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SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATE

No. 1177112

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WAR

No.

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Reuben F. Dyer

Ottawa

Safale Co. Ills.

Capt. Co "K" 20th Regt. Ills. 1st Div.

Discharged June 6", 1865.

Received Feb. 3rd 1872.

Alex. S. Cameron.

Ottawa

Ills.

Attorney.

~~Oct 24/42~~ ~~Resident~~
~~Offs. Affs.~~
~~Se. Affairs~~
~~Treaty~~
~~no 2/42 Cir 3 Affs.~~
~~Dr C. Howard~~
 Ottawa Ill.
 Feb 19/73 Commission as
 Surg. ~~Ill. Ill. Ill.~~
~~Cir 3 Affs.~~
 Apr 9/73 Affs report returned
 enclosing Comm as Surg.
~~Affs to treatment~~
~~in the service~~
 May 25-73 Affs informed that
 no further action can be taken
 and so it is satisfactorily shown
 that Chap was serving as Surg
 at time & place alleged ~~7. m~~
 June 12/73 ~~Cir 3 Affs.~~ ~~7. m~~
 Affs report sent enclosure
 Commission for additional inform
 ation ~~Cir 3 Affs (2)~~
 Aff report sent
 See slip under
 Deliaud says Oct 1/62

My life drank a
glass of whiskey &
smoked a cigar

Gen Sherman once
said to me in Gen.
what? a Doctor & don't
drink? He thought
there was some mistake.

Gen Locum's Med.
Director said the same
to Gen. Sherman - as I
did.

I would not draw
a pension fraudulent
for any amount. I cannot
conceive that there is
a man that would
injure me knowingly. The
fact is he does not
understand my case.

Very truly yours
R. H. Dyke M. D.
Late Surg. of 104th Ill. V. Infy

(3-125.)

ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, Reuben F. Dyer
P. O., Ottawa
County, La Salle
State, Illinois
Rank, Surgeon
Company, _____
Regiment, 104th Ill. Vol.
Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____

Disabled by _____
Submitted an Sp. aft. report, 188 , by Chas R. Conner, Sp. Examiner.

Approved for Dropping
See report of Sp. Examiner.

Mar 19th, 1881, [Signature], Reviewer.
_____, 188 , _____, Med. Referee.

EXHIBIT A

Case of Reuben S. Dyer, No. 127. 014.

On this 21st day of December, 1888, at
Ottawa, County of La Salle
 State of Illinois, before me, Chas R. Council,
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Dr. Reuben
S. Dyer, who, being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 47 years, that he resides at Ottawa
County of La Salle, State of Illinois, and that
 he was born January 29th 1833 in Strong,
Franklin County, Maine, but moved
 to Illinois in the year 1854; that from
1855 to April 1861 he resided in Newark,
Stoddard County, Illinois, and practiced
 his profession that of a physician and
surgeon; that in April 1861 he recruited
 a company of men, and elected the
captain of what became 56 company
2d Illinois volunteers; that he remained
 with his company until March 13th 1862
 when he resigned his commission at
Savannah, Tennessee just prior to the
 battle of Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee,
 that he returned to his home in Illinois
 and in August 1862 (when) he was commissioned
surgeon of the 104 Illinois volunteers, was
 mustered in November 11th 1862 and
 mustered out June 6th 1865 at Washington,
D. C. That on January 31st 1872 he made
 application for pension on account of disease
 known as Granular Ophthalmia and his claim
 was finally allowed at the rate of \$8.00
per month, and his name is now
 inscribed on the roll of the Agency for
 paying pensions at Chicago, Illinois;
 that from 1855 to the present time he has
 been a resident of Ottawa, La Salle County, Illinois.

That in the year 1854 he made a trip from his home in Illinois to Massachusetts to get married and on the cars got a cinder in his right eye; that this caused an active inflammation ~~and~~ subsequently on his return to Illinois he "was troubled for a year or so with pretty bad eyes; that prior to 1857 he never had a particle of trouble with his eyes in any manner shape or form; that in the autumn of 1862 at Shelbyville, Kentucky his eyes became again sore and inflamed, and it is his belief that the disease was contracted from one Mitchell 1st Sergeant of F Company 104th Illinois who had disease of the eyes in the nature of purulent ophthalmia; that he has suffered more or less with his eyes ever since, and does now. That he has this day been shown and has carefully read over a letter of his addressed to the Commissioner of Pensions and dated July 20. 1888 relative to the facts and circumstances connected with his military service, and the origin of his disease of the eyes, and now requests that this be made a part of his evidence in his claim as it is to the best of his recollection true and correct; that the trouble he had with his eyes prior to the war continued he "thinks about one year; was unable to attend to his business about "one month on account of acute conjunctivitis, and his recollection is that from 1858 to 1862 he considered his eyes ^{and he} ~~was~~ ^{further declares that} ~~was~~ ^{he has} ~~no~~ ^{no} ~~interest~~ ^{interest, direct or indirect, in the claim} ~~some d.~~ ^{sore d.} ~~and free from any active disease~~ ^{of hecker's & dryer} ~~for a pension;~~ ^{and further saith not.}

Ruben F. Dyer
 Lodi Capt Co "K" 2d Ill. Vol. Infy.
 and Lodi Surg. of 1st Ill. Vol. Infy.

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of December 1880, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

Chas R. Conner,
Special Agent.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., July 2, 1873.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 172,381, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that Julius A. Freeman was enrolled on the 25 day of Augt, 1862, at Ottawa Ills. in Co. the, 104 Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, to serve 3 years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Apsl. Surgeon on the 10 day of Jan^y 1863, ^{to date from Augt. 25 62} at Louisville Ky., in Co. the, 104 Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. F & Staff of that Regiment, for the months of from Augt. 23 62. to Feby 28, 1863, he is reported Apsl. Surgeon, Present - Return for March + April + May 1863 report him. Present - Return for June 1863 report him. "In Officers Hosp. since June 3 63. Nashville Tenn." Name not born on roll for Sept. + Oct 1862. Returns for Oct. Nov. + Dec. 1862. + Jan^y 1863. Not on file. Regt. captured at Hartsville Tenn. Dec. 7. 62.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas H. Vincent

Assistant Adjutant General.

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The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.Wm. J. Brundage
For Sec. Branch

Lm.

STATE OF Illinois }
 County of Lafayette } ss.

On this 31st day of January A. D. 1872, personally
 appeared before me, The Clerk of the County Court,
 in and for the State and County above named, Ruben F. Dyer

Who being by me first duly sworn, upon
 oath says that he is the identical Ruben F. Dyer
 who has made the annexed declaration
 for and toward Russia and he says
 that he has treated himself for the said
 disability from the time he contracted
 it to the present time. That since his discharge
 from the Service he has been examined
 by one or two Surgeons and one Oculist
 whose affidavits he will produce if
 required.

And that he resides at Ottawa County of Los Angeles
and State of Illinois, and ~~in no way interested or concerned~~
~~in the prosecution of the said claim of the said~~
~~for~~

Ruben F. Dyer

Subscribed and sworn to before me, and I hereby certify that I am in no
way interested or concerned in the prosecution of the said claim; and the said
affiant is well known to me as a good and creditable witness, and
the identical person he represents himself to be

WITNESS my hand and the seal,
of the said Court at Ottawa Ills
the day and year first above written.

W. L. Mead
Clerk

STATE OF _____ }
County of _____ } SS.

I, _____ Clerk of the _____
Court, in and for the said State and County above named, do hereby certify
that _____ Esq., before whom the foregoing
affidavit was made was, at the time of so doing, a Justice of the Peace in and
for said County, duly commissioned and qualified, and that his signature hereto
is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court,
this _____ day of _____ A. D. 187

Clerk.

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And that he reside at Ottawa County of LaSalle
 and State of Illinois, and in ~~no way~~ interested or concerned
~~in the prosecution of the said claim of the said~~ And his Pet
~~for~~ Office address is Ottawa Ill.
J. J. Dyer

Subscribed and sworn to before me, and I hereby certify that I am in no
 way interested or concerned in the prosecution of the said claim; and the said
 affiant is well known to me as a good and creditable witness, and
the person he represents himself to be and
the clause relative to intent was erased
before execution

WITNESS my hand and the seal,
of the said Court at Ottawa Ill.
 the day and year first above written.

W. L. Mearns clerk
E. J. Hamrick sep.

STATE OF _____ }
 County of _____ } SS.

I, _____ Clerk of the _____
 Court, in and for the said State and County above named, do hereby certify,
 that _____ Esq., before whom the foregoing
 affidavit was made was, at the time of so doing, a Justice of the Peace in and
~~for said County, being commissioned and qualified, and that his signature hereto~~
 is genuine.

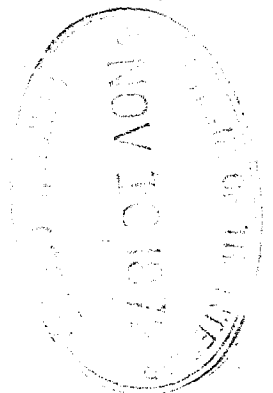
WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court,
 this _____ day of _____ A. D. 187

 Clerk.

STATE OF Illinois
County of LaSalle } SS.

On this Second day of March A. D. 1872, personally
appeared before me, the Clerk of the County Court
in and for the State and County above named, Reuben H Dyer

Who being by me first duly sworn, upon
oath says that he is the identical person who
made a declaration No 172 381 for an
invalid Pension and he says that he has
not been in the military or naval service of
the United States since his discharge therefrom
June 6th 1865-



STATE OF

Illinois

County of

LaSalle

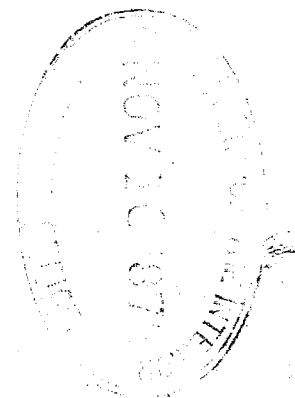
SS.

