

Hans C. Heg

Heg Collection Letters

Guide to Colonel Hans C. Heg of the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers.  
Mr. Heg enlisted at Waupun, Wisconsin around September 30, 1861 for a 3 year term. He died at Crawfish Springs, Alabama, around September 20, 1863, from wounds he suffered at the Battle of Chickamauga.

#### DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

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##### Abstract

The following collection of 17 documents were a part of Cornelia Heg's correspondences, records, and sworn testimonies in court by herself and other character witnesses who knew her and her husband, the late Colonel Hans C. Heg . The existing documents detail efforts to update Mrs. Heg's widow's pension enabling her to continue supporting her children. Mrs. Cornelia Heg married Colonel Hans C. Heg on December 10, 1851. Together they had 3 children; James E., Hilda S., and Hans E.E.

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Born in Norway in 1829, Hans Heg emigrated to America with his family in 1840 and settled in Racine County, Wisconsin. Like his father Evan Heg, Hans served in several capacities within his local government before he was elected warden of the state prison in Waupun, Wisconsin in 1859. When the Civil War started in 1861, Heg resigned from the prison system to return to Racine County to raise the 15<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin, a regiment almost completely made up of Norwegian immigrants. Heg led the regiment as its colonel at the battles of Perryville and Stones River before he was promoted to brigade command

in May of 1863. While leading his brigade at the Battle of Chickamauga on September 19, 1863, Heg was mortally wounded in the abdomen and died in a field hospital the next day. His body was brought back to Wisconsin and buried in the Norway Lutheran Church Cemetery in Racine County. A Racine County park is named in his memory for his bravery leadership to his men during the Civil War.

## COLLECTION OVERVIEW

As previously mentioned in the above abstract, the 17 documents include such things as certificate of marriage, birth records of their 3 children, and the character references of former neighbors who lived near the HEGs. They were used to help verify the authenticity and character of Mrs. Cornelia Heg in her attempt to improve her widow's pension in the ongoing challenges of supporting her children.

Doc. #1 of 17: From Pension File Records, State of Wisconsin, Racine County, dated November 9, 1863

Noteworthy: That Mrs. Cornelia Heg appeared and was sworn in before the Clerk of Circuit Court declaring her age to be 30 years, a resident of Waterford, Wisconsin, and the widow of Hans C. Heg, Colonel of the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers. Affirming the enlistment of her husband on September 30, 1861, for a 3 year term. Affirming that he was mortally wounded at the Battle of Crawfish Springs, Alabama, and died around September 20, 1863, from wounds suffered at the Battle of Chickamauga. Affirming her marriage to Hans C. Heg on December 10, 1851, at Norway, Wisconsin, officiated by Geo. Larson, Justice of the Peace. That her maiden name was Cornelia Jackson. That she has remained a widow since her husband's death. That she believes a public record of her marriage exists. That her 3 surviving children are all under the age of 16 years, James E.-11, Hilda S.-9, and Hans E.-2.

Doc. #2 of 17: Claim for a Widow's Pension by the Act of July 14, Milwaukee #15.314. Affidavit Record of Evidence of Marriage signed by Hans Wood and Andrew K. Kimor, both Waterford, Wisconsin, residents who declared their acquaintance with Cornelia Heg. Signed by Lafayette Parker, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Racine County, Wisconsin.

Noteworthy: A record of a muster roll showing the death of Colonel Hans C. Heg from wounds suffered on September 20, 1863. The document signed by J.T. Thompson, Clerk

