

# Westford Military Records

## Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** These records were created by the Town of Westford, Mass.

**Title:** Westford Military Records

**Dates:** 1814-1915

**Bulk:** 1861-1901

**Extent:** 4 Hollinger Boxes, 1.66 Linear Feet

**Abstract:** The Town of Westford was active in creating many records pertaining to its residents who served in the military. This collection contains the forms, receipts, and correspondence about military service and state aid concerning Westford's residents from 1814-1915.

**Language of Material:** English

**Repository:** Office of the Town Clerk, Westford Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Westford, MA 01886; Telephone: 978-692-5515; E-Mail :townclerk@westfordma.gov

## Biographical/Historical Note

What is now the Town of Westford was originally part of Chelmsford and did not begin to develop until after King Philip's War. The Town of Westford was officially established on September 23, 1729. It is located to the west of Lowell and north of Concord almost to the New Hampshire border. The economy of Westford originally depended on subsistence agriculture and the grazing of cattle. Later, textile mills, orchards and quarrying were developed and further contributed to the economy.

Since its beginning, Westford has contributed to the major wars, particularly the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. The Town of Westford sent over 270 soldiers to fight in the Civil War, 36 of whom died in service. During the Civil War in particular, the Town created exceptional records of the residents that participated and documented their military service and their deserved state and military aid which are represented in this collection.

## Collection Scope and Content

This collection is arranged into one series, and all folders are arranged chronologically within the series.

Series I: The Westford Military Records, 1814-1915 contains written documents produced by the Town of Westford regarding military service of residents and state aid given to its residents. Within these documents are military and state aid forms, receipts, correspondence, and other documents of this nature. Early documents relate to the War of 1812, the greatest part of the collection relates to the Civil War, and a few later records pertain to Spanish-American War veterans.

## Restrictions

This collection has no restrictions.

## Related Material

For further information regarding the Town of Westford, please consult the websites at, [www.westfordlibrary.org](http://www.westfordlibrary.org), the town's website at [www.westfordma.gov](http://www.westfordma.gov), and the Westford Historical Society and Museum website at [www.westford.com/museum/](http://www.westford.com/museum/)

## Administrative Information

**Acquisition Information:** These materials were acquired from the Office of the Town Clerk at Westford Town Hall. They had been stored in tin boxes in the old vault in the basement of the Town Hall since the vault was installed in the 1890s. These "Tin Box Records," as they are now termed, were recently moved to the town library where they were sorted, categorized in broad categories, wrapped in acid-free tissue, and placed in folders in archival Hollinger boxes. The records described herein are those categorized as "Military Records."

**Access:** The entire collection is open for research through the Office of the Town Clerk.

## Contents List

### Box 1 (1 of 4)

#### Folder: "Military 1814-1815"

1. Receipt: dated March 14<sup>th</sup> 1814, concord, for twenty six dollars to pay Caleb Simonds, Roger King, John Robinsons? On behalf of the town of Westford; signed Jesse Minott and William Whiting?
2. Receipt: date November 1816 Joseph Brown paid forty cents for marching to Boston in 1814; signed Jesse Minott and Thomas Fletcher

3. Receipt; Dated November 14<sup>th</sup> 1814; Document #91; John Halene Paying Levi Haywood for bushel of rye for Christopher Shephard and forty cents for marching to Boston with the North Company; Signed Thomas Fletcher and Jesse Minott
4. Receipt: dated March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1814; John Hildreth (Town treasurer) signed Charles Grater
5. Receipt: dated July 1<sup>st</sup> 1816; doc # 28; Sam'l Davis (treasurer) pay Levi Parker \$27.40; other names: John Keyes, widow Lydia Hing, Charles Buming, Luther Borey, Stephen perch of Ashey (Ashy)?; signed ? Goodhue and Thomas Fletcher
6. Receipt: dated Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1815; doc # 215; John Hildreth (treasurer) pay Aaron Keyes forty cents for marching to Boston with Capt'n Timothy Cummings; signed Isaiah Prescott and Thomas Fletcher
7. Receipt:; doc # 270; John Hildreth (treasurer) pay William Worchester forty cents for marching to Boston on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1815; signed Isaiah Prescott and Thomas Fletcher
8. Receipt: dated Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1815; doc # 211; John Hildreth (treasurer) pay Tho. (Thomas) Cummings forty cents for marching to Boston with Capt'n Timonthy Cummings; signed Isaiah Prescott and Thomas Fletcher
9. Receipt: dated Feb 25 1815; Doc # 233; John Hildreth (treasurer) pay Andrew Fletcher and Jotham Fletcher eighty cents for marching to Boston; signed Thomas Fletcher and Isaiah Precott
10. Receipt: Doc # 255; John Hildreth (treasurer) pay Jos. Davis forty cents for marching to Boston on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1815; signed Isaiah Prescott and Thomas Fletcher
11. Receipt: Dated Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1816; Doc # 234; John Hildreth pays Ephraim Wright forty cents for his marching to Boston; Signed Thomas Fletcher and Isaiah Prescott
12. Receipt: dated March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1815, Doc # 247; John Hildreth (treasurer) pay Abejah Richardson ten dollars for boarding his son William; signed Isaiah Prescott and Thomas Fletcher
13. Receipt: Doc # 217; John Hildreth (treasurer) pay Josiah Keyes and Jonas Keyes forty cents for marching to Boston under Capt'n timothy Cummings Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1815; signed Isaiah Prescott and Thomas Fletcher,
14. Receipt: Doc # 266; John Hildreth (treasurer) pay Charles Reed forty cents for marching to Boston on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1815; signed Isaiah Prescott and Tomas Fletcher
15. Receipt: Doc # 277; John Hildreth (treasurer) pay Caleb Wright forty cents for his marching to Boston on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1815; signed Isaiah Prescott and Thomas Fletcher

**Folder: "Military 1820-1839**

1. Receipt: dated Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1834; Prescott being paid three dollars for doing military duty the year 1834 at the hand of Asia Hamlin; signed Othiel Fletcher
2. Receipt: dated Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1827; Henry Henrick (treasurer) being paid \$15.02 by the Militia to be given to the selectmen of Westford to arm, equip, and give uniforms to the Militia of Westford agreeable to the law of commonwealth; signed ? Goodhue and Jon Prescott
3. Letter: dated June 12 , 1833; from Tho's Stephen to Jon Prescott; Mrs. Esther Dodge, widow of Sam Dodge, is requesting her marriage certificate in order to receive the "Bounty of Gov't" as his widow. They were married in Dec 1821 her maiden name was Esther Conert? of Westford? Sam Dodge's will supposedly giver Esther 200 acres of land in Maine or 50\$ from the state. Stephen is asking to acquire the marriage certificate from the court of probate, and to have the certificate sent to him and John Abbot; town of Beverly

4. Letter: dated May 5, 1837; Guillow Windsor County, Vermont; Letter from Sewall Hullam Jr. to the town clerk of Westford; Sewall is requesting a marriage certificate of Ephraius Heald to Sarah Harely whom were married by James Prescott Esquire on June 20<sup>th</sup> 1776 at Westford. He is requesting the certificate so that Mrs. Heald can receive a pension.
5. Letter: dated May 20, 1837; From William Lincoln (working for Governor Everett) to the town clerk of Westford; this letter is asking the town clerk to send Governor Everett some documents pertaining to the Revolution. Lincoln requests: Copies of the Instructions to the representatives in the general court in 1774 and to the delegates in the Provincial Congress; Names of the delegates in the provincial congress and notices of the life and character of each; Copies of votes and proceedings relating to the public measures previous to the War of the Revolution, and during that contest; Names of the several Committees of Correspondence and of Safety, or Inspection, in the town of country; Copies of he votes of the town relating to the Declaration of Independence, under the Resolve of the General Court May 10, 1776. Lincoln also offers to place the documents in the American Antiquarian Society for preservation purposes or return them to the town of Westford.
6. Receipt: dated Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1827; \$26.98 given to Henry Henrick (treasurer) to be used in arming and getting equipment for Luther Trowbridge's Company; signed by Imla? Goodhue and Jon Prescott

**Folder: "Military 1840-1845"**

1. Letter: from James M. Preshee to Mr. Jacob A. Wright asking Wright to pay the amount of his military bounty to Henry A. Prescott. (undated)
2. Receipt: dated 1842; Jacob A. Wright (treasurer) told to pay S. Fletcher five dollars for military services signed by Timothy Cummings
3. Receipt: Jacob A. Wright to pay Heratio Fletcher five dollars as bounty money for doing military duty in the Westford and Littleton Rifle Company in 1840; signed Charles Wright
4. Receipt: dated 1842; Jacob A. Wright (treasurer) five dollars for military duty in Groton Artillery in 1842; signed Jacob Blodgett
5. Receipt: Dated Sept 28, 1840; Requesting Jacob A. Wright (treasurer) pay Luther Prescott five dollars for performing military duty for the present year; signed Joseph Lovejoy
6. Receipt: dated 1842; Jacob A. Wright (treasurer) five dollars to Edward P. Richardson for military duty in Concord Artillery in 1842; signed Joseph E Wright
7. Receipt: dated Oct 27, 1840; town of Lexington; Mr. Lemonds is entitled to five dollars to be paid by the treasurer of Westford for fulfilling his military duty; signed by S. Parker associated with Lexington Artillery.
8. Certification: Dated Oct 27, 1840; town of Concord; Nathaniel Whitney has fulfilled his military duty as a member of the Concord Artillery; signed Charles Bowers (capt'n of Concord Artillery)
9. Certification: Dated October 19, 1840; town of Groton; to the town treasurer of Westford certifying that Jacob Blodgett of Westford has kept himself fully armed and equipped and performed all required military duty required by law stated in the 76<sup>th</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup> sections of an act passed March 24<sup>th</sup> 1840; Signed William Shattuck (Capt'n of Groton Artillery Company)

10. Receipt: dated Oct 25, 1845; payment of 12 dollars to the Westford School District No. 1 for use of the school house hall as an armory; signed Sherman Fletcher (treasurer)

**Folder: "Military 1852-1859"**

1. Letter: stating that the room used as an Armory in the town will no longer be needed and will not be occupied after Jan 31, 1852; signed by John Beitter? And Amos Haywood and I. Hildreth?
2. Receipt: dated Oct 20, 1857; \$10.50 paid to the inhabitants of Westford to pay the policemen for services on Muster Field; signed E. A. Harwood
3. Receipt: dated September 4, 1857; 81 dollars given to the inhabitants of Westford to pay for the use of policemen on Muster Field at Adams Mills; signed E. A. Harwood
4. Receipt: dated 1857; the Town of Westford paying E.A. Harwood money paid for policemen at Muster Field
5. Receipt: dated September 12, 1857; 3 dollars from the Town of Westford to Stuart P. Wright for the services of police on the Muster Field for one and a half days (27&28<sup>th</sup> of Aug, 1857); signed by E. A. Harwood and Stuart P. Wright

**Folder: "Military 1861-1862"**

1. Letter undated to selectmen from Mrs. Lucretia P. Reed, wife of Merrick Reed asking for aid. Says husband in US Service (in Mechanic Phalanx Lowell). Names children Clara A. aged 3 mos., William T. 9, Susan Z., 14, Chas. 16 & Augustus 17.
2. Letter dated Nov 29 '61 to selectmen from Nancy Gilson, wife of Albert A. Gilson, a volunteer in Lowell Mechanic Phalanx now in camp in Lowell. Names one child Ernest L.? Gilson aged 2 years. Asks for funds to me paid to M. Hutchens/
3. Letter dated Westford Dec. 26 '61 appointing Thaddeus A. Blodgett as attorney to draw all monies for me on account of husband Hiram Peabody of Westford having enlisted into the service of the US. Signed Jesse? Peabody. Witness: George T.? Frederick.
4. Note: "Mrs. Lucy A. Keyes one child Lucy Elizabeth Keyes 5 years old."
5. Form: Head Quarters Department of New England, Boston, Nov 24, 1861. This certifies that Edward Keyes was on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1861 duly enlisted in the service of the United States; that he as been in that service since; that he claims to be an inhabitant of Westford, Mass., and that his family are entitled to relief under the law of the state. This certificate and claim for relief will be forfeited by desertion. A notification of his death, or desertion, will be at once sent by his Commanding Officer to the proper authorities. Signed J. H. French, Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Com'g, Camp Chase. By order of Benj. F. Butler, Maj. Gen'l Comd'g.
6. Receipt dated Graniteville 1861 to John Knowles for money paid B. O. Cummings for labor for Mrs. A. Bond on 21, 22, 25, and 27 June totaling \$5.29. Received payment, signed John Knowles.
7. Receipt dated Westford May 21, 1861, \$3.13, to J. B. Fletcher.
8. Note dated 23 Apr 1861, inhabitants of Westford to A. Fisher for house rent for James T. Flint's family, he having enlisted, from April 23, 1861, two and a half months @ \$2.50 per month. \$6.25. signed 5 Nov 1861 A. Fisher.
9. Note dated Westford July 2, '61. Town of Westford to M. H. Fletcher \$3.00. Signed M. H. Fletcher by J. B. Fletcher.

10. Note dated 10 Jul 1861 to Charles Follansbee to deliver to Mrs. Tim'y Nolan articles to the amount of one dollar and 25 cents and charge to inhabitants of Westford. Signed J. W. P. Abbot, Ch'n Selectmen.
11. Receipt dated Westford June 1, 1861. Mrs. Almond Bond to Edwin Lamb for milk from May 1 to date leaving 32 qts. at 3 cts per qt., \$1.28. Received pay, signed Edwin Lamb.
12. Receipt, Graniteville 1861, town of Westford to J. Knowles, for milk & eggs delivered to Mrs. Nolan, \$1.85. Received payment, signed J. Knowles.
13. Receipt, Graniteville 1861 to J. Knowles for money paid to Miss Farrington for nursing Mrs. T.? Nolan, two weeks at \$3 per week. \$6.00. Received payment, signed J. Knowles.
14. Receipt, Graniteville, May 6, 1861, town of Westford to J. Knowles for meat delivered to Mrs. T. Nolan in May, June & July, totaling \$9.67. Received payment, signed J. Knowles.
15. Receipt, Graniteville 1861, Town of Westford to J. Knowles for bread delivered to Mrs. A. Bond, \$1.15. Received payment signed J. Knowles.
16. Receipt, Graniteville 1861, town of Westford to J. Knowles for milk & eggs delivered to Mrs. A. Bond, July 1, \$2.31. Received payment signed J. Knowles.
17. Long receipt, Graniteville 1861, town of Westford to J. Knowles for goods delivered to Mrs. T. Nolan from April 29 to July 1, \$11.54. Received payment signed J. Knowles.
18. Receipt, Graniteville, 1861, town of Westford to J. Knowles for money paid Sarah Cummings for doing house work for Mrs. Almond Bond from June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup> at \$1.50 per week. \$2.25. Received payment signed John Knowles.
19. Receipt, Graniteville 1861, town of Westford to J. Knowles for meat delivered to Mrs. A. Bond June 10 & 17 and July 1, \$1.53. Received payment signed J. Knowles.
20. Mrs. Bond's bills, due to Knowles [looks like scrap paper to me]
21. Receipt, Graniteville, May 25, 1861. Town of Westford to John Knowles for goods delivered to Mrs. A. Bond on May 25 & 27 and June 1, \$17.43. Received payment signed John Knowles.
22. Receipt, Graniteville April 29, 1861. Town of Westford to John Knowles for goods delivered to Mrs. T. Nolan in April & May, \$16.08. Received payment signed John Knowles.
23. Receipt, Graniteville 1861. Town of Westford to J. Knowles for [goods] delivered to Mrs. A. Bond in June & July, \$16.17. Received payment signed J. Knowles.
24. Receipt dated Westford July 15<sup>th</sup> 1861, received of inhabitants of Westford \$76.15 for articles furnished Mrs. A. Bond and Mrs. T. Nolan by direction of selectmen. Signed John Knowles.
25. Receipt No. 50 dated July 6, 1861, signed by J. W. P. Abbot for various expenses related to the war in March-July. Signed J. W. P. Abbot
26. Receipt No. 54 dated May 27, 1861, for widow of Benj. Wright to S. C. Wilson for merchandise totaling \$11.43. Rcv'd paym't signed S. C. Wilson [Gilson?].
27. Receipt No. 34 dated May 15, 1861, for expenditures totaling \$141.74 paid by J. W. P. Abbot.
28. Bill to Town of Westford dated Boston May 13 1861 from Bent & Bush, Corner of Court and Washington Streets, for Sword & Belt, \$25.00.
29. Letter dated Lowell, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> '61. This is to certify that Albert A. Gilson has enlisted in my Company and was sworn into service on the ninth day of November and is now in Camp under my Command. Capt. Samuel J.? Shipley, Commanding Co. C.

30. Letter dated Camp of the 9<sup>th</sup> Reg't M. V., Minor's Hill, Virginia, Dec. 6, '61. I hereby certify that William Densmore private of Co. F 9<sup>th</sup> M. F. V. was duly sworn into the service of the United State at Long Island Boston by Captain Marshall U.S.A. on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1861. Signed Timothy Leary, Com. Co. F.
31. Letter dated Lowell Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> '61. To whom it may concern. This is to certify that Chas. Minor has this day enlisted and has been sworn into U.S. Service in the company designated Lowell Mechanic Phalanx. Signed Lieut. S. J. Shipley, Commanding. [Dependants listed at bottom of sheet:] Mary Ann Minor wife; Mary Elizabeth 6 yrs. May 19 '61; Charles Henry 5 yrs Aug 3, '61; Mary Ann, 3 yrs. Oct 23, '61; David Elwin, 1 yr. Feb. 16, '61.
32. Receipt No. 126 dated 1861 to A Fisher & Co. for "meet" bought for the wives of soldiers: J. T. Flint, T. Knowland, Mrs. Bond, Bostwick, totaling \$5.39. Rcvd. pay. Signed A. Fisher & Co.
33. Letter dated Harper's Ferry Va. Aug 18 '61. To selectmen of Westford, Mass. This is to certify that Hiram Dane and William Dane are members of my Company and have been duly sworn to serve the United States for three years unless sooner discharged. Signed Rich'd Casey, Capt. Co. G, 2d Reg't Mass. Vols.
34. Attached to above is a note dated 21 Sep 1861 from J. W. P. Abbot to Sherman D. Fletcher instructing him to pay to each of the Dane brothers \$10.
35. Two notes glued together:
  - a. Oct. 14, 1861. This is to sho [sic] that Hiram & Wm. Dane joined by Co. the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 1861 and was sworn in the same. Signed Capt. R. Casy [Cary?].
  - b. Please pay John Dane our Father all the dues from the town. Hiram Dane. William Dane.
36. Receipt No. 100 dated Nov. 10, 1861, signed by J. W. P. Abbot for 12 ¼ yds flannel, \$3.43. Signed J. W. P. Abbot.
37. Order No. 75 to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer of the town, to pay the following dependents of soldiers who have enlisted: Timothy Callahan \$12, Lucinda Bostwick \$12, Sarah A. Flint \$12, Julia Nolan \$10, Mary F. Richards \$4, Josephine Wells \$4, total \$54.00. Received Sept. 4, 1861. Attached is a separate note dated Sept. 7, 1861, to pay Elizabeth Wright \$12.
38. Bill to Town of Westford dated Boston July 6, 1861, from William Read & Son, No. 13 Faneuil Hall Square, for 1 Colt Revolver complete \$17.25.
39. Bill dated Groton July 2, 1861, to Town of Westford to Wm. Metcalf 1 uniform \$17.00
40. Note dated Groton July 2, 1861, to the selectmen of Westford, about an error in billing of \$8. Signed Henry S. Nutting, O. Sergt. Under Capt. L. G. King, Company G, 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment.
41. Letter dated Lowell Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> '61. To whom it may concern. This is to certify that Dexter W. Waterman has this day enlisted in the company designated Lowell Mechanic Phalanx and has been sworn into the said Company for U.S. Service. Signed Lieut. S. D. Shipley, Commanding. [Dependents listed at bottom:] Betsy Jane Waterman, wife; Homer Almon 6 yrs, Jan. 19 '61; Charles Johnson 2 yrs. Nov 23 '61; Adelbert Willis July 31 '61.
42. Letter dated Head Quarters Lowell Mass. Oct 11, 1861, Camp Chase. This is to certify that James Jackson a citizen of the town of Westford in the State of Mass. has been enrolled as a member of C A 26<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass. Vols. And has been duly inspected and mustered into the Service of the U.S. to serve for the period of three years, and that the

said James Jackson having a mother dependent upon him for support is entitled to proper relief from the committee appointed for such purposes. He enlisted Oct. 11, 1861. Signed Geo. M. Dickman Commanding Co. A 26<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass. Vols. Signed E. F. Jones, Colonel Mass 26<sup>th</sup>.

43. Form: Head Quarters Department of New England, Boston, Dec. 13, 1861. This certifies that Hiram Peabody was on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1861 duly enlisted in the service of the United States; that he as been in that service since; that he claims to be an inhabitant of Westford, Mass., and that his family are entitled to relief under the law of the state. This certificate and claim for relief will be forfeited by desertion. A notification of his death, or desertion, will be at once sent by his Commanding Officer to the proper authorities. Signed J. H. French, Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Com'g, Camp Chase. By order of Benj. F. Butler, Maj. Gen'l Comd'g. [Dependents listed at bottom:] Zoa N. Peabody, Daniel.
44. Form: Head Quarters Department of New England, Boston, Dec 24, 1861. This certifies that John A. Cummings was on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1861 duly enlisted in the service of the United States; that he as been in that service since; that he claims to be an inhabitant of Westford, Mass., and that his family are entitled to relief under the law of the state. This certificate and claim for relief will be forfeited by desertion. A notification of his death, or desertion, will be at once sent by his Commanding Officer to the proper authorities. Signed J. H. French, Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Com'g, Camp Chase. By order of Benj. F. Butler, Maj. Gen'l Comd'g.
45. Form: Head Quarters Department of New England, Boston, Nov 30, 1861. This certifies that Merrick Reed was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1861 duly enlisted in the service of the United States; that he as been in that service since; that he claims to be an inhabitant of ~~Groton~~ Westford, Mass., and that his family are entitled to relief under the law of the state. This certificate and claim for relief will be forfeited by desertion. A notification of his death, or desertion, will be at once sent by his Commanding Officer to the proper authorities. Signed J. H. French, Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Com'g, Camp Chase. By order of Benj. F. Butler, Maj. Gen'l Comd'g.
46. Letter dated Head Quarters, State of Mass. This is to certify that Peter Bussey of West Chelmsford Mass. has been enrolled as a member in Co. B. 26<sup>th</sup> Mass. Regt. State of Mass. and has been duly inspected and mustered into the service of the United States and that the said Peter Bussey having a family consisting of a mother & brother dependent upon him for support is entitled to proper relief for his said family from the Committee appointed for such purposes. Enlisted Sept 16, 1861. Dated Oct. 19, 1861. Attest E. G. Clark Capt. Co. B. Signed C. [E.?] F. Jones, Col. of Regt. ["Elizabeth Bussey" is written at top of page, his mother's name.]
47. Form: Head Quarters Department of New England, Boston, Dec 7, 1861. This certifies that Reuben W. Cummings was on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1861 duly enlisted in the service of the United States; that he as been in that service since; that he claims to be an inhabitant of Westford, Mass., and that his family are entitled to relief under the law of the state. This certificate and claim for relief will be forfeited by desertion. A notification of his death, or desertion, will be at once sent by his Commanding Officer to the proper authorities. Signed J. H. French, Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Com'g, Camp Chase. By order of Benj. F. Butler, Maj. Gen'l Comd'g.



48. Form: Head Quarters Department of New England, Boston, Oct 2, 1861. This certifies that Charles Minor was on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 1861 duly enlisted in the service of the United States; that he as been in that service since; that he claims to be an inhabitant of Westford, Mass., and that his family are entitled to relief under the law of the state. This certificate and claim for relief will be forfeited by desertion. A notification of his death, or desertion, will be at once sent by his Commanding Officer to the proper authorities. Signed S. D. Shipley, Commanding Officer. By order of Benj. F. Butler, Maj. Gen'l Comd'g.
49. Letter dated Camp Cameron Cambridge, July 11, 1861. Rec'd of the Inhabitants of Westford by hand of J. W. P. Abbot the sum of ten dollars each being the amount to be paid to us by a vote of the inhabitants of said Westford when we were sworn into the United States Service. [Following is a list of men with their signatures next to their name:] Nathan D. Bicknell, Nathaniel Bond, Charles A. Bond, Marcus Chandler, Charles M. Cummings, J. C. Bostwick, Thomas E. Dow, George S. Falls, James T. Flint, James A. Graham, George Hutchinson [signed George Hutchins], John Harris, Albert P. Ingalls, Joseph Irish, William Metcalf, Timothy Nolan, Myron Rand [signed Miron Rand], John F. Richards, Patrick Sheen [signed his X mark], James Sherburne, Milan A. Stiles, Morton G. Wright, Andrew L. Willis, William Wells, John G. Young [signed James G. Young], George W. Calvert, Timothy Callahan, John Jubb [the last 3 soldiers are in the Butler Rifles]
50. Receipt No. 59 dated July 11, 1861, to the inhabitants of Westford for expenses of J. W. P. Abbot of \$276.50 related to the previous list of soldiers.
51. Receipt No. 62 dated Aug 3, 1861, money paid by J. W. P. Abbot to following families of Volunteers and others dependent upon them for the month ending Aug. 5, 1861: Julia Nolan \$10, Mrs. Almon Bond \$12, Josephine Wells \$10, Lucinda Bostwick \$12, Sarah A. Flint \$12, Timothy Callahan \$12, Mary F. Richards \$15, Mrs. Metcalf \$8.
52. Letter No. 71 Town of Westford to Town of Groton 1861. The following bills paid for Company under Capt. L.? P.? King at Groton Junction ... uniforms for 25 men \$491.97.
53. Order No. 83 dated Westford Oct. 5, 1861, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer to pay the following persons, dependents of volunteers...: Timothy Callahan \$12, Sarah A. Flint \$12, Julia Nolan \$10, Mary F. Richards \$4, Josephine Wells \$4, Nancy E. Metcalf \$8, Miriam Bond \$12, Elizabeth Wright \$12, Lucinda Bostwick \$12. Signed J. W. P. Abbot Ch'n of Selectmen. 2 receipts attached to this document.
54. Order No. 102 dated Nov. 5, 1861, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay the following dependents of volunteers...: Miriam Bond \$4 (signed Marion Bond), Elizabeth Wright, Lucinda Bostwick, Mary Ann Minor, Timothy Callahan, Sarah A. Flint, Julia Nolan, Mary F. Richards, Josephine Wills, Betsy Jane Waterman, Ira Bicknell, Elizabeth Bussy (signed Sarah A. Bussey for E. Bussey)
55. Order No. 116 dated Dec. 5, '61, to S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer of Westford, pay to the following persons who are dependents of volunteers... for the month ending Dec 5<sup>th</sup> '61: Mirriam Bond, Elizabeth Wright, Lucinda Bostwick, Mary Ann Minor, Ira Bicknell, Elizabeth Bussy, ~~Edward Kasey~~, Lucy A. Keyes, Timothy Canihan?, Sarah A. Flint, Julia Nolan, Mary F. Richards, Josephine Wells, Betsy Jane Waterman, Nancy Gilson, Albert L. Brown, Caroline Brown.
56. Order No. 117, dated Dec. 31, 1861, to S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer of Westford, pay to the following persons who are dependents of volunteers... for the month ending Dec 31<sup>st</sup> '61:

- Miriam Bond, Elizabeth Wright, Lucinda Bostwick, Mary Ann Minor, Ira Bicknell, Elizabeth Bussy, Lucy A. Keyes Timothy Cahahan, Sarah A. Flint, Julia Nolan, Mary F. Richards, Josephine Wells, Betsey Jane Waterman, Nancy Gilson, Caroline Brown, Almira Cummings, Lucretia J. Reed [Alfred Blood is her attorney], Zoa W. Peabody [Thaddeus A. Blodgett is her attorney].
57. Military Expenses (list), dated May 1861, totaling \$911.10. Town of Groton for Westford Soldiers, \$491.97.
  58. Military Expense Paid by Town of Westford, May 1861, list totaling \$491.97.
  59. Letter dated Camp Wilson Sept. 8, 1862. This certifies that Franklin M. Jewett is a member of Company B. 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't of Mass. Volunteers and has been enlisted and sworn into the service of the United States as a part of the quota of the Town of Westford for the term of nine months. 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. S. G. Blood, Comdg. Co. B.
  60. Letter dated Sept 7, 1862, to Selectmen of Westford. This is to certify that John H. & William M. Whitney have joined our Co. been examined & sworn into service of United States. Consider as part of your quota. 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. S. G. Blood, Com. Co. B.
  61. Certification by Isaac G. Wheeler that he enlisted into the 45 Reg. On 26 Sept 1862 by Capt. McLaughlin. Quota of Westford. Signed R. Sturges Jr. Capt. Co. A.
  62. Letter dated Sept 5, 1862, to selectmen of Westford. This certifies that Augustus Thorning has passed enumeration of surgeon accepted & has also been sworn into service of U.S. signed Capt. George F. Shattuck, Comdg. Co. B [6<sup>th</sup> Reg.]
  63. Letter dated Camp Wilson Sept 8, '62. To Selectmen of Westford. Robert Comberlean? Having been duly sworn into the service of the U.S. in Co. P 6<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass. V. M. is entitled to his bounty. Signed Capt. A. L. Hamilton. Col Follensbee Please pass this man to Graniteville to return this evening 7 o'clock. Signed Capt. A. L. Hamilton.
  64. Letter dated Aug. 31, 1862 Camp Wilson. To Selectmen of Westford. This certifies that the below named persona re mustered into service of U.S. as members of Co. B as part of your quota: Ellery C. Wright, Timothy Calnan?, Francis P. Howard. Signed Capt. Geo. F. Starstuck?, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut S. G. Blood, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lieut E. D. Lawler?, 6<sup>th</sup> Regt.
  65. Letter to Selectmen of Westford. This may certify that I am the mother of Jas. Jackson a volunteer in Co. A 26 Mass Regt. & dependent on him for support. Pay an & all moneys due me or to become due me to M. H. Fletcher, Westford Feb 26, 1862. Signed Hannah Jackson.
  66. Letter dated Commonwealth of Mass., Adjutant-General's Office, Boston, Sept. 5, 1862. To the Assessors of Westford. The name of Isaac G. Wheeler age 23 occupation carpenter has been added to the enrolment of your town by order of the Chairman of your board of selectmen which order is filed with the enrolment in this office. Signed m. Schuler, Adj. Gen. by T. Dreed, clerk.
  67. Letter dated Camp Wilson, Lowell, Sept. 5, 1862. I certify that Charles H. Sweeney as of Westford has been enlisted and sworn into the U.S. service in Company K. 6<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass Vol. As a part towards the quota of Westford for the term of nine months. Signed [rubber stamped] Charles E. A. Beuthill? Capt., Co. K 6<sup>th</sup> Reg.
  68. Letter dated Camp Wilson, Lowell, Sept. 8, 1862, this certifies that Robert Comberbeach is a member of Co. P. 6<sup>th</sup> Reg. Infantry Mass. Vol. M. has been duly sworn into the service of the U.S. for a period of 9 months from the 7<sup>th</sup> of Sept to fill the quota of the town of Westford and is entitled to the bounty of said town he being a resident of said town. Signed A. L. Hamilton, Capt.

69. Letter dated Camp Wilson, Lowell, Sept. 2, 1862. This certifies that Ja's B. Peck was mustered into the service of the U.S. Aug. 31, 1862. Signed E. A. Bartlett, Capt.
70. Receipt dated Lowell Dec 4, 1862 from Nathan Allen, for examining B. L. White. Thos. Drew, G. O. Riddle and Charles E. Walker as exempts from the draft, \$4.
71. Receipt dated Lowell Nov. 28, 1862, rcvd. of J. W. P. Abbot chairman of selectmen of Westford \$57 for examination of 57 persons as exempts from Draft. Signed Nathan Allen M.D.
72. Letter dated Camp Wilson, Sept. 8, 1862. This certifies that James McDonald is a member of Co. B 6<sup>th</sup> Regt. of Mass. Vols. And has been enlisted and sworn into the service of the U.S. as a part of the quota of the town of Westford for the tern of 9 months. Signed 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. S. G. Blood, comdg. Co. B.
73. Letter dated Lowell Sept. 2, 1862, This certifies that Thomas Cassey of Westford has been duly enlisted and sworn into the service of the U.S. 6<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass. Vols. Co. K. Signed Capt. E. A. Bartlett, Co. K.
74. Letter dated Camp Wilson, Sept. 7, 1862. Mr. Abbott. Dear Sir. I pen this note as an explanation why the Certificate given to the two Whitings was not signed by the Capt. he left before the business could be done after they were sworn into the service. I have signed this Certificate and assure you that they have been mustered into the service of the United States for the term of 9 months and that you run on risk in paying them their bounty if they are enrolled in your town as they represent. Yours respectfully, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. S. G. Blood, comdg. Co. B [6<sup>th</sup> Reg.]
75. Letter dated Sept. 4 '62. To selectmen of Westford. This certifies that William Reed has been sworn into service of U.S. considered as part of your quota. Signed Geo. F. Shattuck, Capt. Co. B.
76. Receipt for \$4 received by Elizabeth Bussey from Samuel D. Fletcher. Also a receipt from Mrs. A. Bond attached together.
77. Note dated Camp Wilson Aug. 31, '62. Mrs. McDonald. This certifies that your husband (James McDonald) has been sworn into U.S. service being a volunteer from Westford. Signed George F. Shattuck, Capt. comdg. Co. B. Approved A. S.? Follensbee, Colonel.
78. Note dated Suffolk Va., Oct. 18, '62. Mrs. McDonald. The design of this certificate is to enable you to draw State aid it being as near as I can ascertain what you will need. Signed Geo. F. Shattuck.

