

27 Hanley Avenue  
Youngstown, O.

R.R.B. No. A 1230

May 10, 1938

Congressman Michael J. Kirwin  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Kirwin:

In 1936 I made application for annuity under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1935. At that time all necessary papers were signed and sent in but up to this time I have not received the annuity.

I wonder if it would be possible for you to look into this matter and inquire at the Railroad Retirement Board to discover what is causing the delay.

Trusting that you will give this matter your earliest possible attention, I am

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Becker*  
William A. Becker

P. S. If you do not recall my name, perhaps you will remember that I was the Car Inspector in the West yard when you were Yardmaster.

W.A.B.

May Eleventh  
1938

Mr. W.A. Becker  
27 Hanley Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mr. Becker:-

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the receipt  
of your very kind letter of May 10th.

I have been pleased to contact the Railroad  
Retirement Board relative to your application for annuity  
and just as soon as I have a reply, shall advise you  
promptly.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes,  
believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

May Eleventh  
1938

Mr. M.E. Lynch  
Railroad Retirement Board  
Washington, D.C.

RE: RRB:A-1230  
William A. Becker  
27 Hanley Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mr. Lynch:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Becker today, from which I quote as follows:

"I 1936 I made application for annuity under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1935. At that time all necessary papers were signed and sent in but up to this time I have not received the annuity.

I wonder if it would be possible for you to look into this matter and inquire at the Railroad Retirement Board to discover what is causing the delay".

Will you kindly give this matter your personal attention in an endeavor to determine ~~the cause~~ for this seeming great delay?

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

MURRAY W. LATIMER  
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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

WASHINGTON

CLAIMS SERVICE  
M. E. LYNCH, DIRECTOR

May 18, 1938.

The Honorable Michael J. Kirwan  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

In reply refer to  
R. R. B. No. A-1230

Dear Mr. Kirwan:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 11, 1938, concerning the annuity application of William A. Becker, 27 Hanley Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

We have not received a complete report from the Youngstown and Northern Railroad Company with reference to Mr. Becker's service and compensation. However, a partial report was submitted by this company and in a letter accompanying the report it was explained that while Mr. Becker claimed joint service with the Youngstown and Northern Railroad Company and the Carnegie Steel Company from January 2, 1908, to September 20, 1908, and from January 3, 1911, to date of their report, (August 10, 1936) the applicant's name appeared on the pay rolls of the Carnegie Steel Company from October 1, 1916, to June 30, 1932, although it was further indicated that he worked for both the Carnegie Steel Company and the Youngstown and Northern Railroad Company in their Transportation Departments during this period.

In view of the fact that Mr. Becker's name appeared on the Carnegie Steel Company's pay rolls from October 1, 1916, to June 30, 1932, it is questionable whether such employment can be creditable as "service" under the Act. However, before making final decision in the matter, we shall endeavor to assemble more data concerning that particular period of the applicant's employment.

When Mr. Becker filed his application he indicated that it was his desire to select a joint and survivor annuity under Option (c) whereby he would receive a reduced annuity during his lifetime in order to provide an annuity for Mrs. Becker after his death if surviving him. However, he subsequently informed us that he desired to receive the full amount of annuity during his lifetime, with no provision for an annuity for Mrs. Becker after his death, and submitted form C-7 for the purpose of making this choice operative.

The Honorable Michael J. Kirwan

R. R. B. No. A-1230

It will be necessary for Mr. Becker to furnish evidence that his wife concurs in his election of a single-life annuity. Mrs. Becker can signify her concurrence in this election by executing and returning the enclosed form LD-1, which must be sworn to before a notary public.

Your interest in Mr. Becker is appreciated and you may be assured that his claim will be brought to a conclusion at the earliest practicable date.

Sincerely yours,

M. E. Lynch

Enclosure

The Honorable Michael J. Kirwan

R. R. B. No. A-1230

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Sincerely yours,

M. E. Lynch

Enclosure

May Nineteenth  
1938

Mr. William A. Becker  
27 Hanley Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mr. Becker:-

Supplementing my letter to you of May 11th, you will find letter enclosed which has been received today from the Railroad Retirement Board, which is self explanatory.

Should you desire to send this form to me after it has been properly filled out, I shall be pleased to forward it to the Railroad Retirement Board for you.

With kindest regards and assuring you that it is a pleasure to serve you, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

27 Hanley Avenue  
Youngstown, O.

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MAIL ROOM  
RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

May 24, 1938

The Honorable Michael J. Kirwan  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

R.R.B. No. A-1230

Dear Mr. Kirwan:

With reference to your letter of May 19th regarding my application for annuity with the Railroad Retirement Board, this is to inform you that I have called at the local office and they inform me that, contrary to information received from the Board through a letter to you, all papers asked for by the Board were sent in as soon as requested and the local office knows of no reason why the annuity should be held up.

I am enclosing herewith Form LD-1 filled in as requested and I trust that you will see that this is delivered to the right person at the Railroad Retirement Board.

