

NEW YORK, March 24 1884

Dear Bessie

Enclosed you will find the long expected affidavits. I trust that they will prove sufficient to procure you your pension.

Having always labored under the pleasing delusion that you were the Lot of that political Sodom, the Sovereign State of Pennsylvania, I was not a little shocked to learn, from your last letter ^{to} our paternal ancestor, that you rather resembled that Patriarch's wife and that after being brought up in the glorious light of Free Trade you have turned back to the unspeakable darkness of Protection at the very moment when we are about to escape from the destruction which its rotaries have brought upon us.

Trusting that you will not be turned into a pillar of salt and that even in Pennsylvania there may yet be found one righteous Free Trader.

I am
Your affectionate brother
Chalmers Wood

State of New York }
City and County of New York } ss

On this 24th day of March 1884 before me
A. M. Bogert Jr a Notary Public, ^{110 184.} in and for
the City County and State of New York personally
appeared William Wood of said City who I
certify to be respectable and entitled to credit
and who being by me duly sworn doth depose
and say: That he is over Seventy five years of
age, that he is the father of and personally ac-
quainted with Elizabeth D. Kane, the widow of
the late General Thomas L. Kane, that he was
present at and witnessed the marriage of
the said Elizabeth D. Kane to the said Thomas
L. Kane, that the said marriage was duly
solemnized on the twenty first day of April
1853 in the Presbyterian Church at the corner
of University Place and Tenth Street in the
City of New York and that the Rev. George D. Potts
D.D., since deceased, the Pastor of said Church
officiated thereat. Deposant further says that the
present law which compels the registration of Mar-
riages in the City of New York did not go into effect
until the first of July 1853, that the Registry of said
Church which should contain the record of said
marriage is or was the private property of the said
Potts who is now dead. That deposant has searched
and made inquiry for said Registry but has been
unable either to find it or to obtain any extracts
therefrom and he has been informed and verily
believes that said Registry has been lost and

cannot be found. Dependent further says that he is in no way interested in any claim which the said Elizabeth D. Kane may have against the United States.

William Wood

Subscribed and sworn to by the said William Wood this 24th day of March 1884 and I hereby certify that I have no interest direct or indirect in any way have

State of New York,
City and County of New York, } ss.

I, PATRICK KEENAN, Clerk of the City and County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court for the said City and County, the same being a Court of Record, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That

Wm. Bogert Jr

before whom the annexed deposition was taken, was, at the time of taking the same, a Notary Public of New York, dwelling in said City and County, duly appointed and sworn, and authorized to administer oaths to be used in any Court in said State, and for general purposes; and that his signature thereto is genuine, as I verily believe.

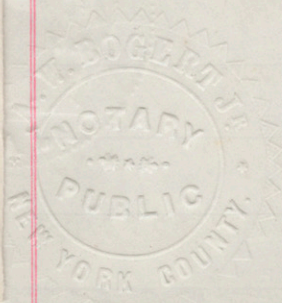
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Court and County, the 24 day of March 1884
Patrick Keenan
Clerk.

cannot be found. Dependent further says that
he is in no way interested in any claim which
the said Elizabeth D. Kane may have against the
United States.

William Wood

Subscribed and sworn to by the said William
Wood this 24th day of March 1884 and I hereby
certify that I have no interest direct or indirect in any
claim which the said Elizabeth D. Kane may have
against the United States

A. W. Bogert Jr.
Notary Public *184
New York Co



State of New York }
City & County of New York } ss

On this 24th day of March 1884 before me
A. W. Bogert Jr. a Notary Public in and
for the City County and State of New York per-
sonally appeared Chalmers Wood of South
Orange New Jersey who I certify to be a re-
spectable person and entitled to credit
and who being by me duly sworn doth
depose and say: That he is over twenty eight
years of age, that on the 22nd of March 1884
he went to the office of the Health Depart-
ment of the City of New York where marriages
which take place in said City are required
by law to be registered and inquired whether
the marriage of Elizabeth D. Kane widow of
General Thomas L. Kane deceased, to said
Thomas L. Kane (which occurred on April
21st 1853) was registered or recorded in
said office. That in reply to said inquiry
deponent was informed and believes
that there is no registry or record in
said office or in any other place of any
marriages which were solemnized in
the City of New York between the year 1849
and the first of July 1853 (on which last
mentioned date the present law for the
registry of marriages in said City went
into effect) except perhaps in the Registry of

the Church where the same took place
Depoant further says that he is in no way
interested in any claim which the said
Elizabeth D. Kane may have against the
United States. Chalmers Wood

Subscribed and sworn to before me at said

State of New York,
City and County of New York, } ss.

