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Lucy Nichols, General Affidavits, April 12, 1894, Nurse's Claim #1130541, National Archives, photocopy held by IHB

Deposition A

Case of Lucy Nichols, No. 1130541

On this 12 day of April, 1894, at New Albany, County of Floyd State of Indiana, before me Geo M. Moore, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Mrs Lucy Nichols, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am about 51 or 52 years old; I am a housekeeper, and my post office address is New Albany, Floyd Co., Ind. I am the identical Lucy Nichols who claims pension as nurse during the War of the Rebellion. I claim pension under the Act of August 5, 1892. Dr. Brucker employed me as nurse at Bolivar, Tenn. I went to the regiment—23 Indiana in 1862, and was employed by Dr. Brucker to nurse the sick and wounded soldiers of that regiment—the 23 Regiment of Ind. Vols of the United States Army. Dr. Brucker was the Regimental Surgeon. Dr. Byrns was also a surgeon; he left us after the surrender at Vicksburg, Miss. He now lives at Marengo, Ind. Dr. Brucker is now dead; he lived at Tell City, Ind. We went from Bolivar, Tenn to Corinth, Miss. and the regiment got into a skirmish there and then fell back, and we took our old camp again at Bolivar, Tenn. Then we staid there awhile, and then we went to Grenada and Holly Springs, Miss., then we went to different places in Mississippi, and across to Atlanta, Ga. and to the Sea—at Beaufort, S.C. then through Virginia to Washington City, D.C. We camped there awhile, and from there we went to Indianapolis, Ind. and we were mustered out at Indianapolis.

After Vicksburg surrendered, the regiment was furloughed for 60 days, and I came home with them, and went back with them. I was with the regiment during the whole time from Bolivar, Tenn. to Indianapolis, Ind. I served as nurse about 3 years. I cooked for the soldiers, dressed their wounds, gave them medicine, and washed for them and did anything I was called on to do. I served in the hospital at Bolivar, Tenn. I served under the name of Lucy Higgs and since the war I have married John Nichols—hence the name of Lucy Nichols. I have no documents showing that I was employed or discharged.

Dr. McPheeters of Hardinsburg, Ind. and Dr Byrn of Marengo, Ind had charge of the hospital at Bolivar, Tenn. They will remember my services. Lorenzo D. Emory, Charlie Villiard and B. F. Welker were members of the regiment and know of my service. Col. Wm. Davis was Col. Of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ind. and he will remember me. John Hoffman, Hendersonville, Clark Co. Ind also knows of my serving as nurse.

I am not able to earn a support on account of having bronchitis and quinsy most all the time, and I have been sick and under treatment of a physician all the winter. Dr. Burney has been my physician. I work some but I cannot work much; I am compelled to work to make something to live. My husband served in the army, but he does not receive a pension and has never applied for one. I have no children that served in the army.

I never received a nickel for my services as nurse; Dr. Brucker told me I would get paid, and I worked on in the hope of getting pay after a while. I was not under Miss Dorothea L. Dix. I was never in any hospital but that of the 23 Ind Vols., and was with them till I was relieved at Indianapolis.

Lucy (her mark) Nichols

Attest:

James G. Harrison

Walter Harrison

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of April 1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. M. Moore

Special Examiner