

# SAMUEL MCGILL

## Company "A" 11<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry

Service Record: "Discharged at Parkersburg, W.Va. for disability - Phthisis Pulmonalis - on **Dec. 13, 1863.**" He died of this disease at home in Moundsville on **Dec. 25, 1863.**

At age 18, on June 29, 1861, he joined for duty, enrolled, and mustered in at Wheeling. He was enlisted by Captain John Baggs. He was a brick moulder, born in Moundsville on Aug. 25, 1841. His older brother, James H. McGill, a 2nd Lt. in the same company, was court martialed and spent decades clearing his name. Younger brother, William, served in Co C 6th W.Va. Cav.

Samuel's mother, Margaret McGill, received a pension until her death in 1893. She claimed that her husband, Patrick, had deserted her and the family.

Mrs. McGill, her husband, and her sons are buried at Mt. Rose Cemetery, Moundsville.

The following is the Pension file of Mrs. Elizabeth McGill.

Wheeling

93,943-

WAR OF 1861.

Act of July 14, 1862.

CLAIM FOR MOTHER'S PENSION.

BRIEF in the case of Margaret McGee, Mother of Samuel McGee Private Co "A" 11 West Virginia Vol  
resident of Marshall County and State of West Virginia  
Post office address Moundsville, W Va

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service.

The Adj't Genl reports that Samuel McGee was mustered as a Private 29 October 1861, and discharge papers and testimony of his Captain show that the cause was, Phthis Pulmonalis contracted in the line of duty, date 11 December 1863.

Death.

Dr Bruce makes oath that he attended McGee from 11<sup>th</sup> to 25 December 1863, at which time he died of Pulmonary Consumption.

Celibacy of Soldier.

Witnesses make oath that the soldier left no widow or children at his decease. Claimant was his mother, and that her husband deserted her fifteen years ago and has rendered no support since.

Relationship.

Death or disability of husband.

Dependence.

It is also shown by testimony of witnesses that claimant's whole property consisted, at the time of and since her son, the soldier rendered support, of a small house worth \$375, with household furniture. Two other sons, one of whom was disabled in the war rendered her some help, but Samuel was her dependence, and paid her \$10 per month, before and after enlistment.

Loyalty.

Agent and his P. O. address.

Declared.  
Ganson Griswell, Moundsville, W Va

Admitted 24 April, 1867, to a Pension of \$ 8, per month, commencing 25 December, 1863,

Exd.

Tgc

Charles D. Moore Examining Clerk.

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State of West Virginia }  
County of Marshall } SS

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December AD 1864 personally appeared before <sup>me</sup> the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County and State above-named Margaret McGill a resident of the Town of Moundsville in the County and State aforesaid aged 50 years, who, being first duly sworn - according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress approved July 14<sup>th</sup> 1862;

That she is the wife of Patrick McGill (a man addicted to the habit of gross dissipation); that he deserted her about fifteen years ago, and during all that time has refused and neglected to provide anything for her support, and that he is beyond the reach of legal compulsion to contribute to her maintenance, not having in his possession or under his control any personal or real property that could be made available for that purpose.

She further states that she is the mother of Samuel McGill who was a Private in Company B commanded by Capt Cummins in the 11 Regiment of West Virginia Volunteer Infantry in the war of 1861; and who died at his home in Moundsville W.V. on the 25 day of December in the year 1863 of while in the service of the United States.

She further declares that her said son upon whom she was in part dependent for support, having left no widow or minor child under sixteen years of age surviving,

Apple for ~~brother~~ <sup>Perrins</sup>  
address  
Mountville  
W. Va

Atty address  
Hanson Business  
Mountville  
W. Va

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any thing toward the maintenance of his family that he is a worthless trifling man spending the most of his time in dissipation, that he has no personal or real property that could by legal compulsion be made available to the maintenance of his wife & family; And that the said Mrs Margaret McLeis was wholly dependent for her support & maintenance on the joint labors of her said son Samuel and his two older brothers, and they further state that the deceased the said Samuel McLeis while in the said service sent his mother the greater portion of his pay regularly, and that before entering the service his earnings were contributed to his mother for her support, and that the said applicant is the owner of a house & lot in Moundville the same on which she now resides and other than this she has no means of support except that derived from her said children.

