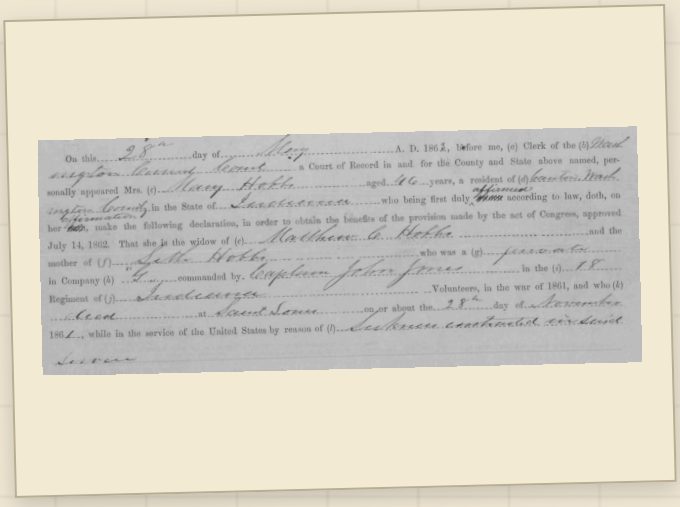
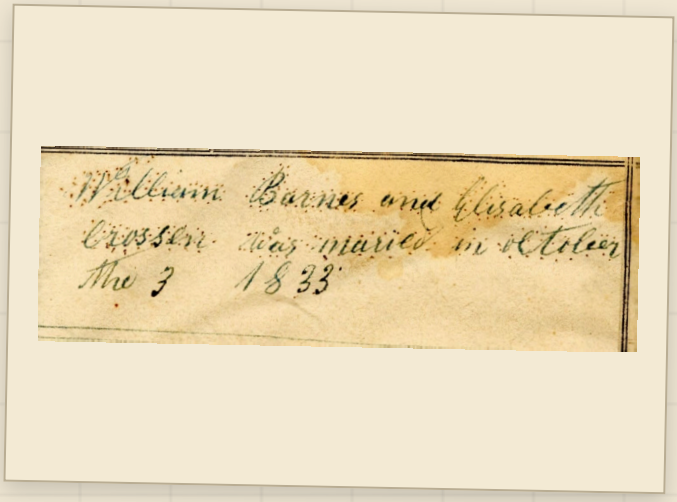
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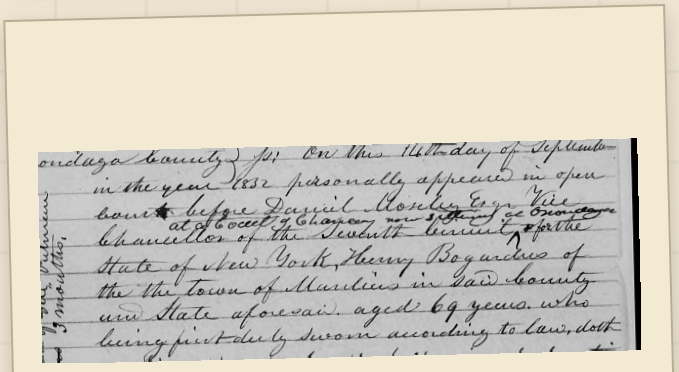
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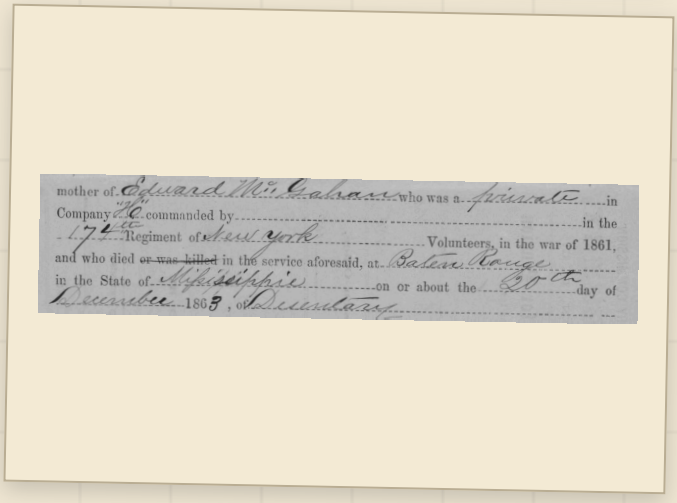
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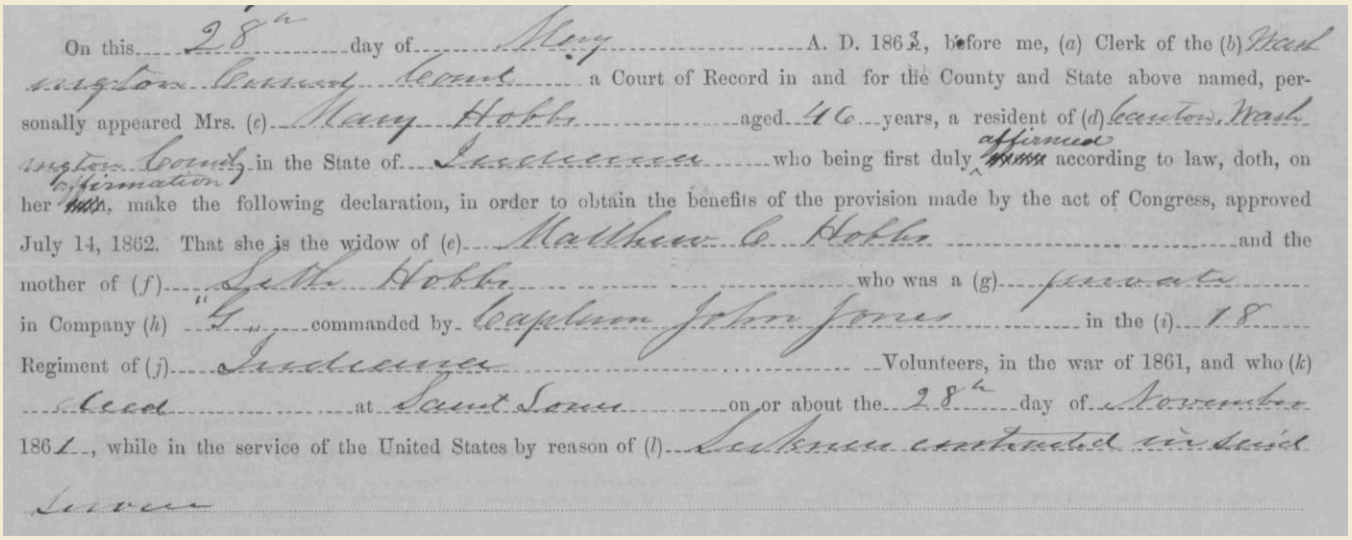
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CASE 1

