

# **JAMES BUCKBEE**

**Company "K" 9<sup>th</sup> W.Va. Infantry  
(Became 1<sup>st</sup> W.Va. Veteran Infantry in Nov. 1864)**

## **SULTANA SURVIVOR**

### **SERVICE RECORD**

#### **Pages Not Included in Larger Service Record**

**James Buckbee** was born in Hardy County, (W) Virginia on July 13, 1844. He was the oldest child of John Buckbee and Elsie Conley/George. James' sister stated in an affidavit that the mother's family surname "Conley" had been replaced with "George" when the family came to the United States. The veracity of this statement is not known.

The eight siblings of James Buckbee were Mary Margaret, Reuben, Benjamin F., John E. D., George S., William Perry, Flora Jane and Elizabeth Ann. Additional information about them is found in declarations in the pension file that follows.

After the Civil War, John Buckbee moved with his wife and younger children to the state of Kansas. John Buckbee had served during the war with his son, James, in Company "K" of the 9<sup>th</sup> W.Va. Infantry.

On May 9, 1864, James Buckbee sustained a gunshot wound to the knee at the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain. He was captured by the Rebels and was imprisoned at Andersonville. After his release, he survived the explosion of the Sultana and was mustered out at Camp Chase, Ohio on June 28, 1865.

The first wife of James Buckbee was Isabelle "Jennie" (Alderman) Neff, widow of Joseph Neff. They had two daughters, one of whom died at a young age and the other, Sarah. Isabelle died on October 20, 1874 in Wirt County, W.Va., not far from Reedy, Roane County.

The following is the James Buckbee family in the 1870 census of Wirt County. No explanation for "E. M." instead of Isabelle. The older of Isabelle's daughters from her first marriage was Phoebe Susanna Neff.

#### **1870 Census, Spring Creek District, Wirt County, W.Va.**

#88-88

**James Buckbee.. 24.. b VA.. farm laborer**

E M Buckbee.. 35.. b VA.. keep house

F S Neff (f).. 12.. b VA

M J Neff (f).. 9.. b VA

N F Buckbee (f).. 3.. b WV

S R Buckbee (f).. 8mo.. b WV

In 1879 or 1880, widower James Buckbee apparently left his daughter, Sarah, in West Virginia and moved to Rice County, Kansas where his parents were residing. From there he went to Colorado and then to Arkansas. On April 13, 1883, in Doddsville, Arkansas, he married Phoebe Catherine (Taylor) Baldrige, widow of Isaac Baldrige. They settled in Oregon and in 1898, they had three living sons: John Edward, born July 7, 1879; Charles Lorenzo, born Oct 22, 1891; William David, born August 23, 1894. John Edward was dead by 1928. Two other children died before they were grown.

In the **1880 Census**, Reedy District, Roane County, W.Va., Sarah Buckbee, James' daughter from his marriage to Isabelle (Alderman) Neff, was living with her half sister, Phoebe Susanna Neff, the wife of Joseph Anderson Butcher, Jr.

J. A. Butcher, 35-M, Farmer, WV  
Phoeba S. Butcher, Wife, 21-F, Keeping house, WV  
Lewis F. Butcher, Son, 4-M, WV  
Lucia P. Butcher, Dau, 1-F, WV  
Sarah Buckler, Sis-in-law, 11-F, Nurse, WV

Sarah Buckbee married Isaac Chancey in Roane County, W.Va. on April 24, 1886. Their two children were Anna Florence Chancey, b April 30, 1887 and Calvin Fisher Chancey, b January 10 1889. Sarah died on May 12, 1897 and is buried at Stony Point (Roach) Cemetery in Roane County.

In August 1911, James Buckbee was residing in Los Angeles California but when he died on January 31, 1922, he was in Salem, Oregon. His wife, Phoebe, died on December 27, 1925.

The pension file of James Buckbee contains a wealth of genealogical information and much of it is presented here.

**PENSION RECORD, NATIONAL ARCHIVES**  
(Selections)

**Department of the Interior**

(May 20, 1898)

Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D.C., January 15, 1898.

Certificate No. 73153

Name, James Buckbee

Sir:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

H. Clay Evans

Commissioner.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. Yes. Phoebe Catherine Buckbee. Phoebe Catherine Baldrige.

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer. April 13<sup>th</sup> 1884. Marion County, Arkansas, J. B. Davis

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. Marriage License.

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. Yes. Isabelle Neff. Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1874, Wirt County West Virginia

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. Yes. John Edward, born July 7, 1879; Charles Lorenzo, born Oct 22d 1891; Wm David, born August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1894.

James Buckbee

(signature)

Date of reply, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1898

### **Declaration for Pension**

State of California, County of Los Angeles, ss:

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, within and for the county and State aforesaid, James Buckbee, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 68 years of age, and a resident of Florence, county of Los Angeles, State of California; and that he is the identical person who was enrolled at Jackson Co. West Virginia, under the name of James Buckbee, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1862, as a Private, in Co. K, 9<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Vol. Infantry in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was Honorably Discharged at Columbus, Ohio, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1865.