On this Twenty third day of February A. D. 1872, personally
appeared before me, The clerk of the county,

in and for the State and County above named, A. B. Moore.

A. B. Moore. who being by me first duly sworn, upon
oath says that that he is the identical A. B. Moore
who was a colonel of the 104th Regiment of
of Illinois Infantry in the war of the rebellion
and he says that he was well acquainted
with Ruben F. Dyer who was a surgeon in
the said Regiment and he says that the said
Ruben F. Dyer while in the line of his duty
at Shelbyville in the State of Kentucky on or
about the first day of October A. D. 1862
contracted Chronic Sore Eyes and he says that
he cannot of his own knowledge say what the
nature of the said disease was he says that
the eyes of the said Dyer were greatly inflamed
and he was compelled to keep in the
dark and that the said Dyer contracted
the said disease while treating other cases of
Sore Eyes while in the Regiment.

*This witness died
in Chicago, Ill.
before test.*



And that he resides at Ottawa County of Lo Salu
and State of Illinois, and in no way interested or concerned
in the prosecution of the said claim of the said Ruben Dodge
for An Army Pension Invalid

Abraham P. Moore

Subscribed and sworn to before me, and I hereby certify that I am in no
way interested or concerned in the prosecution of the said claim; and the said
affiant is well known to me as a good and creditable witness, and

and the words "Abraham" and the "was"
erased before execution and the word
"will" was also erased before execution,

WITNESS my hand and the seal,
of the Said Court at Ottawa Ill
the day and year first above written.

R. P. Mead
Clerk

STATE OF _____

County of _____

SS.

I, _____

Clerk of the _____

Court, in and for the said State and County above named, do hereby certify,
that _____

Esq., before whom the foregoing

affidavit was made was, at the time of so doing, a Justice of the Peace in and
for said County, duly commissioned and qualified, and that his signature hereto
is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court,

this _____ day of _____ A. D. 187

Clerk.

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EXHIBIT

Case of Reuben F. Dyer, No. 127. 074.

On this 21st day of December, 1888, at
Ottawa, County of La Salle
 State of Illinois, before me, Chas. B. Conner,
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared John B.
Priddy, who, being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is 45 years, that he resides at P.O. Ottawa
County of La Salle, State of Illinois, and that
 he was Major of the 104th Illinois vols
 and was in that military organization
 from about October 1st 1862 to June 6th 1865
 when he was mustered out
 at Washington, D. C.: That prior
 to his service in the 104th Illinois
 he was 1st Lieutenant, and Captain
 of A company 11th Illinois, and
 while in this latter organization
 may have met Reuben F. Dyer who
 was in the early part of the war
 captain in the 20th Illinois but
 did not know him intimately
 until in 1862 after Dyer became
 Surgeon of the 104th Illinois: That he
~~has an impression~~
~~distinctly remembers~~ that Dyer
 had sore eyes in the army, but
 cannot remember where, and
 where he first noticed this
 ailment; that he does not know
 whether the said Dyer had any
 ailment of the eyes prior to
 the war as he then did not
 know him; that since 1869 he
 and Dr. Reuben F. Dyer have resided
 in Ottawa, Illinois, have met
 quite frequently, and he has
 noticed that Dyer's eyes at times
 have been much inflamed, and watery.

That he has this day been shown a paper purporting to be the affidavit of Edward L. Herrick, late 1st Quarter Master of the 104th Illinois volunteers, and now says that he well knows the handwriting of the said Herrick, and that the signature is genuine, and further that the wife of the said Herrick died about the year 1875 in Ottawa, La Salle County, Illinois.

Affiant further states that underneath the signature of the late Edward L. Herrick is a statement under oath made by himself as to the service of Reuben F. Dyer, late Surgeon of the 104th Illinois volunteers, and upon reading the same this day pronounces his signature genuine, and the facts recited true and correct,

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Reuben F. Dyer for a pension; and further saith not.

John H. Wilkes
Late Major 104th Ill. Vol.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of December 1881, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

Chas. C. Conner,

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT. *P*Case of *Ruben F. Dyer*, No. *127. 014.*

On this *21st* day of *December*, 1888, at
Ottawa, County of *La Salle*
Illinois, before me, *Chas B. Council*
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Douglas*
Kapenauer, who, being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is *41* years, that he resides at *P.O. Ottawa*
County of La Salle, State of *Illinois*, and that
 he was *2nd* Lieutenant of *B Company*
11th *Illinois* *Volunteers*, and during
 the winter of *1861*, and *1862* made the
 acquaintance at *Birds Point, Missouri*
 of *Dr. Ruben F. Dyer*, then the Captain
 of *B Company 20th* *Illinois* *Volunteers*,
 that in August *1862* he became
 Lieutenant Colonel of the *104th*
Illinois *Volunteers*, and *Dr. Ruben*
F. Dyer was commissioned Surgeon
 of the same regiment; that they
 both remained in the service until
 the close of the war in *1865*
 but during the time between
1862, and *1865* the said *Ruben*
F. Dyer was absent and detached
 service a good part of his time,
 that prior to *1861* he did not know
 the said *Dyer*, cannot now recall
 whether he had weak or sore eyes
 during the winter of *1861*, and *1862*
 while in *Missouri*, and has no
 recollection of his having disease
 of eyes during any part of the
 time in *1862*, *1863*, *1864*, or *1865*;
 that he and *Dyer* have resided in
Ottawa, Illinois since *1865*, and he
 knows that *Dyer* has had weak eyes
 since their return from the army, but does

not know how, when, or where the disease originated or whether in the military service of the United States:

Affiant further states that in A Company 104th Illinois Volunteers many of the men had sore eyes, and this seemed to be in some degree epidemic, and contagious,

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Reuben F. Dyer for a pension; and further saith not.

Douglas Hapeman
Late Lt. Col. 104th Ills. Infy. Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of December 1880, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

Chas R. Coumes,
Special Agent.

EXHIBIT R

Case of Reuben F. Dyer, No. 147.014.

On this 21st day of December, 1880, at Ottawa, County of La Salle, State of Illinois, before me, Chas. R. Barnes, a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Dr. Robert M. McArthur, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that his age is 55 years, that he resides at P.O. Ottawa, County of La Salle, State of Illinois, and that about 1853, or 1854 he made the acquaintance of Reuben F. Dyer then a clerk in a drug store in Ottawa, Illinois; that Dyer subsequent to this commenced the practice of medicine in Stowack, Kendall County, Illinois, and for some five or six years say from 1856 to 1862 he saw little of Dyer; that Dyer was a captain in the 30th Illinois during some months in 1861, and the early part of 1862; that in 1862 Dyer was commissioned as Surgeon of the 104th Illinois, and at the close of the war was located in Ottawa, Illinois where he has resided and practiced his profession ever since:

Affiant further states that he did not treat Dyer for any disease of the eyes prior to 1865, and did not know of his ever having had any such ailment prior to his service in the army; that since 1865 at intervals he has been consulted by Reuben F. Dyer relative to disease of eyes, has examined his eyes, and has prescribed for conjunctivitis with which ailment he has been afflicted.

That he has this day been shown what purports to be and is an affidavit made by him November 9th 1872 in support of the claim for Pension of Reuben Dyer, late Surgeon of the 110th Illinois and now says that his signature is genuine; that upon carefully reading his affidavit he now says that he did not intend to swear that Dyer did not have Conjunctivitis prior to his service in the army but simply that he did not know of his having any such disease, also that he did not intend to state that Dyer was and is a continuous sufferer with that ailment, but that he does so suffer occasionally.

Affiant further states that since 1865 he, and Dyer have resided in Ottawa, Illinois, and that so far as he knows he is a man of good habits, and has not by any conduct of his aggravated or prolonged his disease of the eyes; that he knows the wife, two sons, and daughter of the said Dyer and neither of these is afflicted with conjunctivitis, or other disease of the eyes;

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Reuben Dyer for a pension; and further saith not.

Robert M. McArthur M.D.
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of December 1872, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

Chas R. Coulter,
Special Agent.

Certificate No. 127. 114

Chicago

Acts of January 25 and March 4, 1879.

BRIEF FOR ARREARS OF INVALID PENSION.

Name, Reuben F. Snyder

Rank, Surgeon, Company 114th Regiment Ill. Vols.

P. O. address, Ottawa, County La. Salle, State Ill.

Discharged from service June 6th, 1865

Subsequent service from —, 18 —, to —, 18 —

Was first pensioned from Nov-16th, 1872, at the rate of \$ 8 per month.

Arrears of pension due at the rate of \$ 8 per month from June 7th, 1865
and ending November 15, 1872

Date, July 30, 187 9

Beaman

Examiner.

Approved for issue:

J. Davis
Reviewer.

No. _____

ARREARS OF PENSION.

INVALID.

ACTS OF JANUARY 25 AND MARCH 4, 1879.

10 1.574
Nº 172

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Reuben F. Dyer
Ottawa
Lafayette Co. Ill.
Surgeon 104th Ill. Vols
Discharged June 6, 1865.

Received Feb 3, 1872.
Alex F. Cameron
Ottawa,
Ills
Attorney.

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Oct 13/73 Offs afft

Dr Chester Harrit

Ottawa Ill

Law 774 let to Sur Sur
as evidence of disability
& whether Offh was prevalent
in Regt Oct-Nov & Dec 1867

as docket made

I, Ruben F. Dyer, a pensioner under pension certificate NO. 127,014 hereby apply for the renewal of pension approved January 25th 1879.

My Post Office address is Ottawa LaSalle Co. Illinois

H. C. Furness
A. C. Deist.

Ruben F. Dyer

State of Ill. }
County LaSalle }^{ss}

Signed in my presence by Ruben F. Dyer who is known to me to be the person he describes himself to be, and at the same time he exhibited to me his pension certificate which is numbered 127,014 before me March 13th 1879
J. H. Bentley
Comm. of Pensions
Joseph L. Paine
Notary Public

THE SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

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OF

Biennial, Annual, or Semi-annual Examination, on which the Pensioner draws his Pension.