- Doc. #3 of 17: War of 1861, Milwaukee #15.314, dated, September 20, 1863, Racine County, Wisconsin by The Act of July 14, 1862.  
Execution of Pension to begin on February 20, 1864, for Mrs. Cornelia Heg, widow of Hans C. Heg.  
Signed on September 20, 1863, by Elbert O. Hand, Racine, Wisconsin, and also signed by J. T. Thompson, Examining Clerk. (Certification dated, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1864)  
Copy of this document sent to Elbert O. Hand, Racine, Wisconsin
- Doc. #4 of 17: Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C., December 21, 1865, Application for Pension #38575 by Cornelia Heg of Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin.
- Noteworthy: Verifying that Colonel Hans C. Heg enrolled on September 30, 1861, at Racine County, Wisconsin, in the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers to serve 3 years during the war.  
He was mustered in on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, 1862, at Madison, Wisconsin.  
He was reported mortally wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga, on September 19, 1863.  
He died of his wounds on September 20, 1863.  
Signed by Sam Peck, Assistant Adjutant General
- Doc. #5 of 17: State of Wisconsin, County of Racine. A Certification by Lafayette Parker, Circuit Court Clerk of Racine County, Racine, Wisconsin, that a copy of a marriage certificate remains on file and in his office and is an exact duplicate of the original license.  
Dated, November 9, 1863, and signed by Lafayette Parker, Clerk
- Doc. #6 of 17: Declaration for Original Pension of A Widow's Child or Children Under 16 years of Age Surviving.  
State of Wisconsin, County of Rock, dated June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1873.  
Mrs. Cornelia Heg, aged 39 years, appeared before me, A. W. Baldwin, Clerk of Circuit Court.
- Noteworthy: That Mrs. Heg, being duly sworn in according to the law applied for pension by the Acts of Congress granting pensions to widows.  
That she is the widow of Colonel Hans C. Heg.  
That Colonel Heg was wounded in the Battle of Chickamauga on the 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of September, 1863.  
That at the time of his death, Mr. Heg was a commissioned Colonel and married to one Cornelia Jackson on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1851, by Geo. Larson, Justice of the Peace.  
Upon the proofs of Claim Pension #153114 was issued and that at present she remained his widow.  
That her children by union with Colonel Hans Heg are as follows:

James E. Heg, born at Norway, Racine County, on September 22, 1852

Hilda S. Heg, born at same on March 2, 1854, and

Hans E. Heg, born at Waupun, County of Dodge, on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1861

That no prior application has been filed by either her husband or herself

That previous issue of pension certificate # 15.314 is herewith returned

That Mrs. Heg appoints R. Gattershall of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin as her Attorney to prosecute her claim.

That her current post office is Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin,

Signed by Cornelia Heg, Claimant and Witnessed by C.I Carpenter, Jno Kent, and John E. Kent.

Also appeared, E. L. Carpenter of Janesville, Wisconsin (as a respectable character witness who saw Cornelia Heg)

Signed by E. L. Carpenter and Jno Kent

Sworn and signed July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1873

Signed by A.W. Baldwin, Clerk of Circuit Court (and duly having no direct interest in the prosecution of this claim)

Filed by R. Gattershall, Attorney, Beloit, Rock County

Doc.#7 of 17:

Sworn Affidavit, City of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, dated July 10, 1873

Before me a Notary Public at Waupun City, Wisconsin, a D.W. Moore, M.D. solemnly swears that he resides in Waupun, is 47 years old, and has been a practicing physician and civil surgeon.

Noteworthy:

That he was personally acquainted with the late Colonel Hans C. Heg and his wife Cornelia Heg who in 1861 were residents of Waupun. That on February 22, 1861 he (Dr. Moore) "was called to attend the accoutrement of said Cornelia Heg".

That on that day (mentioned above) he delivered her a male child (repudiated to be said child of Hans C. Heg named Hans E. Heg).

That Colonel Hans C. Heg was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga.

That I have no interest in this claim

Signed D.W. Moore

Sworn and signed on July 10, 1873, by

W. H. Taylor, Notary Public, Fon du Lac County, Wisconsin.

Doc. #8 of 17: Sworn Affidavit, Douglas County, Kansas, dated July 14, 1873. Sworn before a Notary Public, Mrs. Sophia Halsted appeared that she resides in Reno, Leavenworth City, and that she is 36 years old.

Noteworthy: That between the years 1852-1854 she resided at the town of Norway, Racine County, Wisconsin.  
That she was personally acquainted with Hans C. Heg and his wife Cornelia during those years.  
That she was also present as a midwife to Colonel Heg in the delivery of a male child.  
That she also attended on March 2, 1854 “another accoutrement” of Cornelia Heg, a female child named Hilda Heg.  
That Hans C. Heg was Colonel of the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers and was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga.

Subscribed and sworn before me on July 14, 1873 and certifying that I have no personal claim in this matter.

John K. Rankin W., Notary Public for Douglas County, Kansas

Doc. #9 of 17: Sworn Affidavit, Fon du Lac County, Wisconsin, M. M. Henna, Clerk of Circuit Court.  
That WH Taylor, Notary Public signed his name and affixed his seal to this declaration on July 29, 1873.