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 4 inches; complexion, light; color of eyes, blue; color of hair, light; that his occupation was Farmer; that he was born July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1844, at Hardy County, W.Va.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Kansas about 4 years. Colorado 1 yr. Arkansas 4 yrs. Oregon up to Aug 1911, Cal. the bal.

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 73153.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of May 11, 1912.

That his post-office address is Florence, county of Los Angeles, State of California.

James Buckbee  
(Claimant's signature in full)  
4 June 1912.

**State of West Virginia**  
County of Mason

I Yonathless Pullin a resident of said County and state upon my oath declare that I was Lieutenant of Company "K" of the Ninth Regiment of Virginia Volunteers Infantry that I was well acquainted with one James Buckbee who was a Private in Said Company who is an applicant for Pension on account of wounds received while in the service of the United States, That I know of my own personal knowledge that the Said James Buckbee was wounded by Gunshot in his knee at the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain on the ninth day of May 1864 while in the line of duty in the service of the United States. That when he was wounded I was within Six feet of him and I took his Gun and he was left on the ground and made a Prisoner by the Rebels and that I have no interest in this claim given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1866.  
Yonathless Pullin

(James H. Halloway, Recorder)

Prisoner of War records  
show him captured at  
Dublin Va June 9 65  
admitted to Hospital at  
Andersonville Ga July 20/65  
"T.S." Paroled at Pickens  
Miss on or about April  
21/65 & sent to Benton  
Barracks Mo April 22/65  
Arrived transfer to Steamer  
Salthorn April 27/65 with  
at Camp Chase O May  
3/65 & mustered out  
June 28/65

The medical records show him treated as  
follows:

Wounded Arm & Leg,  
slightly, at the battle of Clay & S.  
Mountain, Va.: treated April  
27 to 29, 65. Slight contusion of  
left leg, recd. to duty.  
No additional record  
of disability found.

R. & P. OFFICE, WAR DEPT.  
JAN 11 1904

Following the death of James Buckbee in Salem, Oregon on January 31, 1922, his widow, Phoebe Catherine (Young) Buckbee, filed for a Widow's pension. Since both she and James Buckbee had been previously married, a Special Examination was undertaken. Affidavits contain a great deal of information about the Buckbee family.

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**Affidavit of Phoebe Catherine Buckbee**

Case of Phoebe Catherine Buckbee                      No. 1,185,863

On this **20 day of April, 1923**, at Salem, county of Marion, State of Oregon, before me, Milford M. Brower, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared **Phoebe Catherine Buckbee**, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: My age is 65 years. I was born June 9, 1858, is date of my birth. My home and post office address is 495 Turner street, Salem, Oregon. Occupation, housewife. When the canneries are operating, I work in them. I am buying this house in which I reside. Husband contracted to purchase it before he died and I have continued and kept up the payments since his death. I have a portion of the house rented to a Mr. and Mrs. Mullen, husband and wife, whose given names I do not know. No other person is domiciled in the building.

I am a claimant, claiming pension as widow of James Buckbee. That was his full name. He did not have any middle name or initial. I have no information that he ever used or was known by or had been called by any other name. He was called Jim. Otherwise I never knew or heard a nick-name for him. He was a soldier in the civil war. I am not able to state what company or regiment he served in. I assume that is on his papers which are at the office of my lawyer. He only enlisted one time and performed only one term of service as far as I am informed. He did not serve in the naval, marine or civil establishments of the United States that I have any information of. He died in this house in which I yet reside. He died on the last day of January, 1922. I was present when he died. He had been ailing for about four years before his death; he had two surgical operations for something in the nature of a tumor in his head. His death came suddenly at the end. He was not strictly confined to his bed – so that he could not get up if he desired to – but was up and down. I have not again married since he died. I lived with him as his wife and continuously from the date of our marriage to the date of his death. There was never and estrangement or parting in anger of either short or long duration between us. We were never divorced. Neither of us ever made an application for divorce from the other. No divorce was ever thought of by either of us, is my supposition. In any event, I know I never had such a thought. There were five children born to me by soldier, two of whom are surviving and three of whom died unmarried. Charles Alonzo is the eldest one living. He resides about three miles from Oregon City, Oregon, where he receives mail in Box 177, Rural Route 2. William David, the other one, lives at same place.