UNITED STATES

ADA C. SWEET

State: Illinois County: La Salle
Post Office: Ottawa Mar. 28, 1876.

Pensioner's service.

I hereby certify, That I have carefully examined Reuben J. Dyer, who was a Sergeant 10th Regt. Ill. Vol. in the war 1865

Be particular to give Certificate No.

Agency where to be paid.

and was granted an Invalid Pension under Certificate No. 127,014 to be paid now at the Agency in Chicago Ill.

by reason of alleged disability resulting from Chronic Conjunctivitis, which he states to have been received in the line of duty while he was in the military service of the United States.

State whether disability continues; and if so, its present degree.

In my opinion the said Pensioner's disability, from the cause aforesaid, continues at One third \$8. pr. mo.

A more particular description of the Pensioner's condition is subjoined:

Particular description.

Height, 5 ft. 1 in.; weight, 165; complexion, Light, age, 43; respiration, 14; pulse, 66

I find Chronic Conjunctivitis of left eye. With Chronic granular eyelids of both eyes. The Lachrymal Sac of left eye is enlarged & ulcerated. The Lachrymal duct of the same eye is nearly closed. The sight of the left eye is nearly destroyed in consequence of this continued irritation.

Chester Davis
Examining Surgeon.

✓
DUPLICATE

PERIODICAL EXAMINATION

IN CASE OF

Reuben J. Dyer

Co. *10th* Reg't, *Ill. Vol.*

No. *123 D. 14*

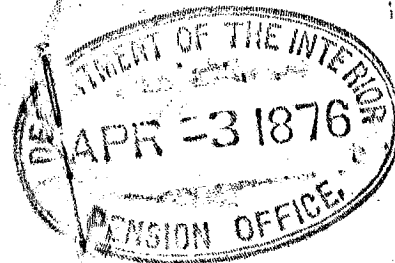
DATE OF EXAMINATION,

March 28th 1876

Chas. H. ...

Examining Surgeon.

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INVALID DIVISION.

No. 172.381

Claim of Reuben F Dyer
2nd Co., 704 Reg't, Ills Vols

Post Office: Ottawa

County: La Salle

State: Ills.

Referred by J L P

TO MEDICAL DIVISION

On this 4 day of Feb, 1874.

Returned to _____

On this _____ day of _____, 1874.

ACTION:

Rec 7613/44

Ch. Carpenter
4/3 8/25/74

Beunals Regt

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[Signature]
Chief of Division.

S. S. D.

REPORT IN CASE.

Name: *Robert S. Dyer*

P.O. Address: *Chawna,*

County: *La Salle* State: *Illinois*

Charles Soumer,

Special Agent.

REFERENCE.

Jan 12, 1887.

*Respectfully reports to Mr
Winfield Chief Ills. Div.
for his opinion*

Thos. Leguiston

Chief of S. S. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

Nov. 19, 1887.

*That pensioner name be dropped
and the bill for divorce of
said pensioner having
been cancelled prior to service.*

William

Chief of Division.

ACTION.

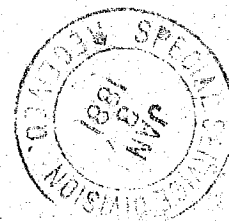
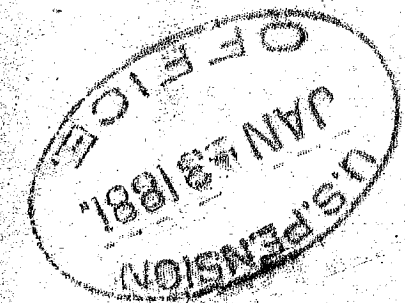
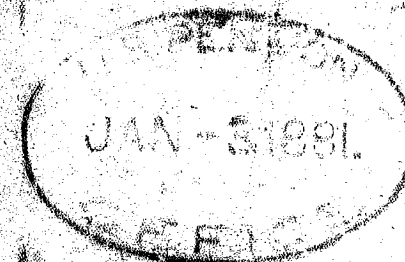
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*After action by Ills. Div. and
after criminal features*

Chief of S. S. Division.

Investigation:

Chair



(3-409.)

RECEIPT OF ORDER TO SUSPEND, RESUME, OR TERMINATE.

U. S. Pension Agency,

Chicago, Ill.

Dec. 3rd. 1881.

Hon. W. W. Dudley
Commissioner of Pensions.

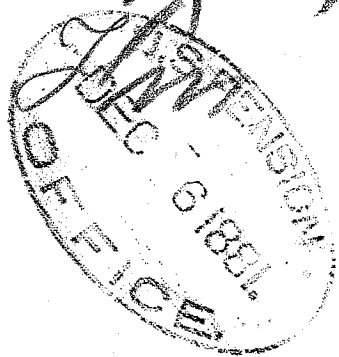
Sir:

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your order of Nov. 30th
1881, in the case of Reuben F. Dyer,
Certificate No. 127014, (formerly on rolls,)
directing that payment of pension be suspended.

Very respectfully,

Ada C. Sweet
Pension Agent.

127014



Office M Dec 25th 1880

Commissioners of Pensions

Washington D.C. Dear Sir.

A Special

agent by the name of Comus called upon me (on the 22nd inst - I think) for the purpose of interviewing me about my own pension. Saying the Dept. had information that I was not entitled to a pension because that I had been working with my eyes previous to entering service that I contradicted the decision from treating a Miss Smith. Now from the certainty that I contradicted no decision of the Expo from Miss Smith. ~~but now~~ I think I know the party from whom the Dept. had been obtaining information. I think he made an affidavit in my case. He says I do not need his affidavit to substantiate my claim. He is a man that holds at least once I think the fourth of the people in the community where he has lived for twenty five years would not believe Miss Smith's oath. While on my own I don't think he would tell an untruth to my face about any matter that he knew that I knew as much about as he himself. Yet behind my back he has

sought to injure me in the most outrageous
 & deplorable manner that - it is possible
 for one man to injure another. Not because
 he had anything against me but to satisfy
 his own capriciousness. And because I would not
 tolerate him after being informed of his conduct
 any longer as an Asst. Surgeon of the 104th he
 since has sought to be revenged upon me
 not openly & manly but in that mean under-
 handed way so despicable. It is the same man
 that Mr. Commes spoke of very promptly, that
 he expected to gain most important information
 of my case. I am thoroughly satisfied that
 the whole matter is one of spite work.

While Mr. Commes is no doubt a very good
 man yet I could plainly see that in wording
 even my own statement - while in the main
 true, yet he so worded it as to convey
 an unfavorable impression of the Pensioner to
 the department. For instance is this I said
 my eyes were bad for a year. I said to
 him I did not wish to convey the idea
 that they were bad all the time for a year
 but that they trouble with them occasionally about

a year to the best of my recollection
 & were as well at the end of a year as I
 could ever expect them to be

While the Department can cross question
 every witness for the Prisoner yet the prisoner
 is not allowed even to know who the witnesses
 are against him^{and} is not allowed to cross question
 them or in any way to show to the Department
 the character of the men or women whom
 the agent may hunt up & take statements
 from. and by this manner of proceeding
 completely preclude the Prisoner from a
 fair & impartial hearing. I can readily see
 how a Prisoner may be deprived of his
 just rights. The witnesses in my original
 claim were nearly all first class men.

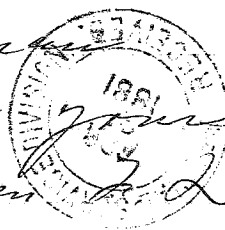
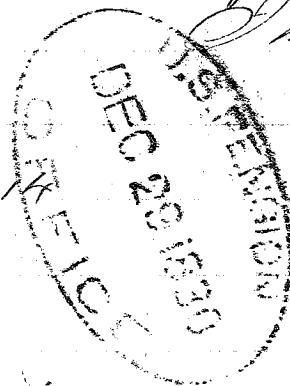
I hastily give to Mr. Conner the names of
 some men that knew me while I resided at
 Newark Ill previous to the war. It had been so
 long since the war & men have so scattered I
 could then hardly think of men that were intimate
 enough to have any recollection of just how
 my eyes were at the time I entered service
 but that I considered my eyes well on entering
 service & that during the whole of the time that

I served as a Capt. in the 20th Ill. Infy
and that I have no trouble till I contracted
the disease as alleged by me is as true
as there is a God in Heaven and I am
proud of my 20 years men at arms

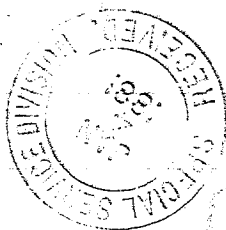
I am entirely willing to trust my
case in the hands of the Officers of the
Pension Dept. if they will only be kind
enough to give me a fair showing &
I believe they are for I cannot believe
they wish to wrong any one.

I am truly yours
R. H. Dyer

Claim 127014



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For Savings Book, B.E.D.

[3-398.]

(Invalid Division.)

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., March 28, 1882.

Miss Ada C. Sweet

U. S. Pension Agent,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Please furnish a report in the following-named invalid pension case:

Certificate No. 127,014

Name of pensioner, Reuben F. Dyer

Agency, Chicago, Ill.

Last pensioned at \$8 per

month from Nov. 16, 1872.

Very respectfully,

Wm. F. Dudley
~~James~~

Commissioner.

Files
Cape & 2
Dropped (see)

Report

Last paid to include June 3rd, 1881, at the rate
of \$8 per month. Reduced 18, from
\$ per month to \$ per month.

Suspended by Commr's Order
dated Nov. 30, 1881.

