August 1862*, to serve *3 years*; he was born in the *U. S. of America*, is *thirty five* years of age, *five feet nine inches* high, *light* complexion, *blue* eyes, *Brown* hair, and by occupation when enlisted a *Farmer*. During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for duty *60* days. (Surgeon's diagnosis is written here but, difficult to read). Discharged this *seventh* day of *January 1863*, at *Bowling Green, Ky.* *M.D.Manson, Br'g. Gen'l*, Commanding the Post.

(Words in *italics* are hand written on blank spaces in document.)