I have given birth to seven children. Two by my former husband, Isaac Baldrige. They are both dead. One of them, Thursey Jane, married Olin Haines in Oregon City, Oregon. He is again married and resides in Newport, Oregon. The other child, James Thomas Baldrige, died unmarried. He was born in Ozark county, Missouri, about five or six miles from Gainesville, and I think the direction was north. The daughter was born in Newton county, Arkansas, about five or six miles from Gainesville, and I think the direction was south. I know we were then living on what was called Buffalo fork of White river. Young was my maiden name. Thomas Young was my father. He was a soldier in the civil war, but I do not know what company or regiment he

served in. He enlisted from Putnam county, Missouri. No person was pensioned on his service. He had made a claim for pension, but died before it came. He died there near Jasper, Newton county, Arkansas. I have never been married but the two times nor had more than two husbands – Baldrige and Buckbee – and have never had or used or been known or called by any family or surname other than Young, Baldrige or Buckbee. Phoebe and Catherine and Katy are the only first or given names I have ever had or used or been or called by. Katy is a nick-name for Catherine, of course, and is the only nick-name I ever had. Mr. Baldrige had never been married previous to his marriage with me. We were both young when we married – I was sixteen and he was eighteen. He was never a soldier. I am informed that I was born not very far from Chicago, Illinois, but I cannot be more definite as I was removed from there when I was young. I remember being in Illinois, but do not remember well enough to enable me to state the location. The next place I remember we were living in Putnam county, Missouri, and Yreka (phonetic) was our post office. We lived right in the little village. It was from there father enlisted for the war. He was in the Union army. After he came out of the war father commenced to go south; he started thru Arkansas, looking for a good place to locate and got as far as Marion county, Arkansas, and then came back to Newton county, where he settled and where he died.

Mother was born either Rachel Conner or Kiger and I am not sure which. I had an uncle of the name of William Conner who was either a brother or brother-in-law to mother. I think mother's maiden name was Kiger and that William Connor was a brother-in-law to her. I lost trace of him in my childhood. Father was married before his marriage with my mother and had one son by his former wife, John Thomas Young, whom I have no memory of ever seeing. I heard of his death while I was yet a child. He died unmarried, I believe. My mother had seven children, namely: Sarah, Lucy, myself, George Thomas, Gabriel Sherman, James Henry and Sarilda Jane. I do not know the first thing as to whether any of them survive or where residing if surviving. After I got so that I could not write I lost trace of and got out of touch with them. Sarah was living when latest I had information of her and was wife of Thomas Nally and was living with him near Belmont, Boone county, Arkansas. When last I had information of her Lucy was wife of Jasper Edgeman and was living with him right on the line between Boone and Newton county, Arkansas. I do not know what their post office was. They were not so very far from Harrison. Latest information I had of George Thomas he went to Texas and that is as definite as I can be. Gabriel Sherman died. He married, but I do not know name of his wife. I never heard of his marriage until I heard of his death. It was "in Arkansas, somewhere" but I cannot even tell what county. James Henry was residing there in Newton county not far from where Sister Lucy was living. Sarilda Jane married George Ricketts and they were living together in Joplin, Missouri, the latest I knew. It has been all of twenty years since I have had information of any of my brothers or sisters. Neither Thomas Nally or Jasper Edgeman were soldiers. I do not know whether any of my brothers were soldiers in the war with Spain. It was before that that I lost track of them.

At the time I got acquainted with Isaac Baldrige I was living with my father at near Jasper, Newton county, Arkansas. No, that is not just correct: Shortly before I met Baldrige we – father and the family – moved to Sharp county, Arkansas, and rented a farm near Walnut Grove, and Isaac Baldrige was living in that neighborhood. He was boarding. I do not remember the name of the people with whom he was boarding. The only person reputed to be related by blood to Mr. Baldrige aside from my two children by him whom I ever saw was a cousin to him. They called the cousin Jack Baldrige and that is as far as I know what his name. Yes, Jack Baldrige resided

in that same vicinity; that is, he lived some fifteen or twenty miles from there. I never got much acquainted with him as we did not stay there very long. But he is dead.

Q. How do you know he is dead?

A. Well, I could not swear to it, of course, and only know from some one saying in a letter that he was dead. I think Charles was given name of Baldrige's father. I don't believe I can tell name of his mother. The information as I got it was that he had a stepmother. I am not sure of it, but have the impression her name was Julia. Why, my information is that the father and step-mother resided there somewhere not very far away, but am not sure it was in Sharp county or one of the adjoining counties. I do not know where they did their trading or received their mail. If Isaac Baldrige had a brother or sister, I do not remember hearing him mention them. I have the impression that he was an only child. I only lived with him about four years after our marriage. We were married there in the village of Walnut Grove.

Q. In whose house were you married?

A. That I do not know. It was at the house of the attorney or squire – or who it is that performs marriages?

Q. What was his name?

A. Well, now, I can't tell that either, I never tried to remember it. Could not tell that any more than anything. And I do not know whether they kept records them days like they do now. I could not even tell the name of the man who performed my last ceremony. But I have got it somewhere, I think. He was a minister, I think, and it seems to me his name was Smith. But I can't think of the name of the man who performed the ceremony in my first wedding.

Q. What was the date of your marriage with Baldrige?

A. Well, that is another thing I have got kind of "tangled up" on. It was in the spring, I know: in the month of May, but I do not remember the day of the month and would be afraid to attempt to fix it for fear I would not get it right.