Advised me

Ada Sweet

U. S. Pension Agent.

March 30, 1882

NOTE.—When dropped, so state, giving cause. When reduced, state cause; when no reduction, so state. Any discrepancy from the statement of this office shown by the Agency records will be noted.

EXHIBIT *L*Case of *Reuben F. Dyer*, No. *127 014*.

On this *24* day of *December*, 188*0*, at
Chicago, County of *Cook*
 State of *Illinois*, before me, *Chas. R. Conner*,
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Irue*
Boy, who, being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is *47* years, that he resides at *C.P. Union Stock yards*
Chicago, County of *Cook*, State of *Illinois*, and that
 he formerly resided in *Newark*,
Spauldall County Illinois, and
 from *1856*, or *1857* to *April 1861*
 in the same village with one
Dr. Reuben F. Dyer who was
 during that time a physician
 and part of the time partner of
 one *Dr. Julius A. Freeman*; that
 he remembers that *Dr. Dyer* had
 about the time of his marriage
 in *1857* very sore eyes, but cannot
 at this length of time say how
 long the inflammation lasted
 or whether it resulted in any
 permanent injury to his eyes
 or his sight; that he has no
 interest direct, or indirect in
 any claims *Reuben F. Dyer* may
 have against the United States.

Irue Boy

Subscribed and sworn to before
 me this *December 24*, 188*0*
Chas. R. Conner,
 Special Agent

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Personally appeared, Mrs. Augusta Cox
who being by me duly sworn states
that her age is 45 and her P.O.
address 3934 Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

That she formerly resided
in Newark, Kendall County, Illinois
and for several years before the
war, well knew Dr. Reuben F. Dyer
who was a physician in the above
named place; that she distinctly
remembers that Dr. Dyer about the
time he was married in 1857 had
very sore eyes, but she does not know
how long this lasted nor whether
it produced permanent injury
to his sight, or to his eyes,

and she further declares that she has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
of Reuben F. Dyer for a pension; and further saith not.

Augusta Cox
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of December
1880, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
signing.

Chas R. Connor,
Special Agent.

EXHIBIT *11*Case of *Reuben F. Dyer*, No. *129.014*.

On this *22nd* day of *December*, 18*80*, at
Newark, County of *Stendall*
 State of *Illinois*, before me, *Chas. R. Conner*,
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Mrs. Lucy*
S. Freeman, who, being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that her age is *56* years, that she resides at *P.O. Newark*
County of Stendall, State of *Illinois*, and that
 since about *1851*, or *1852* she has been
 a resident of *Newark, Stendall*
County, Illinois, except very
 short intervals of time, say
 six months in *Nebraska*, and
 nine months in *Missouri*:
 That for some five or six years
 prior to the date was she well-
 known to *Dr. Reuben F. Dyer* who was
 then a practicing physician in
Newark, Illinois; that for some
 two years after *Dyer* came to
Newark, Illinois and while still
 unmarried he boarded with her
 and was partner of her then husband
Dr. Julius H. Freeman now a resident of
Millington, Illinois, and "had most
 beautiful blue eyes"; that some three
 years prior to the date was *Dyer* went
 to *Massachusetts*, got married, and
 in a few weeks returned with his
 wife to *Newark, Illinois* where he
 remained in practice until
1861 at which time he entered
 the army as Captain of *Company*
20th Illinois Volunteers; that since
 the close of the late war *Dyer* has
 resided in *Ottawa, La Salle County, Illinois*

That she distinctly, and positively recalls the fact that immediately on the return of Dr. Reuben F. Dyer with his wife from Massachusetts he had very red, sore, and inflamed eyes and was treated for this disease by her then husband and the said Dr. Julius A. Freeman; that after the active inflammation subsided Dyer resumed his practice, and his eyes continued to trouble him more or less, and his sight to be affected until he entered the army in 1861; that she is positive Dyer's eyes never wholly recovered from the effects of this disease contracted by him in 1857, or 1858 as "they have never looked the same since"; that she has seen Dyer but a few times since 1865 and the last time in the autumn of 1879 and then his eyes were red, sore, and inflamed and he told her he had lost the sight, or nearly so of one of them and this was at his house in Ottawa, Illinois,

and ~~she~~ further declares that she has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Reuben F. Dyer for a pension; and further saith not.

Mrs Lucy J. Freeman

Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of December 1880, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

Chas R. Couper,

Special Agent.

Sheridan July 22-1880

Mr Offy Clarke Acting
Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir Yours
of the 10th of July-1880 duly received
in answer I would ^{say} that Dr Reuben
F Dyer was in my family as a
boarder during the year 1857 &
for several weeks in said year
was afflicted with quite sore eyes
caused by something getting into
his eyes while riding on the
Car, I remember his treating them
& am confident they were well
^{when he} went into the Army. I do not
know that he was subject to weak
or sore eyes. I am willing to answer
any questions you may wish to
ask respecting the subject, as I can
think of nothing more to write at
present
Yours Respectfully
A. J. Barnard

EXHIBIT I

Case of Reuben F. Dyer, No. 127. 014.

On this 23rd day of December, 1880, at Mission Township, County of La Salle, State of Illinois, before me, Chas. R. Conner, a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared Nathaniel P. Barnard, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that his age is 74 years, that he resides at P. F. Sheridan, County of La Salle, State of Illinois, and that from about 1856 to April or May 1861 he was personally acquainted with one Dr. Reuben F. Dyer who was during that period of time a physician in the village of Newark, Illinois; that when he first knew of the said Dyer he had good sight, and sound eyes, but during the year 1857 he went to Massachusetts, got married, and on his return he had one eye that was very much inflamed, said that he supposed that a cedar had got into it, and in time the inflammation was communicated to the other eye; that during this time Dyer and his wife boarded at this witness' house, and for some three or four months more or less he had very bad eyes; that he cannot say whether Dyer's eyes were permanently injured, or that by this disease he does know that they never looked the same after as before the attack which he had in 1857, and further that he has no interest in claim of Dyer for a pension.

Nathaniel P. Barnard
Subscribed and sworn to this Dec. 23rd 1880.

Chas R Conner.

Personally appeared, Mrs. Helen H. Barnard who being duly sworn states that her P.O. address is Sheridan La Salle County, Illinois; and that her age is 64, and she is the wife of Nathaniel P. Barnard; that for some years prior to the late war she, and her husband resided in Newark, Kendall County, Illinois and while there knew Dr. Reuben F. Dyer who was then a physician in practice in Newark, Illinois; that for more than one year Dr. Dyer boarded at her house and when she first knew him he had good sight, and sound eyes; that in 1857 Dyer went to Massachusetts got married, brought his wife to this witness' house in Newark, Illinois where they boarded for some length of time; that Dyer when he came back from Massachusetts had one very sore eye, and in process of time the disease reached the other eye, and for some months he was nearly blind; that the active disease in Dyer's eyes after a time subsided but his eyes never looked the same, were contracted, and seemed weak, and ~~so later ever afterwards~~ and she further declares that she has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Reuben F. Dyer for a pension; and further saith not.

Mrs Helen H Barnard

Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of December 1880, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

Chas R. Combs,

Special Agent.

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EXHIBIT *H*Case of *Reuben S. Dyer*, No. *124.114*.

In this *22nd* day of *December*, 1880, at
Newark, County of *Kendall*,
 State of *Illinois*, before me, *Chas. R. Conner*,
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Isaac*
Sett, who, being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is *53* years, that he resides at *P.O. Newark*
 County of *Kendall*, State of *Illinois*, and that
 he has resided where he now does
 and in the immediate vicinity
 since the year *1845*; that he
 well knew for some years prior
 to 1861 Dr. *Reuben S. Dyer* then a
 practicing physician in the
 village of *Newark, Illinois*, know
 him before, and after his marriage
 in *1857*, or *1858* and his fact up to
 the time the war commenced in
 1861 when the said *Dyer* entered
 the army as captain of a company
 in the *20th Illinois Volunteers*. That
 his best recollection now is that
 Dr. *Reuben S. Dyer* while following
 his profession in *Newark, Illinois*
 contracted some disease of the eyes
 with which he suffered more, or less
 for a considerable length of time,
 and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim
 of *Reuben S. Dyer* for a pension; and further saith not.

*Isaac Sett**Merchant*

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *22nd* day of *December*
1880, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before
 signing.

Chas R Conner,

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT *B*Case of *Reuben F. Dyer*, No. *107.074*

On this *22nd* day of *December*, 1880, at *Millington*, County of *Kendall*, State of *Illinois*, before me, *Chas. R. Conner*, a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Dr. Julius A. Freeman*, who, being by me duly sworn, according to law, declares that his age is *52* years, that he resides at *Millington* County of *Kendall*, State of *Illinois*, and that he has this day been shown and has carefully read over an affidavit made by him in *1862* relative to his treating *Reuben F. Dyer* in *1862* and *1863* in the army for conjunctivitis or granular ophthalmia, and now says that the facts as recited are true and that his signature is genuine. Affiant further states that to his personal knowledge *Reuben F. Dyer* did not contract this disease in the army but that it was contracted in *1867* and continued sometimes better than worse until after *Dyer* became Surgeon of the *104th Illinois* Vols. and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of *Reuben F. Dyer* for a pension; and further saith not.

Julius A. Freeman
Lat. asst Surg. 104th Ill. Vol. Inf.
 Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *22nd* day of *December* 1880, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

Chas R Conner,
 Special Agent.