And they further testify that they reside as above stated and are disinterested in this claim,

J. C. Reed  
W. T. Purdy

Sworn to & subscribed before me and I certify that I am not interested in this claim or concerned in its prosecution, that I believe the affiants to be credible persons and the declarant (whose name I signed at her request to the foregoing application), the person she represents herself to be, by virtue whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this day & year first aforesaid

Thomas Riggs Clerk

Abel to Mother

Declarant makes this application for a pension under the above mentioned act, and refers to the evidence filed herewith, and that in the proper department to establish her claim;

She also declares that she has not been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; that she is not in the receipt of a pension under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Section of the act above mentioned or under any other act.

And she hereby constitutes and appoints Hanson Criswell her attorney in fact to prosecute this claim and procure a pension certificate.

My Post office address is as follows

Margaret <sup>the</sup> McGill  
Meandsville  
W. Va.

Attest J. C. Reed  
W. J. Purdy

Also personally appeared J. C. Reed and W. J. Purdy residents of Meandsville in the County & State first aforesaid, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn say that they were present and saw Mrs Margaret McGill make her mark to the foregoing declaration; and were acquainted with her and her said son before he entered the service and know from such acquaintances that she is the mother of the identical Samuel White who performed the military service mentioned in said declaration; that her husband the aforesaid Patrick McGill has deserted her and been living separate from her for over fifteen years and has not during all that period contributed

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of <sup>Commissioner of Pensions</sup> application for Pension No. 75709, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Samuel McGill was enrolled on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1861, at Wheeling Va. in Co. A, 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Va. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1861, at Wheeling Va., in Co. A, 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Va. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the <sup>official casualty</sup> Muster Roll of Co. A of that Regiment, for the months of Year, 1862, he is reported Discharged Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1862 at Parkersburg W. Va. by Surg. J. R. Reed, of Phthisis Pulmonalis.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

*Samuel Beck*

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant

Address

*PKW*

(No. 14.)

Department of the Interior,  
PENSION OFFICE,

Jan 13, 1865

Sir:

Re-examine this case and  
You are respectfully requested to furnish official evidence of the  
Service date and cause of death of Samuel McGee who  
was a Private in Co. "A", 11 Regiment  
of Virginia Volunteers, who is reported to have  
died at hans on the 25 day of  
December, 1863, of

Please attach this Circular to your report, and return the same  
to this Office

Respectfully, &c.,

No 75709

Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

Copy

Gen'l U. S. A.

Com.



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(PENSIONER DROPPED.)

## U. S. Pension Agency,

WASHINGTON, D. C. 1893  
Dec. 21

Hon. Wm. Lochren,  
Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of Margaret McGill  
Dep. No. \_\_\_\_\_, who was a pensioner on the rolls  
of this Agency, under Certificate No. 93743, and who was last paid  
at \$ 12, to Dec. 14, 1893, has been dropped  
because of death of pensioner date

Very respectfully,

A. L. Minson  
Pension Agent.

93.943

No. (5) (06) ✓

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Margaret McGill  
Marshall Co Va mother of  
Samuel McGill  
Priv Co & 11. West Va Vols  
Died at Home  
December 25 1863

Pension Office,

\_\_\_\_\_ 186 .

Respectfully referred to the Adjutant  
General, for official evidence of service  
and death.

Joseph M. Barnett

Commissioner.

Received, Dec 14, 1864

Warrison Criswell

Moundsville

West Va

Attorney.

No. 93943,

West Virginia,

Margaret McGill,

mother of

Samuel McGill,

Rank Priv.

Company "A"

Regiment 11. H. Va. Inf.,

(Wheeling) Washington  
Agency.

Rate per month \$ 8,

Commencing 25 Dec 1863.

Certificate dated 6. May 1864,

and sent to Hanson Lewis

Moundsville

W. Va.

Act 14th July, 1862.

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L. A. L. Clerk.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington D. C.

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of <sup>of 17<sup>th</sup> Regt relative to</sup> application for Pension No. 75,709, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

~~It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that \_\_\_\_\_ was enrolled on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ in Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment of \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers, to serve \_\_\_\_\_ years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, in Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment of \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers, to serve \_\_\_\_\_ years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. \_\_\_\_\_ of that Regiment, for the months of \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_, he is reported~~

~~The name Samuel Mc Gill does not appear on any Roll of Camp "C" 11<sup>th</sup> Regt Va Hols on file in this Office~~

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Samuel H. Beck

Assistant Adjutant General.

(2.)

The Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

G. D. P.  
S. H. K.

Woodsville Marshall County

West Virginia Mar 20 1865

This is to certify that I was called first  
on the Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) day of May 1863 to see Samuel  
McGill a private in Co A 11<sup>th</sup> Va Inf  
and found him laboring under the effects of  
Pulmonary Consumption - From that date to the  
time of his death (he 25 1863) I saw him  
frequently and noticed the several stages of that  
disease - I also state that I have been acquainted  
with McGill for a number of years previous to  
his entering the service and always considered  
him up to that time as having a good consti-  
tution - particularly as regards lung disease -  
None under my hand this day of March -

W. W. Bruce M.D.

Personally appeared before me a Justice of  
the Peace in and for Marshall County  
State of West Virginia W. W. Bruce who being  
lawfully sworn, testified that the facts above  
stated were true to the best of his knowledge  
and belief - Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1865 -

W. E. McClair J. P.  
And I certify that I am not interested  
directly or indirectly in the application  
of Mrs McGill.

W. E. McClair M.D.

State of W. Va. } 88  
Marshall County }

I Housan Riggs Clerk of the Circuit Court  
within & for the County aforesaid do hereby  
certify that George W Bruce whose name is  
signed to the within certificate is an irregular  
practising Physician in that of good standing in  
this County & has been for a number of years  
past

~~Given under my hand the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March~~  
1865 And I further certify that R  
B Amelieir before whom the within affidavit  
was made and who has signed his name  
therein was at the time of so doing an  
acting Justice in & for said County and duly  
authorized by law to act as such and that  
all his official acts & such are entitled  
to full faith & credit and that his signature  
therein is genuine

Given under my hand & official  
seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1865

Housan Riggs Clerk

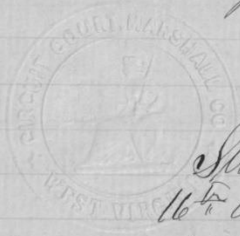


The State of West Virginia }  
County of Marshall } S.S.

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May  
A.D. 1865 personally came G. S. Roberts  
and Letta Charleston residents of Mountaineer  
West Va, persons whom I certify to respect-  
table and entitled to credit, and who being  
by me duly sworn according to law, declare  
that they are, and have been for seventeen  
years acquainted with Mrs Margaret McGill  
and her son Samuel who was a private  
in Company "A" 11<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Vol. Infy  
and know that he contributed fully one  
half, toward his mother support, or not less  
than ten dollars per month, and that her  
other sons did not give her more than  
ten dollars per month between them, toward  
her support, and further the oldest son  
is of age, and having lost his health in  
the Army of the United State and now  
under the physicians hands has not been  
able to contribute anything to her support  
for the last year.

And they further testify that they  
reside as above stated and are not interested  
in the application of Mrs McGill.

Gaius S Roberts  
Letta Charleston,



Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1865 and I certify that I am  
not interested in the application Mrs McGill  
Given under my hand and official seal  
The day and year above written. Norman Riggs Clerk

State of West Virginia 388  
County of Marshall 3

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1865  
before me Howard Riggs Clerk of the Circuit  
Court in and for said County, personally  
appeared S. S. Roberts and J. C. Reed  
residents of Moundsville and State aforesaid who  
after being duly sworn according to law  
say that they were acquainted with Samuel  
McGill late private in Co "A" 11<sup>th</sup> Regt W.V. Inf.,  
and know that he was the son of Mrs  
Margaret McGill whose application for pension  
is numbered 75-709, and that the said  
Samuel McGill left neither widow nor  
child, they further state that the said Margaret  
McGill was dependent on her said son Samuel  
for at least one half her support, that he  
was an industrious young man and gave all  
his earnings toward the support of his mother  
save and except a very small portion appropriated  
for clothing, and when he entered the army he  
sent his pay regularly to his mother and always  
acted the part of a dutiful son, he always con-  
tributed more toward the support of his said mother  
than both the other brothers.

They further state that the said Margaret  
McGill is the owner of a lot in the town  
of Moundsville W.V. on which is erected a  
small frame house all of which would not  
exceed in value three hundred & seventy five dollars  
(\$375<sup>00</sup>) this she occupies as a residence and  
from which she derives no income, she has a  
small assortment of household & kitchen furniture  
but any more than is necessary to keep house  
and with this exception she has no other



means of support other than that derived from her two (only) surviving sons, it is impossible to state the exact amount paid by each brother toward the support of their mother but we are satisfied from the habits of industry of Samuel that he contributed as much if not more than the other two.

And they further state that the only support she now receives is from the two surviving brothers.

All of which they state according to the best of their knowledge & belief and that they are not interested in this claim.