Q. Were you past sixteen or just coming sixteen at time of that wedding?

A. I was past sixteen. Well, no, that is not right; I was just coming sixteen; was not sixteen until the June following.

Q. Where is your marriage certificate?

A. It got burned up – same as the other one did. That was in Portland. We had a house in Woodlawn, a suburb of Portland, Oregon, and that burned. We had moved out of the house and left some of our things in it and it was burned while we were away. Oh, that's been thirty years ago, I guess.

Q. Did you have a marriage license to marry Isaac Baldrige?

A. I don't think so. It seems to me like in "them days" they did not have marriage license. I never seen any license and never heard of any license.



Q. In the case of marriage of a girl under sixteen it has always been necessary for her to have the consent of parent or guardian. Did you have either your father or mother's consent to marry Baldrige?

A. Yes, I had the consent of both of them. They were both yet living. They both seemed willing for me to marry.

Q. Did they write their consent on paper?

A. I don't know. I am not any more sure about that than I am as to whether we had a license.

Q. Were your parents, or either of them, at the wedding?

A. No. They were not present.

Q. Then to whom did they give their consent and how did the 'Squire know they were willing for you to marry?

A. Well, that's something I don't know – unless they did write it; and I don't know whether they did that or not.

Q. Were any of your people present at your marriage to Baldrige?

A. My sister was there. She and a young fellow she was "going with" were there. I do not remember his name now. In any event, Baldrige is gone now. And if there was ever any other Isaac Baldrige, I never heard of him.

Q. Did you or your parents make a record in a Bible of your marriage with Baldrige?

A. Oh, yes; but I do not know where it is.

Q. Who made that record? Ans. My parents did. They had a Bible in which they kept a family record of births, marriages and deaths, but I do not know where that could ever be found.

On the day of our wedding Mr. Baldrige and myself went to the home of my father and we lived there until we got "settled" – a few days. I do not know how many days it was, but it was not more than a day or two, any way. Oh, we lived there in Sharp county close around there some six to eight months and until father removed back to Newton county. And husband and myself also removed to Newton county at the same time. We remained there only a few months and then removed to Ozark county, Missouri. Gainesville was the closest place. I don't know, exactly, how far and what the direction it was we resided from Gainesville.

Q. Now that husband, Baldrige, is awfully in the way of your being granted a widow's pension?

A. Yes; but I am not willing to say something which I do not definitely remember. My impression it was north and it seems to me it could not have been more than five or six miles. He died in that neighborhood. Well, I could not just exactly say how long we had been there before he died. I think it could not have been much more than a year. Yes, I was present when he died. He died from typhoid fever. And he died quickly after stricken.

Q. Who else was present when he died?

A. Well, there was a nurse, but she was just brought in. And we had a doctor, but I never could remember his name either. It seems to me his name was Dodd, but I cannot be positive. And it may be that I have that name confused with the man who "wrote out my marriage license" for my

marriage with soldier. His name was Dodd – Niel Dodd. I was personally acquainted with him. I just can not say for sure what the name of the doctor was.

Q Where did that doctor live? Where did he belong?

A. I don't know. I suppose he lived around there somewhere. Possibly in Gainesville. He did not make but about two trips; the case was too serious when he was first called. I think he did not make but one trip after he was sent for the first time. Yes, I attended Baldrige's funeral.

Q. Did you pay the expenses of it?

A. I paid it as far as I could.

Q. Who paid the remainder?

A. Why, there was a family there named Fleetwood and another named Williams and they helped me. They helped me to settle up my affairs and I had a little property left. I then went back to my people in Newton county, Arkansas. I remember Sarah was the given name of Mrs. Williams, but I do not remember given names of any others of the Fleetwood or Williams families. Well, I do not know name of the cemetery where Mr. Baldrige's remains were interred. I only know it "was close around there". No, I did not place a tombstone at his grave. No, none of his relatives came to his funeral; we were not close to any of them; people did not have as good means of traveling those days as they have now. Oh, yes, I wrote and told people of his death – after his funeral was all over and I had gone back to my people in Arkansas, of course.

Q. You say you had a little property left. How much and what kind?

A. Oh, nothing but a little personal property – a horse and cow. Funerals were cheap them days and I just left the horse and cow with the neighbors who assisted me in burying his remains. We did not own any real estate. Mr. Baldrige was a farm hand. He had no special trade.

Q. I think you said your first-born child was born in Missouri and the second-born was born in Arkansas? That you moved to Missouri and then back to Arkansas?

A. Yes; the boy was born there and in the same neighborhood where his father died. And the girl was born in my father's home there in Newton county, Arkansas, about two months after the death of her father. One reason why I did not write of his death to his folks sooner is that they wanted the boy and I did not want them to have him and had fear that they might get him.