EXHIBIT *b*Case of *Reuben F. Dyer*, No. *124. 014.*

On this *22nd* day of *December*, 188*8*, at *Newark*, County of *Stendall* State of *Illinois*, before me, *Chas. R. Coulter*, a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Perre Dr. Spellman*, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that his age is *42* years, that he resides at *P. M. Newark* County of *Stendall*, State of *Illinois*, and that about the year *1854* he came to reside in *Newark, Illinois* and it has been his home ever since, but he has been absent at intervals of time, and during the late war was a member of *K Company 20th Illinois volunteers* from *April 1861* to *July 1865*; that prior to *1861*, and from about *1854* he and *Reuben F. Dyer* resided in the same village, and were well acquainted; that *Dr. Dyer* in *April 1861* helped organize a company, was elected the captain and for some months served as such in *K Company 20th Illinois volunteers* in the years *1861*, and *1862*; that after wards *Dr. Reuben F. Dyer* was appointed, commissioned, and served as the Surgeon of the *104th Illinois volunteers*; that he met but once, or twice the said *Dyer* after he resigned his commission as captain of *K Company 20th Illinois*, and knows little or nothing of his physical condition during the time

he was Surgeon of the 14th Illinois Volunteers:

Affiant further states that he distinctly and positively remembers that between 1857 and 1861 Dr. Reuben F. Dyer while practicing medicine in Keokuk, Illinois had sore eyes, and part of the time wore goggles, or glasses to protect his sight from the weather, and from the too strong rays of light; that he does not know the name of the disease with which Dyer was then suffering, nor can he state whether it left any permanent disability: That he and Dyer were in company as Illinois Volunteers from April 1861 to about December 1st, 1861 at which latter date he was sent home to recruit and during that time he cannot recall any trouble of the eyes the said Dyer may have had but cannot say that he did not have any disease of the eyes at that time, but if he did he does not now remember it.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Reuben F. Dyer for a pension; and further saith not.

Perry W. Spillman
Sgt. Capt. Kth Co, 20th Regt. Ill. Vols.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of December 1880, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

Chas B. Cowler,

Special Agent.

EXHIBIT *N*

Case of *Reuben F. Dyer*, No. *107.011*.

On this *22nd* day of *December*, 188*8*, at
Millington, County of *Stendall*
 State of *Illinois*, before me, *Chas B. Couner*,
 a Special Agent of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Dr. Julius A. Freeman*,
 who, being by me duly sworn according to law,
 declares that his age is *52* years, that he resides at *St. Millington*
 County of *Stendall*, State of *Illinois*, and that
 from *October 1854* he has personally
 known *Reuben F. Dyer*, and from
April or May 1855 to *July 1857*, and
 from *July 1858* to *May 1861* was
 partner of his in the practice
 of medicine at *Newark, Stendall*
County, Illinois; that he was
 Assistant Surgeon of the *104th Illinois*
volunteers from *September 1862* to
June 1863 and during that time
 was intimately associated with
Dr. Reuben F. Dyer who was the
 Surgeon of the *104th Illinois volunteers*.
 that in *June 1857* the said *Dyer*
 contracted inflammation of the eye
 lid while treating *Mrs. William Smith*
 in *Mission Township, La Salle County*
Illinois who had acute conjunctivitis
 that in the latter part of *June 1857*
Dyer left *Newark, Illinois*, and
 started for *Massachusetts*, got
 married and in *July 1857* he
 returned with his wife, that
 on his return in *July 1857* he
 the said *Dyer* was so blind that
 he could not bear the light and
 was so blind that he could
 not distinguish one person from
 another, not even his wife.

That he treated the said Dyer for acute conjunctivitis in 1857 and after the inflamed condition had subsided it left the eye lids granulated, and this has been their condition ever since, or until 1874 when this witness last conversed with him that the condition of Dyer's eyes has been variable, some times better, and then worse, but never well entirely of the original disease contracted in 1857 in New Ark. Illinois.

Affiant further states that he has this day been shown, and has carefully read over a letter dated April 30. 1880 written by him to the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions relative to the facts connected with the origin of the sore eyes of Reuben T. Dyer, and now says that they are correct, and that he requests the same made a part of his evidence in this claim.

and he further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of Reuben T. Dyer for a pension; and further saith not.

Julius A. Freeman
 Late Asst. Surg. 104 Ill. Vol. Inf.

Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of December 1880, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to affiant before signing.

Chas R. Brown,

Special Agent.

Springfield, Illinois
Dec. 29, 1885.

Com. J. A. Bailey,
Commissions of Pensions.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to return the papers, and to transmit such additional evidence as I have procured relative to the merits of claim, cert. No. 127,014, of Reuben F. Dyer, late captain of K Company 20th Illinois, and subsequently Surgeon of the 104th Illinois Volunteer.

Attention is requested to exhibits marked A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, and R, respectively.

Attached to my letter of instructions will be found a list of names furnished me by Dr. Dyer. Some of these I visited but others I could not. Also a list of names furnished me by Dr. Freeman to sustain by their testimony his statements as to origin and continuance of chronic conjunctivitis on account of which ailment pension has been granted to Dr. Reuben F. Dyer.

In as much as I was nearly 100 miles from the persons whom I took the test affidavit, and in view of the damaging evidence which I thought impossible for Dyer to contradict, and overcome I have not attempted to comply with requirements of circular letter of May 11. 1878.

Some of the persons whose names were furnished to me by Drs. Dyer and Freeman said they remembered nothing relative to the material facts, and others refused to make any statement at all relative to the question under inquiry.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.
Chas B. Cowles,
Special Agent.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., June 16, 1873.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 172381, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that Edward L. Herrick was enrolled on the day of _____, 186, at _____ in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years or during the war, and mustered into service as a 1st Lt. & Qu. M., on the 23 day of Augt, 1862, at Ottawa, Ills., in Co. H., 104th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. F. & Staff of that Regiment, for the months of from Augt. 23 '62 to October 31, 1862, he is reported Regt. D. Co. & Agent.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas W. Vincent.

Assistant Adjutant General.

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The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Wm. J. D. D. D.
C. C. D. D. D.

L. M.

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Examining Surgeon's Certificate

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IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 172 381State: Illinois County: LasallePost Office: Ottumwa Jan. 14, 1873.

Applicant's service.

I hereby Certify, That I have carefully examined
Reuben F. Dyer, late a Surgeon
Co., 102nd Reg't, Ill. Vol.

in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an
 invalid pension, by reason of alleged disability resulting from Chronic
disease of the eyes

Degree of disability.

In my opinion the said Reuben F. Dyer
 is permanently incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence
 by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before
 me, it is my belief that the said disability did not originate
 in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable duration.

The disability is of uncertain duration

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is
 subjoined:

Particular description.

Height, 5 ft 1ⁱⁿ; weight, 165; complexion, Light
 Age, 40; pulse, Normal; respiration, Normal
He is suffering from Chronic Conjunctivitis
which at times assumes the Acute form
& lays him up for a few days. I have seen
him twice in the last summer suffering from
the Acute form which lasted but a few
days. Most of the time his eyes do not
show much departure from the healthy
state, except that there are slight granulations
I am at a loss to know just what to
advise in his case & have therefore
enclosed for your inspection his own
written statement of his case.
He is in the full pursuit
of his business, except when
interrupted by acute attacks.

Examining Surgeon.

W. H. P.
SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 1

IN CASE OF

Reuben Y. Rogers

Co. *104th Reg't, 2d M.*

APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

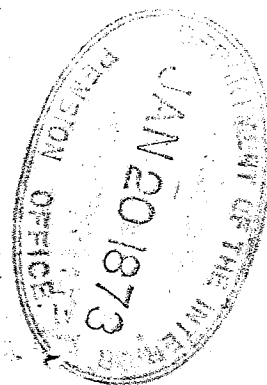
No. *172,387*

DATE OF EXAMINATION,

Jan. 14, 1873

Charles Ward

Examining Surgeon.



Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., July 2, 1873.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 172,381, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that John H. Widmer was enrolled on the _____ day of _____, 186, at _____ in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years or during the war, and mustered into service as a _____ on the _____ day of _____, 186, at _____ Major _____, in Co. The _____ 104 Regiment of _____ Illinois Volunteers, to serve _____ years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co F+ Staff of that Regiment, for the months of September & October, 1862, he is reported Present. Station: "In the field near New Haven, Ky." Roll from Augt. 23 '62 to Feb. 28 '63. reports him "Captured at Hartsville Tenn. Dec. 7. 1862." In roll F+ Staff for Sept. - Oct. 1862, reports Abalom B. Moore. Col. "Detached Comdg 39. Brig. 12. Div. Army of the Ohio." Roll from Augt. 23 '62 to Feb. 28 '63. reports him "Captured at Hartsville Tenn. Dec. 7. '62 + not reported." Roll for March + April '63. reports him Present. Returns for Oct. Nov. + Dec. 1862 not on file.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas H. Vincent

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Wm. J. Rushing
Col. Gen. Branch

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Wash DC July 28 1880
Com. Pension
Washington D.C.
Sir

Pension Claim
127044 I am on this report
to you that I was not entitled
to pension because I had
been eye previous to entering
the army I say to you frankly
I had. In 1847 while on my
way home from Boston Mass. to
Newark I got something in my
eye that set up an inflammation
and as my eyes had always
been weak and I neglected
them more than I ought looking
forth in them getting well till
I was obliged to lay up and
attend to them. But I completely

While lying on my back
 sick the Col. came to
 me, and said he wanted
 me to take as position
 on the Medical Staff as I
 did not know how my com-
 would terminate I said to
 him to fill his Staff and
 that I would retain command
 of my Company till such
 time as I could make a
 change without detriment to
 it. I did so and remained
 in command till after the
 Battle of Fort Donelson
 when seeing that the war
 was likely to be prolonged
 I felt that I could be
 of more benefit to the Service
 & myself as well, to go in
 as a Medical Officer. I
 resigned & went home
 & sought an opportunity to

enter the Service in
that capacity. I soon
found one & entered
the 104th Ill. Inf. Surgeon &
remained so till the war
closed. Acting & Chief of
the 1st Dist. 14th A.C. also at
the close was Acting Medical
Director of the 14th A.C. & you
can verify by the Adj. Gen.
Reports. I never was absent
from my post in either
Regiment except a short leave
after the Capture of Atlanta Ga.
during my whole term of
Service. After I recovered
from that first attack of gonorrhea
of the eyes I never had any
more trouble till I was
in the 104th Ill. Vol. Inf., which
I can prove by every man
living of my old Company
in the 2^d Ill.

recovered and was in
 very active practice when
 Lincoln made his first call
 for troops. I immediately
 in company with others set
 about to raise a company &
 in three days it was organized
 by electing myself Captain.
 We subsequently formed Co
 "K" of the 2nd Ill. Vol. Infy.
 We went to State Camp at
 Joliet Ill. on exposure while
 getting ready for camp I
 took a severe cold so that
 when we got to camp I had
 to go to bed sick. In one
 week I went to camp from
 the Hotel and spent a great
 part of the afternoon the con-
 sequence was I took a fresh
 cold & that night was attacked
 with Pleurisy very severely

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Millington, Ill. Apr. 5, 1880
Hon. J. A. Bentley,
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington, D. C.