**Folder: "Military 1862-1863 Soldiers Families Payments"**

1. Order No. 1 to S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer for payments to dependents of volunteers for the month ending Jan 31 '62: Mirriam Bond [receipt signed Mariam Bond, referencing her son], Elizabeth Wright, Lucinda Bostwick, Mary Ann Minor, Ira Bicknell, Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Timothy Callihan, Sarah A. Flint, Julia Nolan, Mary F. Richards, Josephine Wells, Betsey Jane Waterman, Nancy Gilson, Caroline Brown, Almira Cummings, Lucretia Reed, Zoa N. Peabody. Three small receipts attached.
2. Order No. 12 to Sherman D. Fletcher, Treasurer, for payments to dependents of volunteers for the month ending Feb. 28, 1862: Miriam Bond, Elizabeth Wright, Lucinda Bostwick, Mary Ann Minor, Ira Bicknell, Elizabeth Bussy, Lucy A. Keyes, Timothy Callahan, Sarah A. Flint, Julia Nolan, Josephine Wells, Betsy Jane Waterman, Nancy Gilson, Caroline Brown, Almira Cumings, Hannah Jackson, Lucretia J. Reed, Zoa N.

- Peabody. Three small receipts attached – Lucinda Bostwick & Mrs. Marriam A. Bond of Graniteville, and Elizabeth Bussey. Several attached receipts.
3. Order No. 19, to Sherman D. Fletcher, Treasurer, for payments to dependents of Volunteers for the month ending March 28, 1862: Mirriam Bond, Elisabeth Wright, Lucinda Bostwick, Mary Ann Minor, Ira Bicknell, Elisabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Timothy Callahan, Sara A. Flint, Julia Nolan, Josephine Wells, Betsey Jane Waterman, ~~Nancy Gilson~~, Almira Cummings, Caroline A. Brown, ~~Hannah Jackson~~, Lucretia J. Reed, Zoa N. Peabody. Several attached receipts.
  4. Order No. 38, to Sherman D. Fletcher, Treasurer, to pay dependents of Volunteers for the month ending April 20, 1862: Mirriam Bond, Elisabeth Wright, Lucinda Bostwick, Mary A. Minor, Ira Bicknell, Elisabeth Bussy, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Zoa N. Peabody, Ellen J. Cummings, Timothy Callahan, Sarah A. Flint, Josephine Wells, Betsey J. Waterman, Almira Cummings, Caroline A. Brown, Julia Nolan M.H.F., Julia Nolan C.S.F. Several attached receipts.
  5. Order No. 44, to Sherman D. Fletcher, Treasurer, to pay dependents of Volunteers for the month ending May 31, 1862: Miriam Bond, Elizabeth Wright, Lucinda Bostwick, Mary A. Minor, Elisabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Zoa N. Peabody, Ellen J. Cummings, Julia Nolan, Timothy Callahan, Sarah A. Flint, Josephine Wells, Betsy J. Waterman, Almira Cumings, Caroline A. Brown. Several attached receipts.
  6. Order No. 46 to Sherman D. Fletcher, Treasurer, to pay dependents of Volunteers for the month ending June 30, 1862: Miriam Bond, Elisabeth Wright, Lucinda Bostwick, Mary A. Minor Elisabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Zoa N. Peabody, Ellen J. Cummings, Julia Nolan, Timothy Callahan, Sarah A. Flint, Josephine Wells, Betsey Jane Waterman, Almira Cummings, Caroline A. Brown. Several attached receipts.
  7. Order No. 54 to Sherman D. Fletcher to pay dependents of Volunteers for the month ending July 31, 1862: Miriam Bond, Elisabeth Wright, Lucinda Bostwick, Mary A. Minor, Elisabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Zoa N. Peabody, Ellen J. Cummings, Julia Nolan, Mary Sullivan, Timothy Callahan, Sarah A. Flint, Josephine Wells, Betsey J. Waterman, Almira Cummings, Caroline A. Brown. Several receipts attached.
  8. Order No. 56 to Sherman D. Fletcher, Treasurer to pay dependents of volunteers for the month ending Aug. 31, 1862: Mirriam Bond, Lucinda Bostwick, Elisabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Zoa N. Peabody, Ellen J. Cummings, Julia Nolan, Mary Sullivan, Timothy Callahan, Sarah A. Flint, Josephine Wells, Betsey J. Waterman, Almira Cummings, Caroline A. Brown. Several receipts attached.
  9. Order to S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month ending Aug. 31, 1862, being their first quota: Nancy S. Carkin [signed Nancie S. Carkin], Alice Daly, Olive Ann Hosley, Angeline B. Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Lizzie F. Reed, Lestina Reed, Lucinda A. Sweetser, Jane Spaulding, Nancy T. Wright. Two receipts attached.
  10. Order No. 84 to S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month ending Dec. 31, 1862, it being the first quota: Mirriam Bond, Lucinda Bostwick, Elisabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ellen J. Cummings, ~~Timothy Callahan~~, Josephine Wells, Betsey J. Waterman, Caroline A. Brown. Two receipts attached.

11. Expense statement No. 81 of Sherman D. Fletcher for \$20,00, dated Westford Feb. 7, 1863.
12. Expense statement No. 82 of S. D. Fletcher for \$3.17 dated Westford Feb. 7, 1863.
13. Note dated Pelham, NH, Jan 2, 1862. To the selectmen of Westford, please pay to Mrs. Reubin Cummings the amount of money due me from the state aid up to the present time as I stand very much in need of it. Signed Ellen J. Cummings.
14. Note, undated, to S. D. Fletcher, pay J. B. Fletcher all that is due me from state aid. Signed Mrs. May [her X mark] Sula...?, witness Mrs. Tebbett [her X mark]
15. Order No. 83 to S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month ending Dec. 31, 1862, it being the Second Quota: Olive Ann Hosley, Angeline B. Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Lestina Reed, Lucinda A. Sweetser, Nancy T. Wright, Beulah Farmer, Margerett Whitney, Nancy S. Carkin, Alice Daley, Mary Jane Spaulding, Maria McDonald, Ann Calnan, Myra Sweeny, John McLaughlin, Maria Sweeney, Caroline Davis, Almira F. Wilkins. Several attached receipts, the following providing information on solder & family members:
  - a. Attached note dated Charlestown Feb. 1863, to Sherman Fletcher. Please send by mail the amount of state aid due me as the wife and widow of Charles B. Reed of Westford a private in Co. G, 16<sup>th</sup> Reg't Mass. Volunteer Militia. Signed Mrs. Lestina Reed.
  - b. Attached receipt dated Lowell Jan. 13, 1863 for state aid for Dec 1862 "on account of my husband Timothy Calman." Signed Anne Calman.
  - c. Attached receipt from Angaline B. Lawrence for herself and child. Attached receipt.
  - d. Attached receipt dated Fitchburg Dec. 27, 1862 for aid on account of husband Charles Sweeny, signed Myra Sweeny.
  - e. Attached receipt dated Lowell Dec. 29, 1862, for aid on account of my son, Charles H. Sweeny, signed Mrs. Maria Sweeney.
  - f. Attached receipt dated Lowell Dec. 29, 1862, for state aid on account of my husband James McDonald, signed Maria [her X mark] McDonald.
  - g. Attached receipt dated Lowell Dec. 29, 1862 for state aid on account of my son James McLaughlin, signed John McLaughlin.
16. Order No. 99 to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month ending Nov. 30, 1862, being the first quota: Miriam Bond, Lucinda Bostwick, Elisabeth Bussey, Lucy A., Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, ~~Zoa N. Peabody~~, Mary Sullivan, Ellen J. Cummings, Timothy Callahan, Sarah A. Flint, Josephine Wells, Betsey j. Waterman, Caroline A. Brown. Attached receipts:
  - a. Note dated Pelham NH, Dec. 12, 1862, to selectmen of Westford, please pay to Mrs. Reubin Cummings the amount of money due me and my child Orin A. Cummings (born Feb. 27, 1862) from state aid, signed Mrs. Ellen Cummings.
  - b. Note dated Westford, Dec. 9, 1862, to Sherman Fletcher, please pay Mrs. Lucinda A. Sweetser \$12 which is my due from the state, signed Lucinda Bostwick.
17. Order to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month ending Nov. 30, '62, being the second quota: Olive Ann Hosley, Angeline B. Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Lestina Reed, Lucinda A. Sweetser, Nancy T. Wright, Beulah Farmer, Margerett Whitney, Jacob B. Smith, Nancy S. Carkin, Alice Daley, Mary

Jane Spaulding, Maria McDonald, Ann Calman, Myra Sweeney, John McLaughlin, Maria Sweeny. Several attached receipts:

- a. Receipt dated Westford Dec 1862 for state aid on account of Private Charles H. Sweeny, Co. K, ?? Regt. Mass. Vols., signed Mrs. Mara Sweeny.
  - b. Receipt, undated, for state aid on account of Private James McLaughlin Co. ??, 35<sup>th</sup> Mass. Vols., signed John McLaughlin.
  - c. Receipt dated Westford Dec. 1862, for state aid on account of private Timothy Calman, Co. B., 6<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass. Vols., signed Anne Calman.
18. Order No. 73 to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of Volunteers for the month ending Oct. 31, 1862: Mirriam Bond, Lucinda Bostwick, Elisabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Zoa N. Peabody, Mary Sullivan, Ellen J. Cummings, Timothy Callahan, Sarah A. Flint, Josephine Wells, Betsey J. Waterman, Caroline A. Brown. Three attached receipts.
19. Order No. 74 to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month ending Oct. 31, 1862, being the first & second quotas: Olive Ann Hosley, Angeline B. Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Lestina Reed, Lucinda A. Sweetser, Nancy T. Wright, Beulah Farmer, Margaret Whitney, Jacob B. Smith, Nancy S. Carkin, Alice Daley, Mary Jane Spaulding, Maria McDonald, Ann Calman, Myra Sweeney, John McLaughlin, Maria Sweeny. Seven attached receipts.
20. Order No. 72, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month ending Sept. 30, 1862, being the first quota: Nancy S. Carkin, Alice Daly, Olive Ann Hosley, Angeline B. Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Lizzie F. Reed, Lestina Reed, Lucinda A. Sweetser, Mary Jane Spaulding, Nancy T. Wright, John McLaughlin, Beula Farmer, Margaret Whitney, Ann Calnan, Myra Sweeney, Maria Sweeny. Attached receipts.
21. Order No. 71 to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month ending Sept. 30, '62: Miriam Bond, Lucinda Bostwick, Elisabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Zoa N. Peabody, Mary Sullivan, Ellen J. Cummings, Julia Nolan, Timothy Callahan, Sarah A. Flint, Josephine Wells, Betsey J. Waterman, Caroline A. Brown.

**Folder: "Civil War 1863-1864 Military"**

1. Receipt dated Westford, June 13, 1864, rcvd. of Sherman D. Fletcher, treasurer of the town of Westford, \$125 bounty for my son Luther E. Wilkins who is enlisted into 2d Regt. Mass. Cavalry Co. I and who is counted as one of the quota of the town of Westford. Signed Luther Wilkins.
2. Order No. 56, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer of Westford, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month ending Dec. 31, 1863: Miriam Bond, Lucinda Bostwick, Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ellen J. Cummings, Betsy j. Waterman, Caroline A. Brown, Ira Bicknell, Olive Ann Hosley, Angeline B. Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Nancy S. Carkin [signed Nancie S. Carkin], Alice Daly, Mary J. Spaulding, Nancy Gilson, William Dinsmore, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, and widows Mary Ann Miner [signs Anna Miner], Sarah A. Flint, and Zoa N. Peabody. Attached receipts.

3. List of expenses incurred by the selectmen of Westford in recruiting and filling up the Quota assigned to said Westford under General Order No. 30 dated October 1863 up to March 1, 1864, totaling \$91.34, dated Sept. 23, 1864, signed J. W. P. Abbot.
4. Order No. 1 to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of Jan'y 1864: Miriam Bond Lucinda Bostwick, Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ellen J. Cummings, Betsy J. Waterman, Caroline A. Brown, Ira Bicknell, Olive Ann Hosley, Angeline B. Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Nancy S. Carkin, Alice Daly, Mary J. Spaulding, Nancy Gilson, William Dinsmore, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, Hannah Murphy, Mary Ann Wright, and widows Zoa N. Peabody & Caroline M. Davis. Attached receipts.
5. Order No. 6, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of February 1864: Miriam Bond, Lucinda Bostwick, Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucinda J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ellen J. Cumings, Betsy J. Waterman [signed Betsey J.], Caroline A. Brown, Ira Bicknell, Olive Ann Hosley, Angeline B. Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Nancy S. Carkin, Alice Daly, Mary J. Spaulding, Nancy Gilson, William Dinsmore, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, Mary A. Wright, and widows Zoa N. Peabody & Caroline M. Davis. Attached receipts.
6. Order No. 12, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of March 1864: Miriam Bond, Lucinda Bostwick, Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucinda J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ellen J. Cumings, Betsy J. Waterman [signed Betsey J.], Caroline A. Brown, Ira Bicknell, Olive Ann Hosley, Angeline B. Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Nancy S. Carkin, Alice Daly, Mary J. Spaulding, Nancy Gilson, William Dinsmore, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, Mary A. Wright, Hannah Murphy, William E. Libby, and widows Zoa N. Peabody & Caroline M. Davis. Attached receipts.
  - a. Receipt dated Lowell, April 11, 1864, rcv'd of Sherman D. Fletcher town treasurer of Westford \$13 for state aid for the months of Jan, Feb. and March, on account of my husband James Murphy in the U.S. service. signed Hannah [her X mark] Murphy. Attest Julian Abbot.
  - b. Note dated Pelham NH, March 27, 1864, to selectmen of Westford, please pay to Mrs. Reubin Cummings what is due me from the state aid, signed Ellen T. Cummings.
7. Order No. 26, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of May 1864: Lucinda Bostwick, Miriam Bond, Elizabeth Bussy, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Angeline B. Lawrence, Caroline A. Brown, Ira Bicknell, Ellen J. Cummings, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, Mary J. Spaulding, Nancy S. Carkin, William Dinsmore, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Ann Gilson, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Mary A. Wright, and widow Betsy J. Waterman [signed Betsey J.]. Three attached receipts.
8. Order No. 25, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of April 1864: Lucinda Bostwick, Miriam Bond, Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Angeline B. Lawrence, Betsy J. Waterman, Caroline A. Brown, Ira Bicknell, Olive Ann Hosley, Ellen J. Cummings, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, Mary J. Spaulding, Nancy S. Carkin, William

- Dinsmore, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, Mary A. Wright, ~~Hannah Murphy~~, William E. Libby, Ella A Graham. Five attached receipts.
9. Order No. 35, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of June 1864: Lucinda Bostwick, Miriam Bond, Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Caroline A. Brown, Ira Bicknell, Ellen J. Cummings, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daley, Mary J. Spaulding, Nancy S. Carkin, William Dinsmore, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, Wm. E. Libby, Ella A Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Ann Gilson, ~~Lucy A. Stiles~~, Katie Stiles, Mary A. Wright, Luther E. Wilkins, and widows Betsy J. Waterman & Angeline B. Lawrence. Four attached receipts.
  10. Order No. 36, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of July 1864: Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ira Bicknell, Ellen J. Cummings, Susan Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daily, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, Wm. E. Libby, Ella A Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Ann Gilson, Katie Stiles, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, Miriam Bond, Lucinda Bostwick, Mary Murphy, Mary J. Spaulding, Nancy S. Carkin, William Dinsmore, William Taylor, and widows Betsy J. Waterman & Angeline B. Lawrence. Six attached receipts.
  11. Receipt No. 42 with long list of expenses of J. W. P. Abbot, from 25 March to 29 Aug. 1864, totaling \$92.30; rec'd Sept. 23, 1864.
  12. Receipt No. 43 with list of expenses of George T. Day, dated Sept. 23, 1864.
  13. Receipt No. 44, dated Westford Jan 6, 1864, \$5.78 rec'd by Edward Prescott.
  14. Receipt No. 45 and list of expenses related to recruiting dated Westford Sept. 9, 1864, \$46.33 rec'd of George B. Dupee.
  15. Receipt no. 49 and list of expenses totaling \$52.50, dated Westford Oct. 1, 1864, signed by D. A. Dow [M.D.].
  16. Order No. 46, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of August 1864: Elizabeth Bussy, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ira Bicknell, Ellen J. Cummings, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, Eliza Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Ann Gilson, Katie Stiles, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, Mary J. Spaulding, William Dinsmore, John Hayes, Wm. Taylor, and widows Betsy J. Waterman & Angeline B. Lawrence. Nine attached receipts.
  17. Receipt No. 51 dated March 1864 for \$3.50 to Luther Wilkins for trim to Lowell to see about Edwin's enlisting, rec'd 1 Oct 1864, signed Luther Wilkins.
  18. Order No. 52, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of September 1864: Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ira Bicknell, Ellen J. Cummings, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, Eliza Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Ann Gilson, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, William Dinsmore, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, Jane Duby, Ellen Holland, John & Bridget Keefe, and widows Betsy J. Waterman & Angeline B. Lawrence. Eight attached receipts.
    - a. Receipt dated Lowell, Oct. 20, 1864, rec'd of town of Westford \$16 in full state aid up to Oct. 1, 1864, on account of my son John Holland enlisted in the Navy from Westford, signed Ellen [her X mark] Holland, attest Julian Abbot.



- b. Note dated Westford Nov. 8, [no year], Please to send the amount due from the State for myself and child by A. R. Perham. [No Perham on above list??]
19. Receipt No. 57, dated Westford Dec. 3, 1864, expense to take Milan & William Styles to Boston, \$6.60, rec'd Isaac E. Day.
  20. Order No. 64, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of October 1864: Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ira Bicknell, Ellen J. Cummings, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A. Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Ann Gilson, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, Jane Duby, Ellen Holland, John & Bridget Keefe, Catherine Callahan, Caroline A. Brown, Hannah Murphy, and widows Betsy J. Waterman & Angeline B. Lawrence. Nine attached receipts.
    - a. Receipt dated Lowell, Nov. 30, 1864, rec'd of town of Westford \$43 state aid due Betsey Whipple on account of her son Dan'l Whipple, signed Nathaniel Allen, per order. Attest Julian Abbot.
    - b. Note, undated, Mr. Fletcher, Please pay Philena Gilson the state aid due me since October and oblige, signed Mrs. Ann Gilson.
    - c. Noted, dated Nov. 5, 1864, Lowell, Mr. Fletcher, Please pay to Sarah Stevens my state aid. Signed, Lucy A. Stiles.
  21. Order No. 66, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of December 1864: Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ira Bicknell, Ellen J. Cummings, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A. Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Ann Gilson, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, Jane Duby, Ellen Holland, John & Bridget Keefe, Catherine Callahan, ~~Caroline A. Brown~~, Hannah Murphy, Richard Billings, Betsy Whipple, George Devitt, and widows Betsy J. Waterman & Angeline B. Lawrence. Nine attached receipts.
    - a. Receipt dated Boston, Dec. 27, 1864, rec'd of inhabitants of Westford \$6 in state aid up to Jan. 1, 1865, on account of my husband Alfred French enlisted for the town of Westford. Signed, Elizabeth French.
    - b. Receipt dated Boston Dec. 30, 1864, of J. W. P. Abbot Ch'man Selectmen of Westford \$17 as state aid on behalf of Jane Hunter, mother of Wm. Hunter in the U.S. Navy credited to said town of Westford. Signed, B. Botsford on behalf of Mrs. Hunter.
  22. Order No. 6, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of November 1864: Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ira Bicknell, Ellen J. Cummings, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A. Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Ann Gilson, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, Jane Duby, Ellen Holland, John & Bridget Keefe, Catherine Callahan, ~~Caroline A. Brown~~, Hannah Murphy, Richard Billings, Betsy Whipple, George Devitt and widows Betsy J. Waterman & Angeline B. Lawrence. Four attached receipts.

- a. Note dated Groton, Dec. 1, 1864. Mr. Fletcher, Will you please to pay to Sarah E. Keyes the amount of state aid due me for the month of Nov. Signed, Lucy A. Keyes.
23. Payments to Persons who went to Concord to be exempted 1864, No. 72, to S. D. Fletcher Treasurer of the town of Westford, pay to the persons whose names are hereto affixed the sum of one dollar for going to Concord to have their names stricken from the list of enrolled men in Westford, Westford Sept. 16, 1864: Timothy Fletcher, Daniel Atwood, Edward H. Holt, Isaac E. Day, George W. Wright, T. A. Bean, Thomas E. Day, S. A. Parkhurst, Geo. W. Blodgett, Norman H. Bruce, Charles E. Moore, Win E. Hutchin, Edwin Gould, George W. Cumings, Benjamin O. Cummings, William M. Vose, Hezekiah Cummings, T. A. Blodgett, Edwin Carter, T. L.? Griffin, Nathan? A. Smith, Nathaniel? Sweetser, James Sherburne, Chauncy O. Favor, A. Cameron, Orin Coolidge, John Eaton by Samuel S. Gilson, Jerry [his X mark] Desmond witness J. W. P. Abbot, David Reed, Samuel S. Gilson, William Agnew, Bradley V. Lyon, John Lanktree?, Andrew Shean, Charles H. Spaulding. [These names are all signatures.]
24. Names of Persons who went to Concord to be exempted, 1864: Abbot, John Wm.; Atwood, ~~William~~ Daniel; Barton, Edmund; Bond, Charles A.; Bunce?, William; Bean, True A.; Blodgett, George W.; Blodgett, Thaddeus A.; Bunce, Norma [sic] H.; Chamberlin, John M.; Caryl, Edwin F.; Carter, Edwin; Cameron, Allan; Cutter, Asaph B.; Coolidge, Oren Jr.; Colburn, Cyrus H.; Cummings, George W.; Cummings, Walton H.; Dow, Thomas E.; Day, Isaac E.; Decatur, Hiram H.; Dow, Darius A.; Dillings, James; Drew, Thomas; Davis, Abel L.; Eaton, John; Fletcher, George H.; Fletcher, Charles H.; Follansbee, Charles H.; Fletcher, Varnum T.; Fletcher, Andrew; Fletcher, Samuel; Fletcher, Charles L.; Fletcher, Timothy; Favor, Chauncy O.; Fisher Alvan; Fuller, Andrew; Fletcher, Marcellus; Griffin, Timothy L.; Gould, Edwin; Gould, Joseph; Holt, Edward? H.; Hutchins, William E.; Keyes, Otis; Lanktree, John; Laws, George; Lynch, John; Lake, John; Lyon, Bradley; Nason, John F.; Patten, William C.?; Plaisted, Rufus L.; Prescott, Sherman L.; Parkhurst, Sylvester A.; Prescott, Joseph F.; Parker, Elbridge; Reed, David; Spaulding Charles H.; Woods, Isaac P.; Wright, Josiah O.; Wright, George W.; Wright, Jephtha; Wright, Joseph E., ~~Watkinson, Joseph D.~~; Wiley, Samuel; Walker, Anthony; Wright, Edward E.; More, Cha's E.; Cummings, B. O.; Wm. M. Vose; Hezekiah Cumings; ~~Timothy L. Griffin~~; Mathew A. Smith; James Sherburn; Nathaniel Sweetser; Edwin C. Coolidge; jerry Desmond; Sam'l S. Gilson; Wm. Agnew; Andrew Shean; Levi Reed; Geo. Wright; ~~C. E. More~~; Warren A. Wythe. All the foregoing persons went to Concord for examination for in 1863 and 1864 and those named checked have been paid. Those names unchecked are supposed not to wish to ask the town for compensation and payment is now stopped and the account closed. Nov. 4, 1865, signed J. W. P. Abbot
25. Persons who went to Concord for Surgical examination. All marked X paid by Treasurer: Abbot, John Wm.; Barton, Edmund; Bond, Charles A.; Chamberlain, John M.; X Caryl, Edwin F.; Cutter, Asaph B.; Colburn, Cyrus H.; Cummings, Walter H.; Decatur, Hiram H.; X Dillon, James; Drew, Thomas; Davis, Abel L.; Fletcher, Geo. H.; Fletcher, Charles H.; Follansbee, Cha's H.; Fletcher, Norman T.; X Fletcher, Andrew; Fletcher, Samuel; Fletcher, Cha's L.; Fisher Alvin; ~~Fuller, Andrew~~; X Fletcher, M. H.; Gould, Joseph; Keyes, Otis; Laws, George; Lynch, John; X Lahey, John; Nason, John F.; Patten, Wm. O.; Plaisted, Rufus L.; Prescott, Joseph F.; Parker, Elbridge; Woods, Isaac P.; Wright,

- Josiah O.; Wright, Jephtha; Wright, Joseph E.; Wiley, Samuel; Walker, Anthony; Wright, Edw'd E.; X Levi Reed; X Wright, George.
26. Letter to S. D. Fletcher, town treasurer. Pay to the following named persons the amount set against their names for the month of April 1863 under Chapter 79 of the Acts of the Legislature for the year 1863 entitled an Act in further addition to an Act in Aid of the families of volunteers, to wit: Mary Ann Minor [signed Mary Ann [her X mark] Miner, Sarah A. Flint, Zoa N. Peabody [signature looks like Zora Peabody, but not too legible]. Dated Westford, May 2, 1863. signed J. W. P. Abbot, Ch'n Selectmen.
  27. Order No. 15, to S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month ending April 30, 1863: Miriam Bond, Lucinda Bostwick, Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ellen J. Cumings, Betsy J. Waterman, Caroline A. Brown, Ira Bicknell. 2d Quota: Olive Ann Hosley, Angeline B. Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Susan S. Raymond, Lucinda A. Sweetser, Nancy T. Wright, Beulah Farmer, Margarette Whitney, Nancy S. Carkin, Alice Daly, Mary Jane Spaulding, Nancy Gilson, Almira F. Wilkins, Jacob B. Smith, Maria Sweeney, Myra Sweeney, William Dinsmore. Dated May 2, 1863. Signed J. W. P. Abbot, Ch'n Selectmen.
  28. Receipt No. 1, dated Feb. 29, 1864. For writing an opinion relating to claims made on you by soldiers enlisted from your town, for certain monthly payments, \$10. Rec'd S. A. Brown.
  29. List of number of recruits (no names mentioned) for July 1, 1864 to March 31, 1865.

**Folder: "Military/State Aid 1865"**

1. Receipt No. 32 dated Westford June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1865. Received of the Inhabitants of Westford \$125 in full for Bounty voted by said town to my husband Dexter W. Waterman late a soldier in the service of the U.S.. Signed Betsy J. Waterman. Witness Sherman H. Fletcher. 2¢ Washington U.S. Int. Rev. Bank Check stamp affixed.
2. Receipt dated Atwell, Pike Co., Ind. April 19, 1865, to Mr. J. M. [sic] P. Abbott [sic]. Yours of April the 4 is at hand containing \$12.00 being amount of state aid due up to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1865. Signed Emily F. Strong.
3. Receipt dated Atwell, Pipe Co., Ind. April 19, 1865, to Mr. J. W. P. Abbot. Yours of March the 7 is at hand containing \$12.00 being amount of state aid due up to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1865. Signed Emily F. Strong.
4. Receipt No. 10 dated Westford April 27, 1865. Received of the Inhabitants of Westford \$125 in full for Bounty voted by said town for reenlisting in the military services of the U.S. as one of the quota of said Westford. Signed Joseph Raymond by Susan S. Raymond. 2¢ Washington U.S. Int. Rev. Bank Check stamp affixed.
5. Order No. 5, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of January 1865: Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ira Bicknell, Ellen J. Cummings, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A. Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Ann Gilson, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, Jane Duby, Ellen Holland, Bridget Keefe, Catherine Callahan, Hannah Murphy, Richard Billings, Betsy Whipple, George Devitt, Elizabeth French, Jane Hunter. Eight attached receipts.
  - a. Receipt dated Lowell, Feb. 6, 1865, \$4 state aid on account of my son John Holland. Signed Ellen [her X mark] Holland

- b. Receipt dated Lowell, Feb. 6, 1865, \$4 state aid for the month of Jan., 1865. Signed Martha K. Libby.
  - c. Receipt dated Pelham [NH] Jan. 30, 1865. Please pay state aid due me to Reubin Cummings. Signed Ellen T. Cummings.
- 6. Order No. 6, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of February 1865: Elizabeth Bussey, Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Ira Bicknell, Ellen J. Cummings, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Ann Gilson, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, Jane Dubey, Bridget Keefe, Catherine Callahan, Hannah Murphy, Richard Billings, Betsy Whipple, George Devitt, Elizabeth French, Jane Hunter, Mary Eager, Honora Lawler. Nine attached receipts.
  - a. Receipt dated So. Reading, March 15, 1865, to selectmen of Westford, \$12 for state aid, signed by Mary [her X mark] Eager. Witness D. B. Wheelock
  - b. Receipt dated Lowell, March 9, 1865. Rcv'd of town of Westford \$4 on account of my son Dan Whipple for month of Feb. last. Signed Betsey Whipple by N. Allen. Attest Julian Abbot.
  - c. Pelham March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1865. To Selectmen of Westford, please pay to Almira Cummings all money due me for state aid. Signed Ellen T. Cummings.
- 7. Order No. 11, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of March 1865: Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, Eliza A. Conant, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Ann Gilson, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, Jane Dubey, Bridget Keefe, Catherine Callahan, Hannah Murphy, Betsy Whipple, George Devitt, Elizabeth French, Jane Hunter, Mary Eager, Honora Lawler, Mary F. Bicknell, and widow Betsy J. Waterman. Eleven attached receipts.
- 8. Order No. 26, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of March 1865: Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary Sullivan, Susan S. Raymond, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, ~~Eliza A. Conant~~, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Ann Gilson, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, Jane Dubey, Bridget Keef, Catherine Callahan, Hannah Murphy, Betsy Whipple, George Devitt, Elizabeth French, Jane Hunter, Mary Eager, Honora Lawler, Mary F. Bicknell, M. McNally's children. Six attached receipts.
  - a. Note dated Salem, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1865. Mr. Sherman Fletcher. Please give to John Daly my state has [as?] my sister out living there now signed [sic] Alice X Daly. Witness John Heffren?
  - b. Note dated Pepperell May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1865. Please pay Lucy Ann Keyes the state aid due me for the month of April. Signed Lucy A. Keyes
- 9. Order No. 48, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of March 1865: Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Susan S. Raymond, ~~Nancy T. Wright~~, ~~Alice Daly~~, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Ann Gilson, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, Bridget Keefe, Catherine Callahan, ~~Betsy Whipple~~, George Devitt, Elizabeth French, Mary Eager,

Honora Lawler, Jane Dubey, M. McNally's children, Mary F. Bicknell. Five attached receipts.

10. Order No. 49, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of August 1865: Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Susan S. Raymond, Ella A. Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, ~~Bridget Keefe~~, Catherine Callahan, George Devitt, Elizabeth French, Mary Eager, ~~Honora Lawler~~, Jane Dubey, M. McNally's children, Ann Gilson, William E. Libby. Five attached receipts.
  - a. Note with engraved portrait of A. Lincoln dated Groton, Sept. 11, '65. Mr. Fletcher, Please pay the bearer Thomas Gilson the state aid due me since April 1. Signed Mrs. Ann Gilson.
11. Order No. 59, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of September 1865: Lucretia J. Reed, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, ~~Emily F. Strong~~, Catherine Callahan, George Devitt, Elizabeth French, Mary Eager, Jane Dubey, M. McNally's children, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, and widow Lucy A. Keyes. No attached receipts. [Both Stiles receipts signed for my Milan A. Stiles]
12. Order No. 60, to S. D. Fletcher, treasurer, to pay dependents of volunteers for the month of October 1865: Lucretia J. Reed, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Catherine Callahan, George Devitt, Elizabeth French, Mary Eager, Jane Dubey, M. McNally's children, and widow Lucy A. Keyes. One attached receipts.

**Folder: "Military 1865-1869 Civil War, Aid, Recruiting"**

1. Note No. 19. "Soldiers Families, \$96.00."
2. Note dated Westford, July 13, 1865, to Mr. John Hayes. I send you a Bank Check for \$9.00 State Aid for May & June Having been absent I supposed that the State Aid had been sent you. Respectfully, signed JWP Abbot, Ch'n Sec'n. July 14, 1865. Received the above. Signed John [his X mark] Hayes. Witness: Henry J. Cross.
3. Receipt dated Westford January 28<sup>th</sup> 1865. Rec'd of the inhabitants of Westford \$277 for a volunteer put into the U.S. Service and credited to the town of Westford. Signed Alson Tuttle. 2¢ Washington Internal Revenue stamp affixed.
4. Receipt dated U.S. Summit House Hospital, Philadelphia, Jan. 5, 1864. Rec'd of the Inhabitants of Westford \$125 being the amount voted by the Town to be paid to those men who reenlisted and were counted to the quota of Westford Mass. Signed James Murphy. Witness James H. Burnham.
5. Bill & receipt. Bill dated 2 Jan 1865, from George T. Day to Town of Westford for 8 days expenses in obtaining recruits at \$5 per day, \$40. Receipt dated Jan. 7, 1865, signed George T. Day.
6. S. D. Fletcher's memo No. 56 of money paid to persons going to Concord for exemption addition to those paid in 1864, 7 persons, \$7, Nov. 4, 1865: M. H. Fletcher, Levi Reed, John Leahy, Edwin Cryl?, James Dillon, ~~Sherman L. Prescott~~, George Wright, Andrew Fletcher, ~~Nathaniel Sweetser~~. The above persons paid Nov. 4. 1865, JWP Abbot.
7. Letter dated Lowell, Feb. 11 '68 to Gilman J. Wright Esq. Your note of enquiry of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. we have just received. In answer thereto we would say: that Timothy Nolan you speak of has applied for "Extra Bounty" through our office within a few weeks. He furnished no Discharge Certificate, but in his application made oath that he received an

honorable Discharge from the U.S. Service and that since the receipt thereof he had lost the same. He was, he said, a member of Co. C, 16<sup>th</sup> Mass. Regt. We presume his statement true. Yours very truly, Brown & Alger.