My marriage to the soldier, Buckbee, occurred in Marion county, Arkansas, at a small place called Doddville, in mother's home. Or it was really my own home, but mother was living with me. Yes, we had a license for that wedding. I saw it, hence know from personal knowledge that we had one. But my marriage certificate was burned as hereinafter stated and we wrote back to get a new one and was informed that there had been a fire there which had destroyed the records. Yes, I have the letter which gave the information that the records were burned. It is at my lawyer's office. Or he did have it and I assume has it yet.

Q. What was the date of the wedding?

A. Well, I am not positive about the year, but it was on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April and I think it was somewhere about forty or forty-two years ago. Yes, there is one living witness to that wedding. My mother and soldier's parents were witnesses to the wedding. Also two of my brothers. But

they are all dead except his youngest sister, namely, Elizabeth Ann D'Spain, of Portland, Oregon. Another sister of soldier, Flora Jane, wife of Oscar Shelton, also resides in Portland, but I do not know here local city address. Another sister of soldier resides "somewhere back in Virginia," but I cannot be more definite. I never saw her. I guess there are about four surviving brothers. Reuben and Perry, two of them, did reside in Geneseo, Kansas, but Perry removed to Lyons, Kansas. Reuben is the oldest of the brothers surviving. Another, John D., lives "somewhere in Florida" and George resides in the state of Washington and I think at or near Everett.

Yes, soldier had been married before his marriage with me.

Q. How many times?

A. Only one. I did not personally know his former wife. I never saw her. Isabelle was her given name, but I do not know what her maiden name was. It seems she had been married before she married him and it seems as if some of his brothers and sisters were not to tell what her former name had been. She died as I am informed.

Q. Before or after your marriage with him.

A. Before. Before I ever heard of him. I first knew him down there in Marion county, Arkansas, where I afterward married him. He came down there from Kansas – him and his father and mother and his youngest sister. It was somewhere from nine months to a year that I first met him before my marriage with him. He had two children by his first wife, one of whom survived to be grown and married. Her name was SARAH and I do not know whom she married. I never saw her. He told me they were both girls. If Sarah is survived by a widower, I assume he is back in West Virginia. After my marriage with soldier we first lived there in Marion county, Arkansas, we lived near Doddville for something like two years. Then we removed to Canton, McPherson county, Kansas. Lived there something like a year and a half or two years and then we came out to Portland, Oregon. We resided in Oregon from that time forward until soldier's death with the exception of about two years that we resided in California. It was in the year 1914 that we moved to California. I do not remember when we came back here, but we were there two or three years and during the time we were there we resided in Los Angeles. No, he was not a member of a soldier's home. We contracted to purchase a farm there in Marion county, Arkansas, after our marriage, but did not finish paying for it and did not gain title. We sold our equity. No, we did not give a deed; we merely sold and the purchaser took over or assumed the contract. We did the same thing while in Los Angeles. Yes, I joined the soldier in the execution of one deed. That was in Portland, Oregon. I guess that has been about thirty years ago. We entered a homestead at near Tillamook, Oregon. That was never sold. I think that was something like eight or ten years ago. It was right away after our return to California. I suppose I am the owner of that homestead; or possibly I should say I suppose it will have to be divided up among the three of us – myself and two sons. Our oldest son contracted to purchase it before soldier died and it stands that way yet. Son has never finished paying for it. Soldier did not make will. Probate proceedings have been begun and I was appointed administrator of the estate, but son has asked him for delay in the proceedings with a view to enabling him to make arrangements for the completion of his contract of purchase of the homestead. Soldier belonged to the G.A.R. at Watts, a suburb of Los Angeles. I think he also belonged to it somewhere back East. I have never belonged to the W.R.C. I belong to Baptist church. My membership is in the only Baptist church in Oregon City, Oregon. He, soldier, was also a member of same church. We never took our letters from that church after we

removed from there. Yes, Arkansas, Kansas, Oregon and California are the only states soldier and myself ever had residence in after we became husband and wife. I have heard soldier say he at one time lived at or in the vicinity of Denver, Colorado. He never lived in Colorado after I became or while I was his wife.

Q. This special examination was directed more particularly for the purpose of ascertaining whether as a fact your former husband, Isaac Baldrige, was dead, as alleged by you, previous to your becoming the wife of the soldier, James Buckbee. Your testimony in this deposition does not offer or suggest a great deal of hope that the evidence will be obtainable. You are the person most in interest and if you have not done your best in the matter of furnishing data or information upon which to base a search for the necessary evidence, now is your opportunity to furnish any additional or supplementary data or information and which might get the desired result?

A. I do not know of any additional or supplemental data or information which I could furnish or suggest. If for the reason that with the data furnished the necessary evidence cannot be procured and therefore my claim must fail, then it must fail. I have done the best I can.

My son, William David, was in the World War. I did not receive any allotment-allowance based on his service in that war. Aside from him my nearest relatives in that war were grand-sons. I received allotment-allowances from two of my grand-sons - \$15 a month from one and \$25 per month from the other. Son had War Risk Insurance and I was named as beneficiary in the policy, but I do not believe that he has kept up the premium-payments on it. I do not know the designation of the military organization son served in. Frank Lee Haines is the name of one of the grand-sons who made an allotment-allowance to me. His service was in the United States Navy. Albert Shreve Haines is name of the other grand-son. His service was in the army, but I do not know designation of his military organization.