Hon. Sir: - Your letter
of inquiry is just recd. It is a deli-
cate position to be placed in, but I
think it wrong for the government
to be swindled by those who do not
deserve pensions, while so many
are deserving as to be a great tax
already - It seems as if all
old soldiers are applying for pen-
sions now a days, and trying to
trace any recent ills back to war times.
As to Dr R. H. Dyer's case; he was
my partner in the practice of medicine
from the Spring of 1853, up to July 1857;
and from July 1858, until May 1861;
and our relations were pleasant, so

you see my task is an unpleasant
one, now. We were associated together
in the 104 Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. Surgeons,
& I as Asst. Surgeon; abt. While
Dr. Dyer was my partner in 1857, in
May or June, he treated Mrs. W. Smith
who with her husband now lives in
Sandwich, Ill., for acute Ophthalmia
which he contracted from her, and as
he was just beginning to be affected
with the disease, he started for Mass-
achusetts to be married, & was married
& returned with his wife about the
last of June or first of July, 1857;
and he was then so blind that he could
not tell one person from another
by sight. I treated him until the acute
trouble subsided, about which time I
removed to Morris Ill., where I remained
one year. Dr. Dyer was from a respect-
ful family, and inherited it; and in
consequence of that talent, and not fellow-

The 1st Regiment of Co³
 7th of the 104th had an inflow
 of the eyes a Perulant
 character which spread largely
 through the Regiment so
 that at one time I instituted
 a Separate "Sick Call" for that
 class of patients and you
 can verify what I say by
 looking over the list of
 Prisoners of the 104th and
 see how many are
 prisoners for difficulty
 of the eye. It was while treat-
 ing these patients that
 I contracted inflammation of
 my eyes. The trouble with
 mine was identical with
 the balance of the Regiment
 and I suppose I got some
 of the matter in my eyes
 as certainly though I tried
 to be very careful

I took the best of care
 of my eyes but have
 never been able to
 restore them although I
 am on treatment constantly.
 If you could be with
 me one week you would
 say that if my pension
 was quadrupled it
 would not begin to
 compensate for the suffering
 I undergo. One eye is
 permanently disabled
 and it is the opposite
 from the one I got the
 order in on the 2nd of
 1857 that is my best eye.

There was a period
 of four years that I had
 not trouble till I contracted
 that inflammation in the 10th

that I have never
 abused my eye I wish
 to state that I never

ing up treatment sufficiently promptly after the acute attack, his lids were left very much granular, which has always continued more or less ever since; worse when he has cold. While in the Army together I treated him some for the difficulty, when it was worst, at times. The inception and progress of the case can be proven by numerous witnesses in St. Louis. Ill, where we both resided at the time. He went ^{with his wife} to board with Mr N. P.

Barnard when he returned from his wedding trip; and he or any of his family can verify my statements. I was astonished when I heard of his applying for a pension on that ground. I do not know what N. P. Barnard & family will swear to as they are all Methodists together, but

There are plenty of others who were
 knowing to the above facts, at any
 rate — ¹⁵⁰ There are two Brothers,
~~James H. [unclear] and Andrew West,~~
 one of ^{whom} ~~whom~~ were in the
 91st Ill. Vol. Inf. or perhaps one
 was in the 36, Ill., who, I hear,
 are receiving pensions. They came
 to me to assist them in getting
 pensions some years ago, but I
 refused, as I knew they were not
 entitled to them. They both are,
 and have been, since the war as able-
 bodied as before the war, or more
 so — There are the plain un-
 varnished facts —

Respectfully,

J. A. Freeman —

I have thought of applying for the position
 of Examining Surgeon for this County, as
 there is none in the County of Kendall.

J. A. Freeman

F. M. 23.

Department of the Interior
PENSION OFFICE

Washington, D.C. January 7 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to request information as to whether the records of your Office afford any evidence that Surgeon Reuben F. Dyer, of the 104th Regiment, Illinois Vols., was disabled by reason of Ophthalmia during the months of October, November, or December, 1862, or at any time subsequent thereto, and whether the Casualty Sheet, or other records, show whether said disease was prevalent in said Regiment during said months. - Claim No. 172,381

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

M. J. Baker
Commissioner,

The Surgeon General, U. S. A.
Present,

Surgeon General's Office,

Record and Pension Division,

Washington, D. C., ~~May~~ *July*, 187*4*

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions, with report enclosed.

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

Res

J. S. Woodward
Assistant Surgeon U. S. A.
J. S. Woodward (81)

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A.

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State of Illinois
County of Will,

On this 5th day of
December A.D., 1881, personally
appeared before me, a notary
public in and for and residing
in the state and County above
named, Benj. Olin, who, being
duly sworn, deposes and says, that
he has been acquainted for many
years with Dr. R. F. Dyer, a
physician now residing at
Ottawa, La Salle County, Illinois,
and who, sometime prior to the
year 1860, was affiant's physician
when affiant was sick; that affiant's
relations with said Dyer were
quite intimate in the years 1860,
and 1861, at Newark, Kendall
County, State of Illinois; and that
the said Dyer and affiant
in the Spring of the year 1861 became
and were members of Company
"K", of the 20th Regiment of
Illinois Infantry volunteers, raised
for service in the late Civil war
or rebellion, and remained
together as members of said Company

until sometime in the fall of the year 1861, when affiant left said Company.

Affiant further says, that during said time he was intimate with said Dyer as aforesaid, that is to say, during the year 1860, up to the said fall of the year 1861, he did not, so far as he can now remember, see or notice any disorder of or trouble with said Dyer's eyes; that he did not hear said Dyer make complaint about or allusion to any disorder of or trouble with his eyes, and was not aware of the existence during said period of time of any such disorder or trouble.

Affiant further states that from his situation and relations with the said Dyer he believes that if during said space of time up to the fall of the year 1861, said Dyer had been afflicted with any disorder or trouble of the eyes, affiant would have been aware of it. All which is stated in affiant's best recollection and belief. Affiant further states that he resides at Follet, County of

Ill and State of Illinois, and
is not in any way interested
in the prosecution of the claim
of said Dyer, and is not of
kin to him the said Dyer.

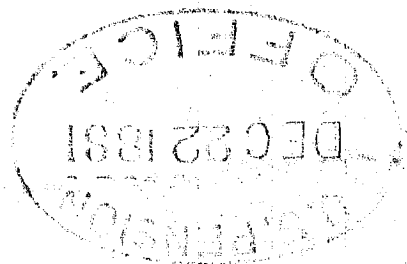
Benj. Olm,

Subscribed and sworn to
before me the day and year first
above written; — and I do hereby
certify that the foregoing affidavit was
read by said witness, who is well
known to me as a credible witness,
in my presence before the execution
thereof; and that I have no interest
in the prosecution of this claim.

Witness my hand and notarial
seal at Joliet, Ill County, Illinois, the
day and year first above written.

Arthur C Clements
Notary Public

*Affidavit of
Benj. Olin.*

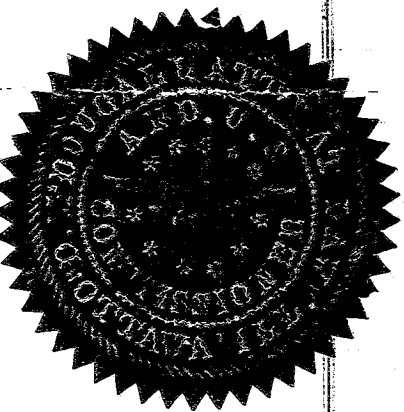


United States of America
Northern Dis. of Illinois

I D. M. Dougall U.S. Com.
and for the District above named do
hereby certify that I have been intimately
acquainted with Reuben P. Dyer Late Surgeon
of the 104 Reg Illinois Volunteers for many
years, and know of my own personal
knowledge that he is a man of high
standing in the scale of public opinion
on the question of truth and veracity,
and have no hesitation in saying that
I believe any representations he may
make or may have made respecting
his claim for pension, whether under
oath or otherwise if of his own personal
knowledge, are in fact just as represent-
ed. And I further certify that I
have seen the said Dyer this morning
and that his eyes are very much inflamed.

Witness my hand and seal
this 6th day of June 1873

D. M. Dougall U.S. Com.
Northern Dis. of Illinois



STATE OF Illinois
County of Safall } SS. J

On this Ninth day of November A. D. 1872, personally appeared before me, Charles H. Hook Clerk Circuit Court ^{in and for} the State and County above named, Dr. W. W. Arthur M.D. who being by me first duly sworn, upon oath says that he is a practicing physician and has been for many years. And he says that he was well acquainted with Reuben F. Dyer at and prior to the time he entered the United States Service, and that he then knew his physical condition. And he says he was at that time a sound and healthy man, and free from Granular Ophthalmia. And he says that soon after the return of the aforesaid Dyer from the U.S. Service in the year A.D. 1865, he was called to treat him for Granular Ophthalmia and closure of the Tear Duct. And he says that he has at various times from then to the present time treated him for the said Disability, and that he has known his physical condition during all that time. And he says that he has suffered continuously with Granular Ophthalmia since his return from the Army to the present time. And he says that the aforesaid disability was not caused or aggravated nor is it now prolonged by any bad habits or practices of the said Dyer.

