

JAMES W. SNEDEKER

Wagoner

Company "A" 30th Iowa Infantry

Died of Typhoid Fever on March 17, 1863

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James W. Snedeker, born in Marshall County, (W) Virginia about 1833, was the son of Garret(t) Snedeker (1797-1859) and Mary Hanson Miller (1804-1887). The family is found in the 1850 Federal Census of Marshall County:

SNEDEKER (465)
Garrett...Farmer...\$7000...51-M...VA
Mary...45-F...VA
Charles...21-M...VA
Rebecca...15-F...VA
James...17-M...VA
John...13-M...VA
Samuel...11-M...VA
Milkah...9-M...VA
Joseph...6-M...VA
Thomas H...3-M...VA
Wayt, Reuben...4-M...VA
Wayt, Jonas H...3-M...VA

James W. Snedeker married Mary Jane Scott in Wheeling, Ohio County, (W) Virginia on October 19, 1854. She was born in Ross County, Ohio, the daughter of James and Lydia M. Scott.

In 1860, James and Mary J. Snedeker were residing in Charleston Twp., Lee County, Iowa with their one year-old son, Albert. Mary's parents had also moved to Iowa, and the mother died in 1863.

On September 23, 1862, James mustered in as a Private in Company "A" of the 30th Iowa Infantry Regiment; he served as a wagoner. He contracted Typhoid Fever and died on March 17, 1863. At the time of his death, he had two children, Mary Ida and Amanda Virginia. Albert 's death must have occurred prior to the death of the soldier.

Mary Jane Snedeker died on February 9, 1865. The children had a guardian, Gavin Hamilton, but they moved to Marshall County, West Virginia prior to the 1870 census, at which time they were living in Washington District with John and Rebecca (Morgan) Goudy. In 1880, they were living with John Goudy; one of the Snedeker women had a daughter, Mollie Snedeker, age 1.

Amanda Snedeker married Newell Clark in Iowa in 1889.

Mary Ida married James Richard McCombs on November 30, 1882 in West Alexander, Pennsylvania (name written as Ida May). She died of consumption on October 28, 1894 at Sherrard, Marshall County. Mary Ida was the mother of the aforementioned Mollie (Mary) and also had several more children after her marriage.

From "HISTORY OF THE UPPER OHIO VALLEY," Vol. I, pages 736-737; Brant & Fuller, 1890.

JOHN W. SNEDIKER was born in Marshall county, W.Va., in the year 1838. He was one of eleven children born to Garret and Mary H. (Miller) Snediker; the children were as follows: Elizabeth, married Albert Wait, she is now deceased; Charles, married Mary Pedley, she is deceased, he married for a second wife, Charlotte Simpson, of Waynesburg, Penn.; **James died while in the service of the United States**; Rebecca married Joshua A. Lancaster, now living in Kansas; Samuel M. married Mary McClarin, of Steubenville; Joseph M. married Adeline Kemple, of Marshall county; Milch married J. M. Dowler, of Wheeling; Mary and William both died in childhood; and two others died in infancy. The parents were both born in Virginia; the greater part of their lives they lived on their farm in the vicinity of Wheeling, W.Va. They were worthy members of the community, and were both devout communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Snediker's paternal grandfather was a major in the war of 1812. His wife's maiden name was Harris, and both of these grandparents were natives of Germany, settling in Brooke county, W.Va., at an early date. They were very prominent and wealthy people, and members of the Presbyterian church. His maternal grandfather, who was a native of Virginia, moved to Morgan county, Ohio, and both he and his wife were pioneer members of the Methodist Episcopal church of that county, and highly respected and useful members of the community. In 1859 Mr. Snediker married Jane, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Pedley, who were of English birth, they located in Wheeling, where Mr. Pedley followed the trade of a stone-mason, having been engaged on some of the old buildings of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Snediker had seven children: R. Ella, Charles R., Mary V., Harry L., Laura J., and Minnie M. All of these children are deceased but Ella, Charles and Harry. Mrs. Snediker died in 1872, and her death was a calamity to her neighbors, her family and the church of which she was a consistent member, having joined the Methodist denomination in her early childhood. In 1873, Mr. Snediker married J. Amanda Richey, daughter of James and Joanna (Whittingham) Richey, who were for many years leading members of society in Marshall county, and also members of the Methodist church. Annetta B. and Cora L. are the result of this second union. Mr. Snediker has been township treasurer for sixteen years, and was also an overseer of the poor two years. He has a large farm stocked with the finest breeds of cattle, sheep, etc., and is classed with the progressive and representative farmers of the county. He and his wife are members of the Disciples church, and he is a republican.

The Widow & Minor pension file is presented below.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Oct 10th 1863.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 34475, 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 James Smedeker was enrolled on the 11th day of Aug., 1862, at Lee County in Co. A., 2^d Regiment of Iowa Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 23^d day of Sept., 1862, at Keokuk, Iowa, in Co. A., 2^d Regiment of Iowa Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. A. of that Regiment, for the months of March and April, 1862, he is reported "Died March 17, 1862 at Young's Point La. of Lung Fever."