What killed Seth Hobbs?

Seth Hobbs, a private in Company G, 18th Indiana Volunteers, died in St. Louis in the first autumn of the Civil War. His widowed mother, Mary, asked for a pension, and her file holds four papers about his death. His mother never says what disease it was, and one government office says it has no proof he died at all. Read all four and decide what you can say.

Exhibit A



On this 28th day of May A. D. 1863, before me, (a) Clerk of the (b) Washington County Court a Court of Record in and for the County and State above named, personally appeared Mrs. (c) Mary Hobbs aged 46 years, a resident of (d) Canton, Washington County, in the State of Indiana who being first duly affirmed according to law, doth, on her affirmation, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862. That she is the widow of (e) Matthew C. Hobbs and the mother of (f) Seth Hobbs who was a (g) private in Company (h) "G" commanded by Captain John Jones in the (i) 18 Regiment of (j) Indiana Volunteers, in the war of 1861, and who (k) died at Saint Louis on or about the 28th day of November 1861, while in the service of the United States by reason of (l) Sickness contracted in said Service

Mary Hobbs's first declaration, Washington County, Indiana, May 28, 1863. The last figure of the year is written over another; the attestation lower on the page reads 1863.

On this 28th day of May A. D. 186[3 written over 2], before me, (a) Clerk of the (b) Washington Circuit Court a Court of Record in and for the County and State above named, personally appeared Mrs. (c) Mary Hobbs aged 46 years, a resident of (d) Canton Washington County in the State of Indiana who being first duly affirmed [printed word struck out] according to law, doth, on her affirmation [printed word struck out], make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862. That she is the widow of (e) Matthew C Hobbs and the mother of (f) Seth Hobbs who was a (g) private in Company (h) "G" commanded by Captain John Jones in the (i) 18 Regiment of (j) Indiana Volunteers, in the war of 1861, and who (k) died at Saint Louis on or about the 28th day of November 1861, while in the service of the United States by reason of (l) Sickness contracted in said Service