RECORDED
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CLERK

United States of America
Northern District of the

STATE OF Illinois

County of LaSalle

SS.

On this 9th day of December A. D. 1872, personally appeared before me, Edward McDougall United States Commissioner in and for the State ^{and} County above named, Ruben F. Dyer Late Surgeon of the 104th Reg. Ill. Vol. who being by me first duly sworn, upon oath says that He is the identical Ruben F. Dyer who who made an application for Invalid Pension No. 172,381. Affiant avers that in fixing the date of contracting the disability as set forth in said application, affiant relied entirely upon his memory, and so alleged that he contracted said disability at Shelbyville Ky. on or about Oct. 15th 1862. Affiant avers that he has recently refreshed his memory from a carefully kept diary by a member of said regiment, and now affiant charges the fact to be that the regiment aforesaid arrived at Shelbyville on or about Oct. 4th 1862, and affiant avers that his disability as aforesaid in his said application was contracted at Shelbyville on or about and between the 4th day and the 8th day of October 1862. Affiant further states that on or about Oct. 12th 1862 Col. A. B. Moore who previously made an affidavit in this claim was placed in command of the Brigade of which the 104th Reg. constituted a part, in place of Col. Limberg who was placed under arrest, and for some time continued to fill said position, that said Moore was with the said 104th Regiment daily during the time he was detailed as brigade commander, and knew of affiant contracting

his said disability as set forth in his said affidavit which is true, except as to time, the said Moore relying on his memory made the same error relative to its date, it was made by affiant. And that he reside at Ottawa County of Lafayette and State of Illinois, and in no way interested or concerned in the prosecution of the said claim of the said

for Reuben F. Dyer

Subscribed and sworn to before me, and I hereby certify that I am in no way interested or concerned in the prosecution of the said claim; and the said affiant is well known to me as a good and creditable witness, and the clause relating to interest was not before me.

WITNESS my hand and Official seal, at Ottawa Illinois the day and year first above written.

Duncan M. Longall
U.S. Commissioner

STATE OF

County of

SS.

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Clerk of the

Court, in and for the said State and County above named, do hereby certify, that Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavit was made was, at the time of so doing, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified, and that his signature hereto is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, this _____ day of _____ A. D. 187

Clerk.

State of Illinois
County of LaSalle

On this 31st day of January A.D. 1872,
personally appeared before me, Wilson S. Mead
a clerk of the County Court in and for the County
and State aforesaid, Reuben H. Dyer who, being
duly sworn according to Law, declares: That
he is the identical Reuben H. Dyer, who was en-
rolled under the name of Reuben H. Dyer in
the military service of the United States at
Ottawa, on the 25th day of August A.D. 1862, in
the 104th Regiment of Illinois Infantry Vol-
unteers. That he was a Surgeon in the
said Regiment with the Rank of Major.
And he says that he was on the 24th
day of April A.D. 1861 enrolled as Captain
of Company K. in the 20th Regiment of
Illinois Infantry Volunteers, and served
therein till March 13th A.D. 1863 when he
resigned, in the war of A.D. 1861 to A.D. 1865; And
was honorably discharged from the said
104th Regiment on the 6th day of June
A.D. 1865. That his personal description
is as follows; Age 38 will be 39 in a few days,
height 6 feet, Complexion Light, Hair Brown, Eyes
Blue, That while in the service aforesaid
and in the line of his duty he received the
following disability, and that he was not

treated therefore in any general hospital
 or hospital. That the said disability was
 and is Granular Ophthalmia of both eyes,
 resulting in inflammation of Lacrimal sack
 and closing of the tear duct of the left eye,
 and was contracted at Shelbyville Ky. on
 or about the 15th day of October A.D. 1862 while
 treating cases of Granular Ophthalmia in
 the Regiment, and he says that his
 left eye is so much affected that he can
 not use the same for to read by lamp
 light, and that the tears run almost con-
 tinually and keep his eyes irritated from
 cold and heat. And affiant thinks that
 his disability is full and half. That since
 leaving the service affiant has re-
 sided at Ottawa in the County of Lofall
 and state of Illinois, and his occupation
 has been that of practicing Physician and
 Surgeon. That he hereby appoints Alex
 Cameron, his Attorney to prosecute his
 claim; That he has never received or appli-
 ed for pension. That his residence is at
 Ottawa in the County of Lofall in the
 state of Illinois. And his post office
 address is Ottawa Illinois.

Ruben F. Dyer

Also personally appeared Duncan M^d Dougal
residing at Ottawa Ill. and Edward
K. Walbridge residing at Ottawa Ill.,
persons whom I certify to be respectable and en-
titled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn,
say: They were present and saw Reuben H. Dyer,
the claimant, sign his name to the foregoing
declaration; that they have every reason
to believe, from the appearance of said
claimant and their acquaintance with him,
that he is the identical person he represents himself to be;
and that they have no interest in the prosecution
of this claim. D M Dougal.
E. K. Walbridge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day
of January A D 1872, and I hereby certify that
the contents of the foregoing declaration &c., were fully
made known and explained to the appli-
cant and witnesses before swearing, and that
I have no interest either directly or indirectly
in the prosecution of this claim.

W L Head Clerk

STATE OF

County of

Illinois
LaSalle

SS.

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On this _____ day of _____ A. D. 1873, personally appeared

before me,

Hiram S. Mead Clerk of the County Court.

in and for the State and County above named, Edward L. Herrick Esq.

Q. M. 104 Reg. Illinois Vol. being by me first duly sworn, upon

oath says that

they were Commissioned Officers in the 104th Regiment of Illinois Infantry and they say that they are well acquainted with Reuben F. Dyer who was Surgeon of said Regiment and they say that he (the said Dyer) entered upon the duties of his said Office on the 2nd day of August A. D. 1862 and acted as Surgeon of said Regiment and was acting Surgeon of the said Regiment until the date of his muster in as Surgeon of the said Regt. on the 11th day of November A. D. 1862 that they make this statement upon their own personal knowledge.

Edward L. Herrick N-D-M.

Dea J.

And on same day personally appeared before me, John A. Widmer who being by me first duly sworn on his oath says that he was Major of said Regiment and that he joined said Regiment for duty at Louisville Ky. on or about the 1st day of October A. D. 1862, and that said Reuben F. Dyer was then acting as the Surgeon of said Regiment and that said Dyer was acting as such surgeon from the time said Regiment joined until the 11th day of November A. D. 1862 at which time he was mustered as surgeon of said Regt. and that this statement is made upon his own personal knowledge.

Edwards & Haerick late 2, 7m,
John H. Widener late May 104 1/2 Dr. Eft.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, and I hereby certify that I am in no way interested or concerned in the prosecution of the said claim; and the said affiant J. W. well known to me as good and creditable witness, and that I was a member of said Regiment and know
the contents of said affidavit to be true

WITNESS my hand and Official seal,

the day and year first above written.

Helen L. Mead
County Clerk

STATE OF _____ } SS.
County of _____ }

I, _____ Clerk of the _____
 _____, in and for the said State and County above named, do hereby certify,
 _____ Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavit
 made was, at the time of so doing, a Justice of the Peace in and for said
 County, duly commissioned and qualified, and that his signature hereto is genuine.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court,
this _____ day of _____ A. D. 187_____

_____ Clerk.

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State of Illinois
 Lo Loue County, Ill.

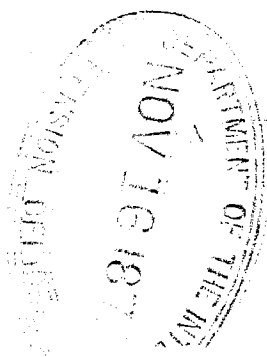
Julius A. Prudden being first duly sworn upon Oath says that he is the identical person who was an Assistant Surgeon in the 104th Regt of Illinois Infantry 1st I. L. and he says that he was well acquainted with Reuben F. Dyer who was a Surgeon in the said Regiment and he says that he treated the said Dyer while in the military service in the said Regiment for granular Ophthalmia that the said Dyer suffered with the same at ^{at Frankfort Ky. where joined the Regt} and until ^{he left the Regt in Dec. 1863} and affiant consulted with and assisted the said Dyer to treat the same from the 15th day of Sept 1862 to the 20th day of June AD 1863 and he says that he is in no way interested or concerned in the prosecution of the said claim of the said Dyer for a Pension and that affiant resides at New Ark Kendall Co Illinois and his Post Office address is New Ark Kendall Co Illinois ^{Post Office at New Ark Kendall Co Ill.}

Subscribed and sworn to before me and I hereby certify that I am in no way interested or concerned in the execution of the

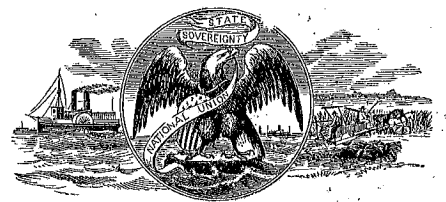
Said claim and that said affiant
is well known to me as a good
and credible witness and the
identical person he represents
himself to be

J. P.

John H. Fowler
Notary Public



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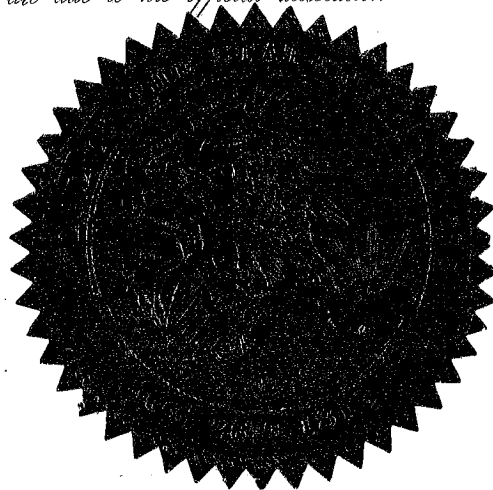


United States of America,

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Office of Secretary of State.