Doc. #10 of 17: Sworn Affidavit, Rock County, Wisconsin, dated August 2, 1873, that one Cornelia Heg appeared before me swearing that she resides in Beloit, Wisconsin, is 39 years of age, and is the widow of the late Colonel Hans C. Heg of the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers.

Noteworthy: That Colonel Hans C. Heg was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga, the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1863, and died from his wounds..  
That her widows pension claim was issued and is on file (No.#15.314).  
That she is the mother of James E. Heg born at Norway, Racine County, Wisconsin on September 22, 1852.  
That Mrs. Gunild Jacobsen was a midwife to her but now maybe dead.  
That Hilda S. Heg was also born to Cornelia and Hans C. Heg.  
That Mrs. Kalvine Anderson officiated as midwife on that occasion  
That Mrs. Anderson may also now be dead.  
That Hans E. Heg was born to her said late husband at Waupun, Dodge County, Wisconsin.  
That D.W. Moore attended her at that time.

That further there is no private or public hospital record of the births of said stated children.

That she ( Mrs. Cornelia Heg) has not abandoned the care and support of her said children.

That they all yet survive with her in Beloit, Wisconsin.

That she (Mrs. Cornelia Heg) has not remarried but continues as Hans C. Heg's widow.

Personally appeared before said Notary, Darwin W. Gregory, and Hilda S. Heg, both Beloit, Wisconsin residents.

That they are both acquainted with Cornelia Heg and know her to be the identical person.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 2, 1873.

I have no personal interest in this claim or its presenters.

Signed, i.e. Goodall, Notary Public  
(Pension Stamp Seal, date, August 6, 1873).

Doc. #11 of 17:

Increase #15.314, State of Wisconsin  
Cornelia Heg, widow of Hans C. Heg, Colonel of 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment,  
Wisconsin Volunteers  
The rate of \$30/month commencing on September 20, 1863  
And also commencing on July 25, 1866.  
The children of the late Colonel Hans C. Heg and Mrs. Cornelia Heg  
are listed as follows:  
James E., born September 22, 1852.  
Hilda S. Heg, born March 2, 1854.  
Hans E. Heg, born February 22, 1861-died, February, 21, 1877)  
(17 years at age of his death).  
Former payment to be deducted.  
Certified and dated November 17, 1873 and November 20, 1873  
respectively.

Submitted by P. Tattershall, Attorney  
Fee, \$10  
By the Act of July 14, 1862a  
B.C., Volume 16, page 117  
signed, Thomas, Cler

Doc. #12 of 17:

Increase for Widow's Pension #15.314.  
Issued March 4, 1864, to Cornelia Heg, widow of the late  
Colonel Hans C. Heg, 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers.  
Rock County, State of Wisconsin  
P.O. Beloit  
Attorney R. Tattershall, Beloit  
Fee, \$10.

Rate of pension, \$30/month, commencing on September 20, 1863.  
Application filed, August 6, 1883.  
Marriage date, December 10, 1851.  
Death of Soldier, September 20, 1863.

Doc. #13 of 17: C.W.F., June 17, 1876  
Transferred at the rate of \$32 from Milwaukee to Madison,  
Wisconsin, March 4, 1876.

Doc. #14 of 17: Pension V., October 27, 1922.  
Record Finance Division, Bureau of Pensions  
Letter of Verification of Mrs. Cornelia Heg's death on  
October 14, 1922.  
Pension #-15.314, by H.S. Fowler, 618 Salem Avenue,  
Elizabeth, New Jersey, dated, October 26, 1922

Doc. #15 of 17: Drop Report-Pensioner, Certificate 15.314  
Pensioner Cornelia Heg  
Class CW Wid.-Group 1

Noteworthy: Announcement of Finance Division indicating that  
Cornelia Heg was last paid at the rate of \$30 per month.  
Dated, October 14, 1922, and signed by O. J. Randall,  
Chief, Finance Division  
ck on file.

Doc. #16 of 17: Drop Report of Mrs. Cornelia Heg, #15.314, CW WID.  
571 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey/  
Soldier D.S.-37  
Service-Enid-20

Doc. #17 of 17: Disbursing Division, November 21, 1922  
NO CHECK TO BE CANCELLED-Sect. 2.  
Pensioner died October 14, 1922.  
per MAH-E.E.Miller, Disbursing Clerk.  
\$30 per month to October 4, 1922 has this day  
been dropped from the roll because of death  
by O.J. Randall, Chief, Finance Division