G. S. Roberts  
J. C. Reed

Sworn to & subscribed before me and I certify that I am not interested in this claim and that the affiants are credible persons.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of our said Court at the Court House of said County this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1865.  
Hudson Stiggs Clerk



The State of West Virginia,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Wheeling, Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Hon Joseph H. Barrett,  
Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Your Circular of  
Dec 27<sup>th</sup> requesting evidence of the enrollment or  
muster into service of Samuel M Gill, Private Co<sup>l</sup> B  
11<sup>th</sup> Reg W. V. Infy is received

There is no evidence of his enlistment or  
muster in on file in this Office.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

J. P. Peirson,

Adjutant General

[Return this slip with reply.]

U. S. PENSION AGENCY.

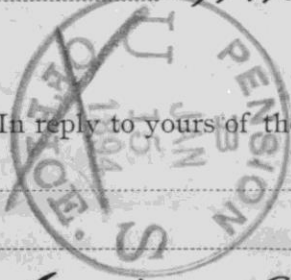
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Washington, D. C., *1/10<sup>th</sup>* 189*4*

*James H. McGill,*  
*Mountsville, N. Va.*  
*Sir:*

In reply to yours of the

*8<sup>th</sup> inst.*



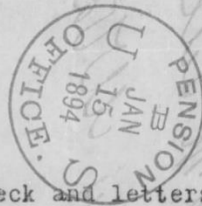
you are informed that *former check*  
*letters of Administration*  
*in case of Margaret*  
*McGill, were forwarded*  
*to the Commissioner of*  
*Pensions Dec. 21/93.*  
*and you were so informed*  
*at that date, with instruc-*  
*tions that future correspondence*  
*upon the subject should*  
*be addressed to him.*  
*Yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> is so referred.*

Very respectfully,

SIDNEY L. WILLSON,  
U. S. Pension Agent.

*S*

Hon. Wm. Lochren,  
Comr. of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.



Sir:- I forwarded Pension Check and letters of administration in case of Margaret McGill, accrued Pension, to Hon. Sidney L. Wilson, Pension Agent at Washington D. C., which was by him forwarded to you December 21st, 1893. Please inform me of the status of the case, and what further, if any thing, remains for me to do in the case.

Very truly yours,

James H. McGill,

Administrator of Margaret

McGill dec'd.

11<sup>th</sup>  
Headquarters Co. A. Regt.  
West Co. Infy Bn.  
Richmond Va. June 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

I, George H. Purdy, Capt., on honor, certify that  
Samuel M<sup>c</sup> Gill a private of Co. A. 11<sup>th</sup>  
West Co. Infy Bn. died at Moundsville W. Va.  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December <sup>1863</sup> of disease contracted  
while in his line of duty at Cross Lanes W. Va.  
August 26<sup>th</sup> 1861. I was well acquainted  
with Samuel M<sup>c</sup> Gill previous to his enlistment  
and know him to be sound in every particular.  
The disease contracted and which caused his death  
was called by medical men, Consumption of the lungs.

My knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following  
source: I have been a member of said Co. A. 11<sup>th</sup>  
West Co. Inf Bn. since June 15<sup>th</sup> 1861

I have the honor to be

Respectfully, yours

George H. Purdy, Capt.  
Co. A. 11<sup>th</sup> West Co. Infy Bn.

To Joseph S. Barrett.

Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.



No. 75709

Applicant Margaret McGee

Residence Mountville West Va.

PENSION OFFICE.

7 June, 1865.

SIR:

The within circular is to be forwarded to some Surgeon or other commissioned officer having the requisite knowledge as to the death of Samuel McGee, Co. A,  
11 Reg't W Virginia Vols.

Respectfully,

Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

Call.

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



Private Samuel M. Gill of Captain *Wm. Cummings*  
Company, (*A*) of the *11<sup>th</sup>* Regiment of the United States  
was enlisted by *Capt. Bagge*  
of the *11<sup>th</sup>* Regiment of *Pa. Vol. Inf.* at *Wheeling, Va.*  
on the *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *June*, 1861, to serve *3* years; he was born  
in ~~Mountaineer~~ in the State of *West Virginia*, is *18*  
years of age, *5* feet *7* inches high, *Light* complexion, *Blue* eyes,  
*Slight* hair, and by occupation when enlisted a *Black Smelter*. During the last two  
months said soldier has been unfit for duty *days*.\*  
*Said McNeil is for some with Pithier -*

STATION: *Genl. Hosp. Parkersburg, Va.*  
DATE: *November 30<sup>th</sup> 1863*

*Thomas P. Reed*  
*Surgeon in Charge*  
Commanding Company.