I, PATRICK KEENAN, Clerk of the City and County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court for
the said City and County, the same being a Court of Record, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That

W. Bogert Jr

before whom the annexed deposition was taken, was, at the time of taking the same, a
Notary Public of New York, dwelling in said City and County, duly appointed and
sworn, and authorized to administer oaths to be used in any Court in said State, and for
general purposes; and that his signature thereto is genuine, as I verily believe.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the
said Court and County, the

24 day of *March* 188*4*
Patrick Keenan
Clerk.

New York Co

the Church where the same took place
Deponent further says that he is in no way
interested in any claim which the said
Elizabeth D. Kane may have against the
United States. Chalmers Wood

Subscribed and sworn to by the said
Chalmers Wood this 24th day of March 1884
and I hereby certify that I have no interest
direct or indirect in any claim which
the said Elizabeth D. Kane may have
against the United States

A. M. T. Bogert J.
Notary Public N 184
New York Co



State of New York }
City and County of New York } ss

On this 24th day of March 1884 before me
R. M. Walters a Notary Public in and
for the City County and State of New York per
sonally appeared The Rev. George Alexander
of the City County and State offoresaid whom
I certify to be respectable and entitled to
credit and who being by me duly sworn
doth depose and say: That he is over
forty years of age that he is the Minister of
the Presbyterian Church at the corner of
University Place and Tenth Street in the
City of New York of which the Rev. George D.
Potts D.D. deceased was formerly the Pastor
that he has made diligent search for the
Register or Record of marriages solemnized
in said Church between the years 1852 and
1856 and has been unable to find said
Register or any record whatever of the mar
riages which took place at said Church
between the offoresaid dates and that he
verily believes that said Register or records
are lost and cannot be found, And he
further saith that he is in no way interested
in any claim which Elizabeth D. Kane widow
of General Thomas L. Kane deceased may have
against the United States.

George Alexander

Subscribed and sworn to by the said Rev. George

th
Alexander This 24th day of March 1884 and
I hereby certify that I have no interest di-
rect or indirect in any claim which the
said Elizabeth S. Kane widow of General
Thomas S. Kane deceased may have against
the United States

R. M. Walter
Notary Public (14)
59 University Place
New York City

State of New York, }
City and County of New York, } ss.

I, PATRICK KEENAN, Clerk of the City and County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court for
the said City and County, the same being a Court of Record, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That

R. M. Walter

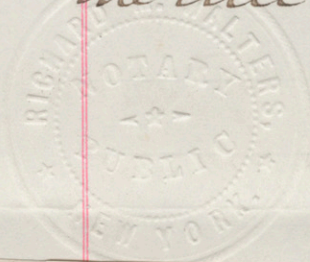
before whom the annexed deposition was taken, was, at the time of taking the same, a
Notary Public of New York, dwelling in said City and County, duly appointed and
sworn, and authorized to administer oaths to be used in any Court in said State, and for
general purposes; and that his signature thereto is genuine, as I verily believe.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the
said Court and County, the

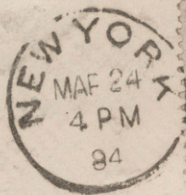
24th day of March 1884
Patrick Keenan
Clerk.

Alexander This 24th day of March 1884 and
I hereby certify that I have no interest di-
rect or indirect in any claim which the
said Elizabeth S. Kane widow of General
Thomas L. Kane deceased may have against
the United States

A. M. Walter
Notary Public (14)
59 University Place
New York City and County



Chalmers Wood
FRANCIS R. APPLETON,
No. 66 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.



Mrs Th

+ Walnut street

Philadelphia

Pennsylvania



Jan 8036

or 57

3/8

or 54 & 56

One of these was also the
single bedstead of which
I spoke - called ash
but really bird eyes

or 11/12

or 44

or 83