P. J. Kuntz, of this city, has assisted me in the matter of the preparation, presentation and prosecution of this claim. I have not paid him anything thus far. Am waiting to see how it comes out.

Q. How much are you to pay him?

A. There has not been any amount of fee or remuneration fixed or mentioned by either of us or between us. I have not thus far incurred any expense in the prosecution of this claim. I am not under any agreement, contract or promise, either written or verbal, to pay a fee or fees to or to in any manner remunerate or compensate any person or persons for service or assistance of any kind rendered or to be rendered in the preparation, presentation or prosecution of this claim.

I waive my privileges of personal presence or representation during and in the vent of continuation of this special examination and authorize it to proceed in my absence and without further notice to me.

I have heard the foregoing read after the interlineations "with", "called", "served in" and "promise" and erasures "and gave it", "near" and "agreement" were made. It is correct. Asked what, if anything, I desire to say further or to have added to this deposition before closing it, I do not think of anything.

Phoebe Catherine (her X mark) Buckbee

Attest:

Mrs. Anna Eiche

Mrs. Camille Mullen

Sworn and subscribed to before me this day, April 20, 1923 and I certify the contents were fully read to deponent before she signed.

M. M. Brower

Special Examiner

**Affidavit of Elizabeth Ann D'spain**

Case of Phoebe Catherine Buckbee

No. 1,185,863

On this **24 day of April, 1923**, at Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, before me, Milford M. Brower, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared **Elizabeth Ann D'spain**, who being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I was born November 19, 1869. I am wife of Ulysis S. D'spain, a foreman in construction of building roads for the Government. Postoffice address is 469 Jefferson street, Portland, Oregon. John Buckbee was my father. He was soldier in the civil war and I believe in the Ninth West Virginia Inf. He was a pensioner. Mother was born Elsie Conley. I do not know the explanation of it, but after they came to the United States the name became known as George. I never had a brother or sister of the half-blood. There were nine children born to mother, of whom I am the youngest. James Buckbee, formerly husband of this claimant, Phoebe Catherine Buckbee, was the eldest. Next was Mary Ann. She was yet surviving the latest information I had of her, and was then in West Virginia – her postoffice then Advent. She is widow of Daniel Alderman. Next Comes Reuben, surviving, and his postoffice address is Geneseo, Kansas. Next is Benjamin F., deceased. I do not know whether he is survived by a widow. His first wife died. Next is John E. D. Buckley (typo?) surviving, and his postoffice address Saint Cloud, Florida. Next is George S. Buckbee, surviving, and receives his mail in Box 113a, Rural Route 1, Everett, Washington. William Perry Buckbee is next, surviving, but I do not know his address. Next is Flora Jane, wife of Oscar Shelton, of 370 – 25 street N., this city.

Brother James Buckbee was married two times. I did not personally know his first wife. Her given name was Isabelle, but I do not know what her given name was before he married her. He married her in West Virginia, but I do not know in what locality. It was previous to my birth. My father removed to Missouri and I was born there and have never been in West Virginia. My information is that Isabelle died in West Virginia; that she bore Brother James three children and that they are all dead. I never saw brother James to realize it until I was about ten years of age and that was at father's homestead about fourteen miles north of Lyons, Kansas. The information is that at that time he had just come out from West Virginia. At that time he was reputed to be a widower. When he came out to father's homestead he was there and around there for some considerable time and until my parents removed to Arkansas and that was when I was thirteen years. Father, mother and myself and Brother James drove thru from Kansas to Arkansas in a

wagon. We stopped at a place then called Doddsville and took up residence there. Yes, I was there when he married her; was present and saw the “knot tied.” I do not know of any other surviving witness of that wedding. The wedding occurred in the home of her people. Baldrige was the name she was known by when I became acquainted with her. She was reputed to be a widow and had two children whom I personally knew, namely, James and Thurse. They are both deceased. I believe the children later on assumed the name of Baldwin and that that Thurse married in Oregon City under that name, but their name was Baldrige.