8. Order No. 78 to S. D. Fletcher, town treasurer, to pay the following named dependents of volunteers for the month of November 1865: Lucretia J. Reed, John Hayes, ~~Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus~~, Catherine Callahan, ~~George Devitt, Elizabeth French~~, Mary Eager, ~~Jane Dubey~~, M. McNally's children, Bridget & John Keefe, Betsy Whipple, and widow Lucy A. Keyes. Westford, Dec. 2, 1865, JWP Abbot, Ch'n Sel'n. Two attached receipts.
9. Order No. 79 to S. D. Fletcher, town treasurer, to pay the following named dependents of volunteers for the month of December 1865: Lucretia J. Reed, John Hayes, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, George Devitt, Elizabeth French, Mary Eager, Jane Dubey, and widow Lucy A. Keyes. Westford, Dec. 28, 1865, JWP Abbot, Ch'n Sel'n. Two attached receipts.
10. Order No. 35 to S. D. Fletcher, town treasurer, to pay the following named dependents of volunteers for the month of July 1865: Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Susan S. Raymond, Mary Sullivan, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daley, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A. Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Ann Gilson, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, Bridget Keefe, Catherine Callahan, Hannah Murphy, Betsy Whipple, George Devitt, Elizabeth French, Mary Eager, Honora Lawler, Mary F. Bicknell, M. McNally's children, Jane Dubey. Westford, July 1, 1865, JWP Abbot, Ch'n Sel'n. Six attached receipts.
11. Order No. 31 to S. D. Fletcher, town treasurer, to pay the following named dependents of volunteers for the month of May 1865: Lucy A. Keyes, Lucretia J. Reed, Susan J. Raymond, Mary Sullivan, Nancy T. Wright, Alice Daly, Sophia C. Prescott, William E. Libby, Ella A. Graham, Ella S. Hildreth, Lucy A. Stiles, Katie Stiles, Ann Gilson, Mary A. Wright, Luther Wilkins, John Hayes, William Taylor, Ellen M. Neal, Roxanna McManus, Emily F. Strong, Jane Dubey, Bridget Keef, Catherine Callahan, Hannah Murphy, Betsy Whipple, George Devitt, Elizabeth French, Jane Hunter, Mary Eager, Honora Lawler, Mary F. Bicknell, M. McNally's children. Westford, June 3, 1865, George T. Day, Act. Ch'n Sel'n. Five attached receipts.
  - a. Receipt dated Pepperell June 8<sup>th</sup> '65. Will you please to pay to Sarah E. Keyes the amount of State Aid due me for the month of May. Signed Lucy A. Keyes.
  - b. Lowell, June 6, 1865. Received of the town of Westford \$4 state aid for the services of my son for the month of May cash. Signed, Martha K. Libby. Attest Julian Abbot
12. Receipt No. 89 dated Westford, Jan 8, 1866. Rc'd of S. D. Fletcher Town Treasurer \$24 State Aid for Jane Dubey for the months of Nov'r and Dec'r 1865. Signed JWP Abbot, Ch'n Sel'n.
13. Three printed receipt forms for "Massachusetts State Aid" for money "Received of The Selectmen of South Reading Westford", all signed by Mary [her X mark] Eager:
  - a. Dated South Reading, June 5, 1866, for \$12, for month of May, witness D. B. Madock?
  - b. Dated South Reading, Oct. 30, 1866, for \$24, witness D. B. Murdoch?
  - c. Dated South Reading, Jan 7, 1867, for \$12, witness H. A. Wiley.

- d. Dated South Reading, July 10, 1866, for \$12 to July 1 '66, witness H. Dolliver
  - e. Dated South Reading, Nov. 6, 1866, for \$24 for 2 months, witness Arthur Wheelock.
14. Note dated Westford, Dec. 1, 1866, to Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer. Pay the following named persons who is dependent upon a volunteer now in the service of the U.S. the sum set against her name for the month of November. Mrs. Eagen \$12. Signed, George T. Day.
  15. Receipt dated Westford, April 21, 1866. Received of the town of Westford \$125 being the amount of Bounty voted by said town to my husband Edward Keyes late a member of Co. C 30<sup>th</sup> Reg. Mass. Vols. Signed Lucy A. Keyes, widow of Edward Keyes.
  16. Note, undated, to S. D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer. Pay the following named persons who are dependent upon volunteers who have enlisted in the U.S. Service the following sums set against their names being the amount they are entitled to for the month of June 1866. Lucretia J. Reed \$12, Mary Eager \$12, signed George T. Day, Chairman, Selectmen of Westford.
  17. Note to Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer. Pay the following named person who is dependent upon a volunteer now in the Service of the U.S. being the amount she is entitled to for the months of July, August & September 1866. Mary Eager, July, \$12; Mary Eager, August, \$12; Mary Eager, Sept. \$12. Signed, George T. Day, chairman of selectmen.
  18. A listing that looks like it might be part of a list on another page: Henry Gray from July to Dec'r 1866 inclusive, \$36; Ai Bicknell for wife, do., \$24; Paul C. Morgan, Nov. & Dec. 1866, \$12; Mrs. Ann Miner, Nov & Dec. 1866, \$16; Mrs. Zoa Peabody, do., %16; James A. Hosley, do. \$28; Alvarado Shaw, do., \$12; B. F. Billings, do., \$12; Wm. T. Wells, do., \$12; George S. Falls, do., \$12; Ai Bicknell, do. \$12; George Henry Prescott, do. \$12; Rollins C. Downs, do., \$12. Mrs. Eager, Nov & Dec, \$24; Order for State Aid, \$240.00; Order for Graniteville work, 62.65.
  19. Note dated Westford Nov. 3, 1866, to Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer. Pay the following named person who is dependent upon a volunteer now in the service of the U.S. the sum set against her name for the month of October. Mrs. Eager \$12.00. Received by George T. Day.
  20. Note dated Westford, Jan. 5, 1867, to Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer. Pay the following named person the sum set against her name, she being dependent upon a volunteer now in the service of the U.S. Mary Eager for December, \$12. Received the above, signed George T. Day."
  21. Receipt No. 71 dated Westford, Feb. 2, 1867, \$125. Received of the town of Westford \$125, the sum being a bounty voted by the town for soldiers enlisting during the year 1861. Signed, Merick Reed.
  22. Order to S. D. Fletcher, town treasurer, to pay the following named dependents of volunteers for the months of January, February and March 1866: Lucretia J. Reed, Lucy A. Keyes, Jane Dubey, Mary Eager, Mrs. Keefe. Westford, Dec. 28, 1865, JWP Abbot, Ch'n Sel'n. Two attached receipts.
  23. Order to S. D. Fletcher, town treasurer, to pay the following named dependents of volunteers for the month of April 1866: Lucretia J. Reed, Lucy A. Keyes, Mary Eager, Mrs. Keefe. Westford, Dec. 28, 1865, JWP Abbot, Ch'n Sel'n. No attached receipts.

24. Order to S. D. Fletcher, town treasurer, to pay the following named dependents of volunteers for the month of April and May 1866: Lucretia J. Reed, Lucy A. Keyes, Mary Eager, Mrs. Keefe, James A. Hosley, Alvarado Shaw, Mrs. Minor (widow), Mrs. Peabody (widow). Westford, Dec. 28, 1865, JWP Abbot, Ch'n Sel'n. No attached receipts.
25. Note: State Aid Soldiers Families, Dec'r 1867, \$55.00.
26. Order, state aid, January 1867. Last Law \$84.00. Mrs. Eager \$12.00. [total] \$96.00.
27. Note No. 78 dated Westford, Feb. 2, 1867 to Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer. Pay Mrs. Eager the sum set against her name she being dependent upon a soldier now in the service of the U.S. Mrs. Eager \$12.00. Received the above it being for the month of January 1867. Signed George T. Day.
28. Note No. 7, State aid for Soldiers & families, Feb. 1869. paid by Town Treasurer, \$49.00. add \$14.00. [total] \$65.00.
29. Letter: dated Oct. 19, 1865, to the Town Clerk and Chairman of Selectmen of Westford, from William McCartney of the Provost-Marshal's Office of the Third District, wants to know the average cost per man for the town's recruits under the call of June 30, 1863 to February 1, 1864; the average cost per man from February 1, 1864 to when recruiting ceased.
30. Letter: dated Oct. 25, 1865, to William McCartney from J. W. P. Abbot, Selectman of Westford, reply to McCartney's letter, the average cost of the men put into U.S. Service from June 30, 1863 to February 1, 1864 to be \$302.38. From February 1, 1864 to the time when it was ascertained that all calls had been filled: \$125.00.

## **Box 2 (2 of 4)**

### **Folder: "Military Aid, 1870-1880"**

1. Receipt #56 dated June, 1, 1878, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$42.50
2. Receipt No. 42, May 4, 1878, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$42.50
3. Receipt No. 27, April 6, 1878, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$45.50
4. Receipt No. 1, March 9, 1878, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$73/00 for Jan. & Feb.
5. Receipt No. 136, Dec. 7, 1878, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$42.50
6. Receipt No. 42, Oct. 5, 1878, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$75.00
7. Receipt dated Westford, Sept. 17, 1878, \$75.00. Received of Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, \$75 to be expended under the provisions of Chapt. 282 Acts of 1878 for the relief of poor and indigent soldiers & sailors.
8. Receipt No. 133, Nov. 2, 1878, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$42.50
9. Receipt No. 118, Sept. 7, 1878, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$42.50
10. Receipt No. 127, Oct. 5, 1878, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$42.50
11. Receipt No. 80, Aug. 3, 1878, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$42.50
12. Account of Expenses incurred by Soldiers and Soldiers Families for the year ending May 1, 1878: Timothy Nolan \$40.00, Michael Callahan \$20.00, Augustus Thorning, \$66.81, Thomas Carney \$91.00.
13. Form [Application for State Aid]: To the City Council or Selectmen of Westford, Mass. The undersigned George T. Millis, aged 41 years, having a resident in the town of Westford who served as a Private in the Army of the U.S... who is wholly or partially



disabled... and has an honorable discharge there from, hereby presents his application for State Aid, under the provisions of chapter 172, Act of 1866. George T. Millis enlisted at North Adams and was mustered into the service of the U.S. on 13 Feb 1863 for the quota of Mass. in Co. C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg't Mass. Cav'y, to serve 3 years, where I served until 20 July 1865, when by reason of Gen'l Order No. 94, I was discharged from said service. The duration of my whole service being 2 years 5 months 7 days. Reason for claiming aid is that I was disabled in April 1864 at Vienna?, Virginia, to such an extent to prevent me from doing my ordinary vocation... Dated Westford, Feb. 16?, 1878. Signed George F. Millis. Made oath at Westford, Feb. 21, 1878, before Edward Prescott, J.P.

14. Form: Commonwealth of Mass., Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Aug. 22, 1879. To the Selectmen of the town of Westford. Your "Return of Military Aid" under Chap. 301 Acts of 1879 has been received and examined. The amounts thereon disbursed for the month of June 1879 are approved and allowed: Total \$28.50.
15. Form similar to above dated Boston, Dec. 17, 1879, for the months of July-November, \$28.50 for each month.
16. Form similar to above dated Boston, Dec. 17, 1879, for the months of July-November, \$20.00 for each month.
17. Form similar to above dated Boston, Aug. 14, 1879, for the month of June 1879 for James McManus \$10 and Thomas Lowler \$10.
18. Envelop addressed to Geo. T. Day, Westford, Mass., from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, marked Returns and Correspondence Relating to State Aid for 1879 [empty].
19. Penny postal card to Geo. T. Day, Westford, Mass., dated Acton, July 24, 1879, I have not received a line from you in relation to the soldiers aid I would like to have you write me on Monday as I am [in] need of aid the Selectmen here say it belongs to Westford to keep under the new law. Very Truly, Allen G. Smith.
20. Envelop addressed to Geo. T. Day Esq., Selectmen, Westford, Mass., from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, State House, Boston, postmarked Boston Jan. 22, with two 3¢ green George Washington postage stamps, marked Letter From [empty].
21. Letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Oct. 20, 1879. To Geo. T. Day Esq., Westford, Mass. Your note of Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> rec'd. We have received no Returns from Westford since the June which was approved. I think you had best make out returns for all the months to Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and send them in. Shall send with this mail some blanks under both chapters. Signed Cha's W. Hastings, Commissioner
22. Two receipts, both dated Westford Dec. 3, 1879, each for \$10, for the months of Sept. & Oct. 1879, signed James McManus.
23. Envelop, torn, addressed to Geo. T. Day Esq., Selectmen, Westford, Mass., from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, State House, Boston, postmarked Boston Feb. 12, with one 3¢ green George Washington postage stamps, marked Receipts of Soldiers State Aid [empty].
24. Receipt No. 32, April 5, 1879, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$32.50
25. Blank Form [Application for State Aid], like that used in Item 13 above.
26. Booklet, 9 printed pages, in salmon paper cover entitled "Military Aid." It begins: Commonwealth of Mass., Indigent Soldiers and Sailors, from Office of the Commissioners of State Aid, State House, Boston, May 10, 1879. To the Selectmen. Gentlemen,--For the information of city and town authorities charged with the disbursement of "military aid" under the provisions of chap. 252 of the acts of the present

year, entitled "An Act for the Benefit of indigent Soldiers and Sailors," a copy of which is herewith transmitted, the Commissioners have deemed it proper to submit the accompanying suggestions and instructions...

27. Form: Application for Military Aid under Chapter 301 of 1879. James Bicknell, aged 17, who had a residence in Westford served as a Private in the Army of U.S., to the credit of Mass., and died of Typhoid Fever contracted in the Service on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Jun 1862 [1863]. James Bicknell enlisted at Groton and was mustered into Co. I, 22 Reg't Mass. Vol. Was mustered in the service in Aug. 1862 for the quota of Westford to serve 3 years, where he remained until the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1863 when he died from disease contracted in the line of duty. I, Martha Bicknell, aged 65 years, declare that I am the mother of the above named James Bicknell... and by reason of his disease I was deprived of his support... Dated Westford Dec. 15, 1881. Signed Martha Bicknell. Oath given Westford, Dec. 20, 1881 before J. Henry Reed, J.P. Written on the back: Nathan D. Bicknell, Co. C, 16<sup>th</sup> Reg., Date of Pension April 1870, No. 150,320. Killed at Gettysburg 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1863. Mustered into the service 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1861, age 26 when killed
28. Receipt No. 170, Feb. 7, 1879, Poor & Indigent Soldiers, State Aid, \$100
29. Receipt No. 166, Feb. 13, 1879, Soldiers Families, State Aid, \$32.50
30. Receipt No. 158, Dec. 6, 1879, for Services, \$32.50. Attached is a list of expenses dated Westford, Feb. 7, 1880, totaling \$32.35, received by George T. Day. References going to Boston to file McManus application, to Boston to file Lowler appn., to Fall River regarding Lowler's settlement, to Acton regarding Smith's settlement, to Worcester to look up Cornell's settlement, to Boston to attend hearing on contested case of Lowler before the Commission.
31. Form: Application for Military Aid under Chapter 252 of 1879. Timothy Nolan, aged 42 [43?] years... of Westford who served as a soldier of the U.S. to the credit of Mass... I Timothy Nolan, enlisted at Groton on 22 April 1861 for the quota of Westford in Co. C 16<sup>th</sup> Reg't Mass. Vol. to serve for 3 yrs...., where I served until the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1862, when I was discharged from said service. Signed Timothy Nolan. Oath given Middlesex SS, dated Dec. 17, 1879, before Edward Prescott, J.P.
32. Receipt No. 59, dated July 5, 1879, soldiers & families state aid, \$28.00
33. Receipt No. 45, dated June 7, 1879, soldiers & families state aid, \$28.00
34. Receipt No. 38, dated May 3, 1879, soldiers & families state aid for April, \$32.50
35. Receipt No. 116, dated Sept. 6, 1879, invalid soldiers for June, July & August, \$60.00
36. Receipt No. 96, dated Sept. 6, 1879, soldiers families state aid for August, \$28.50
37. Receipt No. 91, dated Sept. 6, 1879, for use of field (parade ground) for Cavalry Parade (\$9) and for breaking roads (\$3.12), \$12.12, signed George H. Hartford.
38. Receipt No. 69, dated Aug. 2, 1879, soldiers families state aid, \$28.50
39. Receipt No. 157, dated Dec. 6, 1879, invalid soldiers state aid, \$50.00
40. Receipt No. 152, dated Dec. 6, 1879, soldiers families state aid for November, \$28.50
41. Receipt No. 136, dated Nov. 7, 1879, soldiers families state aid in Oct., \$28.50
42. Note dated Graniteville, Mass., Nov. 1, 1879. "To The Select men of the town of Westford. I Jerry S. Murphy Certifie Westford as my plse of rezidance and have for the last three years and have not claimed it in anny other plase. Respectfully yours, Jerry S. Murphy." Also signed at bottom by Abraham Hempfield.
43. Letter dated Concord, N.H. Sept. 21, 1879. To the Selectmen of the town of Westford, Mass. Gentleman. I am one of the Old Original members of Capt. Kings [Rings?] Co.

that enlisted from the town of Westford Mass. And I am counted on the Quota of that town. And at a legal meeting of that town legally called the voters of the town voted unanimously to Pay me and others that enlisted at that time the sum of ten dollars pr month as long as we should serve in the Army. And soon after we went to Camp Cameron Mass. where was paid to us \$10 a piece that being our months Pay of the above amt. Granted. Now you Gentlemen I desire to call your attention to these facts, And as I and also my comrades done our Part and served our country well and done credit and honor to the good old town of Westford, we claim that the town should do by us as they agreed to and we Humbly ask of you that you would do justice by us. And I sincerely hope you will. There is not one of the old original members living to day but need what belongs to them and we claim that the town of Westford is indebted to us as I have state above. And in Behalf of my comrades and myself I earnestly Pray that you will as the select men of the town see that this claim is Properly and Honestly adjusted. I Am Sincerely Yours, Charles A. Bond, Formaly [formerly] of Co. C 16 Reg't Mass. Vols. P.S. Gentlemen, I hop you will give this matter you immediate attention. Enclosed Pleas find stamp for Return Ans. Send to Charles A. Bon, Box 624, Concord, N.H.

44. Receipt dated Westford Oct. 22, 1879. Received of the Town of Westford \$10 for State Aid for the month of September 1879. Signed, James McManus.
45. Printed Circular from Commonwealth of Mass., Auditor's Dept., dated Boston, Oct. 20, 1879, regarding disbursements of state aid under Chap. 192, Acts of 1877. Charles R. Ladd, State Auditor.
46. Letter dated Millville, Dec. 21 /79. Gentlemen, I received yours of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst I did not get it to the 24<sup>th</sup> in reply I have paid no taxes since before the war I was not long enough in any place to be assessed I am living with a man in Millville since September who took compassion on me as I could not work and I was destitute I told him I was in the army and I thought that the town I enlisted from would pay him for my support so he took me on them conditions so gentlemen I hop that you will consider my case fairly as I am in very need circumstances with out clothes and has nothing to get them with I hope that you will let me know as soon as possible it seems as though he cant keep me any longer with respect I submit my case to your honourable board Your respectfully, Thomas Lawler. PS Direct as before to Millville, Mass.
47. Receipt No. 148, dated Jan. 4, 1879, indigent soldiers & families state aid, \$75
48. Receipt No. 72, dated July 6, 1878, soldiers families state aid, \$42.50
49. Receipt dated Westford, Jan 26, 1880, for \$8 received from town of Westford for month of Jan. 1880 as authorized by Chapt. 252 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1879. Signed Thomas [his X mark] Carney. Attest Geo. T. Day
50. Letter from Commonwealth of Mass., Auditor's Dept., dated Boston, Jan 14, 1880, to Geo. T. Day Esq. Yours of 7<sup>th</sup> inst is rec'd. The certificates sent were satisfactory, the amount paid in 1878 is allowed and will be placed to your credit next month. We wish to get as many returns of that class as we can before making a warrant. Signed Edward Davis, for the Auditor.
51. Letter dated Boston, Feb. 5, 1880, to Geo. T. Day, Esq. Sir, I write you about the State Aid for I am Sick with rheumatism in my legs and I am very hard up if you would sent it to me as you said you would I will be very thankful to you. From James McManus, No. 57 Salem St., Boston, Mass.

52. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, July 17, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$39.00 has been approved for April 1880.
53. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, July, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$40.00 has been approved for March 1880.
54. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, July 17, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$40.00 has been approved for February 1880.
55. Roll of Company C, Sixth Regiment Inf'y, Mass. Vol. Militia, June 1, 1880. Only one name on roll: DeCatur, Clarence R. P., private, resident of Westford. Signed Alvin A. Hanscom, Captain, Lowell June 19, 1880, and Albert Pinder, Lieut. Col. 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't.
56. Roll of Company F, Cavalry, Mass. Vol. Militia, June 1, 1880, with 11 names from Westford: Fletcher, Sherman H., captain; Heald, Joseph B., Asst. Surg.; Kittredge, William L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut.; Balch, Wayland F., Private; Drew, Frank C., Private; Elliot, Charles H., Private; Fisher, Frederick A., Private; Feeney, John, Private; Griffin, Charles M., private; Hamlin, Charles A., Private; Hutchins, Alvin G., Private. Signed Sherman H. Fletcher, Captain, June 14, 1880, and Joseph B. Heald, J.P.
57. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Sept. 20, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$27.00 has been approved for August 1880.
58. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, July, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$35.00 has been approved for May 1880.
59. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Dec. 2, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$30.00 has been approved for November 1880.
60. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Oct. 21, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$33.00 has been approved for Sept. 1880.
61. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Oct. 21, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$29.00 has been approved for Sept. 1880.
62. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Nov. 30, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$33.00 has been approved for October 1880.
63. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Nov. 30, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$29.00 has been approved for April 1880.
64. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Aug. 13, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$35.00 has been approved for July 1880.
65. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Aug. 13, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$33.00 has been approved for July 1880.
66. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, July 17, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$33.00 has been approved for each of the months Feb-June, 1880.
67. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, July 17, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$35.00 has been approved for June 1880.
68. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Dec. 3, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$33.00 has been approved for November 1880.
69. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Sept. 20, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$33.00 has been approved for August 1880.
70. Letter dated Millville, Mass., May 5, 1880. To the Chairman of the Selectmen of Westford. I have not rec'd any State Aid from your Town since the mo. of Feb. under Mr. Day. I have sent you and asked ... pretty difficult to read. Signed Thomas Lawler.

71. Letter dated Boston, May 8, 1880, to Geo. T. Day Esq. Sir, I write to you to ask about the State Aid When I am to get it. I am very poor have run in Debt through the Winter If you would send me the State aid it would help me a great site or let me know how I will get it for I am in need of it. Direct 57 Salem St., Boston, Mass. From James McManus. Pleas answer.
72. Receipt No. 176, dated Dec. 4, 1880, indigent soldiers state aid for July, Aug. Sept., & Oct., \$150
73. Receipt No. 9, dated March 6, 1880, indigent soldiers state aid for Jan. & Feb., \$82.00
74. Receipt No. 32, dated May 1, 1880, state aid for March \$33.00
75. Receipt No. 10, dated March 6, 1880, soldiers families for Jan. & Feb., \$64.50
76. Receipt No. 170, dated Dec. 4, 1880, soldiers families for Oct. & Nov., \$66
77. Receipt No. 108, dated Sept. 4, 1880, soldiers families for August, \$33
78. Receipt No. 109, dated Oct. 2, 1880, soldiers families for Sept., \$33.00
79. Receipt No. 92, dated Aug. 7, 1880, indigent soldiers & families for May & June, \$70.00
80. Receipt No. 91, dated Aug. 7, 1880, soldiers families state aid, \$33
81. Receipt No. 66, dated July 3, 1880, soldiers families for May & June, \$66
82. Receipt No. 146, dated Jan. 4, 1879, soldiers families for August, \$42.50
83. Receipt No. 52, dated June 5, 1880, soldiers families for April, \$33
84. Receipt dated Westford, Jan. 3, 1880, rec'd of town of Westford \$8 for state aid under authority of Chapt. 252 Acts of 1879 for the month of Dec. 1879. Signed James McManus.
85. Letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, dated Boston, Jan. 22, 1880, to George T. Day, Esq., Westford, Mass. Find enclosed your Dec. Return under Chap. 252 upon which please enter the months you paid Green in addition to Dec. It is too late now to take the back months, our accounts are all made up. You make no report of payment to Butler and his papers are herewith returned. They seem to be all right. Return papers soon as possible. Signed Cha's W. Hastings, Commissioner.
86. Printed letter from Commissioners of State Aid, dated Boston, Feb. 11, 1880, emphasizing that need to make payments to soldiers, etc., within 10 days after the first day of the month next after the expenditure is made, per Sec. 7 of Chap. 252 Acts of 1879. From Chas. R. Ladd, A. Hun Berry, Charles W. Hastings, Commissioners
87. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Jan. 20, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$31.00 has been approved for December 1879.
88. Form letter marked "Revised" from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Feb. 11, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$31.50 has been approved for December 1879.
89. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Jan. 24, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$78.00 has been approved for December 1879.
90. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Feb. 11, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$40.00 has been approved for January 1880.
91. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Feb. 11, 1880, to selectmen of Westford saying \$31.50 has been approved for January 1880.
92. Receipt No. 160, dated Jan. 3, 1880, soldiers families for December, \$28.50
93. Receipt No. 189, dated Feb. 7, 1879, soldiers families, \$2.00
94. Receipt No. 190, dated Feb. 7, 1879, soldiers families, \$91.00 with a list attached: The following persons have been paid State Aid under Chap. 252 Acts of 1878: James

McManus for June-Dec., \$70; Thomas Lowler for Jun-Dec., \$70; John P. Green for Aug.-Dec., \$55; John Butler for Dec. \$6; total \$201.00

95. Printed letter from Acton Selectmen, dated Dec. 1, 1878, to the Selectmen of Westford stating that Acton is paying Bill Skinner Indigent Soldiers Aid and that if he contacts Westford for aid to not pay him. From D.J. Weatherbee and John Mite, Acton Selectmen
96. Printed letter from the City of Lowell Mayor's Office, dated Aug. 27, 1878, to the Selectmen stating that Michael McCarthy, who had two honorable discharges which entitle him to aid, is in needy circumstances and Westford should be able to help him under Chapter 282 of the Acts of 1878 in relation to the Poor and Indigent Soldiers and Sailors. From John A.E. Richardson.
97. Printed account of Poor and Indigent Soldiers Aid by Edward Prescott, one of the Overseers of Poor, dated Oct. 28, 1878. Sum of aid given to Augustus Thorning, Thomas Barney and John Green prior to May 17, 1878 and to Thomas Barney and John Green since May 17, 1878.
98. Printed Letter from Ayer Selectman, dated Jan. 27, 1879, to the Selectmen of the Town of Westford asking for the amount of aid allowed to James Hasley. From E.C. Willard.

**Folder: "Military – Civil War 1879"**

1. Form from Adjutant-General's Office, dated Boston, Dec. 18, 1879. The name of Timothy Nolan of Westford aged 25, occupation Farmer, is born upon the Muster-out Roll of Co. C 16<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass. Volunteer Infantry, Maj. Richardson; enlisted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1861, and mustered into service of United States on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1861, for 3 years. Disch'd for disability on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1862. Signed A. Hun Berry, Adjutant-General.

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1881-82"**

1. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 8, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from the Commissioners
2. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 8, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from the Commissioners
3. Receipt; Doc # 195; dated Jan 1, 1881; State Aid for soldier's families ; amount 33\$
4. Receipt; Doc # 196; dated Jan 1, 1881; State Aid for soldier's families ; amount 35\$
5. Receipt; Doc # 202; dated Feb 5, 1881; State aid for soldier's families ; amount 33\$
6. Receipt; Doc # 203; dated Feb 5, 1881; State aid for soldier's families ; amount 35\$
7. Letter dated April 12, 1881 from the Office of Milo B. Stevens & Co. War Claim Attorneys requesting names of those receiving pensions at the Westford post office to help make pension claims; names on the back of the letter: James Hildreth, Olivia A. Prescott, A. R. Podham, Henry D. Pierce, Achert King, H.A. Hutchinson, Hannah Wyeth, George T. Day
8. Envelope titled State Aid Returned dated 1881
9. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 8, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from the Commissioners
10. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 8, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from the Commissioners
11. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 14, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from the Commissioners

12. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 14, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 43\$; from the Commissioners
13. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 2, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 37\$ to Mrs. Bicknell; also requesting a certificate of reasons for Mrs. Bicknell; from Commissioners
14. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 13, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 30\$; from Commissioners
15. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 13, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
16. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 18, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 30\$; from Commissioners
17. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 2, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 43\$; from Commissioners
18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 18, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
19. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 21, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 21, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 30\$; from Commissioners
21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 12, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
22. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 12, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 30\$; from Commissioners
23. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 17, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 30\$; from Commissioners
24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 17, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 29, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 30\$; from Commissioners
26. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 29, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
27. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 20, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from Commissioners
28. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 20, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
29. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 5, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
30. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 6, 1881; "Return of Military Aid" of 30\$; from Commissioners Receipt; Doc # 129; dated October 7, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 27\$
31. Receipt; Doc # 17; dated March 5, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 41\$
32. Receipt; Doc # 18; dated March 4, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 43\$
33. Receipt; Doc # 217; dated July 7, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 43\$
34. Receipt; Doc # 216; dated July 7, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
35. Receipt; Doc # 193; dated Dec 3, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 30\$
36. Receipt; Doc # 192; dated Dec 3, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$

37. Receipt; Doc # 174; dated Nov 5, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 30\$
38. Receipt; Doc # 175; dated Nov 5, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
39. Receipt; Doc # 107; dated June 4, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
40. Receipt; Doc # 108; dated June 4, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 35\$; paid by S.D. Fletcher (selectman)
41. Receipt; Doc # 113; dated July 3, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$; paid by S.D. Fletcher (selectman)
42. Receipt; Doc # 114; dated July 3, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 30\$; paid by S.D. Fletcher (selectman)
43. Receipt; Doc # 125; dated July 28, 1881; State aid for George Hartford; amount 9\$; signed George T. Day (selectman)
44. Receipt; Doc # 120; dated Aug 6, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$; paid by S.D. Fletcher (selectman)
45. Receipt; Doc # 121; dated Aug 6, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 30\$; paid by S.D. Fletcher (selectman)
46. Receipt; Doc # 131; dated Sept 3, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$; paid by S.D. Fletcher (selectman)
47. Receipt; Doc # 152; dated Oct 15, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$; paid by S.D. Fletcher (selectman)
48. Receipt; Doc # 153; dated Oct 13, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 30\$; paid by S.D. Fletcher (selectman)
49. Receipt; Doc # 34; dated March 12, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
50. Receipt; Doc # 35; dated March 12, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 43\$
51. Receipt; Doc # 75; dated April 2, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 43\$
52. Receipt; Doc # 74; dated April 2, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
53. Receipt; Doc # 78; dated May 7, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
54. Receipt; Doc # 99; dated May 7, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
55. Receipt; Doc # 79; dated May 6, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 27\$
56. Receipt; Doc # 80; dated May 6, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 54\$
57. Receipt; Doc # 86; dated May 6, 1882; For George T. Day for hotel bill and other expenses; amount 14.50\$
58. Receipt; Doc # 88; dated June 3, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 40\$
59. Receipt; Doc # 87; dated June 3, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 27\$
60. Receipt; Doc # 123; dated Sept 2, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 27\$
61. Receipt; Doc # 112; dated July 4, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 27\$
62. Receipt; Doc # 113; dated July 7, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 57\$
63. Receipt; Doc # 114; dated Aug 5, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 27\$; paid by S.D. Fletcher (selectman)
64. Receipt; Doc # 124; dated Sept 2, 1881; State aid for soldier's families; amount 84\$
65. Letter to George T. Day dated March 29, 18?; Relating to Mrs. Bicknell's Pension: asking Day to file and swear to Mrs. Bicknell's pension application and to send her March return and pay her her March state aid.; signed by Commissioner Charles W. Hastings
66. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 16, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 37\$ for Martha Bicknell; from Commissioners



67. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 16, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 43\$; from Commissioners
68. Letter to George T. Day dated January 16, 1882; relating to discontinuing Mrs. Bicknell's state aid because she is a married mother under the act of April 1867 and she was not a person aided in 1866, 4<sup>th</sup> class sec 1 chap 311, acts of 1867: is the only clause under which a married mother can draw; signed Commissioner Charles W. Hastings
69. Letter to George T. Day dated February 27, 1882 requesting information on Frederick Groff, Matthew McHally, J. Hills, and Daniel Hampton to see where they have received aid, signed the town clerk G.B. Beusel
70. Letter to George T. Day dated April 19, 1882 relating to approvals of returns of state aid and about future payments to the following people: James McMannus, Thomas Lawler, George Mulls, John Butler, John P. Green, Thomas Cleary; signed commissioner Charles W. Hastings
71. Form letter from Adjutant General's Office dated Boston, Feb. 14, 1882. The name of Mathew McNalley of Westford aged 38 is borne on the muster-out roll of V.R.C. Regt. Mass. Vol. Infantry, enlisted 7 May 1864, mustered in 7 May 1864 for 3 yrs., mustered out 15 Nov 1865.
72. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 18, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
73. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 18, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 43\$; from Commissioners
74. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 6, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 43\$; from Commissioners
75. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 6, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 27\$; from Commissioners
76. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 19, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 27\$; from Commissioners
77. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 19, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 54\$; from Commissioners
78. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 18, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 27\$; from Commissioners
79. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 18, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 51\$; with a note to discontinue aid to John Butler; from Commissioners
80. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 28, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 46\$; from Commissioners
81. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 23, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 27\$; from Commissioners
82. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 10, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 46\$; from Commissioners
83. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 10, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 27\$; from Commissioners
84. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 22, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 27\$; also asking if the pension of Bicknell is 4\$ or 3\$ from Commissioners

85. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 22, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 38\$; from Commissioners
86. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 6, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 27\$; from Commissioners
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90. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 10, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 27\$; from Commissioners
91. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 10, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 27\$; from Commissioners
92. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 15, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 27\$; from Commissioners
93. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 15, 1882; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from Commissioners
94. Form letter from Adjutant General's Office dated Boston, Feb. 14, 1882. The name of Gustavus J. Mills of Westford aged 21 is borne upon the muster-out roll of 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Arty. Regt. enlisted and mustered in on 25 Jan 1865, mustered out --. No final record.
95. Form letter from Adjutant General's Office dated Boston, Feb. 14, 1882. The name of Daniel Hampton of Westford, aged 28, is borne upon the muster-out roll of V.R.C., enlisted and mustered in 27 Dec 1864, mustered out --. No final record.
96. Roll of members of company F, Cavalry, Mass. Vol. Militia, June 1, 1882: Fletcher, Sherman H., Captain; Heald, Joseph B., Asst. Surg.; Kittredge, William L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut.; Greig, David L.; Bugler; Balch, Wayland F., Priv.; Burbeck, William J., Priv.; Drew, Frank C., Priv.; Dunn, John J., Priv.; Feeney, John, Priv.; Fisher, Aleck, Priv.; Griffin, Charles M., Priv.; Keyes, Edward H., Priv.; Leighton, Amos R., Priv.; Lewis, Fred. H., Priv.; Toye, John A., Priv.; Burnham, Charles F., Priv.; residence of all is Westford. Signed Sherman H. Fletcher, Captain, Westford, June 24, 1882, and Joseph B. Heald, J.P.
97. Receipt; Doc # 157; dated Nov 4, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 54\$
98. Receipt; Doc # 156; dated Nov 4, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 27\$
99. Receipt; Doc # 163; dated Dec 1, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 27\$
100. Receipt; Doc # 164; dated Dec 1, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 27\$
101. Envelope from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid to George T. Day, dated June 23, 1982. 3¢ stamp.
102. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, dated July 10, 1882, to George T. Day, Esq. Selectman of Westford. Approval of Returns of State Aid for the month of June 1882. Also Certificate of Reasons to be filled out for George H. Elliot, Ai Bicknell and George L (?). From the clerk.
103. Letter from Millville, Mass, dated April 11, 1881. Aid for Mr. Lyman Legg. [handwriting extremely illegible]
104. Letter from Millville, Mass, dated Jan. 9, 1881. Aid for Mr. Lyman Legg. [handwriting extremely illegible]

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1883"**

1. Receipt; Doc # 40; dated March 11, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 27\$
2. Receipt; Doc # 180; dated January 6, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 35\$
3. Receipt; Doc # 41; dated March 11, 1882; State aid for soldier's families; amount 43\$
4. Receipt; Doc # 179; dated January 6, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 27\$
5. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 19, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 45\$; from Commissioners
6. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 19, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
7. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 12, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
8. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 1, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
9. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid dated Boston, Feb. 19 1883, to selectmen of Westford saying \$30.00, less \$3.00 not allowed = \$27.00 has been approved for January 1883. \$3.00 for James H. Hall not allowed – 100 days men not credited.
10. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 19, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 44\$; from Commissioners
11. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 12, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 44\$; from Commissioners
12. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 2, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 44\$; from Commissioners
13. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 26, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from Commissioners
14. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 25, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; asked to fill in blanks for Millis Bicknell and Elliott Fowood for the next return; from Commissioners
15. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 27, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
16. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 27, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from Commissioners
17. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 27, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 27, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from Commissioners
19. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 12, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 16, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from Commissioners
21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 12, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from Commissioners
22. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 20, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from Commissioners
23. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 20, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners

24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 16, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 17, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 27\$; from Commissioners
26. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 17, 1883; "Return of Military Aid" of 40\$; from Commissioners
27. Letter from Office of State Aid Committee, City Government Building, Lowell, Mass., Jan. 31, 1883, to Geo. L. Day, Chairman of Selectmen. Your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> rec'd. The name of Alvarado Shaw is on our Pay Roll for month of Jan, and he can send here for the amount due. After Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> his name will be dropped. You will have to inform the Commissioner of State Aid at Boston of the change made, as your town is the one paying this amount. Signed J. W. Cummiskey, Clerk Com. State Aid
28. Receipt; Doc # 43; dated June 2, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
29. Receipt; Doc # 44; dated June 2, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
30. Receipt; Doc # 60; dated July 7, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
31. Receipt; Doc # 61; dated July 7, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 35\$
32. Receipt; Doc # 80; dated August 4, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 35\$
33. Receipt; Doc # 79; dated August 4, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
34. Receipt; Doc # 104; dated Sept 1, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
35. Receipt; Doc # 105; dated Sept 1, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 35\$
36. Receipt; Doc # 111; dated October 6, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
37. Receipt; Doc # 115; dated October 6, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 35\$
38. Receipt; Doc # 127; dated Nov 15, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 66\$
39. Receipt; Doc # 128; dated Nov 10, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 70\$
40. Receipt; Doc # 15; dated April 7, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 33\$
41. Receipt; Doc # 2; dated March 10, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 89\$
42. Receipt; Doc # 1; dated March 10, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 63\$
43. Receipt; Doc # 16; dated April 7, 1883; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
44. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid State House to the Mayor or selectmen of the cities and towns of MA, stating that 15 thousand dollars has been allotted to assist in the maintenance of deserving soldiers and sailors in the massachusetts Soldier's home Chelsea, Mass. Under Chapter 252, acts of 1879 (chapter 30 of Public Statutes) says that it is not necessary to continue military aid to inmates of said home. This letter is requesting that the selectmen takes those names that this applies to off their monthly payment list; from the commissioners Charles R. Ladd, Samuel Dalton, and Charles W. Hastings
45. Typed letter from Commissioners of State Aid, dated Feb. 7, 1883, emphasizing the need to carefully review requests for State or Military Aid "Relieve the needs of the worthy and helpless soldiers, but give emphatic notice to the dissipated and undeserving that this honorable aid of the state is not for them." Also included letter from Benj. F. Butler, Commander in Chief of the Military Department endorsing the Commissioners letter.
46. Notice of Issue: Department of the Interior, Pension Office, Jan. 8, 1883; certificate of original pension to James Henry Hall.
47. Letter: from E. Prescott to G. T. Day, dated Jan. 3, 1883; settlement with Mr. Fisher.

