

EXHIBIT A

This is to certify that:

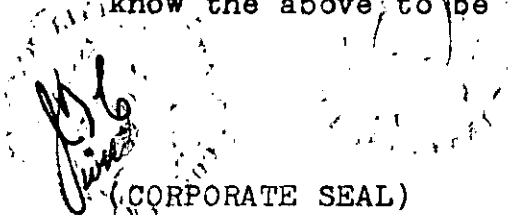
1. I, the undersigned, am an Assistant Secretary of NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, being the same corporation which contemporaneously with the execution hereof, executed and delivered to CARL R. GRAY, JR., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, a deed dated 13th day of June, 1951.

2. E. S. OVENSINE, who executed said deed on behalf of said corporation, as Assistant Vice President thereof, was at the time he executed the same a duly appointed Assistant Vice President of said corporation, having been so appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of said corporation on the 16th day of May, 1951.

3. C. E. JUDSON, who executed said deed on behalf of said corporation, as Assistant Secretary thereof, was at the time he executed the same a duly appointed Assistant Secretary of said corporation, having been so appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of said corporation on the 16th day of May, 1951.

4. Said officers who executed said deed were duly authorized to execute it on behalf of said corporation by virtue of the by-laws of the corporation duly adopted on the 11th day of May, 1949.

5. I have custody of, have examined said records and know the above to be true.



(CORPORATE SEAL)

Thos. A. Buckner, Jr.

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