Q. When you first knew claimant was she a real widow or a grass-widow?

A. She was a real widow – so she said. She said her former husband was dead. She also explained to me the circumstances of his death. Of course that is as far as I have information. Oh, was not much more than a child at the time and you know such things do not leave a very vivid impression on a child’s memory and I do not remember the details of her former husband’s death. It is my impression she said he died there in Arkansas, some where. After our return to Kansas I did not again see Brother James until I was nineteen years of age, at which time he also returned to Kansas and brought with him claimant, her two children by her former spouse and her first-born child by him. They continued to reside there in the same vicinity in Kansas in which I was living – not far from Canton – until I came out to Oregon and which was the year 1888. In approximately three or four years Brother James and claimant also removed out here and after that we lived close enough so that we could and did visit occasionally and I kept in touch with them thru visiting, correspondence and other members of the family, I surely can and surely do testify positively that I know they lived together as husband and wife from the day I saw them married until his death. They never separated or parted and surely there was not a divorce between them. I have been closely in touch with claimant since his death; more than for some time previously; she came and roomed in my rooming-house for awhile. And visited me and staid all night last night. Claimant has not again married since Brother James’ death. I believe I was the only one of father’s children born after his removal to Missouri. The others were all born in West Virginia or Ohio. I do not know in what portion of West Virginia the old family home of my father was – not even the county. I have no information of a brother or sister or former wife of Brother James or whether she had either. I am not so positive of the date of claimant’s wedding with Brother James. But I know I passed the thirteenth anniversary of my birth in the November before we started in December to go to Arkansas and that they were married in the following April. I have information to the effect that claimant had some one write back for a record of her marriage with Brother James and was informed that the court house had burned and the record destroyed. Claimant had a marriage certificate which she lost because she is not able to read and cannot tell what written instruments are from reading their contents. But I was a witness to it and can and do testify that they went thru a wedding ceremony. I am certain that Brother James was competent to contract lawful marriage at that time; that he did not have a living, undivorced wife from a previous marriage contract on his part. I have no financial interest in this claim for pension. Have read the foregoing. I should have said the name of my eldest sister is Mary Margaret instead of Mary Ann. It should also be made clear that I do not remember the family or sur-name of Brother James’ former wife. Have read the foregoing. It is correct.

Elizabeth Ann D’spain  
Deponent

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this day, April 24, 1923  
M. M. Brower  
Special Examiner

**Affidavit of Reuben Buckbee**

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On this **18 day of June, 1924**, at about 7 miles from Geneseo, county of Ellsworth, State of Kansas, before me, L. V. Stafford, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared **Reuben Buckbee**, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 73 years old. Address, R. R. 3, Geneseo, Kans. Occupation, farming.

I am a brother of the soldier, James Buckbee. He served in the army in the Civil War. I think that he served in Co. K. of the 9<sup>th</sup> Va. Inf. He was four years older than I.

Our father was John Buckbee. He served in the same company and regiment with my said brother James. Our father died out in Oreg. I do not know how many years he has been dead. Our mother's maiden name was Elsie George. She died in Oreg. Before our father died.

I do not know where my brother Perry lives.

I was born in Hardy Co., Va. I think that my brother James also was born in that county. My parents moved to Jackson Co., Va., when I was a small boy. We were living in that county when my father and brother James went into the army. We continued to live in Jackson Co., Va., until in 1868. In that year my father moved to Meigs Co., Ohio, where we lived one year when we moved to a farm three miles southeast of St. Joseph, Mo., where we lived until the spring of 1873 when we moved to a farm out from Topeka where we lived one summer. We came to Rice Co., Kans., in the spring of 1874. We settled on a farm seven miles east of what was then called Atlanta which is no longer in existence. I lived in Rice Co., Kans., until I went to Okla. That was about 1893. I lived in Okla. About eight years. I then returned to Rice Co., Kans., and lived a year when I moved into Ellsworth Co. where I since have resided. My brother James returned to our father's home in Jackson Co., Va., after his service in the army and he, my brother James, went with us to Meigs Co., Ohio. But said brother did not go with us to Mo. From Meigs Co., Ohio, James went back to Jackson Co., Va., I think. We pretty nearly lost track of him then until he came west. When James came west I was living on my own claim in Rice Co., Kans. I do not know in what year James came to Rice Co., Kans. He lived with our father and mother in Rice Co., Kans. For a short time he lived alone on a claim in Ellsworth Co., Kans. I do not know how many years James lived in Rice Co. and Ellsworth Co., Kans., but he left this vicinity and went down into Ark. and that was where he "got" this claimant as a wife. Her name was Catherine Young when James married her.

My brother James had been married only once before he married this claimant. I do not recall the name of the first wife of my brother James. He married her at some place in Va. but do not recall at what place. I do not know in what year he married the first wife. I do not recall that he married her before we left Meigs Co., Ohio. But he left Meigs Co., Ohio, before I went with our father to Mo. James went back to Jackson Co., Va. But he married his first wife after I came west. He married the first wife before I was married and I was married in 1879. I never saw the first wife of my brother James. The first wife of said brother died in Va. but I do not know at what place. I am not sure whether or not I heard of the death of the first wife of my brother James before he came to Rice Co., Kans., but I know that after he came out here he told me that his said wife had died in Va. I do not know in what year she died. I do not recall that my brother said what caused her death. I never heard of any separation between my brother James and his first wife. I think and believe that he was living with the first wife at the time of her death. I think that he had two children by the first wife. I think one child was a boy and the other a girl. Think that the boy died. I think that the girl is living in West Va. some place but do not know at what place and cannot now recall the name of said daughter.