**Folder: "1884 Military State Aid"**

1. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 2, 1884; "Return of Military Aid" of 40\$; from Commissioners
2. Form letter from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Aug 2, 1884, to selectmen of Westford saying \$43.50, less \$9.00 not allowed = \$34.50 has been approved. \$6.00 for Geo Hutchinson and \$3.00 for Joseph Raymond; from commissioners
3. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 13, 1884; "Return of Military Aid" of 34.50\$; from Commissioners
4. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 13, 1884; "Return of Military Aid" of 40\$; from Commissioners
5. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid to George T. Day dated Feb 13, 1884; saying: Enclosed herewith find the approvals of your Return of Military Aid for January last. The cases of Hutchinson and Raymond have been carefully examined since the full facts more presented. In all cases of new applicants under chap 301 the papers should be carefully prepared before payment. In fact applicants under either law should be thoroughly examined and all the facts bearing on the case fully stated on the Certificate of Reasons. You can not, of course expect me to know as much as you do about a case unless you give me the information. Especially do we desire to know all about the pension amount need and how disposed of. In the case of Hutchinson we will approve 4\$ per month and the 6\$ disallowed on the November return may be added to the 4\$ on the Feb. return. Enclosed is an application partly filled which Hutchinson will sign and make oath to ...entering the amount of pension per month. In the case of Joseph Raymond the sum of \$3 will be approved and the \$3 disallowed in Nov. made be added to the Feb. Allowance. Return the application of Hutchinson when completed. Signed Charles W. Hastings (commissioner)
6. Receipt; Doc # 156; dated Jan 5, 1884; State aid for soldier's families; amount 66\$
7. Receipt; Doc # 157; dated Jan 5, 1884; State aid for soldier's families; amount 80\$

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1885-1886"**

1. Receipt; Doc # 88; dated Aug 1, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 49.50\$
2. Receipt; Doc # 27; dated May 20, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 49.50\$
3. Receipt; Doc # 102; dated Sept 5, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
4. Receipt; Doc # 101; dated Sept 5, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 49.50\$
5. Receipt; Doc # 117; dated Oct 3, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 49.50\$
6. Receipt; Doc # 118; dated Oct 30, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
7. Receipt; Doc # 16; dated April 7, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
8. Receipt; Doc # 138; dated Nov 7, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 49.50\$
9. Receipt; Doc # 141; dated Nov 7, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
10. Receipt; Doc # 158; dated Dec 5, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 49\$
11. Receipt; Doc # 159; dated Dec 5, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
12. Receipt; Doc # 172; dated Dec 12, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 49.50\$
13. Receipt; Doc # 173; dated Dec 13, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
14. Receipt; Doc # 48; dated June 6, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
15. Receipt; Doc # 47; dated June 6, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 49.50\$
16. Receipt; Doc # 64; dated July 30, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 49.50\$
17. Receipt; Doc # 65; dated July 30, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$

18. Receipt; Doc # 89; dated Aug 1, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
19. Receipt; Doc # 5; dated March 7, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 94\$
20. Receipt; Doc # 4; dated March 7, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 95\$
21. Receipt; Doc # 28; dated May 2, 1885; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
22. Envelope addressed to George T. Day Esq. Selectman Westford, Mass dated March 25, 1985
23. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Jan 27, 1885 to George T. Day saying: in response to your note of recent date. I have to say that when the law says you may pay the aid "to" or "for" such and such persons it means just that. It's your right and authority to disburse the aid in cash or orders cannot be questioned. All that we require is that every dollar charged on your return as having been disbursed to or for the persons named shall actually have been so paid. If you feel that it is safest and best to send the aid to Nichols son to be used for the old man – it must be so. Only be sure that the soldier gets the full benefit of what you allow. The same in the case of Fowler. Signed Commissioner Charles W. Hastings.
24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 5, 1886; "Return of Military Aid" of 44\$; from Commissioners
25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 28, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 47\$; from Commissioners
26. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 28, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 45.50\$; from Commissioners
27. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 28, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 47\$; from Commissioners
28. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 24, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 49.50\$; from Commissioners
29. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 22, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 49.50\$; from Commissioners
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38. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec 4, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 49.50\$; from Commissioners

39. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 29, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 44\$; from Commissioners
40. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 29, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 49.50\$; from Commissioners
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42. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept 24, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 44\$; from Commissioners
43. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Nov 2, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 44\$; from Commissioners
44. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Nov 2, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 49.50\$; from Commissioners
45. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec 4, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 44\$; from Commissioners
46. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec 23, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 44\$; from Commissioners
47. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec 23, 1885; "Return of Military Aid" of 49.50\$; from Commissioners
48. Receipt; Doc # 179; dated Jan 2, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44.50\$
49. Receipt; Doc # 43; dated June 5, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 51.50\$
50. Receipt; Doc # 42; dated June 5, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 51.50\$
51. Receipt; Doc # 72; dated Aug 7, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 128\$
52. Receipt; Doc # 73; dated Aug 7, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 157.50\$
53. Receipt; Doc # 21; dated April 3, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 103\$
54. Receipt; Doc # 22; dated April 3, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 95\$
55. Receipt; Doc # 28; dated May 1, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 44\$
56. Receipt; Doc # 24; dated May 1, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 57.50\$
57. Receipt; Doc # 178; dated Jan 2, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 49.50\$
58. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb 5, 1886; "Return of Military Aid" of 49.50\$; from Commissioners
59. Receipt; Doc # 97; dated Oct 2, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 105\$
60. Receipt; Doc # 96; dated Oct 20, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 42\$
61. Receipt; Doc # 121; dated Dec 4, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 72\$
62. Receipt; Doc # 122; dated Dec 4, 1886; State aid for soldier's families; amount 105\$
63. Form, Application for Military Aid under Chapter 252, Acts of 1879. To Selectmen of Westford, John Wayne, 47, resident of Westford, was a private in the Army. He enlisted at Acton on 2 Sept. 1861 for the quota of Acton in Co. E 26<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass. Vol. for 3 yrs. until discharged on 26 Aug. 1865, duration being 3 years, 11 months 7 days. Attest April 22, 1886 by John M. Fletcher, J.P.
64. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 31, 1886 to George T. Day saying: enclosed find approvals of your returns of aid for June 86. In the case of A. Shaw if he is actually residing in Westford we of course, do not want to suspend the aid. In the case of John Wayne you can pay him \$3 per month and us the favor to fill in the enclosed C of R and destroy this old one and all you have of that kind. They do not give all the information we desire. Forward the paper with your July return. Signed Commissioner Charles W. Hastings

65. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 27, 1886 to George T. Day saying: in the case of Geo Hutchinson will approve \$6 for the present although spring is an unfavorable time to apply for increase of aid. In the case of John Wayne some further things are needed. He has not signed the application, there is no Adjutant General's Certificate nor Certificate of disability. We shall not give any order to pay him. If you think it a good case under the law, the Selectmen should indicate; what they propose to do for him. Please return these papers completed. Signed Commissioner C.W. Hastings
66. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 7, 1886 to George T. Day saying: your note of April 6, need. The case of Hunter is not clear or satisfactory, and we feel ought not to continue, but as you seem disposed to grant another \$10 we consent to approve that \$10 and no more, unless circumstances change very much. Signed Commissioner Charles W. Hastings
67. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 5, 1886 to George T. Day saying: Boston refuses to pay Mrs. F. further aid while she is a non-resident. If you will complete the papers partly filled by Mr. Peterson and pay Mrs. Frederick for March and April we will approve the same. She intends to return to Boston after May 1<sup>st</sup> and it is doubtful if we all aid through the summer after she gets her increase of pension. Signed Commissioner Charles W. Hastings
68. Letter from City of Boston, Charity Building, Office of Soldiers' Relief, March 3, 1886, to the Chairman of Selectmen, Westford. Boston has paid Mrs. Clarissa Frederick widow of Benjamin B. Frederick Co. B 39<sup>th</sup> Mass. Inf. \$4 per month State Aid to March 1, 1886. Aid will be discontinued from March 1 as she is now residing in your Town. She thinks she may move back to Boston next May or June. Mrs. Frederick is a very worthy person, and we have known her for a long time. Signed R. Peterson.
69. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 6, 1886 to George T. Day saying: enclosed find approvals of your Return of Military Aid for March Last. In the case of Mrs. Clarissa Frederick as she will in future draw \$12 per month pension and as she has \$2000 in bank we think the necessity for the state aid does not exist and after the payment for May you can withhold further payment. Signed Commissioner Charles W. Hastings
70. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb 3, 1886 to George T. Day saying; will you please fill in the enclosed Certificate of Reasons for Putney. Destroy those all old blanks if you have any as they are out of date and use. Will send you a package of blanks today. We will approve the \$4 per month to Putney for the present. Forward the C of R with your return. Signed Commissioner Charles W. Hastings
71. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 15, 1886 to the selectmen of Westford saying: For the purpose of facilitating business relating to the Military Aid matters, will you please notify us, immediately after the annual Town Meeting, which of the Selectmen (with his P.O. Address) you desire us to correspond with the ensuing years. Signed Chas W. Hastings, Com's and Clerk of Board
72. Form, Certificate of Reasons for Disbursing State Aid, dated Apr. 21, 1886. John Wayne, Co. E 26<sup>th</sup> Mass. Inf., of Westford, age 47, disability – rupture heart trouble, deprived of 3 months work, wife owns a small farm, has applied for a pension, relief sought is temporary, dependents – wife and 4 children.



73. Letter from Commissioner of State Aid, Boston, July 7, 1886... Drop Alvarado Shaw who is reported to have moved to Lowell. Drop Thomas Lawler as he died on May 17. James McManus is a perplexing case... Send William Hunter in here for examination, any day except Saturday.
74. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb 15, 1887 to George T. Day saying: in the cases applying for increased aid and renewal. I would remark as follows. Joseph H. Wilson and A. Bicknell can be increased to \$5 per month until further advised and Alvarado Shaw will be allowed \$3 per month from Feb 1st. I should have written before but have been confined to the house by sickness for several weeks. Signed Commissioner Chas. W. Hastings
75. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb 8, 1886 to George T. Day saying: in the case of Wm Hunter we advise that you allow him \$10 and inform him that we shall refuse to continue further aid. He has no particular disability and being out of employment is not the ground for granting military aid. Signed Commissioner Chas W. Hastings
76. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 16, 1886; "Return of Military Aid" of 47.50\$; from Commissioners
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81. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 7, 1886; "Return of Military Aid" of 56\$; from Commissioners
82. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Aug 31, 1886; "Return of Military Aid" of 52.50\$; from Commissioners
83. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept 30, 1886; "Return of Military Aid" of 52.50\$; from Commissioners
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97. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec 2, 1886; "Return of Military Aid" of 52.50\$; from Commissioners

**Folder: "Military State Aid – Michael Hearty 1887, 1888"**

1. Form: Certificate of Reasons for Disbursing Military Aid, dated Boston, Dec. 21, 1887. Michael Hearty of 5 Jefferson Place off Bennett St., age 50, weak and seems quite feeble stupid. I should say trouble with his head. He certainly is not able to work and has done no work for the last four yours. Has good habits [no addictions]. Pays \$1.50 per week rent. He has a wife who works and has supported him for the last four years. Her earnings are very small and they have very little. I should say that \$6 per month at present. Signed R. Peterson.
2. Letter from The Associated Charities of Boston, Wards 10, 1, and 12, 2 ½ Carver St., Dated January 18, 1888. To George T. Day: Mrs. Harty has just been to see me. She expects to get through this week at the place where she has been working of late and is feeling quite anxious about the assistance she is expecting from you – I told her I would write you – you can ? in my care if you desire. Signed Perkins F. Smith
3. Letter from The Associated Charities of Boston, Wards 10, 1, and 12, 2 ½ Carver St., Dated April 12, 1888. To George T. Day (chairman-selectman): Mrs. Michael Harty tells me she rec'd the last money Mch 3. And expected another remittance the first of this month. Perhaps this is wrong in her expectations – but will you so kindly tell me when and how often she is to have this money. Signed Perkin F. Smith
4. Letter from The Associated Charities of Boston, Wards 10, 1, and 12, 2 ½ Carver St., Dated March 7, 1888. To George T. Day (chairman-selectman): I have no objection to having the amount for Mr. Harty sent to me and can make arrangements for them to call and get it. Signed Perkins F. Smith
5. Letter from the Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 24, 1888, To George T. Day Esq. (selectman of Westford): Enclosed find approvals of your returns of Military Aid for Dec. last. In the case of Michael Harty, after the payment for March, will you please notify him to report here for another examination, about the middle of April? Signed C.W. Hastings (commissioner)
6. Receipt Doc # 28; From the Office of the Overseers of the Poor, Boston, Dated May 2, 1888; \$1 for Michael Harty Paid Dec. 17, 1888; Signed B. Pettee.
7. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, State House, Boston, Jan. 18, 1888. To George T. Day Esq. Chairman of Selectmen, Westford. In the case of Michael Harty, I am

directed by the Commis. to say that the payment of \$10.00 for the month of January and \$6.00 per month thereafter as suggested by you, will receive their approval under Chap. 252. signed J. W. White, Agent.

8. Letter from the Office of Soldier's Relief, Boston; dated July 14, 1887; To the Chariman of Selectmen Westford: I send you the application for military aid of Michael Harty. It is a case that requires immediate assistance.; Signed R. Peterson
9. Letter from The Associated Charities of Boston, Wards 10, 11 and 12, 2 ½ Carver St., Dec. 30 '87. To the Selectmen of Westford. I would like to speak a word in favor of Michael Harty, whose papers have recently been forwarded you by Mr. Peterson with the idea of his receiving State Aid. He seems unable to earn & is supported by his wife. A grant of \$6 mo. would be thankfully rec'd. Signed Perkins F. Smith, Agent.
10. Form letter from Surgeon-General's Office, Boston, July 8, 1887, regarding Michael Hearty, late of Co. C 9<sup>th</sup> Inf. & Navy, of Boston, in my opinion he is disabled ½ time by reason of debility; says he is very weak and has not been able to work for four weeks. Condition of applicant as found: He is full and thin his pulse are [sic] quick and his tongue [illegible word]. He seems to [be] quite sick from some cause. Think he ought to be examined again in two months. Signed Alfred F. Holt, Surgeon-General
11. Letter dated Custom House, Boston, Mass., Collector's Office, July 8, 1887. to Wm. P. Carroll Esq., Alderman, Boston. The bearer Mrs. Harty is the wife of Michael Harty, Co. C. 9<sup>th</sup> Mass. Vols. Who served a full term of service during the late war. He was a faithful soldiers, and is now, and has been, suffering from the effects of hard service in his regiment so much so that he is unable to work. Mr. Harty is therefore entitled to State Aid, will you be kind enough to assist her in processing it for her husband, and oblige. Signed D. G. Macnamara, President Society old 9<sup>th</sup> Reg't
12. Form, Application for Military Aid under Chapter 252, Acts of 1879. Michael Hearty, aged 47, of Westford served as a private & coal heaver in the Army [& Navy]. Enlisted at Boston and was mustered in on 11 June 1861 for the quota of Boston in Co. C 9<sup>th</sup> Reg. Mass. Vol. Infantry to serve 3 years; served until 21 June 1864. Subsequently on 16 Aug 1864 enlisted in U.S. Navy to the credit of Westford in which he served until 15 June 1866. Signed Boston, July 1, 1887, [signature very labored] Michael Harty. Attested Boston, July 8, 1887, before Reuben Peterson, J.P.
13. Form, Certificate of Reasons for Disbursing Military Aid, dated Boston, July 7, 1887, applicant "Michael Hearty or Harty"; residence 74 Essex St., Boston. Looks sick and is sick, been ailing the last three years. Has done very little work in the last three years. Full disability. Good habits [no addictions]. No pension. His wife earns all that comes into the family. Pays \$1.50 per week for rent. Has no U.S. pension. Relief required is temporary. One dependent, his wife. Drew aid under Chap. 282 in Boston in 1878.
14. Form letter from Adjutant General's Office, Boston, July 8, 1887, the name Michael Hearty of Boston, age 24, occupation laborer, is borne on the muster-out roll of Co. C 9<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass. Vol. Inf., Col. Guiney; enlisted 11 Jun 1861 and mustered in 11 June 1861 for 3 years; mustered out 21 June 1864, expir. of service.; stamped Samuel Dalton (Adjutant General)

14b. Certificate of United States Navy from the Adjutant General's Office, Boston, dated July 8, 1887. The Name of Michael Harty, aged 27, occupation Soldier, is borne upon the Roll of the United States Navy, to the credit of Westford, Mustered into service on the 16 day of Aug, 1864, for three years; discharged from R. L. Princeton on

the 15 day of June 1866. C.H. for disability; signed Samuel Dalton (Adjutant General);  
Remarks: Served on Sagamore and ? (naval ships)

15. Letter from The Associated Charities, Conference of Wards X, XI, XII, dated Boston Oct. 15, 1890, to George T. Day. The U.S. Pension Agent informs me that Mich. Harty was paid Sept. 11 /90 \$2071.77; and will receive \$17 per mo. I have mailed to him your letter (changing the "\$30" to \$17). Signed Helen M. Hunt, Agent.

**Folder: "Military State Aid – Lawler 1880-1887"**

1. Receipt dated Millville Feb. 20, 1880. Rec'd of the town of Westford \$8 as State Aid under Chapt. 252 Acts of 1879 for the month of December 1879. Signed Thomas (his X mark) Lawler. Witness Lyman Legg?
2. Letter dated Millville Dec. 17 /79. to Selectmen of Westford. I Thomas Lawlor a soldier forming a part of your quota being in needy circumstances on account of my eyesight failing me and being so long out of employment on account of my sight I can not see to spin all money is spent I am obliged to call on you for some assistance gentlemen you may rest assured if I only could get along I would not call on you you will please direct to Millville Mass for me and you will oblige your humble servant Thomas Lawlor. N.B. I enlisted in the 13<sup>th</sup> artillery battery Mass. signed Thomas Lawlor
3. Pink post card receipt for registered mail, about 4 x 2 inches, sender: George T. Day cha'n Selectmen, Westford, Mass., returned 20 Feb 1880 from Lyman Legg P.M., Millville, Mass.
4. Registry Receipt for registered mail no. 22, Rec'd February 20, 1880, of George T. Day Chairman Selectman Westford Mass. Addressed to Postmaster Millville Mass, Sherman D. Fletcher
5. Letter dated Millville, Mass., Feb. 25, 1880, to Mr. Day. I rec'd your letter containing the \$24 for Mr. Lawlor and have paid out to him the sum and now return to you his receipt for the sum. Mr. Lawlor wishes to have me in this letter explain to you and your kind board his thanks. I shall e quite willing to do this business for your while Mr. Lawlor is in our town as an act of Charity to your town and to Mr. Lawlor. Signed Lyman Legg. [this letter is very difficult to read and shouldn't be taken as proof of the spelling of Lawlor]
6. Letter dated Millville, Mass. Feb. 19, 1880, to Mr. George T. Day: I have not heard anything from you since I wrote you in Nov. to your first letter to me date of Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1880. I thought I would again write you and ask you if you could? Arrange is that I can have something of aid – in your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> of Jan you say you? The amount of \$7? You can send me a money order? Signed ?Lawlor, Millsville, Mass.
7. Letter dated Blackstone Mass., Jan. 10, 1887, to the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Westford. Your letter dated Jan 6<sup>th</sup> '87 came to hand in due time with a part payment of a bill sent you Jan. 4, '87 for support and burial of Patrick Lawlor. I now send an itemized bill as I find it on the book acct. kept by D. W. Heffernan who has resigned his office as overseer of Poor and is not at present a citizen of this town or state. I judge from letters found in Heffernan's files that the Overseers of Westford has no regard for how a common soldier should be buried. I understand Lawlor was one of those who filled your quota and fought your battles in the dark days of rebellion is he not entitled to a Christian burial. Is the woman that took care of him not worthy of her pay. The man that dug and covered in his grave is he not to be paid. Do you refuse to pay the man that cleaned and shaved him. Do you expect the four bearers that carried him to the hearse and from the

hearse to the grave to walk four miles from where he died to the burying ground without a carriage to convey them. In a word are you so small as not to be willing to pay \$37.75 for the last charge that remains against the dead hero. He who filled his position on the field with as much valor as Gen. Grant did his, although it cost thousands of dollars to defray his (Grant's) burial expenses. Gentlemen I desire to state once more that I have been elected Overseer of the Poor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of D. W. Heffernan. Send me the balance of the acct. standing against your town immediately and I will receipt the bill. Signed Patrick Kennedy, Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor of Blackstone Mass.

8. Letter dated Millville Mass., June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1886, to George T. Day, Esq., Chairman. Your letter of the 16th rec'd and noted. I have heard that Mr. Lawlor had children but am unable to find any trace of them. Mr. Lawlor died without any money as he was in bad health for some time previous. I have referred your letter to our town officials who will write you all they know about the matter. Signed Louis B. [R.?] Banigan
9. Letter dated Blackstone Aug. 4, 1886 from the Overseers of Poor, Westford: Will you please inform us if Patt. Lawlor had a settlement in your town. We sent a formal bill sometime ago and have not heard from you.; signed D. W. Heffernan, Ch, O. Poor.
10. Bill dated Blackstone, Mass., May 19, 1886, sent to Town of Blackstone, Bill of Thomas Lawlor, from Daniel A. Fogarty, Undertaker, all items dated May 19, 1886: coffin \$8.50, shroud \$4.50, shirt and drawers \$1.50, stockings \$0.25, candles, \$1.50, laying out \$3.00, hearse \$6.00, hack \$4.50. Total \$29.75. Received payment signed Daniel A. Fogarty.
11. Bill dated Blackstone, Mass., Aug. 25, '86, to Town of Westford, for care and burial of Thomas Lawlor as per bills paid by us. \$39.00. signed D. W. Heffernan
12. Letter dated Blackstone, Mass Aug, 10, 1886 to Mr. George T. Day: In regard to Patrick Lawlor, would say, that the hack and candles you speak of were not ordered by us, but were furnished by the undertaker and sent with the bill as you see it. In regards to the 5.00 for care 1.00 for shaving, we sent you no bill, but simply the amount expendable by us, intending to send a bill of the whole if his settlement proved to be in Westford. We have the original bills all receipted. The 8.00 you speak of was expended in July. His rent which was ordered and for which the receipts can be finished if you desire.; d.w. Heffernan Ch. O. Poor.
13. Receipt dated Blackstone, June 24 1886; Digging grave Thos. Lawlor \$9; Ann Schanck care of Thos. Lawlor \$5; Shaving \$1.
14. Receipt dated Blackstone, Mass., January 4, 1887, from Town of Blackstone, in account with the town of Westford, for support care and burial of Patrick Lawlor, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1886 \$37.75; please send check to oversees of the poor Blackstone, Mass. P. Kennedy Chairman
15. Letter to Blackstone Mass, dated June 25, 1886; Thos. Lawlor has been buried at our expense. Enclosed please find amount of bills.; signed D. W. Heffernan (c. overseers poor)
16. Empty envelope with title Letters & Papers relating to claim of Blackstone for burial of Thomas Lawlor
17. 16b. Pink postcard receipt for registered mail, about 4 x 2 inches, sender: George T. Day Westford, Mass., to Mr. DW Heffernan Chair Overseers of the poor Blackstone, Mass. returned Jan 8, 1887; signed Patrick Kennedy Ch. Overseers of Poor Balckstone

18. Receipt doc #187; dated Blackstone, Mass., Feb. 5, 1887, from Town of Blackstone, in account with the town of Westford, for support and burial in full of Patrick Lawlor, \$31.75. Rc'd payment in full, signed Patrick Kennedy, Overseers of Poor. [Apparently Westford did not pay the \$5 for "Ann Schanck for taking care of him" nor the \$1 for "Sandy Morris for shaving him."]
19. Letter dated Blackstone January 4, 1887 (pauper department) to the Overseers of the poor of the town of Westford: having been recently elected overseer of the poor, cause resignation of Dan'l W. Heffernan; and finding on examination of our pauper acct. an unpaid bill of \$37.75 standing on our book for care support – and burial of Patrick Lawlor, said bill having been sent you June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1886 for payment. I now send you a duplicate bill and expect prompt payment as we want to close accts. for 1886.; signed Patrick Kennedy Chairman Overseers of Poor
20. Receipt dated Blackstone, January 10 1887; in account with the town of Blackstone; for support care and burial of Patrick Lawlor; May 27<sup>th</sup> 1886, paid Ann Skank for taking care of him \$5, paid Sandy Morris for shaving him \$1, paid D.A. Fogarty burial expenses \$29.75, paid Thos. Howard digging grave and covering it \$2; total: \$37.75

### **Box 3 (3 of 4)**

#### **Folder: "Military State Aid, 1887"**

1. Letter dated January 4, 1887 from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid , Boston to George T. Day Esq. Selectman, Westford: enclosed find approvals of your Returns of Aid for Nov. last. In the case of Calvin W. Spaulding, if you see fit to grant him \$3 per month for Jan. Feb. March & April it will be reimbursed by the state. Also, in the case of James H. Hall, if you will pay him \$4, until further advised, it will be approved. In the case of Mary G. Sullivan and George H. Prescott, the board declines to authorize aid at this time.; signed Chas W. Hastings (Commissioner)
2. Letter dated March 9, 1887 from the Office of Commissioner of State Aid, Boston to the selectmen of Westford: for the purpose of facilitating business relating to Military Aid matters, will you please notify us, immediately after the annual town meeting, which of the selectmen (with his P.O. Address) you desire us to correspond with the ensuing years; signed Chas. W. Hastings, Com's and Clerk of Board
3. Letter dated April 4, 1887 from the Office of Commissioner of State Aid, Boston to the selectmen of Westford: for the purpose of facilitating business relating to Military Aid matters, will you please notify us, immediately after the annual town meeting, which of the selectmen (with his P.O. Address) you desire us to correspond with the ensuing years; signed Chas. W. Hastings, Com's and Clerk of Board
4. Receipt for Soldiers Families and indigent soldiers; Doc# 178 & 179: Soldiers families \$52.50, indigent soldiers \$36.00; total; 88.50
5. Letter dated February 24, 1887 from the Office of Commissioner of State Aid, Boston to George T. Day: in regard to the case of Mr. A. Shaw, I have to say that the aid was placed at \$3 for the reason that he appeared in good health, although he has a stiff knee. His pension is \$10 per month, and it is difficult to see why he cannot support himself at his trade, especially if he has a little state aid. However, as it is possible, that the board does not fully understand his case, from the memoranda made by our agent on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. We

- will approve the payment of \$5, for Feb. March, and April, provided he remains in your town. In May we should like to have a new report on the case; signed Chas. W. Hastings
6. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 1, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 52.50\$; from Commissioners
  7. Receipt; Doc # 145; dated July 1, 1887; State aid for William Hunter; amount 10\$; paid by J.B. Heuld (treasurer)
  8. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 1, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
  9. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 3, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 60.50\$; from Commissioners
  10. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 3, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
  11. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 4, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 60.50\$; from Commissioners
  12. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 9, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 60.50\$; from Commissioners
  13. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 4, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
  14. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 9, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
  15. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 9, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 60.50\$; from Commissioners
  16. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 9, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
  17. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 19, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 60.50\$; from Commissioners
  18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 11, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 60.50\$; from Commissioners
  19. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 11, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
  20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 19, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
  21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 29, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 60.50\$; from Commissioners
  22. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 29, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
  23. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 29, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
  24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 29, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
  25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 26, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
  26. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 26, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
  27. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 26, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners

28. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 26, 1887; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
29. Receipt Doc # 105, \$3 paid to Bertha? Wright for the use of land for cavalry target practice; Approved by George T. Day
30. Receipt; Doc # 58; dated July 2, 1887; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 61.50\$
31. Receipt; Doc # 66; dated Aug 6, 1887; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 36\$
32. Receipt; Doc # 67; dated Aug 6, 1887; payment to J.H. Wilson for services as janitor for July; amount 5\$
33. Receipt; Doc # 65; dated Aug 6, 1887; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 59.50\$
34. Receipt; Doc # 10; dated March 12, 1887; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 72\$
35. Receipt; Doc # 42; dated June 4, 1887; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 36\$
36. Receipt; Doc # 32; dated May 7, 1887; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 121\$
37. Receipt; Doc # 98; dated Nov 5, 1887; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 59.50\$
38. Receipt; Doc # 9; dated March 12, 1887; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 121\$
39. Receipt; Doc # 33; dated May 7, 1887; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 72\$
40. Receipt; Doc # 41; dated June 4, 1887; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 60.50\$
41. Receipt; Doc # 122; dated Dec 3, 1887; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 59.50\$
42. Receipt; Doc # 121; dated Dec 3, 1887; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 36\$
43. Receipt; Doc # 99; dated Nov 5, 1887; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 36\$
44. Receipt; Doc # 74; dated Sept 30, 1887; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 60.50\$
45. Receipt; Doc # 75; dated Sept 30, 1887; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 36\$
46. Receipt; Doc # 96; dated Oct 1, 1887; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 58.50\$
47. Receipt; Doc # 97; dated Oct 1, 1887; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 36\$
48. Letter dated Westford, Dec. 17, 1887, to the Adjutant General, Boston, Mass. Will you please send me certificate of enlistment of one Joseph H. Kedy who enlisted on 18 Dec. 1886 [sic] in the 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Light Artillery and oblige. Signed George T. Day, Chairman, selectmen of Westford. Attached is a note in large red pencil "This Office has not record to 1886. Apply to the Adjutant Gen'l USA, Washington D.C.
49. Letter from the Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Dated August 29, 1887 to George T. Day: the paper filed in the cases of Alvarado Shaw is not very definite as to the resources of the applicant, and the Commissioners are not willing to authorize more than \$4 per month at present.; signed C.W. Hastings
50. Receipt no. 155; dated July 1, 1887 (written up on June 16, 1886); \$30.25 to George T. Day, duties as agent of the Commissioners of Sate Aid.

