

New York City, N.Y. Dec, 31. 1897.
Hon. H. Clay Evans.
Comr of Pensions,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have
the honor to return herewith all
the papers, and make my report
in pension claim #5-11.272. of
Sarah Berg, widow of Moses Berg,
late private Co. B, 7th Kansas, Vol,
Inf.

P. O. #418. E, 77th St, N.Y. City, N.Y.
Basis of claim, Act June 27th 1890.
This claim was referred to S. E. Div,
for special examination to determine
legal widowhood, and to list
the evidence as to no prior marriage
on the part of claimant, her dependence
and whether remarried, or violated
the Act of Aug. 7th 1882, since the
soldier's death, and came to me
with notice waived, for further
examination, as to legal widowhood,
Eliza Propper, Dep A. Pages, 769
states that she knew a man named
Berg, who had one leg, who was
married to a woman named Augusta

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Brennan, they had one child,
Amelia Hirschkind Dep. B Pages
10614 testifies that she knew
Moses Berg, and that he was
married to her sister Caroline,
whose right name was Augusta
Caroline, they had one child,
named Eleanor, they went to
Germany, soon after their marriage,
and after their return, they never
lived together again, were never
divorced, she has lived with
a man named Joseph Meyers
for the past 21 years, and has
had 6 children by him, affiant
states that she has heard that Moses
Berg had been married, prior to
his marriage to her sister, but that
he had been divorced, and she has
seen the papers.

Augusta Meyer, Dep. B Pages, 15621
states that her maiden name was
Brennan, that she first knew Moses
Berg, in St. Louis, Mo., about 1868,
he was a one leg man, and
was a tight rope walker, she travelled
with him all over the Country, and
he went by the name of Prof Daniel

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Dekane, that soon after they came
to New York City, N.Y. they were
married in Oct. 1876, by the
Pastor of a German Protestant Church.
His name was Schiebel, and lived
on Essex St. near Grand St. N.Y. City
N.Y. she was married under the
name of Augusta Hannan, that
she sometimes went by the name
of Caroline. she was married
before to a man named Daniel
H. Hannan, sometime in 1865,
at St. Joseph, Mo. who was killed
at said place, about one year
and nine months after they were
married, affiant states that Moses
Berg. was married once, before he
married her, and he and his wife
lived at Pomeroy, Ohio, where he
kept a general store, that she saw
the papers, showing that he had
been divorced from this woman,
about 1868 to 1870, at Pomeroy, Ohio,
she has not the papers in her hands.
After affiant's marriage to Moses
Berg. they went to Germany, remained
a short while, when they returned
to this country, but not together,
4 since that time, they never lived

OK
This shown
on paper

Together, affiant had one child
by the soldier, a girl, born Aug.
6, 1870, which was 6 years before
their marriage. After they separated
she took up with a man named
Joseph Meyer, with whom she
has lived ever since, and by
whom she has had 6 children.
She claims that she was never
divorced from the soldier. I
obtained from affiant, the marriage
certificate, ^{Ex. B. - Page 23} showing her marriage
to Moses Berg, Oct 7, 1876, under
the name of Augusta Hannan, but
not feeling satisfied as to the
genuineness of same, I deemed
it advisable to have the Public
Records searched, and I found
a record of their marriage, which
fully verifies the Certificate of
Marriage, See Ex. A. Page 22.
I have also had the records
of all Courts having jurisdiction
searched, to ascertain whether
there was any divorce granted.
See Ex. C. Page 24.

I am of the opinion, that the claim
has no merit, but before final

action is taken, I would suggest
that further examination be had
as follows.

At St. Joseph, Mo. to determine date
of marriage of Augusta Brenner to
Daniel H. Hannan, also the date of
his death.

At Pomeroy, Ohio, for search of records
relative to divorce of Moses Berg
from first wife.

Very respectfully.

J. W. Moore.

Special Examiner.