My brother James did not marry any woman after the death of the wife who died in Va. until he married this claimant. No sir, he did not marry any woman in Rice Co. or Ellsworth co., Kans. I have said that his first wife died in Va. but it really was in West Va. Jackson co. in which we lived was really in West Va. instead of Va. as I have been giving it.

I do not know at what place in Ark. my brother James married this claimant. I do not know in what year they married each other. I was not present at the marriage.

I was not acquainted with the claimant before she married my brother James. I first met her when my said brother brought her up into Kans. They came up into McPherson co., Kans., from Ark. and lived in McPherson Co., Kans. For a year or two when they moved to Oreg. He died at Salem, Oreg. I think that he has been dead about two years. Do not know the date of his death. I never saw my said brother James after he left McPherson Co., Kans. He made us a visit when he was preparing to go to Oreg. That was the last time I saw him.

I did not see my brother James from the time that he left our father's home in Meigs Co., Ohio, until he came to Rice Co., Kans.

At the time that my brother James married the claimant she was a widow with two children, - a boy and a girl. I think that Young was the name of her former husband but do not know his given name. I do not know what was the maiden name of the claimant. Catherine is the only given name that I ever have known of the claimant's having. I never have heard that the claimant had more than one husband before she married my said brother. From the fact that the claimant was said to have been a widow at the time that my brother married her I had the impression that her former husband had died but I do not know at all when or where he was said to have died. I never heard that the claimant was separated from her former husband.

There never was any separation or divorce between my brother and this claimant that I have ever heard of. I think that the claimant had five children by my mother.



No, sir, I never have known or heard of my brother James having any wife other than the two heretofore mentioned in this deposition. No, sir, I cannot recall the name of his first wife. I could not say that her name was Isabelle. I do not know whether or not she had been married before she married my brother. I could not say that Alderman or Neff was the surname of said wife before she married my said brother. I have a sister Mary who married Daniel Alderman. He is dead. My sister Mary was living at Advent, West Va., the last that I heard from her. I wrote her a letter along last winter but have not received a reply.

Perry Buckbee is the youngest child of my father's family. I do not know where he is now lives, as I have told you. It appears that he went from Kans. To Okla., and I have lost track of him.

I am not certain but I think that my brother James came direct from Jackson Co., West Va., when he came to Rice Co., Kans., after the death of his first wife. I do not know how long his wife had been dead when he came out here. Jackson Co., West Va. is the only place I ever heard of said brother's living after he left Meigs Co., Ohio, and before he came to Rice Co., Kans. Rice Co., Kans., and Ellsworth Co., Kans., are the only places that I ever heard of his living after he left Jackson Co., West Va., and before he married this claimant.

I have no financial interest in this case.

I have never heard of the claimant's having the name Baldbridge.

I have heard the foregoing deposition read and it is correct.

Reuben Buckbee  
Deponent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of June, 1924, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

L. V. Stafford  
Special Examiner

**Affidavit of Jasper F. Alderman**

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On this **20 day of (May), 1924**, at Advent, county of Jackson, State of West Va. before me, William H. Wentz, a Special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared **Jasper F. Alderman**, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 47 years of age. My post-office address is Advent, West Va. I am a farmer and I am a son of Daniel and Mary Margaret Alderman. My mother was a Buckbee before she married my father and my parents are both now dead. My mother died in March 1923.

I am no personally acquainted with the claimant, Phoebe C. Buckbee, widow of my uncle James Buckbee but I have often heard my mother speak of her as the wife of my said uncle, brother to my mother.

I never saw my said uncle James Buckbee as they went west before I was born. My mother corresponded with her said brother and in that way we kept in touch with my said uncle James Buckbee.

Q. How many times was the soldier, James Buckbee married?

A. He was never married but twice so far as I know. I have heard my mother say that uncle Jim had been married twice and this claimant was his last wife. His first wife was Isabelle Buckbee and she was a sister to my father. Aunt Isabelle died in or near Reedy Roan County, West Va. before Uncle Jim and his folks moved west. They had one child who was married to a man by the name of Butcher at Reedy and my father and mother sometimes visited this girl of my said uncle Jim and Aunt Isabelle Buckbee.

If you can find Budge Chancey at Reedy he can tell you about his grandmother Isabelle Buckbee and it may be that his mother who was the daughter of Aunt Isabell is still living there about Reedy, West Va. Yes I am sure I have heard my mother and father say that Uncle Jim Buckbee lived with Aunt Isabelle until her death. Her death was caused by lung trouble. No I do not know where she was buried. Aunt Isabelle may have died in Wirt County for the Wirt County line is near Reedy, W.Va.

This claimant is my aunt but I am not interested in this claim.

I have heard this deposition read and it is correct.

Jasper T. Alderman  
Deponent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of May 1924, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Wm. H. Wentz  
Special Examiner

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**NOTES**

Thanks to Camille Ammerman of Winnipeg, MB, Canada for providing the information about the whereabouts of Sarah Buckbee following her father's move to the west.