**Folder: "1888 Military State Aid"**

1. Letter dated Boston, Saturday evening, March 3, 1888, to Mr. Day. In our interview, thinking of your limited time in the city, I forgot to show you the condition of my shoes, which were pretty well gone, leaking badly at the time. I called at the State House hoping to see you, and learned from Capt. Hasting that you hadn't arrived up to closing time (2 o'clock). I would like to have you send me something to relieve my immediate wants during the interim, as "large bodies move so slow" until the matter is fixed. Signed Wm. Hunter, #15 Hamburg St.
2. Letter dated Boston, July 9, 1888; to Mr. Day: I wrote to you some 3 weeks ago but have not head from you since, as I only write when I am in need. Would like to hear from you as possible; signed Wm. Hunter (#15 Hamburg St.)



3. Letter dated Boston, March 22, 1888 to Mr. Day: I received a note all right March 20<sup>th</sup> it helped my rent bill a little. Please forward what has been allowed, for these few months; signed Wm. Hunter (#15 Hamburg St.)
4. Letter dated Boston, June 24, 1876 to Mr. Day: I would like to hear from you financially as I am under the ailment of the ? any for my eyes and want glasses and medicine. Please answer as soon as possible; signed Wm. Hunter (#15 Hamburg St.)
5. Letter dated Boston, March 17, 1888 to Mr. Day: I saw C.W. Hastings and he said he had written to you about my case. Hoping to hear from you soon; signed; Wm. Hunter (#15 Hamburg St.)
6. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, March 6, 1888, to Geo. T. Day Esq., Selectmen, Westford. In regard to the case of William Hunter, we feel, that with his slight disability, and robust appearance, he should be able to support himself. Spring is near at hand, and with no one to look after besides himself, we feel, that with a vigorous effort, he can get along. The trouble with Hunter is, he lacks energy. Signed Cha's W. Hastings, Comm.
7. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 13, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
8. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 24, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
9. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 24, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
10. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 13, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
11. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 9, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
12. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 16, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 48\$; from Commissioners
13. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 9, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 46\$; from Commissioners
14. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 16, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
15. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 18, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
16. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 18, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
17. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 18, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 48\$; from Commissioners
18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 18, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
19. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 27, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 48\$; from Commissioners
20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 27, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 12, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners

22. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 27, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
23. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept 12, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 27, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 12, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
26. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 5, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
27. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 12, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
28. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 5, 1888; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
29. Receipt; dated February, 1888; To George T. Day for various jobs he did totaling \$79
30. Receipt; Doc # 153; dated Jan 7, 1888; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 36\$
31. Receipt; Doc # 38; dated April 7, 1888; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 178.50\$
32. Receipt; Doc # 95; dated June 2, 1888; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 48\$
33. Receipt; Doc # 77; dated May 5, 1888; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 59.50\$
34. Receipt; Doc # 177; dated February 24, 1888; State Aid; amount 12\$
35. Receipt; Doc # 152; dated Jan 7, 1888; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 59.50\$
36. Receipt; Doc # 39; dated April 7, 1888; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 142\$
37. Receipt; Doc # 96; dated June 2, 1888; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 59.50\$
38. Receipt; Doc # 78; dated May 5, 1888; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 42\$
39. Receipt; Doc # 120; dated Aug 4, 1888; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 119\$
40. Receipt; Doc # 165; dated Nov 3, 1888; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 119\$
41. Receipt; Doc # 130; dated Sept 1, 1888; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 59.50\$
42. Receipt; Doc # 129; dated Sept 1, 1888; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 42\$
43. Receipt; Doc # 121; dated Aug 4, 1888; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 84\$
44. Receipt; Doc # 164; dated Nov 3, 1888; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 84\$
45. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, March 9, 1888, to George T. Day, Esq., Selectman, Westford... Mr. Wm. Hunter feels very bad about our refusal to approve the aid, and says his mother is alive and dependent on him. He appeals for temporary aid, and after consultation with the other members of the Board, we conclude to approve \$6 for Feb. & \$6 for March, which will help him along until spring. Signed C. W. Hastings, Com.
46. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, May 21, 1888, to George T. Day, Esq., Selectman, Westford. Regarding the case of William Hunter, I am directed by Comm'r Hastings to say, that the payment of \$6 for the month of May, if made, will be approved. Signed W. P. Inniz, Agt.
47. Letter dated Boston, February 13, 1888 to the Chairman of the Selectmen of Westford: I would like to get some aid from you this month & the 2 following months, owing to destitute circumstances, and complete stand still in business, which has been bad all along. I have been examined at State House, and state aid Commissioner Capt. Hastings said to refer you to him. I hope you will take immediate action on this appeal as I need it very much hoping to hear from you soon; signed Wm. Hunter (#15 Hamburg St.)

48. Letter dated March 9, 1888 from the Office of Commissioner of State Aid, Boston to the selectmen of Westford: for the purpose of facilitating business relating to Military Aid matters, will you please notify us, immediately after the annual town meeting, which of the selectmen (with his P.O. Address) you desire us to correspond with the ensuing years; signed Chas. W. Hastings, Com's and Clerk of Board

**Folder: "1889 Military State Aid"**

1. Receipt; Doc # 199; dated Jan 5, 1889; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 84\$
2. Receipt; Doc # 200; dated Jan 5, 1889; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 119\$
3. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 1, 1889; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
4. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 1, 1889; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
5. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 1, 1889; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
6. Letterhead Hartwell Bros. & Hosmer, Dealers in Provisions and Country Produce, Littleton Common, Mass., Dec. 23, 1889. to Mr. Day. Father wanted me to see you that last time I was at home about his state aid if has been so that I could not get up there to see you will you please write me an answer and let me know if he can get one or not, and also if you will hurry the thing a long as fast as possible for he is in need of it answer as soon as you receive this and let me know the particulars. Signed Fred Stiles.
7. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Dec. 2, 1889, to George T. Day Esq. Selectman, Westford. In regard to the case of Wm. Stiles, we should say that \$20 per month under present circumstances would be reasonable relief. We will approve that amount for Nov. & Dec. and then a statement of his case will be required. Signed Cha's W. Hastings, Comm'er.
8. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 14, 1889; to the Selectmen of Westford: your returns of Military Aid under Chapters 301 and 252, Acts of 1879, for the month of April 1889 have not been received at this office. Your disbursements under those laws will not be approved unless the Returns are promptly forwarded as required by the Statute. See Section 7, Chap. 252, and Section 8, Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.; Signed Commissioners
9. Letter from the Office of the Commissioners of State Aid , Boston, dated June 18, 1889, To George T. Day: By direction of Comm'er Hastings, regarding application of Geo H. Prescott, 301 for state aid – permit me to pay. The commissioners have decided to approve the sum of \$3.00 per month, to him (if paid) from June 1<sup>st</sup> 1889.; signed E. Stone
10. Letter dated March 27, 1889 from the Office of Commissioner of State Aid, Boston to the selectmen of Westford: for the purpose of facilitating business relating to Military Aid matters, will you please notify us, immediately after the annual town meeting, which of the selectmen (with his P.O. Address) you desire us to correspond with the ensuing years; signed Chas. W. Hastings, Com's and Clerk of Board
11. Letter from the Office of the Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 10, 1889: The attention of the mayor of each city and the selectmen of the several towns of the Commonwealth is respectfully called to Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1889, which is as follows – this letter states the Chapter, Acts, and the "Commissioners of State Aid in the discharge of their duty under this Act will require:"

12. Letter from the Office of the Commissioners Office, Boston, dated May 24, 1889; to George T. Day: Regarding the application of George & Prescott which has been received, I am directed by Comm. Hastings to say, that that the application is made on a widows blank. Will you please fill in the enclosed blank, and have him sign and swear to it, and return it with following information. When was his pension granted, and the amount of areas received. Ages of children, and earnings or property? Upon receipt of the application, and information, you will be advised.; signed by Commissioners
13. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 1, 1889; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
14. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 14, 1889; "Return of Military Aid" of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
15. Envelope from the Office o Commissioners of State Aid, Boston to George T. Day Esq.; dated January 13, 1889
16. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 14, 1889; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
17. Letter from the City of Boston, City Hall; dated June 13, 1889 to the Chairman, Board of Selectman, Westford, Mass.: The dedication of the Tablets, on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst., in commemoration of the American patriots who fell at Bunker Hill in 1775, adds on unusual interest to the celebration in Boston, of the anniversary of the battle this year. Between the hours of 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., while the ceremony of unveiling the Tablets occurs, the bells will be rung throughout the city, and minute guns are to be fired on Boston Common in recognition of the event. As the cities and towns of Middlesex, Norfolk and Essex Counties in Massachusetts, and a number of towns in New Hampshire and Connecticut, furnished the greater portion of the American troops engaged in the battle, we have communicated with you for the purpose of ascertaining whether you people have prepared for any special observance of the approaching anniversary. This information will be of value to us for the reason that it is the City's intention to complete the work of honoring the heroes of Bunker Hill by compiling a memorial volume that shall contain an account of everything of interest in connection with the year's celebration. Trusting that we may hear from you shortly after the celebration, and that the old town of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut will respond with "no uncertain sound," I am, very respectfully, Benjamin F. Stacey, Chairman of Committee on Bunker Hill Tablets
18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 24, 1889; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
19. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 25, 1889; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 25, 1889; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 25, 1889; "Return of Military Aid" of 62.50\$; from Commissioners
22. Receipt; Doc # 88; dated Nov 2, 1889; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 62.50\$
23. Receipt; Doc # 87; dated Nov 2, 1889; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 42\$
24. Receipt; Doc # 105; dated Dec 7, 1889; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 42\$
25. Receipt; Doc # 106; dated Dec 7, 1889; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 62.50\$
26. Receipt; Doc # 47; dated July 6, 1889; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 122\$

27. Receipt; Doc # 46; dated July 6, 1889; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 84\$
28. Receipt; Doc # 78; dated Oct 5, 1889; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 187.50\$
29. Receipt; Doc # 79; dated Oct 5, 1889; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 126\$
30. Receipt; Doc # 13; dated April 6, 1889; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 178.50\$
31. Receipt; Doc # 12; dated April 6, 1889; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 126\$
32. Receipt; Doc # 19; dated May 4, 1889; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 42\$
33. Receipt; Doc # 18; dated May 4, 1889; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 59.50\$
34. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 27, 1889;  
“Return of Military Aid” of 42\$; from Commissioners
35. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 27, 1889;  
“Return of Military Aid” of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
36. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 27, 1889;  
“Return of Military Aid” of 42\$; from Commissioners
37. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 26, 1889; “Return  
of Military Aid” of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
38. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 27, 1889;  
“Return of Military Aid” of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
39. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 21, 1889; “Return  
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40. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 21, 1889; “Return  
of Military Aid” of 42\$; from Commissioners
41. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 26, 1889; “Return  
of Military Aid” of 42\$; from Commissioners
42. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 26, 1889; “Return  
of Military Aid” of 42\$; from Commissioners
43. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 26, 1889; “Return  
of Military Aid” of 59.50\$; from Commissioners
44. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 20, 1889;  
“Return of Military Aid” of 62.50\$; from Commissioners
45. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 21, 1889;  
“Return of Military Aid” of 42\$; from Commissioners
46. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 20, 1889;  
“Return of Military Aid” of 42\$; from Commissioners
47. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 21, 1889;  
“Return of Military Aid” of 62.50\$; from Commissioners
48. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 25, 1889;  
“Return of Military Aid” of 62.50\$; from Commissioners
49. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 24, 1889;  
“Return of Military Aid” of 62.50\$; from Commissioners
50. Letter from the Office of the Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Dated Feb 14, 1889 to  
George T. Day: Enclosed please find approvals of returns forwarded for the month of  
Dec. '88. I am directed to request that the enclosed “Certificate of Reasons” be filled in  
carefully & in full detail so as to give a clear view of Mrs. Reeds situation. \$4.00 per  
month is the limit of the law to all widows – and this, per month, will be approved to her  
from Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> '89. New supply of blanks forwarded you this day. Please destroy all old  
blanks differing from these. Very Respectfully, E.C. Stone agt.

**Folder: "1890 Military State Aid"**

1. Receipt; Doc # 111; dated Jan. 4, 1890; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 67\$
2. Receipt; Doc # 110; dated Jan 4, 1890; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 62.50\$
3. Receipt; Doc # 113; dated Jan. 6, 1890; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 25\$
4. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Feb. 18, 1890, to George T. Day Esq. Selectman, Westford. In reply to yours of 10<sup>th</sup> inst., relative to the case of Wm. Hunter, I am directed by Commr. Hastings to say, that Hunter was examined by the Surgeon Genl. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> who says, that Hunter looks well and strong & that he sees no reason why Hunter cannot earn his living. He was dishonorably discharged from the Chelsea Home Dec. 26 '89 for drunkenness, and bringing liquor into the House, and is considered a band man. He was notified that the commrs. Would not approve any further payments in his case. Signed W. P. Innis?, Agt.
5. Letter dated Graniteville, Jan. 6, 1890, to Mr. George T. Day. In answer to yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> I would say I have been sick nearly 8 months have had very little coming in have got along best we could. I have paid not rent and my Cole [i.e. coal] Bill is not paid and lots of other bills that is not paid. I got trusted for things on the expectation of getting my State aid as I know it was due me. Now Mr. Day you must know how I am situated and give me all you can. I did not know that the Commissioner had any thing to do or say what I should do with any aid. But what I get is very much needed at this time. Signed W. W. Stiles.
6. Receipt; Doc # 141; dated Feb 20, 1890; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
7. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 24, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 62.50\$; from Commissioners
8. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 24, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 67\$; from Commissioners
9. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 24, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 62.50\$; from Commissioners
10. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 24, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 67\$; from Commissioners
11. Letter, typed [all above have been handwritten], from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Oct. 13, 1890, to George T. Day Esq. Selectman, Westford. Your favor of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., relating to the case of Joseph E. Raymond, is received. If Mr. Raymond's pension is \$4 per month, the \$3 you are paying him is the limit of the law. Possibly, he may have married his present wife prior to his final discharge from the service , and in that case, the wife would be eligible to receive \$4 aid per month. That is the only way aid can be increased, under Chapter 301. Another way is, to make him a 2<sup>nd</sup> class case, under Chap. 279, and give him such amount of aid as you deem proper. That course will necessitate the preparation of an application and Certificate of Reasons, under Chapter 279, and commit the town to one-half of the expense. Do as you think right in the matter. Regarding Michael Harty, you can now suspend the payment of aid. He is well provided for. Signed Chas. W. Hastings, Comm.
12. Letter, typed, from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 27, '90, to George T. Day: Your note of August 20<sup>th</sup> relating to the case of George Millis, was duly received, and the matter has been carefully reviewed by the Board. I am authorized to say, that while we disclaim all intention to do Mr. Millis any injustice, and have none but feelings

- of good will towards him; we still do not see our way clear to allow aid before the winter months. During the Spring and Summer, and early Fall, we cannot see why he is not fully self, supporting. Yours Truly, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
13. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, May 27, 1890, to George T. Day Esq. Selectman, Westford: Enclosed herewith find approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid, for month of April, last. Also March. In regard to the widow of William H. Stiles, if she was married to him prior to April 9, 1880, she is eligible to receive aid, under Chap. 301. You can prepare the enclosed papers, and if married before the date above named, pay her \$4 for May and forward the papers with your May Returns. Signed Charles W. Hastings, Commissioner of State Aid
  14. Letter, typed, from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Aug. 5, 1890, to George T. Day Esq. Selectman, Westford. Our Agent has visited your town for the purpose of interviewing Mr. George F. Millis, as to his resources, ability to work, &c. Also, complaints having reached the Commissioners that Millis does not pay his bills, although he receives a pension of \$17 per month and State Aid \$6 per month. Mr. Willis was found at work on a cellar wall at \$2.50 per day, and apparently was fully able to support himself. He admitted that he owed a variety of bills, and hoped to pay them some time. It appears to the Commissioners, that the man is fully able, with his pension, and ability to earn wages, to support himself without aid from the State. We shall therefore decline to approve further payment, at present. Signed Cha's W. Hastings, Comm'er
  15. Letter, typed, from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Aug. 2, 1890, to George T. Day Esq. Selectman, Westford... We have allowed the charges of \$4 to Margaret Stile [sic] for May and June without the required papers. But with your next Returns, forward the enclosed papers, which should be fully prepared and endorsed by the Selectmen... Signed Charles W. Hastings, Commissioner of State Aid.
  16. Receipt; Doc # 14; dated April 5, 1890; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 208\$
  17. Receipt; Doc # 13; dated April 5, 1890; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 187.50\$
  18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 17, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
  19. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 17, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 60.50\$; from Commissioners
  20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 27, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 60.50\$; from Commissioners
  21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 27, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
  22. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 27, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
  23. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 27, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 66.50\$; from Commissioners
  24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 1, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 66.50\$; from Commissioners
  25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 1, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 42\$; from Commissioners
  26. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 1, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 50\$; from Commissioners

27. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 1, 1890; “Return of Military Aid” of 66.50\$; from Commissioners
28. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 28, 1890; “Return of Military Aid” of 62.50\$; from Commissioners
29. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 28, 1890; “Return of Military Aid” of 50\$; from Commissioners
30. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 28, 1890; “Return of Military Aid” of 62\$; from Commissioners
31. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 28, 1890; “Return of Military Aid” of 62.50\$; from Commissioners
32. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 28, 1890; “Return of Military Aid” of 62.50\$; from Commissioners
33. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated may 28, 1890; “Return of Military Aid” of 84\$; from Commissioners
34. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 28, 1890; “Return of Military Aid” of 62\$; from Commissioners
35. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 28, 1890; “Return of Military Aid” of 62.50\$; from Commissioners
36. Letter from The Associated Charities, Conference of Wards X, XI, XII, Boston, Oct. 7, 1890. to the Town Treasurer. I am informed that Mich. Harty has obtained a pension. I was told that he rec’d \$2000 and is to have \$90 each three mos. I am not sure of this, only presume that it is reliable information. Mrs. Harty is a drinking woman and I should think it unwise to continue the \$6 State Aid – even if it is not true about the pension. She earns \$4 wk. & her meals, & brings home food to Mr. H. from the saloon – Oak Grove Farm Café, 6 Exchange Place – when working, but I am told that since they obtained the pension she has done no work. He has softening of the brain, she says; and he appears quite feeble. They have taken two rooms at 3 Oxford Place, off Harrison Ave., and increased their rent from \$1.50 to \$2 per wk., and bought \$100 furniture which she said she paid for in money she had saved! She is untruthful & high-tempered and when intoxicated uses coarse language. She is strong & well & could support her husband, I think, without further aid. Will you kindly write me after you come to a decision in their case? Signed Helen M. Hunt.
37. Letter head of W. J. Sleeper, M.D., Westford, Mass., dated June 16, 1890. This certifies that Chas. J. Searle has lumbago and is unable to perform the amount of labor of an able-bodied man. Signed W. J. Sleeper, M.D.
38. Letterhead Hartwell Bros. & Hosmer, Dealers in Provisions and Country Produce, Littleton Common, Mass., May 6, 1889. to Mr. Day. Not receiving any answer from the letter I sent in regard to the State Aid I thought perhaps it slipped [sic] your mind. I should like to have your opinion if mother can get any or not for she can not get a long without some help from the state or town and I should like to hear from you at once in regard to it. Signed Fred Stiles, Littleton Common, Box 212.

**Folder: “1891 Military State Aid”**

1. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 7, 1891; “Return of Military Aid” of 36\$; from Commissioners



2. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 7, 1890; "Return of Military Aid" of 68.50\$; from Commissioners
3. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Jan. 7, 1891, to George T. Day Esq., Selectman, Westford... With your December Returns please forward the application for the wife (Susan W.) of Joseph Raymond, Chapter 301. Signed Charles W. Hastings, Comm'r of State Aid
4. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Feb. 16, 1891, to George T. Day Esq., Selectman, Westford. In reply to yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. relative to the case of Alvarado Shaw, I am directed by Commissioner Hastings to enclose a new Certificate of Reasons to be filled in carefully the Selectmen only, so as to give all of the facts in the case. When did he go to the Soldier's Home, and who has drawn his aid while he was away?... Signed W. P. Innis, Agt.
5. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, March 7, 1891, to George T. Day Esq., Selectman, Westford. Commissioner Hastings directs me to say regarding case of Alvarado Shaw, 301, as follows – As he is now absent from the State, and is also being provided for at Jogus Home, you will pay no further aid in his case, or on his account, until he returns to reside in your town & the Comm'ers have been so notified of his return and have authorized resumption of the Aid. Signed E. C. Stone, Agt.
6. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, March 2, 1891, to George T. Day Esq., Selectman, Westford... In the case of Joseph E. Raymond who died in February, you can pay the \$3 you would have paid him had he lived, to his widow, Susan W. She will probably desire to have her aid continued as a widow, and there will be no objection to doing so, but a new application for here will have to be filled... Signed Chas. W. Hastings, Comm'r of State Aid
7. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 19, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 88\$; from Commissioners
8. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 19, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 22\$; from Commissioners
9. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 23, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 22\$; from Commissioners
10. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 23, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 86.50\$; from Commissioners
11. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 19, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 22\$; from Commissioners
12. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 19, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 86.50\$; from Commissioners
13. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 17, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
14. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 17, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 82.50\$; from Commissioners
15. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 17, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 22\$; from Commissioners
16. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 17, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 71.50\$; from Commissioners
17. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 18, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 63.50\$; from Commissioners

18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 18, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
19. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 27, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 63.50\$; from Commissioners
20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 27, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 20, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
22. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 20, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 67.50\$; from Commissioners
23. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 24, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 24, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 61.50\$; from Commissioners
25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 25, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
26. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 25, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 64.50\$; from Commissioners
27. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 2, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 68.50\$; from Commissioners
28. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 2, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
29. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 5, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 68.50\$; from Commissioners
30. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 5, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
31. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 7, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 36\$; from Commissioners
32. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 7, 1891; "Return of Military Aid" of 68.50\$; from Commissioners
33. Circular, typed, from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Dated March 2, 1891: With a view to economizing the disbursements of State and Military Aid as far as practicable, the attention of municipal officers is again called to the importance of making a careful examination of the physical and pecuniary condition of the Soldiers and Sailors receiving aid under chapters 301 and 279, Acts of 1889. The pension Certificates of the men should be examined frequently, to detect changes likely to occur. A pension may be increased, it may be reduced, or it may be cut off altogether, and, in any event, the local authorities and the Commissioners should be kept informed of all changes, that the disbursement of aid may be governed accordingly. Any pensioner or dependent relative receiving State Aid, who is known to be able to work daily at fair wages, and does not appear to be in necessitous circumstances, should be dropped from the Return. The Military Aid disbursed under chapter 279 to indigent Soldiers and Sailors may be largely reduced in amount by a careful investigation of the cases in the spring, and dropping from the rolls such as may be able to earn their own living during the warm season. Most of the recipients under this chapter have pension claims pending, which are likely to be granted between any two payments of aid. These cases therefore should be

examined before each monthly disbursement, to ascertain if pensions have been granted. Relieve the needs of worthy and deserving soldiers, but the dissipated and shiftless applicant should be emphatically denied the benefits of this honorable aid. From Commissioners.

34. Receipt; Doc # 84; dated Jan 3, 1891; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 403\$
35. Receipt; Doc # 85; dated Jan 3, 1891; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 588.50\$
36. Letter, typed, from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 25, 1891 to the Selectmen of Westford: For the purpose of facilitating business relating to State and Military Aid matters, will you please notify us, immediately after the annual Town Meeting, which of the Selectmen (with his P.O. Address) you desire us to correspond with the ensuing years, Very Respectfully Yours, Chas. W. Hastings Com's and Clerk o Board
37. Receipt; Doc # 214; dated Oct 17, 1891; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 22\$
38. Receipt; Doc # 215; dated Oct 17, 1891; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 86.50\$
39. Receipt; Doc # 245; dated Nov 7, 1891; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 22\$
40. Receipt dated Graniteville, Oct. 9, 1891. Westford Cavalry to B. V. Wright Dr. for use of land for target practice \$5.00. Rec'd payment, signed Bradley V. Wright
41. Receipt; Doc # 247; dated Nov 7, 1891; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 86.50\$
42. Receipt; Doc # 284; dated Dec 5, 1891; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 22\$
43. Receipt; Doc # 283; dated Dec 5, 1891; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 88\$
44. Receipt; Doc # 111; dated July 1, 1891; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 36\$
45. Receipt; Doc # 112; dated July 1, 1891; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 63.50\$
46. Receipt; Doc # 180; dated Sept. 3, 1891; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
47. Receipt; Doc # 181; dated Sept. 3, 1891; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 82.50\$
48. Receipt; Doc # 139; dated Aug 1, 1891; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 77.50\$
49. Receipt; Doc # 140; dated Aug 1, 1891; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 22\$
50. Receipt; Doc # 17; dated April 4, 1891; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 108\$
51. Receipt; Doc # 16; dated April 4, 1891; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 194.50\$
52. Receipt; Doc # 48; dated May 2, 1891; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 67.50\$
53. Receipt; Doc # 49; dated May 2, 1891; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 36\$
54. Receipt; Doc # 79; dated June 6, 1891; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 63.50\$
55. Receipt; Doc # 80; dated June 6, 1891; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 36\$

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1892"**

1. Receipt; Doc # 303; dated Jan 2, 1892; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 93\$
2. Receipt; Doc # 304; dated Jan 2, 1892; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 22\$
3. Small envelope to S. H. Fletcher, Westford, Mass., postmarked Parkman, Maine, Jul 21 1892, with carmine 2¢ Geo. Washington stamp, and letter dated Parkman, July 20, 1892, to Mr. Fletcher. I address you once more in behalf of my brother's pension. I see by your last letter which I received yesterday that you still think there is no chance for one there may not be. But if it has been done, why can't we get one for him. The circumstances are so much alike that I should like to try it if I am rightly informed there is not much for him if he should be sick or helpless or for her either. I was there last fall to look after them knowing she was old and I didn't know how feable [sic]. She told me she had lost some money I don't see what she has done with what she has got from the government you know she got back pay & pension also. The house is all she has to show for it. I feel as

though she had been used wrong by a certain party she sent me word that Daniel would have to go onto the town when she got through. This is why I am so anxious for him I write her that I would see to him as long as I lived. In a likely way they will out live me now if you are not disposed to let me try for it thinking as you do that there is no right for him to have one under a Special Act of Congress (which will set the first of the winter) I will not try as I can't do anything about it without your consent for one to be his guardian as there is a great deal of proof to be got. I thought I would commence in season if you don't think there is any use or don't want me to be his guardian there will be no need of going any further. If you are willing please let me know for I rely on your word thinking that you know best and are a friend to us. Signed Mrs. J. M. Richardson, Parkman, Me. I have written confidentially to you thinking that you will not say any thing to any one else, I mean about Mother. Carmine 2¢ Geo. Washington stamp also affixed to last page of letter.

4. Envelope from the Department of the Interior to Mr. Selectman H. Fletcher, dated August 16, 1892
5. Letter, typed, from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C., dated August 15, 1892 To Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher, Secretary Board of Selectmen, Westford, Mass.: In reply to your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., returned here – with, you are advised, that section three of the act of June 27, 1890, which provides for the continuance of the pension granted on account of an insane, idiotic, or otherwise permanently helpless child of a soldier of the late war after it attains its sixteenth year, does not apply where the child attained that age prior to the date of the approval of the act. In view of the foregoing, neither the widow nor the child has any right to pension under provisions of the section above referred to. Very Respectfully, Green B. Raum, Commissioner
6. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 28, 1892; “Return of Military Aid” of 93\$; from Commissioners
7. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 28, 1892; “Return of Military Aid” of 22\$; from Commissioners

**Folder: “1893 Mil. State Aid”**

1. Receipt; Doc # 191; dated Sept 2, 1893; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
2. Receipt; Doc # 98; dated June 3, 1893; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
3. Receipt; Doc # 99; dated June 3, 1893; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 89.50\$
4. Receipt; Doc # 40; dated April 1, 1893; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 285\$
5. Receipt; Doc # 41; dated April 1, 1893; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 48\$
6. Receipt; Doc # 67; dated May 6, 1893; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
7. Receipt; Doc # 68; dated May 6, 1893; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 89.50\$
8. Receipt; Doc # 273; dated Dec 2, 1893; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 96.50\$
9. Receipt; Doc # 274; dated Dec 2, 1893; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
10. Receipt; Doc # 242; dated Nov 4, 1893; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 93.50\$
11. Receipt; Doc # 241; dated Nov 4, 1893; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
12. Receipt; Doc # 223; dated Oct 14, 1893; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 90.50\$
13. Receipt; Doc # 222; dated Oct 14, 1893; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
14. Receipt; Doc # 145; dated Aug 5, 1893; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
15. Receipt; Doc # 144; dated Aug 5, 1893; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 90.50\$

16. Receipt; Doc # 120; dated July 1, 1893; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 94.50\$
17. Receipt; Doc # 119; dated July 1, 1893; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 27, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
19. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 27, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 95\$; from Commissioners
20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 28, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 95\$; from Commissioners
21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 28, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
22. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 26, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 95\$; from Commissioners
23. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 26, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 22, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 89.50\$; from Commissioners
25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 22, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
26. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 26, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 89.50\$; from Commissioners
27. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 26, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
28. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 25, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 94.50\$; from Commissioners
29. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 25, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
30. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 23, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
31. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 23, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 90.50\$; from Commissioners
32. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 27, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
33. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 27, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 90.50\$; from Commissioners
34. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 20, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
35. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 20, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 90.50\$; from Commissioners
36. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 15, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 93.50\$; from Commissioners
37. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 15, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
38. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 18, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
39. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 18, 1893; "Return of Military Aid" of 96.50\$; from Commissioners

40. Letter, typed, from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 1, 1893 to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq.: Relative to the case of Mrs. Mart Murphy, who has returned to your town, I am directed by Commissioner Hastings to enclose an application that has been filled in, and to ask you to please have Mrs. Murphy sign and swear to it. Also, will you please fill in the certificate of Reasons so as to show her present condition. The payment of \$4 per month from June 1<sup>st</sup> last, will be approved. Please forward the papers with your June Returns.
41. Letter, typed, from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 26, 1893, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq.: Enclosed herewith, find approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid for the month of May last. In the case of John Wayne, if you will be approved from June 1<sup>st</sup>. inst. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
42. Letter, typed, from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 20, 1893, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq.: Enclosed herewith, find approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid for the month of September last. In the case of George F. Millis, we shall be willing to allow not exceeding \$3. per month from October 1. inst. until the first of April next. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings, Commissioner of State Aid
43. Letter, typed, from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 18, '93, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq.: Enclosed herewith, find approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid for the month of November last. In the case of John H. Whitney, you may increase him to not exceeding \$5. per month, and the same will be approved. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
44. Letter, typed, from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 15, 1893, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq.: Enclosed herewith, find approvals if your Returns of State and Military Aid for the month of October last. You may increase Calvin W. Spaulding's aid to \$5. per month and John Butler to \$4. per month the 1<sup>st</sup>. of November inst. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
45. Letter dated April 25, 1893, Lowell, Mass. to Mr. Fletcher, will you send me a Sine so I can get my State Aid hear at Lowell it will be more convenient for me. Signed Charles J. Searles, Ward Block No. 6, Fletcher St.
46. Envelope from Adjutant General's Office, Montpelier, Vt., to Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher, Selectmen's Office, Westford, Mass., postmarked Montpelier Oct. 20, 1893, stamped torn from envelope, with form from State of Vermont, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Montpelier, December 20, 1893, certifying that Arthur Murray enlisted 1 Oct. 1861 at Chelsea, Vt., to serve 3 years, was mustered in as a Private on 19 Nov 1861, at Burlington in Co. D. 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't of Cavalry Vermont Volunteers to serve 3 years, or during the war, was promoted to Corporal; deserted March 8, 1863. Signed & sealed T. S. Peck, Adjutant and Inspector General.

**Folder: "Military Burials 1894"**

1. Bill dated Westford, Mass., July 19, 1894, to Mr. Geo. T. Day, agt. For burial of deceased soldiers, from A. P. Richardson, Undertaker, for casket for John A. York \$28, robe? \$5, digging grave \$2, total \$35.00. Rec'd payment, signed A. P. Richardson.