I am, Sir, very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

Samuel Deek

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant, Mary J. Smedeker
Address, Charlestown, Lee Co. Iowa

State of West Virginia

Ohio County

Transcript from the records of said County showing the marriage of James W Suediker with Mary Jane Scott, viz.

Time of Marriage Oct 19th 1854
Place of Marriage 17 1/2 miles from Wheeling ^{B. Spott.}
Full names of Parties married James Suediker & Mary Jane
Age of husband 21 years
" " Wife 16 "
Condition of husband Single
" " Wife "
Place of husband's birth Marshall Co Va
" " Wife " Ross Co Ohio
" " Husband's Residence Ohio Co Va
" " Wife " " "
Names of husband's Parents Garrett & Mary Suediker
" of Wife's " Pat & Lydia Mc Scott
Occupation of husband Farmer
Name of person performing Marriage Ceremony Silas Burns
Remarks Filed Oct 19th 1854

State of West Virginia

Ohio County

W. J. Alexander & Robinson Recorder of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and perfect transcript from the records of marriages in said County by law deposited in my custody showing the marriage of James W Suediker with Mary Jane Scott. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official seal this 12th day of Sept 1855, in the City of Wheeling in said County W. J. Robinson Recorder

13098

No. 34475

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Mary J. Smedeker, late C. Iowa, wife of
James W. Smedeker, Major Master in
Co "A" 30 Iowa vols
Died near Vicksburg: Miss
March 17, 1863 of typhoid fever

Pension Office,

Sept 29 1863

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

Joseph H. Barrett

Commissioner.

Received, Sep 26 1863.

J. M. Beck

St. Madison

Iowa

Attorney.

State of Iowa
County of Lee

On this 19th day of June 1865
personally appeared before the undersigned
Clerk of the District Court in and for said
County of Lee and State of Iowa
a resident of Monroe
in the County of Lee and State of
Iowa aged forty nine years who being first
duly sworn according to law doth on his
oath say and make the following decla-
ration as guardian of the minor children of
James Sredaker deceased in order to obtain the
benefits of the provisions made by Act of Congress
approved July 14 1862 granting pensions to minor
children under sixteen years of age of deceased
officers and soldiers that he is the guardian
of Mary Ida Sredaker and Amanda
Virginia Sredaker
whose father James Sredaker was wounded in
Company A commanded by Captain Rufus
Goodenough in the 30th Regt Iowa Volunteers
in the present war and that the said James
Sredaker died at Vicksburg Mississippi
on the 17th day of March 1863 of Typhoid
fever

That the mother of said children
Mary Jane Sredaker died on the 9th day of
February 1863 and that the date of the birth
of said children was follows

Mary Ida Sredaker born September 6th 1860
Amanda Virginia Sredaker born May 16th 1863
He further declares that the parents of his said
wife were married on the 19th day of
October 1854 at Wheeling Virginia by one

Rev Silas Burns a Minister of the Gospel
Due proof of such marriage is on file
in the Pension office in claim No 34,478
upon which a pension Certificate No 13,098
was issued to the Mother of his said Ward
the aforesaid Mary J Smedley

This Applicant has never either directly
or indirectly aided or abetted the existing
rebellion in the United States

And he hereby Constitutes and
Appoints J W Beck of Port Madison
Iowa his Attorney to prosecute this claim
and procure a Certificate His just Office

Signed in presence of
James Scott
month

is Montrose Lee County Iowa
Gawen Hamilton

Lady Ann Scott

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and
year above written before the Under signed Clerk
of said District Court And I certify that
I have no interest direct or indirect in
the prosecution of this claim

Witness my hand and the seal
of said Court

D. H. DeBrier, Clerk.

Notary Public
Lee County, Ia.

J Robert A Russell Judge
of the County Court of Lee County Iowa

Springfield
WAR OF 1861.

Act of July 14, 1862.

CLAIM FOR MINORS' PENSION.

73.208

BRIEF in the case of *Mary d. Sneedler, & Amanda V. Sneedler,*
Minor Children of *James Sneedler pro Co. A. 30 Iowa, vol.*
Residence of Guardian *LEE* — County and State of *Iowa,*
Post Office address *Moulrose* —

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service. *New adjutant Genl deputy Golden mounted*
pro, Sept. 23. 1862. — and —

Death. *died March 17. 1863, of young fever, of*
Luay farm.
Genl. Heall reports soldier died as above,
of typhoid fever, contracted in the service in
line of duty —

Marriage of parents. *Certified copy of Co Record*

Names and dates of birth of minors. *Mary d. Sneedler, born Sept. 6, 1860, dau of James Scott*
Amanda V. Sneedler, a May 16/63. } & L. Scott.

Death or remarriage of mother. *died July 9, 1865, from typhoid fever —*
wid rec^d pension, certij No 99.489.