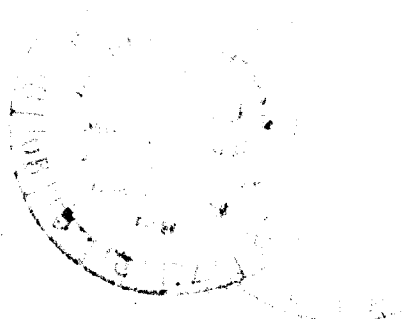
As I resigned last November and have had no compensation whatever since then, you can readily appreciate the fact that I shall be pleased to have this matter settled as soon as possible.

Thanking you for the kindness you have already shown and hoping that you will look into this matter still further, I am

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Becker*  
William A. Becker

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May Twenty Fifth  
1938

Mr. M.E. Lynch  
Railroad Retirement Board  
Washington, D.C.

RE: R.R.B. NO.A-1230

Dear Mr. Lynch:-

I would respectfully refer you to your letter of May 18th, relative to the claim of Mr. William A. Becker, 27 Hanley Avenue, Youngstown Ohio.

The enclosed letter has been received from Mr. Becker today, and I sincerely trust that there will be no further delay in getting his claim approved promptly.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

MURRAY W. LATIMER  
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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

WASHINGTON

CLAIMS SERVICE  
M. E. LYNCH, DIRECTOR

June 6, 1938.

The Honorable Michael J. Kirwan  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

In reply refer to  
R.R.B. No. A-1230

Dear Mr. Kirwan:

Reference is had to your letter of May 25, 1938, regarding Mr. William Becker of Youngstown, Ohio, and the form LD-1 attached thereto.

It has been necessary that we obtain a supplemental report on Mr. Becker's service and compensation with the Youngstown and Northern Railroad Company, as the original report recorded service only from July 1932 to July 1936, and Mr. Becker stated he worked until October 1937.

In addition to the above, we have not yet been favored by the New York Central Railroad Company with a report on his service with the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company.

It is hoped the above reports will be promptly returned, so that final action can be taken at an early date. We appreciate your interest in Mr. Becker.

Sincerely yours,

M. E. Lynch

June Eleventh  
1938

Mr. W.E. Lynch  
Railroad Retirement Board  
Washington, D.C.

RE.R.R.B. NO.A-1230  
William A. Becker

Dear Mr. Lynch:-

I would respectfully refer you to your letter of June 6th, relative to the abovementioned applicant for Railroad Retirement.

The enclosed letter has been received from Mr. Becker this morning which may be of some assistance to you in hurrying the settlement of his claim.

With kindest regards and assuring you that I shall be most grateful for your co-operation in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

MURRAY W. LATIMER  
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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

WASHINGTON

CLAIMS SERVICE

M. E. LYNCH, DIRECTOR

July 2, 1938

The Honorable Michael J. Kirwan  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

In reply refer to:  
R.R.B. No. A-1230

Dear Mr. Kirwan:

Reference is made to your letter of June 11, 1938 concerning the application for annuity of Mr. William A. Becker, 27 Hanley Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

We have received the supplemental report from The Youngstown and Northern Railroad Company relative to Mr. Becker's service and compensation. The New York Central Railroad Company has not rendered a report on Mr. Becker's service with the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company although on May 20, 1938 we requested them to complete and return this report.

The average monthly compensation for years of service prior to January 1, 1937 is calculated from the compensation received during the period January 1, 1924 to December 31, 1931. Inasmuch as Mr. Becker's name did not appear on the pay rolls of a carrier during this period, it will be necessary for us to use a different basis for arriving at a monthly compensation which would be representative for all the applicant's years of service prior to January 1, 1937. However, it appears that this calculation may be made on the basis of information now at hand.

Your interest in Mr. Becker is appreciated, and you may be assured that an effort will be made to bring his claim to a prompt conclusion.

Sincerely yours,

M. E. Lynch

July Fifth  
1938

Mr. William A. Becker  
27 Hanley Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mr. Becker:-

The enclosed letter, relative to your application for annuity, has been received from the Railroad Retirement Board, today, which is self explanatory.

I trust that you will begin to receive this annuity within a short time.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

August Twenty-Second  
1938

Mr. M. E. Lynch  
Railroad Retirement Board  
Washington, D. C.

IN RE: A-1230

Dear Mr. Lynch:-

I would respectfully refer you to your letter of July 2nd, relative to the case of Mr. William A. Becker, 27 Hanley Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. Becker called at the office today, relative to his annuity. He is in quite financial distress, and I will be exceptionally grateful for anything that you might do toward the final approval of his application.

With kindest regards and thanking you for the courtesy extended to me in the past, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

September Sixth

1938

Mr. William A. Becker  
27 Hanley Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mr. Becker:-

The enclosed letter, which is self-explanatory, has been received today from the Railroad Retirement Board. If you do not hear from them within a reasonable length of time, I shall be pleased to contact them again in your behalf.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes,  
believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

October Sixth  
1938

Mr. J. D. Castle  
New York Central Railroad  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Castle:-

The enclosed letter, which has been received from the Railroad Retirement Board, is self-explanatory.

I would be deeply grateful for anything that you can do to hurry the information to the New York Central Railroad that will aid them in approving Mr. Becker's application.

It has been practically a year now since he made application and naturally it has created quite a hardship for him.

With kindest regards and assuring you that I deeply appreciate the courtesies and cooperation that you have extended to me in the past, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress



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