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1894"**

1. Receipt; Doc # 583; dated Dec 1, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 101.50\$

2. Receipt; Doc # 584; dated Dec 1, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
3. Receipt; Doc # 589; dated Dec 1, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 10\$; Also a letter for the Treasurer's Office, Westford, Mass. Dated November 3, 1894: Received from N.H. Wright Treas. Of Westford declare our account of Soldiers Relief – month of October. \$10; Signed James Abraham
4. Receipt; Doc # 591; dated Dec 1, 1894; State aid for E.A.Balisdell; amount 18\$; Note attached: dated Nov 12, 1894: to Erin A. Blaisdell to building target for cavalry
5. Receipt; Doc # 553; dated Nov 3, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 101.50\$
6. Receipt; Doc # 552; dated Nov 3, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Relief; amount 10\$ - another receipt attached from Newton, Mass. From N.H. Wright Treasurer for \$10 for an account of Soldiers Relief month of September; signed James Abraham
7. Receipt; Doc # 554; dated Nov 3, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
8. Receipt; Doc # 478; dated July 7, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 101.50\$
9. Receipt; Doc # 548; dated Oct 10, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 101.50\$
10. Receipt; Doc # 547; dated Oct 10, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers ; amount 20\$
11. Receipt; Doc # 498; dated Sept 1, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
12. Receipt; Doc # 497; dated Sept 1, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 101.50\$
13. Receipt; Doc # 497; dated July 7, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
14. Receipt; Doc # 481; dated Aug 4, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 101.50\$
15. Receipt; Doc # 482; dated Aug 4, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
16. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 19, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 39\$; from Commissioners
17. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 19, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 98.50\$; from Commissioners
18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 22, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from Commissioners
19. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 22, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 98.50\$; from Commissioners
20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 24, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from Commissioners
21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 24, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 98.50\$; from Commissioners
22. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 23, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 102.50\$; from Commissioners
23. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 23, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 35\$; from Commissioners
24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 17, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 101.50\$; from Commissioners
25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated October 17, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
26. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 21, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
27. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 21, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 98.50\$; from Commissioners
28. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 19, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 101.50\$; from Commissioners

29. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 19, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
30. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 30, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 101.50\$; from Commissioners
31. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 30, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
32. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 21, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 101.50\$; from Commissioners
33. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 21, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
34. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 26, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
35. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated September 26, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 101.50\$; from Commissioners
36. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 27, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
37. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 27, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 101.50\$; from Commissioners
38. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 22, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
39. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 22, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 101.50\$; from Commissioners
40. Receipt; Doc # 286; dated June 6, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 97.50\$
41. Receipt; Doc # 287; dated June 6, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$
42. Receipt; Doc # 319; dated February 3, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 12\$
43. Receipt; Doc # 437; dated June 2, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
44. Receipt; Doc # 438; dated June 2, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 98.50\$
45. Receipt; Doc # 385; dated May 5, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 102.50\$
46. Receipt; Doc # 386; dated May 5, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 35\$
47. Receipt; Doc # 335; dated March 3, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 74\$
48. Receipt; Doc # 336; dated March 3, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 197\$
49. Receipt; Doc # 379; dated April 7, 1894; State aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 35\$
50. Receipt; Doc # 380; dated April 7, 1894; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 98.50\$
51. Letter dated May 12, 1894, unknown receiver: Dear Sir, I presented those papers to the Mayor yesterday and he took them to Potter and he said he could do was to put before board I think at starvasion? & don't know what I am going to do at the ? time there is not eng? thing come in Potter told the Mayor that I had 21 dollars came in and it is falls I and Mr. Searles don look to our Christen is we did think we should fair ? hard this hard times he ? about relief I told him I was not a lawyer he said it simply word Potter told me when you sent me the Letter give him that he knew his buissness with out your telling him the Land Lord was hear for rent I owe her for two weeks. Yours Mrs. C.G. Searles 199 Worthen St.
52. Letter dated May 7, 1894: Dear Sir, Mr. Fletcher I went to Mr. Potter this morning and he say I am to look to Westford for soldiers relief Chap 447act 7 1890. Pleas will you give me relief Mr. Searles has ? up to Townsend by the Dr. orders it it in all the hope I have of



- hid getting better pleas will you send me relief. Yours Truly, C.G. Searles, Worthen 199 Lowell, Mass.
53. Letter dated May 11, 1894 to Mr. Fletcher: if you come down I live 199 Worthen st. Mr. Fletcher I went to the Mayor this morning and he said that Mr. Searles 11 dollars to come in a week but it is ? for I have not a cent at the present time and all Mr. Searless got since we come down to Lowell is 8 dollars a week of corse my children are not my support if they tak of then see I think they do well but they have been idel as well as lot of others, but Mr. Searles sick now what am I to do pleas will you send me some money to live with it I can turn myself do not ask for help if he was abel to earn of corse you know hw it is but I do not know what you call Comrads. C.G. Searles
  54. Letter from the Veterans' Rights Union Claim Agency no. 4 Pemberton Square, Boston, Mass.; Dated May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1894: Board Selectman Forge Village, Mass. Gents: I respectfully request any information you can give me of the military service during Civil War of James. R. Simpson, who I understand was a resident of your town for many years: his Widow is an applicant for a pension, and it is necessary for me to know his Co. & Reg't. I remain Yours truly, John A. Keffe atty (attorney)
  55. Letter to the Westford Selectmen's Office; dated May 4, 1894 Worthen St, No. 199: Dear Sir, I got you letter we do not get any state aid from Lowell and I can tell you I have had a hard winter of it for he has been sick all winter I get 8 dollars month pension and I do not know how I am going to get along, Yours truly, C. G. Searles
  56. Letter to the Westford Selectmen's Office; dated April 30, 1894 Worth St. 199 (Whare we live): Sir, Mr. Day Mr. Searles is sick and I want some relief as he is not abel to work it is doubtful if he is abel to do any thing, this summer I went to the soldiers relief hear and they said it was from Westford we are to get it and so I send you this letter, C.G. Searles
  57. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Apr. 23, 1894, to George T. Day Esq., Selectman, Westford... Regarding the application of Mrs. Emma F. Noyes for State aid from your town in the absence of Commissioner Hastings who is confined at home by sickness, I am directed to say the same amount which she received in Haverhill, \$4.00 per mo., will be approved from April 1<sup>st</sup>. last, until her pension is granted, after which time a new report should be furnished to the Commissioners. Signed E. C. Stone, Agt.
  58. Letter from Commissioners of state Aid, Boston, June 20<sup>th</sup> 1894, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq. Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir: - Enclosed herewith, find approvals of your returns of State and Military Aid for the month of May last. In the case of George F. Millis, we are not nearly convinced that the aid is necessary, but as you so strongly intercede for the man, the sum of \$3. per month will be approved from June 1<sup>st</sup>. inst. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
  59. Envelope addressed to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Westford, Mass., postmarked St. Louis Jan. 9, with 2¢ carmine Geo. Washington stamp, and letter dated St. Louis, Dec. 22, 1894. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of Dec 1864 I the under signed enlisted in the quota from your town under the name of Thomas Mahoney which was my mother's name as you will find out at Lexington the first days work I ever done in the Country was for James Munroe John leary [cleary?] was married to my aunt his first wife my brother John also worked for Munroe I refer you to John Ryan as his brothers Con and Jim ar any of the Buckleys in the Panic of 1873 I lived then in Canton Mass. I went before T. E. Graves who was Justice of the Peace in Canton with Wm. Casey as witness

as he was the only one that knew me in the Service and made sworn statement that I was the right person that statement is in the State house yet for I received State aid at the time how sir I have applied 10 years ago for Pension and aint got none yet the Country is so broken that Man's oath is not believed I applied for admission to the soldiers home and you can see the result as I cant find work that I can make a living at I hope you will help me and send me this statement as I aint got the means of helping myself if Gen'l butler [sic] was living, I would apply to him. Now sir I will send to you the Duplicate of my discharge the application for admission to the home and also a circlar [sic] from the Pension department which I hope you will return to me as soon as possible with the sworn statement that is in the State house in Boston in order got so far I spent the last doller [sic] I had so I hope old Mass. won't go back on me now. PS I placed my claim for pension in the hands of John H. ONeil Congress Man from Mass and he put it in the hands [of] J. J. ONeil of St. Louis so that is how the thing is working with me. Hoping to hear from you soon. Signed Thos. Roche alias Mahoney, 4101 N. Grand Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

60. Letter from Commissioners of state Aid, Boston, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq. Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir: - Enclosed herewith, find approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid for the month of April last. In the case of George F. Millis, unless his circumstances are worse than last year, it is advisable to suspend aid until November next . Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid.
61. Letter dated June 1, 1894: Dear sir, M. Bernis Rolet? Me that you wished to know whether Mrs. Joseph Raymond has a pension. In reply would say that she receive a pension of Eight dollars a month which is successful in securing for her very soon after the death of her husband, Very Respectfully, Arthur Wright, Capt. S. H. Hutchin
62. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls, Aug. 24, 1894, to Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher... I have not done any work since last May when I lived? in Worcester. I moved to Newton in June thinking I might get work in the shop where I formerly worked... but didn't. \$8 per month won't keep himself and family... signed James A. Graham.
63. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls, June 23, 1894, to Capt. S.H. Fletcher: Dear Sir, in answer to your request I will inform you that I have made application for State Aide and have been put on the rolls for \$4.00 per month. In Newton I went to see City Auditor B. F. Ottis and he put me on the rolls for this City. This gentleman knows you very well as Capt. Sherman and speakes very highly of you. I left Worcester about this time and got your letter so I did not apply there for State Aide I thought that I could live cheaper here than in Worcester so I moved back my health has been very poorly of late and I dont see how I am going to get along on \$12.00 a month I have been trying to get some right work but have been unable so far, Yours Respectfully James A. Graham, Newton Upper Falls Mass
64. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls Mass Sept 24, 1894, to Capt. S.H. Fletcher: Dear Sir, Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> at hand I live on Chestnut St near the Post Office over the Fish Market. The reason I come here is that I expected to get some light job of work to do so that I could be able to get along with what I was getting as to the rent there nothing cheaper here, Yours Respect. James A. Graham
65. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls Sept 19, 1894, to Capt. S.H. Fletcher: Dear Sit, As I have not heard from you I thought I would see Mr. Otis and see what you intended to do in my case he said he saw Capt. Hastings and he pleaded my case, and the commd. Give

me any more than six dollars State Aid and that the town of Westford was obliged to help me and allow me sufficient to for a living both some help from the town I can manage to pull along, but six dollars per month is not going to keep my family and I am not able to work even when I can get it I call on town of Westford for 12 dollars per month and with my State Aid I think that I will be able to get along. My rent is 10 dollars per month and its the cheapest that I can get in the place and other bills are running on and we must have some help and if you dont give some help somebody else will have to. Mr. Otis said he thought that my case was very deserving and if it was one of their soldiers that they would not have to aske twice. I would like you to give this your immediate attention as we are in needy circumstances, Yours Respt. James A. Graham

66. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls Mass Oct. 11, 1894, to Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher: Dear Sir, I am very sorry that I did not see you the day you were at my house so that we could have had a understanding in regards to the paper that you left here. I saw Mr. Otis to day and he advised me not to sign that paper you left here, he says I has got nothing to do with any case, that paper reads under the Pauper? Law. A soldier is no pauper neither has he any right whatsoever to sign his pension away, that pension nobody can draw or take away from me or my State Aid unless I like to give some one an order if I owe them anything. Mr. Otis said that Capt. Hastings said that I was entitled to any State Aid Pension and enough from the Town of Westford to give me a comfortable living and that I must get it. And it is under the soldiers relief that I am applying for this matter as you well know that I would not have received a pension unless that it was necessary for to aid me. My rent is due on the 19 of this month and the grocers bill 3 or 6 dollars and the butchers about as much and if I dont receive the means I will have to send the bills to the Town of Westford, the bills are due and the people want their money and must have it if I was a soldier of this city. I should have no trouble getting my wants supplied as Mr. Otis says in short notice. Mr. Otis says he dont see why you dally so about it its got to be done. So why not make me some definite answer. He says that if my Pension and State Aid is not sufficient to make up the difficiency Westford must. If you can get me cheap rent up there and pay for the moving I would be very glad to move up from the government. I had bills to pay and it took about all that I received to settle my bills. If I was able to earn my living I would be very sorry to have to trouble the authorities of the Town, but my case is so I present what I must, Yours Respectfully, James A. Graham.
67. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls Oct 26, 1894, to Mon. Sherman Fletcher: Dear Sir, Yours not and have written to ? Sargent two weeks ago and have received no answer as yet, I dont know why he could either say one thing or the other. I suppose you know that if we moved up there the town will have to stand all expenses, as I have no money to any thing with. I should like to go up there to select a house but I have not the means I can not afford it. I thank you very much for what you have done for me. I remain yours Respectfully James A. Graham
68. Letter dated Worcester Mass 43 Woodward St, May 16, 1894, to Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher: Dear Sir, I expect to receive a payment in June. I am earning a little when I am able to work or how do you suppose that I could ? with my family on what I get at the present time. I went to work last week and had to be carried home and been sick ever since and had to be attended by a doctor. You asked one to let you know when I received a pension and I have acted honorable and let you know as son as I received notice. I have not been able to do anything for a long time and considerably in debt so that I do not

know as I will ever be able to get out. I am troubled with ? Piles and heart trouble and cannot say how I am from one day to the other, if I had not passed the examination I would not get what has been granted to me at the present time for I did not expect it, well I will leave it all to you for if I am not worthy do not give. I claim that I have done well for my country and more than the Town of Westford receives for her part of the glory,  
Yours Respectfully, James A. Graham

69. Letter dated Worcester Mass 43 Woodward St, May 10, 1894, to Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher: Dear Sir, I received the check and am thankful to you. I received notice from the government that I am to get \$8.00 per month commencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, next. But I expected that they would do better than that. Yet I am thank no matter how little it all helps, Yours Respt, James A. Graham {on back of letter}: Mr. Fletcher you asked me nice to let you know when I got my pension, so if there is any change please to let me know, James A. Graham
70. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 1, 1894; "Return of Military Aid" of 28\$; from Commissioners
71. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated February 1, 1894; "Return of State Aid" of 97.50\$; from Commissioners
72. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Feb. 6, 1894, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectman, Westford... In the case of James A. Graham... \$15 per mo... In regard to Thomas Carney, increase aid to \$12...
73. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Jan. 1 1894, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir: - Enclosed herewith, find approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid for the month of December last. In the case of John Wayne, you may increase the aid to \$5 per month and continue for four (4) months, then reduce to \$4. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
74. Form, Commonwealth of Mass., City of Lowell, January 16, 1894, I Michael J. Dowd certify that Ella M. Graham aged 27 yr. 7 mos. 9 d. wife of Charles Graham, died in Lowell on 18 Oct 1875 of typhoid fever. Her father was Joseph Ingalls (Buckfield, Me.). Her mother was Sarah Ingalls (Salem, N.H.). signed Michael J. Dowd, City Clerk, by Wm. McCarthy, asst.
75. Letter dated Worcester, Mass., Jan. 4 '94, to the Selectmen of Westford. I hereby make application for Soldier's Relief under the Law of 1890. My full name is James A. Graham. Born New York City Jan 2 1845. Parents never in Mass. I enlisted in Co. C 16<sup>th</sup> Mass. Regt. July 2, 1861 quota of Westford and until Jan. 14, 1864 when I was transferred to the Signal Corps U.S.A. and served until the close of the war. After the war I resided in Westford then Boston, Fall River, Philadelphia, Detroit and several other places. I returned to Boston in 1886 and lived there and Newton and Needham until I came to Worcester in March 1893. I belong to Post 62 G.A.R. of Newton. I have a wife and one girl 14 years. My residence is No. 23 Crompton Street, Worcester, Mass. signed James A. Graham.
76. Letter from Geo H Ward Post 10, G.A.R., dated Jan 11, 1894: Sir, Your? and this morning I thoroughly investigated the case of James A. Graham living at #23 Groupton St. This city and I will make my report to the chairman and Committee on Soldiers Relief. Gen. Josiah Pickett who has handled our cares for 25 years and consents to write you. Yours Truly, B. Mclough MD Post Surgeon and Pres Bd of Trustees; Sherman H. Fletcher Sec of the Bd of Selectmen, Westford, Mass.

77. Note card: James A. Graham m. Ella A. Ingalls aged 17, dau. of Joseph & Mary Jane Ingalls, March 9m 1864. Ella M. Graham died in Lowell Oct. 18, 1875 aged 27 yrs. 7 mos. 9 days.
78. Letter from Selectmen's Office, Westford, Mass., Jan. 22, 1894, to City Clerk, Fall River, Mass. Will you look up your records of marriages for 1875 & 1876 and see if there is any record of the marriage of James A. Graham and Charlotte Brooks and if so send me the record... signed Sherman H. Fletcher Sec. Board of Selectmen
79. Letter from Headquarters, Geo. H. Ward Post, No. 10, Dept. of Mass., G.A.R., dated Worcester, Mass., Jan. 11, 1894, rec'd by Westford Selectmen's Office Jan. 12, 1894. I have thoroughly investigated the case of James A. Graham Co. C 16<sup>th</sup> Mass. Vols. Referred to us. He showed us his papers and he served continuously from July 1861 to Sept. 1865. He draws no pension. He draws no State Aid. He draws no Military Aid. He has no income, and is out of work and if he had work is hardly able to do it. He pays \$12.00 per month rent when he pays it, but owes for 4 months. His family consists of self, wife and a daughter 14 years of age. Everything about the house indicated caring? and good habits and his and wife's appearances bear this out. His discharge says he was prompt, faithful and efficient, and is a record any soldier would be proud of, and any Town or City proud to have had such a soldier. It is a very deserving case. Signed Gen. Josiah Pickett, Chairman of Committee on Soldiers Relief, and B. T. Clough, M.D., Post Surgeon.

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1895"**

1. Receipt: Doc # 616; dated Jan 5, 1895; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$; note attached; from the Town of Westford Treasurer's Office; dated Dec 1, 1894; received from A.H. Wright treasurer of Westford, ten dollars (\$10) on account of soldiers Relief for the month of November, signed James A. Graham
2. Letter dated North Chelmsford, July 19, 1895: Mr. Fletcher, Dear Sir would you be kind enough to transfer my State Aid to the North Chelmsford board and oblige your friend; signed Thomas Burke, North Chelmsford, Mass.
3. Receipt; Doc # 871; dated Sept 7, 1895; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$; note attached; from the Town of Westford Treasurer's Office; dated Aug 3, 1895; received from A.H. Wright treasurer of Westford, ten dollars (\$10) on account of soldiers Relief for the month of July, signed James A. Graham
4. Receipt: Doc # 873; dated Sept 7, 1895; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 77.50\$;
5. Receipt: Doc # 872; dated Sept 7, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$;
6. Receipt: Doc # 879; dated Sept 7, 1895; State Aid Soldiers Families; amount 5.50\$; Note attached declaring payment received
7. Receipt: Doc # 866; dated Aug 3, 1895; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$; with payment received note
8. Receipt: Doc # 868; dated Aug 3, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$;
9. Receipt: Doc # 867; dated Aug 3, 1895; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 72.50\$;
10. Receipt: Doc # 821; dated July 6, 1895; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$; Note attached declaring payment received
11. Receipt: Doc # 822; dated July 6, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$  
Receipt: Doc # 793; dated June 1, 1895; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 107.50\$;
12. Receipt: Doc # 823; dated July 6, 1895; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 97\$;

13. Receipt: Doc # 792; dated June 1, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$;
14. Receipt: Doc # 797; dated June 1, 1895; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$;  
Note attached declaring payment received
15. Receipt: Doc # 747; dated April 6, 1895; Soldiers Relief or J.A. Graham; amount 10\$;
16. Receipt: Doc # 785; dated May 4, 1895; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 107.50\$;
17. Receipt: Doc # 786; dated May 4, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$;
18. Receipt: Doc # 714; dated April 6, 1895; State Aid Soldiers Families; amount 107.50\$;
19. Receipt: Doc # 713; dated April 6, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$;
20. Receipt: Doc # 614; dated June 5, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$;
21. Receipt: Doc #615; dated June 5, 1895; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 101.50\$;
22. Receipt: Doc #647; dated Feb 2, 1895; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$;  
Note attached declaring payment received
23. Letter from the Office of Commissioner of State Aid Boston, dated June 15, 1895 to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, by direction of Commissioner Hastings, I shall visit Westford for the purpose of interviewing all recipients of aid in your town. Shall come on train from Ayer soon after 8 O' clock Wednesday evening June 19<sup>th</sup>, should be happy to meet you at depot with team to make calls. If it were possible to assemble some of them at Fourt Hale for examination, it will lessen the numbers of calls at houses – hoping to be of help to you, I am respectfully yours E. C Stone, Agent
24. Receipt: Doc #712; dated April 6, 1895; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$;  
Note attached declaring payment received
25. Letter (marked copy) dated Aug 31, 1894 James A. Graham C-16<sup>th</sup>, Mass Inf 50, Chestnut H – Newton Upper Falls.: Mr. Otis called to say in regard to this case, that “Grahams physical condition is now such – that he can do very little work owing to increase of his heart trouble. Is weak and short breathered, if he tries to work, he can only work a few hours at a time, then is used up for 3 or 4 days to pay for it. He absolutely needs 6.00 aid from Aug 1<sup>st</sup> and town of Westford will be obliged to help him in addition to his state aid” 8. Pen – 4. Aid (July '94) 10. Rent Signed E.C.S Note: Our review of the case at that time his aid was increased to 6.00 per mo. Rom Aug 1 '94 which amount he is now receiving as Needham 301. (Resides Carler St. Needham, Mass. At present time.) June 1895
26. Letter from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, dated Boston, June 28, 1895, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq selectman Westford: Dear Sir, Enclosed please find copy of last report formed in papers of James A. Graham formerly Newton 301. Now Needham 301. I find I was in error in regard to this case I did not see Graham as he was not drawing aid in Newton at time of my last examination, and the case impressed upon my memory as being independent of outside help was told that of another person - Graham seems to be used up and destitute. Do not quite understand the reason of his moving about. With thankful remembrance of yours great kindness, I am, sincerely yours E.C. Stone, Agent
27. Letter dated Aug 5, 1895: Dear Sir, Mr. Fletcher Mr. Searles is sick and has not done any going on for four weeks and I have not got any think to lack it and it is hard to ask and not any thing to pay with. I am out of flour and other things for I do to or it is hard to pay old bill and the. It comes and of course he has got to have his pay call and I will tell you all Yours Truly, C.F. Searles Forge Village

28. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls Jan 27 '95 Mr. Sherman Fletcher: Dear Sir, I am sorry to have to trouble you but necessity compels me to. We are almost entirely without coal and would be very thankful for some of course you know what our income amounts to and its pretty hard for us to get along. With such a small amount my husbands payments area all run up before he is uses it and you know what we get from Westford barely pay our rent there for we only have 6 dollars per month to live on. Please give this your immediate attention as we are very much in need. Coal is 5.75 for ten here. My husband is not any better he has had a hearty cold all winter don't think he will ever get over it he is not at all will to day or he would have written himself. Very Respectfully Mr. and Mrs. James A. Graham
29. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls Jan 30<sup>th</sup>'95 Mr. Sherman Fletcher: Dear Sir, Yours received would say us reply that my husband, is not working anywhere at the bicycle shop or any other place, he did work there the nights earned 1.25 for the two nights he could not stand the work so he had to give it up don't think that we are pleading poorely, with out being necessary because we are not ? to have to investigate if you wish to do so of course you must know that its hard for us to get along in the Winter when we need so much and clothes. I can assure you that it's a bitter pill for me to ask the Town of Westford for anything but I am compelled to do so otherwise stance? When people trust for anything they expect their money just as same as you would. You keep a stow I understand and of course you want what is only you. About one morning when we moved here I asked Mr. Otis if he thought it necessary to let you know he said it did not make any difference unless you should wish to see us. So we have lived here going on ten months and our rent is 7 dollars per month had of course you advised us to get a cheaper rent, and we try and do the best we can with the money. We don't throw it away foolishly. I think I have told you all you wished to know, you are at liberty to come and see us at any time you or any body else, you will find things just as is till you hoping this will prove satisfactory. We are respectfully Mr. and Mrs. James Graham
30. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls Mass Feb 5, 1895 Capt's Sherman H. Fletcher: Dear Sir, I received the call yesterday and I am very much obliged to you for your kindness. Where I live now is not more than four hundred yards in a straight line from where I lived when you were here but it is a little further around the road & have a little garden with the house. I did not want to move into Needham but I could not get cheaper rent. I have not been able to earn up to this time since last June only \$3.22 I think by Spring I will apply for a increase of Pension. Yours Respectfully, James A. Graham
31. Letter from City of Newton, City Hall, dated West Newton, July 31, 1895, to Capt. Fletcher. Regarding James A. Graham & wife who lived in Newton when they first applied for State Aid in July 1894, and then moved to Needham around Dec. 1894 or Jan 1895 where he could live cheaper. Signed Benj. F. Otis, Auditor.
32. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston July 17, 1895, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Your favor of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. received. We shall not higggle about the aid to Joseph H. Wilson, and if you think his condition requires the \$5.00 per month aid, you may continue at that figure. We thought that earning \$1.00 per day in the summer months, he could get along until fall with less aid. Mr. Stone is absent on his vacation, but I have his report of Wilson's case and it is a very good one. Am pleased to know that you are very well satisfied with his examinations. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid

33. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Oct. 31, 1895, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectman, Westford. Relative to the case of Richard Welsh, alias Kirk, "A" 14<sup>th</sup> Conn. Inf., he is not eligible for state aid, though he claims to have been a resident of Chelmsford at the date of his enlistment, as he did not enlist until after March 18, 1862. Signed W. P. Innis, Agent
34. Note dated Forge Village, Thursday, Jan. 23 '96 to Mr. Fletcher. I am sick and unable to work. I am in need of Military aid hoping to hear from you soon. Signed Chas. J. Searles
35. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Aug 19, 1895, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Enclosed herewith find the approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid for the month of July last. In the case of Charles J. Searles, if you find that he is deprived of his income as watchman, you are authorized to renew the aid; but if his pay is kept along at \$1.50 per day, the aid must not be paid. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
36. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, June 4, 1895, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Your favor of June 1<sup>st</sup> relating to George H. Prescott duly received, and in reply I am directed by Commissioner Hastings to say that our last report gives his pension as \$4 a month and unless it has been increased, the \$3.00 he is now receiving as State Aid is the full limit of the law. Will you please ascertain from his pension certificate what pension he actually receives and advise this office. On receipt of this information you will be advised regarding the increase of his State Aid. Respectfully Yours, Lena G. Bailey, Agent
37. Form, Certificate of Reasons for Disbursing State or Military Aid, dated June 10, 1895. James W. Whittier? of Westford, age 55, suffers from chronic leutunh? of bladder, has no income, pays \$6 per month rent, has applied for U.S. pension, wife is only dependent, previously drew State Aid in Rockport for 2 mos. before 1889, town of Westford recommends \$8 per month aid
38. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, July 11, 1895, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectman, Westford... Suspensions of aid to Alvarado Shaw & Chas. J. Searles confirmed. Also suspend further aid to Thomas Burke & George H. Prescott. John Butler & James H. Hall may be suspended to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> next. Resume on the Nov. roll. George Hutchinson & Joseph H. Wilson reduced to \$5 per mo. John Wayne & Michael J. Murphy reduced to \$2 per mo. Continue Calvin W. Spaulding at \$4 per mo. instead of \$4.50. In the case of James W. Whittier, your new applicant under Chap. 279, we shall refuse to authorize payment of aid under present circumstances. Our last information concerning him from Lowell, where he formerly drew Military Aid, was that he had been convicted of drunkenness and had been dropped from the roll. But little is known of him and before any payment, we shall require a medical certificate of disability and a favorable report regarding his habits. Signed Charles W. Hastings, Comm. of State Aid
39. Form (marked "Copy"), Application for Military Aid under Chapter 279, Acts of 1889. To the Selectmen of Westford. I, James W. Whittier, aged 55, of Westford, declare that I enlisted at Lowell on 31 Aug 1862 for the quota of Lowell in Co. A 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't Mass. Vols. to serve for 9 mos. and served until 3 June 1863 when I was discharged. I subsequently enlisted on 28 July 1863 for the quota of Lowell in Co. a 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Mass. Vol. H. A. to serve 3 yrs. until I was discharged 3 Sept 1865. signed June 6, 1895 James W. Whittier
40. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 17, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners



41. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 17, 1896; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
42. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 27, 1895; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
43. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated December 27, 1895; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
44. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 21, 1895; "Return of State Aid" of 77.50\$; from Commissioners
45. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated November 21, 1895; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
46. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Oct 25, 1895; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
47. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Oct 25, 1895; "Return of State Aid" of 77.50\$; from Commissioners
48. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept 11, 1895; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
49. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept 11, 1895; "Return of State Aid" of 77.50\$; from Commissioners
50. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 19, 1895; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
51. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated August 19, 1895; "Return of State Aid" of 72.50\$; from Commissioners
52. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 12, 1895; "Return of State Aid" of 97\$; from Commissioners
53. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 12, 1895; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
54. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 21, 1895; "Return of State Aid" of 107.50\$; from Commissioners
55. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 21, 1895; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
56. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 18, 1895; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
57. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 18, 1895; "Return of State Aid" of 107.50\$; from Commissioners
58. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 20, 1895; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
59. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 20, 1895; "Return of State Aid" of 107.50\$; from Commissioners
60. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 1, 1895; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
61. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 1, 1895; "Return of State Aid" of 101.50\$; from Commissioners
62. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 29, 1895; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
63. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 29, 1895; "Return of State Aid" of 107.50\$; from Commissioners

64. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated January 17, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
65. Receipt: Doc # 991; dated Jan 4, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$;
66. Receipt: Doc # 992; dated Jan 4, 1895; Military Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 85.50\$;
67. Receipt: Doc # 679; dated March 2, 1895; Military Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 209\$;
68. Receipt: Doc # 678; dated March 2, 1895; Soldier Relief for J.A. Graham ; amount 5.75\$; Receipt from John Dolan dealer in coal and wood
69. Receipt: Doc # 680; dated March 2, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 32\$;
70. Receipt: Doc # 958; dated Dec 7, 1895; Soldier Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 20\$; attached are two written receipts for ten dollars each
71. Receipt: Doc # 960; dated Dec 7, 1895; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 85.50\$;
72. Receipt: Doc # 959; dated Dec 7, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$;
73. Receipt: Doc # 952; dated Nov 2, 1895; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 77.50\$;
74. Receipt: Doc # 901; dated Oct 5, 1895; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 77.50\$;
75. Receipt: Doc # 902; dated Oct 5, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$;
76. Receipt: Doc # 903; dated Oct 5, 1895; Soldier Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$; Signed note of payment received from A.H. Wright
77. Receipt: Doc # 953; dated Nov 2, 1895; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 16\$;
78. Receipt: Doc # 954; dated Nov 2, 1895; Soldier Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$; Signed note of payment received from A.H. Wright
79. Letter dated St. Louis, Jan. 9, 1895, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Westford, Mass., rec'd by Selectmen's Office Jan. 11, 1895. Your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> received and am pleased you acted so quick. I lived in Canton Mass at the time I received the State aid and lived there for 12 or 14 years so the partys will tell you that I mention there Name in my last letter to you who lived in Lexington in 1873 T. C. [E.?] Grover was then Justice of the Peace in Canton Mass. I went to him with my witness Wm. Casey and he made out my papers for me I was personely acquainted with all partys. Now sir as I was informed at the time there was seaverl of my Commarades belonged in Lowell but I never chanced to meet any of them since I was discharged. P.S. I have also sent a note to Congress Man E. A. Morse of Canton as he is now in Washington D.C. to see if he has forgotten me... Signed Thomas. Roche alias Mahoney, 4101 N. Grand Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
80. Receipt: Doc # 670; dated Feb 6, 1895; Soldier Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$; Signed note of payment received from A.H. Wright
81. Form: State Aid – Class 1 Ch. 301; card for Chas J. Searles, paid to Martha: on the back it has "Extracts from Instructions from Commissioners of State Aid for disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and their Dependents."
82. Letter from State Aid Committee, Lowell, Mass, Jan 28, 1895: Mr. Charles J. Searles I have to inform you that your State Aid has been stopped from Jan 1/95 by order of the Board of Commissioners at Boston, Respectfully, H.M. Poller, Clerk; on back a notes from C.F. Searles: Pleas let me know if I shall come up this month
83. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Feb 28, 1895, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Enclosed herewith find approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid for the month of January last. In the case of Charles J. Searles

who formerly drew State Aid in your town but latterly in Lowell, and who has again taken up his residence in Westford, you are authorized to grant him \$6.00 per month from Feb 1<sup>st</sup> inst. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid

84. Form, Certificate of Reasons for Disbursing State or Military Aid, dated Feb. 16, 1895. Charles J. Searles of Westford, age 58, suffers from chronic dearhea?, deprived ½ by disability, receives pension of \$8.00 [per mo.], receives \$1.50 [per hr.] when working, owns no property, pays \$5.00 per mo. for rent, relief requested is permanent, dependents are a wife and 2 sons, previously received \$6 [per mo.] aid from Lowell; town recommends \$6 per mo. aid.
85. Form, Application for State Aid under Chapter 301, Acts of 1889. To Selectmen of Westford. I, Charles j. Searles declare that I served in the Army and enlisted at Cambridge on 2 July 1861 for the quota of Townsend in Co. C 16<sup>th</sup> Reg't Mass. Vol. to serve 3 years and served until 27 July 1864 when I was discharged. I was disabled while in the service on 1 Aug 1862 at Morrison Landing. I am receipt of \$8 per mo. U.S. Pension dating from July 7, 1890. I further apply for my wife Martha M. Searls to whom I was married on the 21 Aug 1864. Dated Feb. 16, 1895.

#### **Box 4 (4 of4)**

##### **Folder: "1890's Military (Bounty)"**

1. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1899, to Mr. Sherman Fletcher. I have received my voucher for Bounty claim. Please fill it out as directed and if you cannot do it please let me know. What I shall do in regards to it as that is the town and your are the only one I can refer to that has care on me before the War and up to the Present time. Please arm? [illegible word] as soon as possible and oblige. Signed James A. Graham, 8 Mechanic St., Newton Upper Falls
2. Letter (2 pages) from Adjutant General's Office, Commission on Bounties, Boston, Dec. 29, 1898, to Chairman of Board of Selectmen, Westford, Mass. In compliance with Section 3 Chapter 525 Acts of 1890 (a copy of which find enclosed) you as custodian of the Treasurer's Book of the town of Westford are requested to furnish the Commission on Unpaid Bounty with a list of all persons to whom bounties have been paid by the town of Westford and the amount paid to each person and a certificate of non payment or part payment (if so found) of a bounty to William Hunter who served in the Navy to the credit of Westford. This request is made in order that the Commission may at an early date take action upon the pending claims of Veterans, and the Widows, of Veterans who served on the quota or to the credit of Westford and to act justly both to the Commondcal? [illegible word] and the many claimants from Westford. Signed W. C. Capell, Secretary.
3. Printed "Commission on Claims for Unpaid Bounty" apparently enclosed with the above letter.