Guardianship. *Intestates*

Agent and his P. O. address. *J. M. Beck, Ft. Madison, Iowa.*

Admitted *May 7*, 1866, to a Pension of \$ *8* — per month,
commencing *July 10*, 1865, ending *May 16*, 1879, and payable
to *Gawen Hamilton,* Guardian.

Exd. *J. C.* *Geo. Prince,* Examining Clerk.

State of Iowa
Lee County 38

On this 19th day of June
1865 personally appeared before me
D. A. Litcher Clerk of the district Court
of said County James Scott aged
Sixty One years and Lydia Scott
aged twenty-two years both residents
of Montrose Lee County Iowa to me
known to be credible witnesses who
being duly sworn on their oath do
say that they were present and saw
Gawron Hamilton sign and make
oath to the attached declaration.

They further say that they know said
Gawron Hamilton is the identical
person who is the Guardian of Mary
Ada Snediker and Annanda Virginia
Snediker minor heirs and Children
of James Snediker who was a
Wagoner in Co A 30 Regt Iowa Vols
and who and as is stated in the
attached declaration which was read
over to us.

They further say that
they will know said James Snediker
both before and after his marriage
and will know his wife the Mother
of said minor heirs, Mary Jane Snediker
she was a daughter of Apparent James
Scott and sister of Apparent Lydia

Scott. That said, Mary Jane
Snyder & James Snyder were
married as is stated in attached
deed. They further say
that said, Minors Mary Ida
Snyder and Amanda Virginia
Snyder are the only children
of said, deceased, Solder James
Snyder who were living at
the date of his death. That
Mary Ida was born September
6th 1860 and Amanda Virginia
was born May 16th 1863. That
know the date of the births of said
children from the fact that
Affiant Lydia Scott was with
her said, sister Mary Jane
Snyder wife of said, Solder at
the birth of both of said, children
Affiant James Scott knows the
date of the births of said, children
because he saw said, children
on the day of the births of each
He was at the house of said, Solder
the day of the birth of the oldest - and
the youngest was born in his own
house - his daughter living with him
Affiants say that there is no
public record of the births of said
children and the evidence of the

Attending physicians cannot be
had to prove the date of their
births. Mary Jane Smedley died February 9 1865

Affiants further say that they
have no interest direct or indirect
in said application for a pension
for said Merros

Signed in presence of
Charles Dorn
Newton Case

James Scott
must
Lejana Scott

Sworn to and subscribed before
me the day & year aforesaid and
I further certify that Affiants
are credible witnesses and that
I have no interest in the said
claim for a pension

I also certify that said
affiants appeared before me with
Gawn Hamilton who makes the
attached declaration that the
said affiants and Gawn Hamilton
subscribed their respective affi-
dants in the presence each
other that the said affiants
of each were read over in the presence
of all, and that said affiants each declared
the contents their said affidants

Witness my hand the seal of said
Court N. H. Sedgwick, Clerk.

Pension Office May 14 1870 A certificate will be issued to exclude (Survival clause) send to Pension Agent, Wheeling West Va.

WAR OF 1861.

Wheeling W

Act of July 25, 1866.

CLAIM FOR INCREASE OF MINOR'S PENSION.

Supplemental to case in which Certificate No. 73,208 was issued *May 17*, 1866

BRIEF in the case of

Mary Ida Suedeker, by Amanda V Suedeker,

Minor Children of

James Suedeker, Priv. Geo. A. 30. Iowa Vals.

Residence of Guardian:

Lu County, and State of *Iowa*

Post Office address:

Montrase, Lu Co. Iowa.

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM

PROOF EXHIBITED.

Shown by declaration.

Oct 19. 1854-

Names and dates of births.

<i>Mary Ida.</i>	, born	<i>Sept. 6</i>	<i>1860</i>	who will be 16 years old	<i>Sept. 5</i>	<i>1876</i>
<i>Amanda V.</i>	"	<i>May 10</i>	<i>1868</i>	" "	<i>May 15</i>	<i>1879</i>
"	"	"	"	" "	"	"
"	"	"	"	" "	"	"
"	"	"	"	" "	"	"
"	"	"	"	" "	"	"
"	"	"	"	" "	"	"
"	"	"	"	" "	"	"

Proof of ages.

Affidavit witnesses present at births

Agent, and his P. O. address.

J. M. Burt. Fort-Medison Lu Co. Iowa

Filed June 24/66

Issue certificate for *8* dollars per month, commencing *Feb. 10*, 1865, and ending *May 15*, 1879, and two dollars per month additional for each of the above-named children, commencing *25* day of *July*, 1866 and payable to *Garven Hamiltton* Guardian, deducting former payments.

J. S. Kille, Examiner.

Passed *Sept 4*, 1867.

APPROVED:

S. J. S.

apl 11.70 Pen Agt,

1870 April 25th Transferred to
Wheeling W. Va. Jan 4th March 1869