

This story is about Civil War Widow's Pensions that I found on [fold3.com](http://fold3.com).

My 2nd great-grandparents are Horatio Thompson (H.T.) Miller and Elizabeth Jane Zollman. H.T. was born in 1836 and the youngest of 11 children. A brother **John Addison Miller** was born in 1829 and was married to **Mary Malinda Leech** on the 28th day of August 1851. They had 6 children - one of them died young.

John volunteered at Mount Ayr, Iowa on or about the 4th day of July 1861. He was a Sergeant in Company G, Iowa 4th Infantry Regiment of Iowa Volunteers commanded by Captain Randolph Sry when he was killed at Vicksburg, Mississippi on the 29th day of December 1862. The Captain wrote to Mary on January 4, 1863. Letter posted [here](#):

Mary applied for Widow's Pension No. 57946 (in Chariton, Iowa). Verification of claim includes notarized witness statements. One statement provides knowledge of Mary and is signed by **H. R. Burke** and **John E. McKnight**, both farmers in Lucas County. John is a 2nd cousin of Mary. Pension was started December 30, 1862 rate of \$8 per month.

Another statement dated April 7, 1866, was provided by **William H. McKnight**, brother of John E. McKnight. This states that William was present at the time when John Miller was killed in the line of duty. He further states John was killed at the Battle of Haynes Bluff by a shell thrown by the rebels which struck him in the side of his face killing him instantly. Others refer to Battle of Chickasaw Bayou.

Complicating this pension was the remarriage of Mary on January 21, 1867. She married **Hezekiah Reed Burke**, the same H. R. Burke providing a statement with John McKnight. The pension papers for January 22 state \$8 per month and \$2 per month additional for children payable to Mary M. Burke, [Guardian](#). Pension on behalf of children will expire at age 16. Pension certificate dated January 27, 1868, now states pension ends January 21, 1867 date of remarriage. Note that Hezekiah passed away on February 20, 1869.

Pension No. 71705 was approved for renewal under Act of March 3, 1901. Another affidavit was filed by **Hugh and Sarah Denney**; her father James A. Miller is another brother of John Miller, Sarah is a niece. This affidavit was notarized by **J. C. Galloway**, brother of Dewey's wife **Margaret**. This pension renews August 3, 1901 at a rate of \$12 per month.

Mary died on June 1, 1904 at Lambton, Ontario, Canada. Her daughter **Mary Addison (Addie) Miller Douglas** lived there.