##### **Folder: "Mil – State Aid 1896"**

1. Envelope addresses to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., dated Dec 9, 1896 from Graniteville, Mass.
2. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb 25, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 86.50\$; from Commissioners

3. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb 25, 1896; "Return of Military Aid" of 16\$; from Commissioners
4. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 25, 1896; "Return of Military Aid" of 13\$; from Commissioners
5. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 25, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 82.50\$; from Commissioners
6. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 24, 1896; "Return of Military Aid" of 8\$; from Commissioners
7. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 24, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 88.50\$; from Commissioners
8. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 25, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 88.50\$; from Commissioners
9. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 25, 1896; "Return of Military Aid" of 13\$; from Commissioners
10. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 25, 1896; "Return of Military Aid" of 13\$; from Commissioners
11. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 25, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 79.50\$; from Commissioners
12. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 14, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 80.50\$; from Commissioners
13. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 14, 1896; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
14. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Oct 20, 1896; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
15. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Oct 20, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 82.50\$; from Commissioners
16. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept 23, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 80.50\$; from Commissioners
17. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept 23, 1896; "Return of Military Aid" of 33\$; from Commissioners
18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Aug 14, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 80.50\$; from Commissioners
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20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Nov 27, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 77.50\$; from Commissioners
21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Nov 27, 1896; "Return of Military Aid" of 25\$; from Commissioners
22. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec 26, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 77.50\$; from Commissioners
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24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Jan 23, 1896; "Return of State Aid" of 77.50\$; from Commissioners
25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec 26, 1896; "Return of Military Aid" of 25\$; from Commissioners

26. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid , Boston, July 16, 1891, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Secretary of Board, Westford: Dear Sir, Enclosed herewith , find approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid for the month of June last. In the case of John P. Green and John Butler, do not pay further Military Aid if they have received the check for the back pension money. Possibly the U.S. Pensions will now support them, but if further aid is necessary, have an application and Certificate of Reasons under Chapter 301 prepared, and sent here for examination. Yours Truly, Charles W. Hastings  
Commissioner of State Aid
27. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, August 1, 1891, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Secretary of Board, Westford: Dear Sir, In the case of John Butler, whose papers, applying for aid under Chapter 301, have been received, you may pay him \$3. Per month for the present. We cannot see why it should cost the State double the amount, it did before. If Mr. Butler has hitherto made \$8.per month and \$3.State Aid, he might get along comfortably, for a while at least. Mrs, Mary Harrington may be paid \$4.per month, from July 1<sup>st</sup>. Let Butler's aid commence for the month of August. Yours truly, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
28. Letter from the Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, March 23, 1896, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Enclosed herewith find the approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid for the month of Feby last. Hiram Dane – your new Military Aid case, - will be approved at \$5.00 per month. Respectfully yours,  
Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
29. Letter dated Nashoba Oct. 8 '91 to Mr. Fletcher. I have not been able to come to Westford to see you so I drop a line to ask you what if anything is needed to complete my Application for Military Aid. Dr. Chamberlin of Chelmsford examined me and was to send the certificate to you if it is satisfactory what is the right thing for me to do. Please let me know and oblige. Signed. G. A. Hood
30. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Sep. 17, 1891, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectmen, Westford... In the case of Gilbert A. Hood, applicant for aid under Chapter 279, we shall e willing to allow \$6 per month, but shall require a medical examination of the man, and the enclosed certificate filled in. Signed Charles W. Hastings, Commissioner of State Aid
31. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Oct 23, 1896, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Regarding the case of Gilbert A. Hood, now receiving \$3.00 per month State Aid, - you are authorized t grant him an increase to \$6.00 per month from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> inst. Yours Respectfully, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
32. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Sep. 22, 1896, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectmen, Westford... Arthur McLaughlin, who formerly drew State Aid from Lowell, and who has filed an application from your town, may be paid \$2 per month from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> inst. Signed Charles W. Hastings, Commissioner of State Aid
33. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, May 23, 1891, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Secretary of Board, Westford: Dear Sir, In forwarding the approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid, I omitted to call your attention to the case of George F. Millis who was to have been dropped from the roll after the payment for March last. (see Com'ers letter of Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. 1890, to Selectman George T. Day.) In that letter permission was given to resume the aid to Millis to April 1<sup>st</sup>. '91. The payment for April is allowed,

but you are requested to withhold additional payment until further advised. Very Respectfully Yours, Chas W. Hastings Com'er

34. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Dec, 17, 1891, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Secretary of Board, Westford: Dear Sir, Enclosed herewith, find approvals of your Returns of State Aid for the Month of November last. In the case of George F. Millis, you are authorized to grant him \$4 per month from Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, to the 1<sup>st</sup> of May next, 5 month in all. If you think best to increase Samuel F. Putney one dollar per month, it will be approved to May next. Yours truly, Charles W. Hastings Commissioners of State Aid
35. Letter dated Leominster, Aug. 3, '91, to Mr. Fletcher. My Father was allowed his Pension 2 years ago last April. He receives \$12 a month in quarterly allowances he is quite miserable has rheumatism and neuralgia most of the time. Signed Mrs. Annie E. Desmond for Wm. H. T.? Nichols
36. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, May 4, 1896, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectmen, Westford... Referring to the case of William H. T. Nichols, you are advised, that after looking over the statements made concerning him, we are unwilling to allow more than \$16.00 per month Military Aid. This, with his pension of \$14.00 per month, should pay his way comfortably. He has already been paid State Aid of \$6.00 for the month of April just past, and the Military Aid can be paid for May. It is a very unsatisfactory case to consider, in view of the fact that he has squandered enough to have kept him comfortable the rest of his life. If he is a drinking, cross and cranky old man, he should be put under guardianship. At all events, the check or money given as Military Aid should be placed in the hands of the daughter, to pay her for taking care of him. You had better go and see the man and daughter and make the best arrangements you can. Let us know what takes place. Signed Charles W. Hastings, Commissioner of State Aid
37. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Aug 1, 1896, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, In response to your note of July 31<sup>st</sup> last past, I have to say, that it has been impractical to send an Agent to Leominster to investigate the case of William H.T. Nichols: but we hope to do so during the present month. If you see fit to send him \$20 for July, to be handled by the daughter, Mrs. Desmond, it will be approved. We certainly shall look into the matter during August, and advise as to further payments. Yours Respectfully, Charles W. Hastings Commissioners of State Aid
38. Envelope addressed to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Westford, Mass from the Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb 17, 1896
39. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, July 13, 1896, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Referring to the case of William H.T. Nichols, who was allowed \$20 for June, - I have to say that during the present month one of our Agents will visit Leominster and interview this Nichols, and try to form an opinion of the merits of the case, if there are any, which is somewhat doubtful. At all event, do not pay any more Military Aid until further advised. Yours Respectfully, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
40. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, June 27, 1896, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Papers for William H.T. Nichols, as a 2<sup>nd</sup> class 279 case, received. We authorize the payment of \$20.per month with much reluctance, as Nichols seems to be an ugly, rum-drinking spendthrift, who thinks he can club State and Town to suit is cranky delusions. We will try him one (1) month at \$20, and our Agent will visit him and see how all this money, (\$14 pension: \$20 Aid) is used. Leominster

has been notified to drop Nichols. Yours Respectfully, Charles W. Hastings  
Commissioner of State Aid

41. Letter dated Forge Village April 6, 1891 to Mr. S. H. Fletcher. Yours of today received contents noted in reply would state that I am drawing \$4 per month on pension No. 104,667 was increased (from \$2 per mo.) Dec. 14, 1887 The pension being for gunshot would of left foot. Served as private in U.S. Army from Aug. 1862 to July 1865. Enlisted in Co. D 35 Mass. Vols. was in battles of South Mountain, Antietam & Fredericksburg at which was wounded afterwards transferred to Co. C 21<sup>st</sup> Reg. V.R.C. from which was discharged at Trenton, N.J. signed G. Henry Prescott.
42. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Jan 25, 1897, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, George H. Prescott may be resumed at \$4.00 a month from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> inst. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hasting Commissioner of State Aid
43. Letter dated Aug. 20, 1891, Graniteville. Yours received. I will answer I belonged to 16 Reg. Mass. Co. C \* get \$8 a month pension will you send me the 4.00 and or how shall I get it will you send it to me and oblige. Signed Charles J. Searles.
44. Letter dated May 5, 1896 Dear Sir, I got my Staite Aide but only 4 dollars I feel as though I had ought to have 6 dollars pleas will you help me to get it when you go to Boston of course you can if you will you know all about it we have always had a hard time and it is hard times, Yours Truly, C.F. Searles Ash St No 29
45. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Jan 27, 1896, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Replying to your note of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., relating to the case of Charles J. Searles, I have to remark that \$6.00 per month will be approved for the present, or until he is able to resume his duties as watchman. Please report his case again April. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
46. Letter dated March 23, 1896: Dear Sir, pleas will you send me a order for this months State Aide and I will sine it you take what I owe you and send me the rest – you told me to draw it to Lowell. I suppose I can draw it up thare till you have word that I can not have it thare. It will save money to send it, Yours Truly C.F. Searles Ash St No 29 suit 81
47. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Aug 17, 1891, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Enclosed herewith find approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid for month of July last. In the case of Chas G. Searles, we will approve the sum of \$4 per month, commencing for August. In the case of Alvarado Shaw, \$4 per month will be approved from Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. H.T. Nichols having been granted a pension can now be dropped from your roll, and any further application for did can be referred to Selectmen of Leominster, Yours Truly, C.W. Hastigs Com'er
48. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, July 29, 1891, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectmen, Westford. In the case of Alvarado Shaw, who has returned from the Togus Home, we shall probably be willing to approve a renewal of aid, if he takes a full discharge from the Home. That is to say, if he is up here on a furlough, the aid will not be granted... Signed Charles W. Hastings, Commissioner of State Aid
49. Letter from the Office of the Board of Selectmen, Chelmsford, Mass., May 18, 1896, to the Selectmen of Westford. Samuel L. Topper has been receiving State aid from this town at the rate of \$2 per month to April 30 '96. Now having moved to your town his name will be dropped from our roll, from the above date. Signed Newell E. Parker

50. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, May 28, 1896, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, In the case of Samuel Toper, you may grant him \$3.00 a month, payable to or for his as you judge best for his interests. Ours records here show him inclined to be toperish and it may be best to disburse the aid for him instead of to him. Respectfully Yours, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
51. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, April 22, 1891, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectmen, Westford... In the case of James Thomas, lately removed from Lowell to Westford, you can pay him \$6 aid per month, the same as he received in Lowell. In the case of Charles J. Searles, we decline to authorize payment of aid at present. On the approach of cold weather, we shall probably be willing to approve some measure of assistance through the winter. Signed Charles W. Hastings, Commissioner of State Aid
52. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, June 26, 1896, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Mr. John Wayne has called in to state his condition and ask for an increase of Aid. We will approve \$3.00 per month hereafter, instead of \$2.00, as at first advised; commencing for June inst. Yours Respectfully, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
53. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, April 27, 1891, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Secretary of Board, Westford: Dear Sir, Mr. John Wayne has called in to report an increase of aid, after looking his case over, the commissioners are not willing to authorize an increase before November next. At that time, should his circumstances not improve, you can increase the aid to \$4.50 per month, to April 1<sup>st</sup> following. Yours Truly, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
54. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Feb. 17, 1896, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectmen, Westford. John Wayne has called in to ask if Aid can be increased to \$4 per month as formerly. He states that he is taking medicine all the time, has not had sufficient income to pay his taxes, and was obliged to sell two cows and two calves to pay them. His wife also sick, being overworked. If you think he has state the facts of the case fairly, you are authorized to increase the Aid to \$4 for Feb., March and April, and then reduce to \$2.00 unless further advised. Signed Charles W. Hastings, Commissioner of State Aid
55. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, July 17, 1891, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Secretary of Board, Westford: Dear Sir, in the case of John H. Whitney, applicant for aid under Chapter 301, if you see fit to grant him \$4per month from July 1<sup>st</sup> it will be approved, Yours Truly Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
56. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Oct 2, 1891, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Secretary of the Board, Westford: Dear Sir, In the case of Almira F. Wilkins, you are authorized to pay her \$4 per month from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and the same will be approved. Yours Truly, Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
57. Receipt; Doc # 1059; dated March 7, 1896; State aid for Soldiers Families; amount 175\$
58. Receipt; Doc # 1058; dated March 7, 1896; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$,  
Note attached declaring payment received
59. Receipt; Doc # 1060; dated March 7, 1896; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 24\$
60. Receipt; Doc # 1069; dated April 4, 1896; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 88.50\$
61. Receipt; Doc # 1068; dated April 4, 1896; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 13\$
62. Receipt; Doc # 1171; dated July 2, 1896; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 33\$



63. Receipt; Doc # 1172; dated July 2, 1896; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 80.50\$
64. Receipt; Doc # 1170; dated July 2, 1896; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
65. Receipt; Doc # 1132; dated June 6, 1896; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 13\$
66. Receipt; Doc # 1131; dated June 6, 1896; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 79.50\$
67. Receipt; Doc # 1133; dated June 6, 1896; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
68. Receipt; Doc # 1101; dated May 2, 1896; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 13\$
69. Receipt; Doc # 1105; dated May 2, 1896; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
70. Receipt; Doc # 1100; dated May 2, 1896; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 82.50\$
71. Receipt; Doc # 1317; dated Dec 1, 1896; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 77.50\$
72. Receipt; Doc # 1308; dated Dec 1, 1896; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 25\$
73. Receipt; Doc # 1283; dated Nov 1, 1896; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 77.50\$
74. Receipt; Doc # 1282; dated Nov 7, 1896; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 25\$
75. Receipt; Doc # 1284; dated Nov 7, 1896; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 6.50\$  
Note attached stating that this is payment on behalf of J.A. Graham to J.W.  
Mitchell dealer in coal, wood, and hay
76. Receipt; Doc # 1286; dated Nov 7, 1896; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 4\$
77. Receipt; Doc # 1248; dated Oct 3, 1896; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
78. Receipt; Doc # 1249; dated Oct 3, 1896; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 82.50\$
79. Receipt; Doc # 1250; dated Oct 3, 1896; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 33\$
80. Receipt; Doc # 1223; dated Sept 5, 1896; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 80.50\$
81. Receipt; Doc # 1224; dated Sept 5, 1896; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 33\$
82. Receipt; Doc # 1225; dated Sept 5, 1896; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
83. Receipt; Doc # 1195; dated Aug 1, 1896; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
84. Receipt; Doc # 1219; dated Aug 1, 1896; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 80.50\$
85. Receipt; Doc # 1220; dated Aug 1, 1896; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 33\$
86. Receipt; Doc # 1285; dated Nov 7, 1896; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 20\$  
Two notes attached declaring payment received
87. Receipt; Doc # 1316; dated Dec 5, 1896; Soldiers Relief for W.H. T. Nichols (Town of Leominster; amount 40\$: Note attached declaring payment received
88. Receipt; Doc # 1342; dated June 2, 1896; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 77.50\$
89. Receipt; Doc # 1343; dated June 2, 1897; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 6.50\$  
Note attached stating that this is payment on behalf of J.A. Graham to J.W.  
Mitchell dealer in coal, wood, and hay
90. Receipt; Doc # 1344; dated June 2, 1897; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
91. Receipt; Doc # 1345; dated June 2, 1897; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 4\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
92. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls, April 7, 1896. to Capt. S. H. Fletcher. I had to leave the house that I was living in on the Needham side by order of the Metropolitan Park Commission, as they have taken the premises for park use. I could not get a house on the

Needham side, so I had to move in to Newton. I am living in one of the Silk Mill houses on Chestnut St. near where I lived before as it was the cheapest rent I could get rents are very high here as the Park is talking so many of the cheap houses along River. I suppose that I will have to see Mr. Otis and get my State Aid transferred over here. We have to pay \$8 rents. Signed James A. Graham

93. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls, Oct 3, 1896, to Mr. Sherman Fletcher: Dear Sir, I am very sorry to have to trouble you but necessity compels one to do so. I favor I want you to do for me. We are sadly in need of coal you probably think that we are getting enough from Westford but everything is so slack here that we havn't had enough coming in to pay our bills. I think its a little as the town of Westford could do. Would be to find any coal for us in the Winter you all know that Mr. Graham is not able to work at any heavy work and he is under the Dr. treatment at the Present time. I think that he deserves all that he is getting and more for what he has done for his country. You were speaking about cutting us of next year, but you must not think of it as we are living just as economical as we can with what little we get – if you will please send us an order for some coal you will confer a great kindness as coal is so high that we cannot really afford to get it as by cent we have coming to us in relief, you can send the order to J.W. Mitchell coal dealer Newton Upper Falls, Mass Respectfully, Mr. and Mrs. Graham
94. Letter dated Nashaba Oct 21, 1896, to Capt S.H. Fletcher: Dear Sir, Enclosed please find a Statement from E.H. Chamberlin that is about the ? please to forward the business if you can se I can get this aid the first of the month as I am in need of it very much. Mother is failing fast and is suffering my month, if anything is needed more let me know signed J.A. Hood
95. Letter from the Selectmen of Leominster, dated March 20, 1986, to the Selectmen of Westford, Mass: Gents, William H.T. Nichols is sick and confined to his bed and his daughter with whom he is living has had to have assistance to call for him, the GAR port her have expended some \$30 in his behalf. Will you authorize any assistance to be given to him, as he has been lately someone is with him night and day. Please reply at once, yours truly J.A. Stowell
96. Letter from the Selectmen of Leominster, dated March 31, 1986, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq. Ch Selectman Westford: Dear Sir, Since I wrote you the other day I have been the Physician attending Mr. Nichols who says he does not from present indication think he is going to get so as be able to stand on his feet as his limbs are in bad shape. Some days there seems to be an improvement and then he has an attack which leaves him quite low. Mrs. Dessecond, Mr. Nichols daughter told her today that she is out of money and owing bills, her rent coming due this week (\$12). The commissioner have increased the State Aid to 6.00 and she can draw that tomorrow. ? has not been able to work in factory for more than six weeks, she says, taking care of Mr. N with assistance of GAR. I trust you will give this immediate attention. Dr. C.E. Bigelow is the attending physician if you wish to consult him. I would reccommend that you pay the rent bill at present. Resly Yours, J.A. Stowell
97. Letter from the Selectmen of Leominster, dated April 7, 1986, to S.H. Fletcher Esq: Dear Sir, In regard to W.H.T. Nichols I wrote you this rent was now due. I notified you of his condition Mar 20<sup>th</sup> will you authorize the aid from that date. I think the woman expects that much at least. Respy Yours, J.A. Stowell

98. Letter from the Selectmen of Leominster, dated April 3, 1886, to S.H. Fletcher Esq., Ch. Selectman Westford Mass.: Dear Sir, I find that Mr. W.H.T Nichols as been assessed in Leominster one year being here in the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1891, but do not find he has been assessed subsequent to that time. Yours Truly, J.A. Stowell
99. Letter from the Selectmen of Leominster, dated March 30, 1886, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Ch. Board Selectman Westford Mass: Dear Sir: In regard to the case of W.H.T. Nichols. I find he is receiving \$14.00 per mo pension and \$3.00 State Aid. We have recommended that the Commissioners increase the aid to \$6.00. Mr. Nichols has been confined to his bed for some six weeks. He is living with his daughter who has 3 children the oldest about 15 or 16 who helps her mother at home, the younger children being in school. The Mother supports her family paying \$12.00 per month for house rent and working in one of the shops here earning \$8.00 to \$10.00 a week. Now that her father has been so ill she has been obliged to give up her work and take care of him. When I called on the old gutterman [gentleman] he was in a kind of dazed condition and did not recognize me for some fifteen minutes. Secured to be suffering considerable pain, has a bad breach which causes him considerable trouble. I have delayed answering thinking I should meet his physician and get is report. While his daughter said he was full an comfortable as he had been I should judge from his taking so little nourishment his age (81) that his limbs are badly swollen that it might be one of those calls where he might drop away very suddenly or if is vitality is very strong may get better and coerce out of this trouble, as I wrote you before the GAR have been assisting them and when he has been at his worst some one has been there to stay with him nights His daughter said she thought she ought to have \$8.00 per week in order to pay her bills My idea would be to allow them something at present and I will report to you again in a few days I have been unable to find that they have any property Perhaps you may know in this respect, Respy Yours, J.A. Stowell
100. Receipt; Doc # 1024; dated Feb 1, 1896; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
101. Receipt; Doc # 1047; dated Feb 5, 1896; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$  
Note attached declaring payment received

**Folder: "Military – State Aid 1897"**

1. Letter dated Forge Village, January 13, 1897, to Mr. S. H. Fletcher. In compliance with your request send you may service record. Enlisted in Co. D 35<sup>th</sup> Mass. Vols. Aug. 6 [16?], 1862 was discharged July 28, 1865 from Co. C 21<sup>st</sup> Regiment Veteran Reserve to which I was transferred sometime in 1863 by reason of disability to march by wound in left foot received at Fredericksburg Va. Dec. 1862. Receive a pension of \$6 per month for wound received at Fredericksburg. My income from labor for the past 12 months has averaged \$4 and two cents per month, the prospect for the coming year is not better at present I have no property and depend upon my labor for my support the place where I live belongs to my wife I receive no income from that but am expected to pay the taxes on the place which I have not done for the past year. I am unable to work at building as I cannot climb aboard? Nineteen years past I fell eighteen feet from a roof and struck on my head and right shoulder disabling my shoulder so that I cannot use it in many ways, affecting my head so that I cannot go up on a building making me dizzy. My left hand is disabled by loss of second and fourth fingers, and contraction of thumb which leave it

with little strength. Am unable to do laborious labor but a small part of a day or rather work at shoveling gravel or anything of that kind, should soon get exhausted, that is my condition I have write you this as from Brother to Brother please consider it in that light. I will not ask you to do what you can for me as a Brother never having used that (asking the assistance of a Brother) since I was made a Mason and I am sure you will do what you can for me without asking in that way. Signed G. Henry Prescott

2. Receipt; Doc # 1341; dated June 2, 1897; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 25\$
3. Receipt; Doc # 1418; dated Feb 20, 1897; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 4\$
4. Receipt; Doc # 1378; dated Feb 6, 1897; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 4\$
5. Receipt; Doc # 1379; dated Feb 6, 1897; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$
6. Receipt; Doc # 1408; dated Feb 6, 1897; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1898"**

1. Receipt; Doc # 1889; dated May 7, 1898; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 8\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
2. Receipt; Doc # 1888; dated May 7, 1898; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 20\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
3. Receipt; Doc # 1887; dated May 7, 1898; Soldiers Relief for Susan W. Raymond; amount 2\$: Note attached declaring payment received from City of Lowell
4. Receipt; Doc # 1886; dated May 7, 1898; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
5. Receipt; Doc # 1885; dated May 7, 1898; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 67.50\$
6. Receipt; Doc # 1837; dated April 2, 1898; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$
7. Receipt; Doc # 1836; dated April 2, 1898; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 4\$
8. Receipt; Doc # 1835; dated April 2, 1898; Soldiers Relief for Susan Raymond; amount 2\$: Note attached declaring payment received from City of Lowell
9. Receipt; Doc # 1834; dated April 2, 1898; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
10. Receipt; Doc # 1833; dated April 2, 1898; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 67.50\$
11. Receipt; dated Aug 2, 1898; Soldiers Relief for Susan Raymond; amount 2\$  
Note attached declaring payment received from City of Lowell
12. Receipt; Doc # 2000; dated Aug 6, 1898; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 8\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
13. Receipt; Doc # 2001; dated Aug 6, 1898; Soldiers Relief for Susan Raymond; amount 4\$  
Note attached declaring payment received from City of Lowell
14. Receipt; Doc # 1999; dated Aug 6, 1898; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$
15. Receipt; Doc # 1997; dated Aug 6, 1898; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
16. Receipt; Doc # 1998; dated Aug 6, 1898; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 75.50\$
17. Receipt; Doc # 2062; dated Oct 1, 1898; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
18. Receipt; Doc # 2061; dated Oct 1, 1898; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 78.50\$
19. Receipt; Doc # 2060; dated Oct 1, 1898; Soldiers Relief for Susan Raymond; amount 2\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
20. Receipt; Doc # 2057; dated Oct 1, 1898; to Carries E. Read for services as a librarian; amount 30\$
21. Receipt; Doc # 2058; dated Oct 1, 1898; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 8\$
22. Receipt; Doc # 2059; dated April 2, 1898; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 4\$
23. Receipt; Doc # 2092; dated Nov 5, 1898; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 8\$  
Note attached declaring payment received

24. Receipt; Doc # 2093; dated Nov 5, 1898; Soldiers Relief for Susan Raymond; amount 2\$
25. Receipt; Doc # 2091; dated Nov 5, 1898; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 16\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
26. Receipt; Doc # 2089; dated Nov 5, 1898; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 81.50\$
27. Receipt; Doc # 2090; dated Nov 5, 1898; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
28. Receipt; Doc # 2033; dated Sept 3, 1898; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 5\$
29. Receipt; Doc # 2032; dated Sept 3, 1898; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 78.50\$
30. Receipt; Doc # 2031; dated Sept 3, 1898; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
31. Receipt; Doc # 2122; dated Dec 3, 1898; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 5\$
32. Receipt; Doc # 2123; dated Dec 3, 1898; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 83.50\$
33. Receipt; Doc # 2124; dated Dec 5, 1898; Soldiers Relief for Susan Raymond; amount 2\$  
Note attached declaring payment received
34. Receipt; Doc # 2068; dated Oct 1, 1898; General Expenses paid by F.L. Fletcher; amount 5\$: Note attached declaring payment received
35. Letter from Office of Soldiers' Relief, Room 34, City Government Building, dated Lowell, Mass., March 14, 1898, to Selectmen of Westford. We have with us one Susan S. Raymond formerly a resident of your town, widow of Joseph Raymond of "C" 16<sup>th</sup> Mass. Vol. Inf., and "E" 11<sup>th</sup> Mass. Vol. Inf., and enlisted to the credit of your town. She is old and very feeble. Past work of any kind and is in need of assistance. Her whole income at the present time is \$8 per month pension and \$4 per month State Aid. Total \$12, which is inadequate for her necessities. If she lives the time is hot far distant when she will have to be wholly cared for, as she is gradually failing and I think it will be necessary that she be aided more or less under Chapter #447 Acts of the Legislator of 1890, Chapt. #237, 1893, as her present income is not sufficient for her necessities. I would suggest that you send a man to interview her personally, at 26 Cady St., and Aid her direct, or if you desire I will Aid her from this City and charge the same to your town. I think perhaps that \$5 or \$6 per month with what she is getting would be sufficient for the present. Signed H. M. Potter, clerk. March 22, 1898, allowed \$2 per month commencing Mar. 1, 1898.
36. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Nov 17, 1898, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, enclosed herewith find the approvals of your Returns of State and Military Aid for the month of October last. In the case of Samuel Toper – you may increase his Aid to the full limit:--i.e.,-- \$6.00 per month. From Nov 1<sup>st</sup> inst. Signed Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
37. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, June 11, 1898, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Enclosed please find the approvals of your Returns for State and Military Aid for the month of May '98. Samuel Toper recently returned from Lowell may receive \$4.00 per month from June 1<sup>st</sup> '98; Signed Charles W. Hastings Commissioner of State Aid
38. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, July 13, 1898, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectman, Westford... Albro Fletcher, your new applicant under Chapter 301, may be paid not exceeding \$4.00 a month from July 1<sup>st</sup> inst. Signed Charles W. Hastings, Commissioner of State Aid
39. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, July 22, '98, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, I am directed by Commissioner Hastings to inform you that in the case of John Wayne, recently removed from Lowell, an application and certificate of reasons will be required. To facilitate matters, I enclose partly prepared

- papers. Please complete and return. Upon receipt of the same you will be advised regarding payment.; signed F.A. Bicknell, Agent
40. Letter from Office of State Aid Department, City Government Building, room 34, dated Lowell, Mass., July 12, 1898, to Selectmen of Westford. John Wayne late of this city has been paid \$3 per month State Aid to July 1, 1898. As he has now removed to your Town he will be dropped from our roll from that date. Signed H. M. Potter, Clerk
  41. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Aug 9, 1898, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Commissioner Hastings directs me to say, that in case of John Wayne recently returned from Lowell, payment may be resumed at \$3 per month from July 1, 1898; Signed F.A. Bicknell, Agent
  42. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Oct 21, 1898, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, yours of 20<sup>th</sup> inst is in the interests of John Wayne. In reply, I am directed by Commissioner Hastings to inform you that payment of \$5.00 a month will be approved from October 1<sup>st</sup> inst.; signed F.A. Bicknell, Agent
  43. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Oct 11, 1898, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Com. Hastings directs me to inform you that in the case of Arthur McLaughlin, now receiving \$3.00 per month, under Chap. 301, payment may be increased to \$4.00 per month from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> '98; signed F.A. Bicknell, Agent
  44. 1¢ postcard dated Leominster, May 7 '98 to Sherman H. Fletcher, Westford. At your request I have found that Mr. Nichols is still alive but quite feeble. Fannie & Sarah arrived home all right with best wished I am yours truly, S. F. Maynard.
  45. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls, Mass, Aug 11, 1898, to the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher Chairman: Gentlemen, I was very much surprised to receive your notice the reduction of my soldiers relief as I have to pay twelve dollars a month rent and when I work & only average seven dollars a week and that my labor does not amount to half of my time, for I am not able to work only with the greatest of exertion, we live as economical as it is possible for any persons to do and rents are not to be had any cheaper, and we had all that we could do with what we were getting and it will be impossible for me to get along with any less than ten dollars per month, Hoping this will meet with your favorable consideration; signed James A. Graham 8 Mechanics St. Newton Upper Falls, Mass
  46. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls, August 25, 1898, to Capt S.H. Fletcher: Dear Sir: I think that there is a mistake as to the amount that I earn per year for I have not averaged more than \$150 per a year for the last five years, I work all that I am really able to at times, I worked a couple of months last winter and had not done anything from the first of April until just before you came to see me for I was not able to work I cannot do any heavy work of any kind I have ? in ? and it troubles me so much that I cannot rest nights, hoping that I have set this night before you; signed Jas.A. Graham P.S.: My daughter is out of the question altogether for her is able to take care of herself. What I am working for is to help what I can to keep out of debt and get along; signed J.A. Graham
  47. Receipt; Doc # 2152; dated June 7, 1898; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 8\$
  48. Receipt; Doc # 2151; dated June 7, 1898; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 4\$
  49. Receipt; Doc # 2149; dated June 7, 1898; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 83.50\$
  50. Receipt; Doc # 1933; dated June 4, 1898; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 67.50\$
  51. Receipt; Doc # 1934; dated June 4, 1898; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
  52. Receipt; Doc # 1969; dated July 2, 1898; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 10\$

53. Receipt; Doc # 1968; dated July 2, 1898; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 4\$
54. Receipt; Doc # 1967; dated July 2, 1898; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 20\$
55. Receipt; Doc # 1966; dated July 2, 1898; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 71.50\$
56. Receipt; Doc # 2153; dated June 7, 1898; Soldiers Relief for Susan Raymond; amount 2\$  
 Note attached declaring payment received from City of Lowell
57. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Feb 23, 1898;  
 "Return of State Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
58. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb 23, 1898; "Return  
 of State Aid" of 67.50\$; from Commissioners
59. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 20, 1898; "Return  
 of State Aid" of 67.50\$; from Commissioners
60. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated May 20, 1898;  
 "Return of State Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
61. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated March 23, 1898;  
 "Return of State Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
62. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 23, 1898;  
 "Return of State Aid" of 67.50\$; from Commissioners
63. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 26, 1898; "Return  
 of State Aid" of 67.50\$; from Commissioners
64. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated April 26, 1898;  
 "Return of State Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
65. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 11, 1898; "Return  
 of State Aid" of 67.50\$; from Commissioners
66. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated June 11, 1898;  
 "Return of State Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
67. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept 28, 1898; "Return  
 of State Aid" of 81.50\$; from Commissioners
68. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Sept 28, 1898;  
 "Return of State Aid" of \$20; from Commissioners
69. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 27, 1898; "Return  
 of State Aid" of 71.50\$; from Commissioners
70. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated July 27, 1898;  
 "Return of State Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
71. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Aug 23, 1898; "Return  
 of State Aid" of 75.50\$; from Commissioners
72. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Aug 23, 1898;  
 "Return of State Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
73. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Oct 20, 1898; "Return  
 of State Aid" of 78.50\$; from Commissioners
74. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Oct 20, 1898;  
 "Return of State Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
75. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec 23, 1898; "Return  
 of State Aid" of 83.50\$; from Commissioners
76. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Dec 23, 1898;  
 "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners

77. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Nov 17, 1898; "Return of State Aid" of 81.50\$; from Commissioners
78. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Nov 17, 1898; "Return of State Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners
79. Receipt; Doc # 1812; dated March 5, 1898; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 135\$
80. Receipt; Doc # 1935; dated June 4, 1898; Soldiers Relief for Susan Raymond; amount 2\$  
Note attached declaring payment received in the City of Lowell

**Folder: "Mil – State Aid 1899"**

1. Receipt; Doc # 2191; dated Feb 4, 1899; Soldier Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 8\$
2. Receipt; Doc # 2192; dated Feb 4, 1899; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 4\$
3. Receipt; Doc # 2150; dated June 7, 1899; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 5\$
4. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Jan 31, 1899, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Commissioner Hastings directs me to say in reply to yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst, which refers to Mary Murphy, the Commissioners decline to authorize an increase of aid as at present advised. Our last investigation shows her to have a steadily increasing bank account of which no mention is made in the certificate of reasons just filed. She is in receipt of \$12.00 a month pension from the U.S. Government and \$2.00 from the State, and only pays \$8.00 a month board; signed F.A. Bicknell, Agent
5. Letter from the Town of Westford Selectmen's Office, Westford, Mass; dated Feb 7, 1899, to Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher: Dear Sir, In regard to Mrs. Mary Murphy's application for increase of State Aid. I find by further enquiring that she has a bank account has much I am unable to learn, therefore I am not particular about pushing this matter further, you do as you think best; signed W.O. Hawkes
6. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Jan 18, 1899, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst is in the interest of Mary Murphy who desires an increase of aid. I am directed by Com. Hastings to hand you herewith the enclosed bank certificate of reasons which please fill in carefully, showing her present physical and financial condition. Our last investigation showed her to have a steadily increasing bank account. Her property, income and resources should be shown in full, and upon receipt of the same in this office you will be advised regarding an increase; signed F.A. Bicknell, Agent

**Folder: "1900 Military State Aid"**

1. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Sept 21, 1900, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Yours of even date refers to Joseph W. Wilson who desires an increase of aid. In reply, I am directed by Commissioner Hastings to say that payment of aid may be increased to \$6.00 a month from Sept 1<sup>st</sup> inst.; Signed F.A. Bicknell, Agent
2. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Jan. 15, 1900, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectmen, Westford. Commissioner Hastings directs me to say that in the case of Moses G. Nichols, recently from Lowell, payment of \$4 a month will be approved from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> inst. signed F. A. Bicknell, Agent
3. Letter from Office of State Aid Department, City Government Building, room 34, dated Lowell, Mass., Jan. 13, 1900, to Selectmen of Westford. Moses G. Nichols, Co. C 6<sup>th</sup>



Mass. Infty. (9 months) Civil War has been paid State Aid by City of Lowell \$4 per month to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, he having removed to your town his name will be dropped from our rolls from that date. He is a good man and worthy. Signed H. M. Potter, Supt.

4. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Dec 20, 1900, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectmen, Westford: Dear Sir, Commissioner Hastings directs me to say that in the case of Arthur McLaughlin payment of aid may be increased to \$6.00 a month from Dec 1<sup>st</sup> inst.; signed F. A. Bicknell, Agent
5. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Feb. 6, 1900, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectmen, Westford. Com. Hastings directs me to say that in the case of Lucia Putney, widow of Samuel F., payment of \$4 per month will be approved from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. signed F. A. Bicknell, Agent
6. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Mar. 1, 1900, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectmen, Westford. In the case of James Savage, applicant under chapter 374, Com. Hastings directs me to say that payment of \$20 a month will be approved from Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> inst to continue 2 months and after the payment for March, if further aid is needed, report the case anew, otherwise suspend... signed F. A. Bicknell, Agent
7. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 20, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 91.50\$; from Commissioners
8. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated March 20, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 25\$; from Commissioners
9. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 8, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 87.50\$; from Commissioners
10. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated May 8, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
11. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Oct 31, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 84.50\$; from Commissioners
12. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Oct 31, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
13. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb 16, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 91.50\$; from Commissioners
14. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb 16, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
15. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec 20, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 84.50\$; from Commissioners
16. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Dec 20, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
17. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Nov 28, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 84.50\$; from Commissioners
18. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Nov 28, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
19. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept 20, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 83.50\$; from Commissioners
20. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Sept 20, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$ from Commissioners
21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Aug 7, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 83.50\$; from Commissioners

22. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Aug 7, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
23. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 16, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 87.50\$; from Commissioners
24. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated July 16, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 22, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 87.50\$; from Commissioners
26. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated June 22, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
27. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 12, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 91.50\$; from Commissioners
28. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated April 12, 1900; "Return of State Aid" of 10\$; from Commissioners

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1901"**

1. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Jan. 25, 1901, to Sherman H. Fletcher Esq., Selectmen, Westford. Commissioner Hastings directs me to say that in the case of Mary McIntire, widow of Daniel, the Commissioners decline to authorize payment of aid. She is not eligible to be considered as she was not married to Daniel prior to April 9, 1880. signed F. A. Bicknell, Agent
2. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Jan 8, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
3. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Jan 8, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
4. Letter dated Newton Upper Falls, Nov 8, 1901, to Capt Fletcher: Dear Sir, I wish to let you know that I have not received my relief yet as I need it very much to help pay my rent. I have not been able to do much of any work this last two years and have had to pay a large doctor bill besides buying medicine. It coming on Winter now and I have wet to get some coal and wood and it is going to be pretty hard on me I we didn't manage to keep a few boarders. I don't know how we should get along but they are going and coming all the time as the shop here is only running five days a week with half the help. Hoping to hear from you soon; signed James A. Graham
5. 1¢ postcard dated Chelmsford Centre, Mass. Oct. 14, 1901, sent to Mr. N. Wright, Office of Town Clerk. We have just moved from your town (Westford) into Chelmsford, and shall therefore be obliged to have our State Aid business transferred to this town for the present. Thanking you for past work, I remain yours respectfully Morrill C. Gove
6. Letter from the Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, Oct 23, 1901, to Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Selectman, Westford: Dear Sir, Should the weather be favorable for out door work, I expect to visit Westford on Friday morning next (via 8.15 A.M Train from Ayer) to visit with you the recipients of State Aid, and Military Aid on your rolls. Should the morning be fair if you can arrange to meet me at the depot, with team, on arrival of the train, we will begin the examinations at once – should it be stormy will come first fair day; signed Edwin C. Stone, Agent
7. Receipt; Doc # 3376; dated Sept 7, 1901; State Aid for Soldiers Families; amount 85.50\$
8. Receipt; Doc # 3369; dated Aug 3, 1901; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 8\$

9. Receipt; Doc # 3368; dated Aug 3, 1901; Soldiers Relief for G.A. Hood; amount 4\$
10. Receipt; Doc # 3337; dated Aug 3, 1901; Military Aid for Indigent Soldiers; amount 5\$
11. Receipt; Doc # 3338; dated Aug 3, 1901; Soldiers Relief for J.A. Graham; amount 8\$
12. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 11, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
13. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated June 11, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
14. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 10, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
15. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated July 10, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
16. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Aug 15, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
17. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Aug 15, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept 9, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
19. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Sept 9, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Oct 14, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
21. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Oct 14, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
22. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Nov 15, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 68.50\$; from Commissioners
23. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Nov 15, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec 30, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 64\$; from Commissioners
25. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Dec 30, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
26. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Jan 10, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 64\$; from Commissioners
27. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Jan 10, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
28. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 18, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
29. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated March 18, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of \$; from Commissioners
30. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 30, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
31. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated April 30, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
32. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 22, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners

33. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated May 22, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
34. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb 18, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 85.50\$; from Commissioners
35. Form from Office of Commissioners of Military Aid, Boston, dated Feb 18, 1901; "Return of State Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
36. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Nov. 15, 1901; to Selectman Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Approval of Returns of State Aid for the month of October 1901. Suspension of Aid to George F. Willis, Emma Noyes, Joseph H. Wilson, and Katie J. Stiles. Reduction of Aid to Ai Bicknell. Suspension of Aid in March 1902 of George H. Prescott. Suspension of Aid in April 1902 for Hiram Dane. From Charles W. Hastings
37. Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Nov. 12, 1901; to Slectmen Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Nancy S. Carkin has been approved \$4 per month in aid starting Nov. 1. From F.A. Bicknell, Agent.
38. Copy of Letter from Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Nov. 15, 1901; to Selectman Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., Approval of Returns of State Aid for the month of October 1901. Suspension of Aid to George F. Willis, Emma Noyes, Joseph H. Wilson, and Katie J. Stiles. Reduction of Aid to Ai Bicknell. Suspension of Aid in March 1902 of George H. Prescott. Suspension of Aid in April 1902 for Hiram Dane. From Charles W. Hastings
39. Letter: from Mrs. Emma F. Noyes to Sherman H. Fletcher, dated Nov. 6, 1901; Mrs. Noyes wrote to ask why her state aid was discontinued.
40. Letter: from Capt. E. De Roether to Capt. Fletcher, dated Feb. 12, 1901; requesting an article to be put in the warrant to ask the town for \$50.00 to help pay for Memorial Day services in behalf of the Veteran Association of Westford.

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1902-1903"**

1. Letters from Thomas Roche alias Mahoney, a Civil War veteran who volunteered for Westford to fill the town's quota, at the Soldier's Home in Chelsea, dated Aug. 2, 1903 and Aug. 9, 1903; to Selectmen of Westford asking for aid that he believes he is qualified for. His case had previously been denied because he could not provide identification of two of his comrades. (For more information on the same person, see Folder: "Military State Aid 1894" Item #59 and Folder: "Military State Aid 1895 Item #79.)
2. Envelope for the letters from Thomas Roche alia Mahoney.
3. Letter (typed) from the Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Jan. 9, 1903; payment of \$4 per month will be approved to Hiram Dane starting Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> for four months. From. F. A. Bicknell, Agent.
4. Letter (typed) from the Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec. 15, 1902; increase payment to \$4 per month from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to Mrs. Mary Murphy, widow of Michael J. who is in need of further assistance. From F. A. Bicknell, Agent.
5. Letter (typed) from the Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 4, 1902; to Selectman Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., "Complying with your request of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst Comm'r Hastings directs me to hand you herewith copy of the letter of Nov 15 '01 confirming suspensions and reducing the payments of aid." From F. A. Bicknell, Agent.
6. Envelope (damaged) from the Town of Westford. "Letters in regards to State Aid 1902" written on it.

7. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Jan. 9, 1903; "Return of State Aid" of 54\$; from Commissioners
8. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Dec. 15, 1902; "Return of State Aid" of 52\$; from Commissioners
9. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Nov. 7, 1902; "Return of State Aid" of 52\$; from Commissioners
10. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Oct. 7, 1902; "Return of State Aid" of 52\$; from Commissioners
11. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept. 9, 1902; "Return of State Aid" of 52\$; from Commissioners
12. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Sept 5, 1902; "Return of State Aid" of 52\$; from Commissioners
13. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated July 14, 1902; "Return of State Aid" of 52\$; from Commissioners.
14. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated June 10, 1902; "Return of State Aid" of 52\$; from Commissioners
15. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated May 8, 1902; "Return of State Aid" of 52\$; from Commissioners
16. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated April 9, 1902; "Return of State Aid" of 56\$; from Commissioners AND "Return of Military Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
17. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated March 18, 1902; "Return of State Aid" of 60\$; from Commissioners AND "Return of Military Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners
18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston, dated Feb. 13, 1902; "Return of State Aid" of 64\$; from Commissioners AND "Return of Military Aid" of 5\$; from Commissioners.
19. Letter (typed): from Office of Commissioners of State Aid, Boston to Selectman Sherman H. Fletcher, Esq., dated April 16, 1902; "Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst asks instructions in the case of a soldier who served on the quota of Rhode Island, etc. In reply Comm'r Hastings directs me to say, as this soldier lived in Rhode Island at the time of enlistment he is not eligible to be considered for state aid. If he had been living in Mass and enlisted between April 19, 1861 and March 18, 1862 he would have been eligible to be considered but not otherwise. If he has gained settlement in any city or town in this commonwealth he can be considered for soldiers [sic] relief under chapter 447 Acts of 1890 from such city or town."
20. Letter (typed): from John J. Monahan of the Armory Troop F. Cavalry, First Brigade M. V. M. to Sherman H. Fletcher, dated March 28, 1902; "Will you kindly advise me if your Board of Selectmen will pay part of cost of maintenance of our Troop Rifle Range at North Chelmsford as we shall have no Squad Range at Westford."
21. Letter (typed): from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston to Sherman H. Fletcher, dated Dec. 12, 1903; "Commissioner Hastings directs me to say that in the case of Ai Bicknell payment of aid me be increased to \$6.00 per month from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>."
22. Letter (typed): from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston to Sherman H. Fletcher, dated May 18, 1903; "Since the suspension of aid to Mr. Hiram

Dane he has represented to the commissioner more of his needs and explaining his circumstances more fully than was given in the certificate of reasons last January. Owing to its indefiniteness the aid was limited to four months which expired with the April payment. Owing to his age and infirmities he is not able to make enough from his farm and holdings to pay his way. His wife has been invalid for many years, costing much for doctors, etc. With this additional information at hand there will be no objection to continuing the aid to Mr. Dance and increasing same to \$5 a month from May 1<sup>st</sup>.”

23. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Dec. 9, 1903; “Return of State Aid” of 53\$; from Commissioners.
24. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Nov. 7, 1903; “Return of State Aid” of 53\$; from Commissioners.
25. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Oct. 8, 1903; “Return of State Aid” of 53\$; from Commissioners.
26. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Sept. 8, 1903; “Return of State Aid” of 53\$; from Commissioners.
27. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Aug. 6, 1903; “Return of State Aid” of 53\$; from Commissioners.
28. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated July 15, 1903; “Return of State Aid” of 59\$; from Commissioners.
29. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated June 8, 1903; “Return of State Aid” of 59\$; from Commissioners.
30. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated May 14, 1903; “Return of State Aid” of 58\$; from Commissioners.
31. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated April 7, 1903; “Return of State Aid” of 58\$; from Commissioners.
32. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated March 12, 1903; “Return of State Aid” of 58\$; from Commissioners.
33. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Feb 13, 1903; “Return of State Aid” of 58\$; from Commissioners.

**Folder: “Military State Aid 1904-1906”**

1. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Dec. 9, 1904; “Return of State Aid” of 56\$; from Commissioners.
2. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Nov. 10, 1904; “Return of State Aid” of 56\$; from Commissioners.
3. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Oct. 6, 1904; “Return of State Aid” of 56\$; from Commissioners.
4. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Sept. 8, 1904; “Return of State Aid” of 56\$; from Commissioners.
5. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Aug. 15, 1904; “Return of State Aid” of 56\$; from Commissioners.
6. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated July 7, 1904; “Return of State Aid” of 56\$; from Commissioners.
7. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated June 9, 1904; “Return of State Aid” of 56\$; from Commissioners.

8. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated May 10, 1904; "Return of State Aid" of 56\$; from Commissioners.
9. Envelope: from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Feb 16, 1905; addressed to Oseaf R. Spalding, Esq.
10. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Feb 8, 1905; "Return of State Aid" of 56\$; from Commissioners.
11. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Jan. 13, 1905; "Return of State Aid" of 56\$; from Commissioners.
12. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Dec. 10, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 52\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.
13. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Nov. 9, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 56\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.
14. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated April 8, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 56\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.
15. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Sept. 7, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 56\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.
16. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Aug. 9, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 62\$; from Commissioners.
17. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated July 9, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 62\$; from Commissioners.
18. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated June 5, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 62\$; from Commissioners.
19. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated May 11, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 60\$; from Commissioners.
20. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated April 9, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 60\$; from Commissioners.
21. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated March 6, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 60\$; from Commissioners.
22. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Feb. 5, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 60\$; from Commissioners.
23. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Jan. 9, 1906; "Return of State Aid" of 64\$; from Commissioners.

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1907-1908"**

1. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Feb. 6, 1907; "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.
2. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Feb. 8, 1907; "Revised Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.
3. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Nov. 11, 1907; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.

4. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Dec. 16, 1907; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.
5. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated March 30, 1907; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.
6. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated April 22, 1907; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.
7. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated May 17, 1907; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 40\$; from Commissioners.
8. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated June 11, 1907; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 40\$; from Commissioners.
9. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated July 22, 1907; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 40\$; from Commissioners.
10. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Aug. 5, 1907; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 40\$; from Commissioners.
11. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Sept. 11, 1907; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.
12. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Oct. 7, 1907; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.
13. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Feb. 6, 1907; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of State Aid" of 58\$; from Commissioners.
14. Letter (typed): from Charles W. Hastings, the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions to the Selectmen of Westford, dated March 20, 1907; "For the purpose of facilitating business relating to Military and State Aid matters, will you please notify us, immediately after the annual Town Meeting, which of the Selectmen (with his P. O. Address) you desire us to correspond with the ensuing year."
15. Form from Office of Commissioners of State Aid and Pensions, Boston, dated Jan. 9, 1908; "Return of State Aid" of 58\$ AND "Return of Military Aid" of 20\$; from Commissioners.

**Folder: "Military Spalding Light Cavalry 1878-"**

1. Receipt; Doc # 69; dated July 6, 1878; from Town of Westford to W.F. Balch for use of land and Cavalry drill; amount 10\$
2. Receipt; Doc # 103; dated Aug 21, 1880; from Town of Westford to George H. Hartford for use of field by the Spalding Company for parade; amount 9\$
3. Receipt; Doc # 220; dated Feb 6, 1886; from Town of Westford to George H. Hartford for use of ground for cavalry; amount 12.75\$



4. Roll of Members of Company F, Cavalry, Mass. Vol. Mil., June 1, 1885 (all have Residence in Westford): Fletcher, Sherman H., Captain; Greig, David L, Bugler; Balch, Wayland F., Private; Cummings, Owen A., Private; Collins, Albert E., Private; Feeney, John, Private; Fisher, Aleck, Private; Griffin, Charles M., Private; Keyes, Edward H., Private; Ward, John, Private; Leighton, Amos H., Private. Signed Sherman H. Fletcher, Captain on June 2, 1885, before J. Henry Read, J.P.
5. Envelope addressed to Chairman of Selectmen of the Town of Westford from the Spalding Light Cavalry, Company F, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, M.V.M., Westford, Mass
6. Receipt; Doc # 156; dated Graniteville, Aug 11, 1888; from the Town of Westford to Bradley Wright for use of land for target practice for cavalry for one year to date; amount 5\$; signed Bradley Wright and J.W. Caskin
7. Letter dated Carlisle, Sept 25, 1890, to the Board of Selectmen of Westford: I have one honor in apply for a suitable field for the annual ? drill of Troop F Cavalry in Westford Oct 17<sup>th</sup>; signed Capt. Wilson
8. Envelope dated Jun 22, 1896, addressed to the Selectmen of Westford, Mass from Co. C Sixth Reg't Infantry M.V.M. Lowell, Mass
9. Envelope dated July 1, 1896, with the note: Lease of land of B.H. Brow for Rifle Range with Town of Westford Stamp
10. Lease presumably was contained in the previous envelope, Byron H. Brow is leasing his land out or use as a rifle range for 5 years for 5 dollars per annum to be paid on the last day o every year. Sherman H. Fletcher was the witness for this lease; signed Byron H. Brow and Sherman H. Fletcher, Chairman Board of Selectmen
11. Envelope undated addressed to the Chairman of Selectmen, Westford, Mass, from Company F. Cavalry, First Brigade, M.V.M. Westford, Mass.
12. Roll: Detachment. Jury Exemption Roll of members of Company F, Cavalry, Mass. Vol. Mil., June 1, 1883 (all have Residence in Westford): Fletcher, Sherman H., Captain; Heald, Joseph B., Asst. Surgeon; Kittridge, William L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.; Greig, David L, Bugler; Balch, Wayland F., Private; Burbeck, William J., Private; Burnham, Charles F., Private; Cameron, Alister G., Private; Drew, Frank C., Private; Dunn, John J., Private; Feeney, John, Private; Fisher, Aleck, Private; Griffin, Charles M., Private; Keyes, Edward H., Private; Ward, John, Private; Leighton, Amos H., Private; Lewis, Fred H., Private; Toye, John A., Private. Signed Sherman H. Fletcher, Captain on June 4, 1883, before Joseph B. Heald, J.P
13. Roll of Members of Company F, Cavalry, Mass. Vol. Mil., June 1, 1886 (all have Residence in Westford): Fletcher, Sherman H., Captain; Heald, Joseph B., Assitant Surgeon; ; Fisher, Aleck, Corporal; Greig, David L, Bugler; Feeney, John, Private; Lewis, Fred H., Private; Leighton, Amos H., Private; Keyes, Edward H., Private; Collins, Albert E., Private; Ward, John, Private; Burnham, Charles F., Private.Signed Sherman H. Fletcher, Captain on June 14, 1886, before Joseph B. Heald, J.P
14. Roll of members of Company F, Cavalry, Mass. Vol. Mil., June 1, 1887 (all have Residence in Westford): Fletcher, Sherman H., Captain; Fisher, Aleck, Corporal; Leighton, Amos R., Corporal; Greig, David L, Bugler; Collins, Albert E., Private; Feeney, John, Private; Hildreth, Herbert, Private; Jackson, George, Private; Edward H., Private; Lewis, Fred H., Private; Monahan, John J., Private. Signed Sherman H. Fletcher, Captain on June 17, 1887, before J. Henry Read, J.P

15. Roll: Detachment. Jury Exemption. Roll of Members of Company F, Cavalry, Mass. Vol. Mil., June 1, 1889 (all have Residence in Westford): Leighton, Amos R., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt; Keyes, Edward H., Corporal; Hildreth, Herbert V., Corporal; Collins, Albert E., Private; Decatur, Joshua C., Private; Desmond, Jeremiah, Private; Feeney, John, Private; Fifield, Willis S., Private; Fisher, John, Private; Furbush, Frank S., Private; Jackson, George O., Private; Kittridge, William L., Private; Monahan, John J., Private; O'Brine, James F., Private; O'Brine, John H., Private; Sheehan, Charles A., Private. Signed H.W. Wilson, Captain on July 2, 1889, before Nathaniel A. Taylor, J.P
16. Roll: Detachment. Jury Exemption. Roll of Members of Company C, Sixth Regiment Infy., Mass. Vol. Mil., June 1, 1896 (all have Residence in Westford): Clarence? R. De Catur, Private. Signed Alex Greig Jr., Captain on June 10, 1896, before Edward L. Tucker, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.
17. Roll: Detachment. Jury Exemption. Roll of Members of Company C, Cavalry, Mass. Vol. Mil., June 1, 1891 (all have Residence in Westford): Leighton, Amos R., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.; Feeney, John, Rank?; Keyes, Edward H., Corporal; Hildreth, Herbert V., Corporal; Collins, Albert E., Private; Decatur, Joshua C., Private; Desmond, Jeremiah., Private; Fisher, John, Private; Furbush, Frank L., Private; Healy, Frank, Private; Kittridge, William L., Private; Monahan, James J., Private; O'Brine, James F., Private; O'Brine, John H., Private; Tobis, Roswell, Private. Signed H.W. Wilson, Captain on Aug 24, 1891, before George Duren, J.P.
18. Roll of Members of Company F, Cavalry, Mass. Vol. Mil., June 1, 1878 (all have Residence in Westford): Fletcher, Sherman H., Captain; Head, Joseph B., Asst Surgeon; Kittridge, William L., 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant; Brull, Joseph W., Corporal; Drew, George G., Bugler; Fisher, Frederick A., Private; Feeney, John, Private; Hamlin, Henry, Private; Hamlin, Charles A., Private; Hutchins, Alvin G., Private; Minis?, David E., Private; Toye, John A., Private. Signed Sherman H. Fletcher, Captain signed on June 28, 1878, before H.W. Wilson, J.P.
19. Envelope undated addressed to Chairman of Board Selectmen, Westford, Mass from Headquarters Co. F, Cavalry, First Brigade, M.V.M., Westford, Mass.
20. Roll of Members of Company F, Cavalry, First Brigade, Mass. Vol. Mil., June 1, 1879 (all have Residence in Westford): Fletcher, Sherman H., Captain; Heald Joseph B., Asst Surgeon; Kittridge, William L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt; Brull, Joseph W., Corporal; Drew, George G., Private; Fisher, Frederick A., Private; Feeney, John, Private; Hamlin, Henry, Private; Hamlin, Charles A., Private; Flagg, Everett S., Private. Signed Sherman H. Fletcher, Captain on June 2, 1879, before J.B. Heald, J.P.
21. Receipt; Doc # 280; dated Graniteville June 6, 1894; from Town of Westford to B.V. Wright for use of land for target practice for 1893; amount 5\$
22. Receipt; Doc # 1104; dated Chelmsford May 2, 1896; from Town of Westford to Fred L. Fletcher for repairs on Targets, labor and materials; amount 1.75\$
23. Receipt; Doc # 1203; dated Aug 1, 1896; from Town of Westford to B.H. Brow for use of rifle range; amount 15\$
24. Receipt; Doc # 1260; dated Oct 3, 1896; from Town of Westford to E.H. Keyes, Dr. contractor for heavy teaming, grading and filling; amount 21\$
25. Receipt; Doc # 1292; dated Chelmsford Nov 7, 1896; from Town of Westford to Fred L. Fletcher for frame for target and labor; amount 2.50\$

26. Receipt; Doc # 37; dated Graniteville May 2, 1891; from Town of Westford to B.V. Wright, Dr. for use of land for target practice for cavalry for year 1890; amount 5\$
27. Receipt; Doc # 3352; dated Aug 3, 1901; from Town of Westford to D.H. Waller for rent of land for cavalry rifle range for a year; amount 7.50\$

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1913"**

1. Note dated Nov 5, 1913: Ruben Sailes Private E. 9 N.H. Inf. discharged as Private E. 6 N.H. Inf. served 1 year; enlisted July 16, 1864; discharged July 17, 1865; aged 64 years; pension \$16 month; 89 B St. Lowell, Mass

**Folder: "Military State Aid 1915"**

1. Letter dated Westford, March 1, 1915, to Mr. Fletcher: Dear Sir, Will you please pay to the Jeares? My state aid am obliged me; signed Sarah J. Toper

**Pamphlet: State and Military Aid Chaps. 279and 301, Acts of 1874 (revised)**

**Booklet: Record of the Aid to Soldiers Families of Westford for 1863 & 64**

**Booklet: Record of State Aid to Soldiers Families of Westford from Jan 1 to Dec. 31, 1864**

**Booklet: Record of State Aid to Soldiers families of Westford from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 1865**

**Booklet: List of Westford Men Enrolled with Corrections and Additions up to Feb 8, 1865**

**Booklet: Memorandum of the Enrollment of Westford and its Corrections**

**Names Mentioned in the Documents:**

Abbot, John William  
Abbot, Julian  
Abraham, James  
Agnew, William  
Allen, Nathan  
Atwood, Daniel  
Bailey, Lena G.  
Balch, Wayland F.  
Banigan, Louis B.  
Bartlett, E.A.  
Barton, Edmund  
Bean, True A.  
Beusel, G.B.

Beusel, James B.  
Beuthill, Charles E.A.  
Bicknell, Ai  
Bicknell, F.A.  
Bicknell, Ira  
Bicknell, James  
Bicknell, Martha  
Bicknell, Millis  
Bicknell, Nathan D.  
Billings, B.F.  
Billings, Richard  
Blaisdell, Erin A.  
Blodgett, George W.  
Blodgett, Jacob  
Blodgett, Thaddeus A.  
Blood, S.G.  
Bond, Almond  
Bond, Charles A.  
Bond, Miriam or Marion  
Bond, Nathaniel  
Borey, Luther  
Bostwick, J.C.  
Bostwick, Lucinda  
Botsford, B.  
Bowers, Charles  
Brow, B.H.  
Brown, Albert L.  
Brown, Caroline  
Brown, Joseph  
Bruce, Norman H.  
Brull, Joseph W.  
Buming, Charles  
Bunce, Norma  
Bunce, William  
Burbeck, William J.  
Burke, Thomas  
Burnham, Charles F.  
Burnham, James H.  
Bussey, Elizabeth  
Bussey, Peter  
Butler, Benj. F.  
Butler, John  
Callahan, Catherine  
Callahan, Michael  
Callahan, Timothy  
Calnan, Ann

Calvert, George W.  
Cameron, Alister G.  
Cameron, Allan  
Capell, W.C.  
Carkin, Nancy S.  
Carney, Thomas  
Carroll, William P.  
Carter, Edwin  
Caryl, Edwin F.  
Casey, Richard  
Caskin, J.W.  
Chamberlin, John M.  
Chandler, Marcus  
Clark, E.G.  
Cleary, John  
Cleary, Thomas  
Colburn, Cyrus H.  
Collins, Albert E.  
Comberbeach, Robert  
Conant, Eliza A.  
Coolidge, Edwin C.  
Coolidge, Oren Jr.  
Cross, Henry J.  
Cryl, Edwin  
Cumings, George W.  
Cumings; Hezekiah  
Cummings, Almira  
Cummings, Benjamin O.  
Cummings, Charles M.  
Cummings, John A.  
Cummings, Owen A.  
Cummings, Reuben W.  
Cummings, Sarah  
Cummings, Timothy  
Cummings, Walter H.  
Cumiskey, J.W.  
Cutter, Asaph B.  
Dalton, Samuel  
Daly, Alice  
Daly, John  
Dane, Hiram  
Dane, John  
Dane, William  
Davis, Abel L.  
Davis, Caroline M.  
Davis, Edward

Davis, Jos.  
Davis, Samuel  
Day, George T.  
Day, Isaac E.  
Day, Thomas E.  
Decatur, Clarence R. P  
Decatur, Hiram H.  
Decatur, Joshua C.  
Densmore, William  
Desmond, Annie E.  
Desmond, Jeremiah/Jerry  
Devitt, George  
Dickman, George M.  
Dillings, James  
Dodge, Esther  
Dodge, Sam  
Dolan, John  
Dolliver, H.  
Dow, Darius A.  
Dow, Thomas E.  
Dowd, Michael J.  
Downs, Rollins C.  
Dreed, T.  
Drew, Frank C.  
Drew, George G.  
Drew, Thomas  
Dunn, John J.  
Dupee, George B.  
Duren, George  
Eager, Mary  
Eaton, John  
Elliot, Charles H.  
Elliot, James  
Falls, George S.  
Farmer, Beulah  
Farrington  
Favor, Chauncy O.  
Feeney, John  
Fifield, Willis S.  
Fisher, Aleck  
Fisher, Alvin  
Fisher, Frederick A.  
Fisher, John  
Flagg, Everett S.  
Fletcher, Albro  
Fletcher, Andrew

Fletcher, Charles H.  
Fletcher, Fred L.  
Fletcher, George H.  
Fletcher, Heratio  
Fletcher, Jotham  
Fletcher, Marcellus  
Fletcher, Norman T.  
Fletcher, Othiel  
Fletcher, Samuel  
Fletcher, Sherman D.  
Fletcher, Sherman H.  
Fletcher, Thomas  
Fletcher, Timothy  
Fletcher, Varnum T.  
Flint, James T.  
Flint, Sarah A.  
Fogarty, Daniel A.  
Follansbee, Charles H.  
Fowood, Elliott  
Frederick, Clarissa  
Frederick, George T.  
French, Elizabeth  
French, J.H.  
Fuller, Andrew  
Furbush, Frank L.  
Gilson, Albert A.  
Gilson, Ann  
Gilson, Ernest L.  
Gilson, Nancy  
Gilson, Philena  
Gilson, Samuel S.  
Gilson, Thomas  
Goodhue  
Gould, Edwin  
Gould, Joseph  
Graham, Ella M.  
Graham, James A.  
Grater, Charles  
Gray, Henry  
Green B. Raum  
Green, John  
Greig Jr., Alex  
Greig, David L.  
Griffin, Charles M.  
Griffin, Timothy L.  
Groff, Frederick

Halene, John  
Hall, James H.  
Hamilton, A.L.  
Hamlin, Asia  
Hamlin, Charles A.  
Hamlin, Henry  
Hampton, Daniel  
Hanscom, Alvin A.  
Harely, Sarah  
Harrington, Mary  
Harris, John  
Hartford, George H.  
Harwood, E.A.  
Hasley, James  
Hastings, Charles W.  
Hawkes, W.O  
Hayes, John  
Haywood, Amos  
Haywood, Levi  
Heald, Ephraius  
Heald, Joseph B.  
Healy, Frank  
Hearty, Michael  
Heffernan, D.W.  
Heffren, John  
Hempfield, Abraham  
Henrick, Henry  
Hildreth, Ella S.  
Hildreth, Herbert  
Hildreth, James  
Hildreth, John  
Hills, J.  
Hing, Lydia  
Holland, Ellen  
Holland, John  
Holt, Alfred F.  
Holt, Edward H.  
Hood, Gilbert A.  
Hosley, James A.  
Hosley, Olive Ann  
Howard, Francis P.  
Hullam Jr., Sewall  
Hun Berry, A.  
Hunt, Helen M.  
Hunter, Jane  
Hunter, William



Hutchens, M.  
Hutchins, Alvin G.  
Hutchins, William E.  
Hutchinson, George  
Hutchinson, H.A.  
Ingalls, Albert P.  
Ingalls, Ella A.  
Innis, W.P.  
Irish, Joseph  
Jackson, George O.  
Jackson, Hannah  
Jane Duby, Jane  
Jewett, Franklin M.  
Jones, C.F.  
Jubb, John  
Kedy, Joseph H.  
Keefe, Bridget  
Keefe, John A.  
Kennedy, Patrick  
Keyes, Aaron  
Keyes, Edward H.  
Keyes, John  
Keyes, Jonas  
Keyes, Josiah  
Keyes, Lucy A. One child Lucy Elizabeth Keyes  
Keyes, Otis  
Keyes, Sarah E.  
King, Achert  
King, L.P.  
King, Roger  
Kittredge, William L.  
Knowland, T.  
Ladd, Charles R.  
Lahey, John  
Lake, John  
Lamb, Edwin  
Lanktree, John  
Lawler, E.D.  
Lawler, Honora  
Lawler/Lowler, Thomas  
Lawlor, Patrick  
Lawrence, Angeline B.  
Laws, George;  
Leahy, John  
Leary, Timothy  
Legg, Lyman

Leighton, Amos H.  
Lewis, Fred H.  
Libby, Martha K.  
Libby, William E.  
Lincoln, William  
Lovejoy, Joseph  
Lynch, John  
Lyon, Bradley V.  
M. Fletcher, John  
Macnamara, D.G.  
Mahoney, Thomas  
Maynard, S.F.  
McCarthy, Michael  
McCarthy, William  
McDonald, James  
McDonald, Maria  
McHally, Matthew  
McIntire, Mary  
McLaughlin, Arthur  
McLaughlin, John  
McManus, Roxanna  
McNalley, Matthew [McNalley, Matthew]  
Metcalf, Nancy E.  
Metcalf, William  
Millis, George  
Mills, Gustavus J.  
Minis, David E.  
Minor, Charles  
Minor, Mary Ann  
Bo bacElwin, David  
Minott, Jesse  
Mitchell, J.W.  
Mite, John  
Monahan, James J.  
Moore, Charles E.  
Morgan, Paul C.  
Mulls, George  
Munroe, James  
Murdoch, D.B.  
Murphy, Hannah  
Murphy, James  
Murphy, Jerry S.  
Murphy, Mary  
Murphy, Michael J.  
Murray, Arthur  
Nason, John F

Neal, Ellen M.  
Nichols, Moses G.  
Nichols, William H.T.  
Nolan, Julia  
Nolan, Timothy  
Noyes, Emma  
Nutting, Henry S. O.  
O'Brine, James F  
ONeil, John H.  
Otis, Benj. F.  
P. Green, John P.  
Parker, Elbridge;  
Parker, Levi  
Parker, Newell E.  
Parker, S.  
Parkhurst, Sylvester A.  
Patten, William C.  
Peabody, Hiram  
Peabody, Jesse  
Peabody, Zoa N.  
Peck, Ja's B.  
Peck, T.S.  
Perch, Stephen  
Peterson, Reuben  
Pettee, B.  
Pickett, Josiah, Gen.  
Pierce, Henry D.  
Pinder, Albert  
Plaisted, Rufus L.  
Podham, A.R.  
Potter, H.M.  
Prescott, Edward  
Prescott, George Henry  
Prescott, Henry A.  
Prescott, Isaiah  
Prescott, James  
Prescott, Jon  
Prescott, Joseph F.  
Prescott, Luther  
Prescott, Olivia A.  
Prescott, Sherman L.  
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