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said *Private Samuel M. Gill*  
of Captain *Wm. Cummings* Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a  
soldier because of *Pithier's Pithier's - Disability total. Disease contracted on account*  
*of us. no time of duty. Unfit for Invalid Corps - with consent*  
*of Patient -*

*Thomas P. Reed*  
Surgeon. *W. C. C.*

DISCHARGED, this *eleventh* day of *December*, 1863, at *Genl. Hosp. Parkersburg, Va.*  
*W. C. C. Hospital*

*Thomas P. Reed*  
*Surgeon in Charge*  
Commanding the Reg't.

The Soldier desires to be addressed at  
Town *Mountaineer* County *Marshall* State *Virginia*

\* See Note 1 on the back of this. † See Note 2 on the back of this

NOTE 1.

The company commander will here add a statement of all the facts known to him concerning the disease or wound, or cause of disability of the soldier; the time, place, manner, and all the circumstances under which the injury occurred, or disease originated or appeared; the duty, or service, or situation of the soldier at the time the injury was received or disease contracted, stating particularly whether the injury was received or the disease contracted in the line of his duty; and whatever other facts may aid a judgment as to the cause, immediate or remote, of the disability, and the circumstances attending it.

When the facts are not known to the company commander, the certificate of any officer, or militia of other person having such knowledge, will be appended—as the surgeon in charge of a hospital, the officer commanding a detachment of recruits, &c., &c.

NOTE 2.

When a probable case for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability—as *1/2*, *3/4*, &c., &c.; to describe particularly the disability, wound, or disease the extent of which it deprives him of the use of any limb or faculty, or affects his health, strength, activity, constitution, or capacity to labor or earn his subsistence. The surgeon will add, from his knowledge of the facts and circumstances, and from the evidence in the case, his professional opinion of the cause or origin of the disability. In the case of discharges by Medical Inspectors, the last paragraph will state that the "discharge was given by consent of the soldier, after a personal examination, and for disability, the nature, degree, and origin of which are correctly described in the within certificate."

Par. 1390 Regulations, Edit. 1861.

Medical officers, in giving certificates of disability, are to take particular care in all cases that have not been under their charge; and especially in epilepsy, convulsions, chronic rheumatism, derangement of the urinary organs, ophthalmia, ulcers, or any obscure disease liable to be feigned or purposely produced; and in no case shall such certificate be given until after sufficient time and examination to detect any attempt at deception.

DIRECTIONS.

This certificate will be made out in duplicate by the soldier's company commander, or other officer commanding the separate detachment to which he belongs, and sent by him to the surgeon who has charge of the hospital where the soldier is sick. The surgeon will then fill out and sign the surgeon's certificate, and forward these papers to the regimental, detachment, or post commander, who will forward them, with his action endorsed thereon, through the proper channel, to his division commander; or, if the troops are not attached to a division, to his corps, department, or other commander or officer to whom the authority to discharge enlisted men may be specially delegated.

These certificates, after having received the action of the highest authority to which they are required to be sent, will be returned through the same channel to the regimental, post, or detachment commander, who will, if the discharge is authorized by the endorsement of the proper authority, sign the soldier's discharge, and the last certificate on this paper; see that the soldier is furnished with the proper final statements in duplicate, and forward BOTH of these certificates direct to the Adjutant General United States Army, at Washington, D. C.; they will not, under any circumstances, be given into the hands of the soldier.

CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE

IN THE CASE OF

*Samuel McGill*  
a *Private* Co. *A.*  
*Company (11th) Reg't of Cavalry*

*Medical Direct. Office*  
*Dist. of W. Va.*  
*Cumberland, Md. Decbr. 9th, 1863.*

*Approved & respectfully forwarded*  
*Jacob P. Thomas*  
*Surgeon U.S.A.*  
*Med. Dir. Office.*

*Major Genl of Cavalry*  
*Cumberland Md Dec 9/1863*

*To be discharged*  
*By order Brig Gen Kelly*  
*W. M. Mathews*  
*Capt and C.*

Received (A. G. Office) *Jan 14, 1863*

*N. B. 9*

*Adjutant General's Office,*  
*Dec 17 1863*  
*Duplicate for the Division Office*  
*Wm. D. Reed*  
*Asst. Adjt. Genl*