I, EDWARD RUMMEL, Secretary of State of Illinois, hereby certify that John H. Fowler, who signed the foregoing Certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the same, a NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for the Town of Newark County of Kendall and State of Illinois, duly Commissioned and qualified to office, with full power, by the laws of this State, to issue Certificates as aforesaid; that said Certificate is in due form of law and by the proper officer and that full faith and credit are due to his official attestations.



In Witness Whereof, I hereto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of State, at the City of Springfield, this 5th day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States, the Ninety-seventh.

Edward Rummel
Secretary of State.



STATE OF IllinoisCOUNTY OF De Witt

On this 30th day of November A. D. 1881, personally appeared before me, a
clerk of the Circuit Court in and for and residing in the State and County above
 named, Christopher Gunderake, M.D.

who, being duly sworn, according to
law declares and says: That he was well acquainted
with Dr. Reuben F. Dyer who was a captain of Co.
"K" 20th Ill. Inf., from the Spring of 1861 to or or
about March 1862, that Affiant saw said R. F. Dyer
almost every day during said period of time,
and never knew him, the said Dyer, to be afflicted
with sore eyes of any kind whatever

Affiant further states that he has no interest
 whatever in said R. F. Dyer's claim for pension, either
directly or indirectly

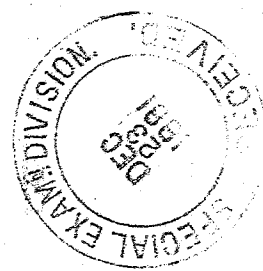
Ch. Gunderake, M.D.
Late Surg. 20th Ill. Inf.

And he reside at _____ County of _____
 and State of _____, and _____ in no way interested in the prosecution of the
 _____ claim of said _____ and _____
 not of kin to _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the day and year first above written; and I do hereby certify that
 the foregoing affidavit was read by me to said witness _____, who is well known to me as a
 credible witness before the execution thereof, and I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

WITNESS my hand and Official seal, at Clinton
 _____, the day and year first
 above written.

Jus Charles Cook
By Lt. J. D. Ford Deputy



Div.

No.

AFFIDAVIT OF

IN CLAIM OF

Late _____ Co. _____ Reg.

For _____

FILED BY

D. McDUGALL,
 ATTORNEY FOR CLAIMANT.

OTTAWA - ILLINOIS,

DEC 22 1931

A. G. Reports

Mustered in as Surg. 104th Ills. Vols Nov. 11-1862.

Discharged June 6th 1865. [W. O. with Regt]

There is no evidence on file that he rendered any service prior to Nov. 11th 1862, date of muster in.

A vacancy existed for Surgeon 104th Ills Vols Aug 25 1862, date of muster in of Regt.

Return for Oct. 1862 not on file - Field and Staff stationed. "In the field near New Haven Ky.", Oct 31, 62

"No evidence of disability"

Commission on file is endorsed - "Mustered and sworn this 11th day of Nov. 1862, at Springfield Ills., to take effect from Aug. 25, 1862, having been to duty with the Regiment as he was entitled to be mustered from that date."

(Signed) Geo Wm Still 1st Lt 13th Inf

Sec. Report of S. G. for evidence of service & prevalence of ophthalmia.
A. G. reports - Mustering Officer.

Enrolled as Surgeon 104th Ills. Vols Aug. 25, 1862 mustered in as such to date

from Aug. 25, 1862, having been to duty with the Regiment
as he was entitled to be mustered from that date."

(Signed) Geo Wm Still 1st Lt 13th Aug
Sec. Report of S. G. for evidence of service & prevalence of Ophthalmia.
S. G. reports — Mustering Officer.

Enrolled as Surgeon 104th Ills. Vols Aug. 25, 1862 mustered in as such to date
Nov. 11, 1862. — The 2nd and reports - Paid from Aug 25, 1862, — with
mark "Mustered in Nov. 11, 1862, to date from August 25, 1862"

Testimony of Col. A. B. Moore, 104th Ills Vols.

(filed Nov. 16, 1862) that claimant contracted a disease of the
eyes at Shelbyville Ky, on or about Oct. 1, 1862, while treating
other cases of sore eyes. Roll of 7th & 8th Sept & Oct. 1862 reports him Detached Comdg
9th Brig. 12th Div, Army of the Ohio — Rolls from Aug 23/62 to Sept. 25/63 reports him Captured at
Hartsville, Tenn Dec. 7, 1862 — 104th Ills. Vols captured at Hartsville (Service Verified)
from Dec 7 - 1862 —

Affidavit of Ed. L. Herrick, late R. G. W. 104th Ills Vols
(June 9, 1873) that claimant entered on his duties as Surgeon
104th Ills Vols, Aug. 25, 1862, and was Acting Surgeon of said
the date of his muster in. Verified

e.g. John B. Widmer, late of 104th Ills Vols —
filed June 9, 1873 — that claimant ^{he} reported ^{as injured} ~~for duty~~ and
joined the Regt for duty at Louisville Ky on or about Oct.

the date of his muster in, Verified

eg. John B. Widmer, late of 104th Ills Vols -

filed June 9, 1873 - that ~~claimant~~^{he} ~~reported for duty~~^{joined} and
joined the Regt for duty at Louisville Ky on or about Oct.
1, 1862 and that claimant was then acting as Surgeon of
said Regt from the time said Regt joined said Regt until Nov
11th 1862 at which time he was mustered in as Surg

Verified

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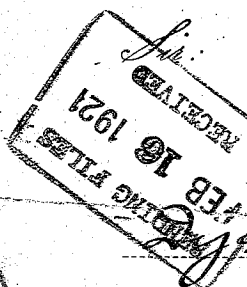
U. S. Pension Agency,
Chicago, Ill.

April 6, 1882.

Hon. W. W. Dudley,

Commissioner of Pensions.

*Do 12704 of
Rumber F. Dyer
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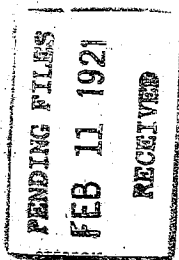


I hereby report that the name of Rumber F. Dyer, who was a pensioner on the rolls of this Agency, under Certificate No. 12704, and who was last paid at \$ 8- to June 4, 1881, has been dropped because of as per your order dated April 3, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Ada Sweet

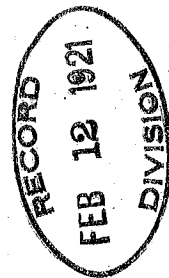
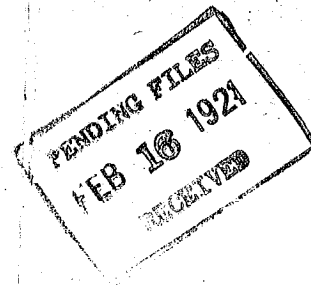
Pension Agent.



Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.

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Examining Surgeon's Certificate

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IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 172,387State: Illinois County: LaSallePost Office: Ottawa Dec 17, 1873.

Applicant's service.

I hereby Certify, That I have carefully examined
Ruben F. Dyer, late a Surgeon
Co. 104th Reg't, Ill. Vol.

Degree of disability.

in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an
invalid pension, by reason of alleged disability resulting from disease
of the eyesIn my opinion the said Ruben F. Dyer
is Three Eighths incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence
by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before
me, it is my belief that the said disability did not originate
in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable duration.

The disability is of uncertain durationA more particular description of the applicant's condition is
subjoined:

Particular description.

Height, 5 ft.; weight, 163; complexion, Light
Age, 40; pulse, 72; respiration, 18.

He is suffering from Chronic granular eyelids with Chronic Conjunctivitis. Making his eyes weak & impairing vision, he is obliged to wear glasses a large part of the time while exposed to sunshine & wind in the practice of his profession. There are times when the redness & irritation of the Conjunctiva disappears & again the inflammation becomes very acute & lays him up for days

Examining Surgeon.

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1 SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 1

IN CASE OF

Reuben J. Dyer

Co. *104* Reg't, *Ill. Vol.*

APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

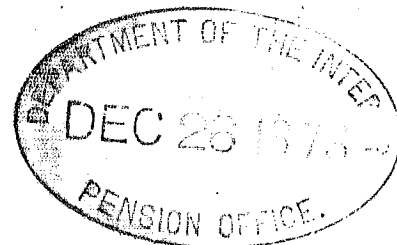
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DATE OF EXAMINATION,

Dec 15 1893

Chester Ross

Examining Surgeon.



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DUPLICATE.

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ADA C. SWIFT,
U.S. PENSION AGENT,
DEC 23
1878

CHICAGO, ILL.

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

OF

Biennial, Annual, or Semi-annual Examination, on which the Pensioner draws his Pension.

State: Illinois County: La SallePost Office: Ottawa Dec 23^d, 1878.Pensioner's
service.Be particular
to give Certifi-
cate No.Agency where
to be paid.

I hereby certify, That I have carefully examined
Ruben J. Dyer, who was a Sergeant
 in 10th Regt Ill. Vol. in the war 1865 and was
 granted an Invalid Pension under Certificate No. 127071, to be paid now
 at the Agency in Chicago Ill., by reason of alleged
 disability resulting from Chronic Conjunctivitis
 which he states to have been received in the line of duty while he was in the military
 service of the United States.

State whether
disability con-
tinues; and, if
so, its present
degree.

In my opinion the said Pensioner's disability, from the cause aforesaid,
 continues at One third \$6. per mo.

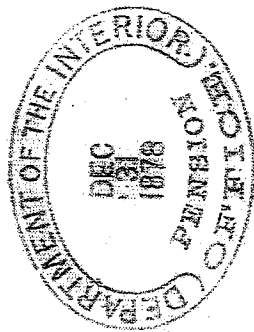
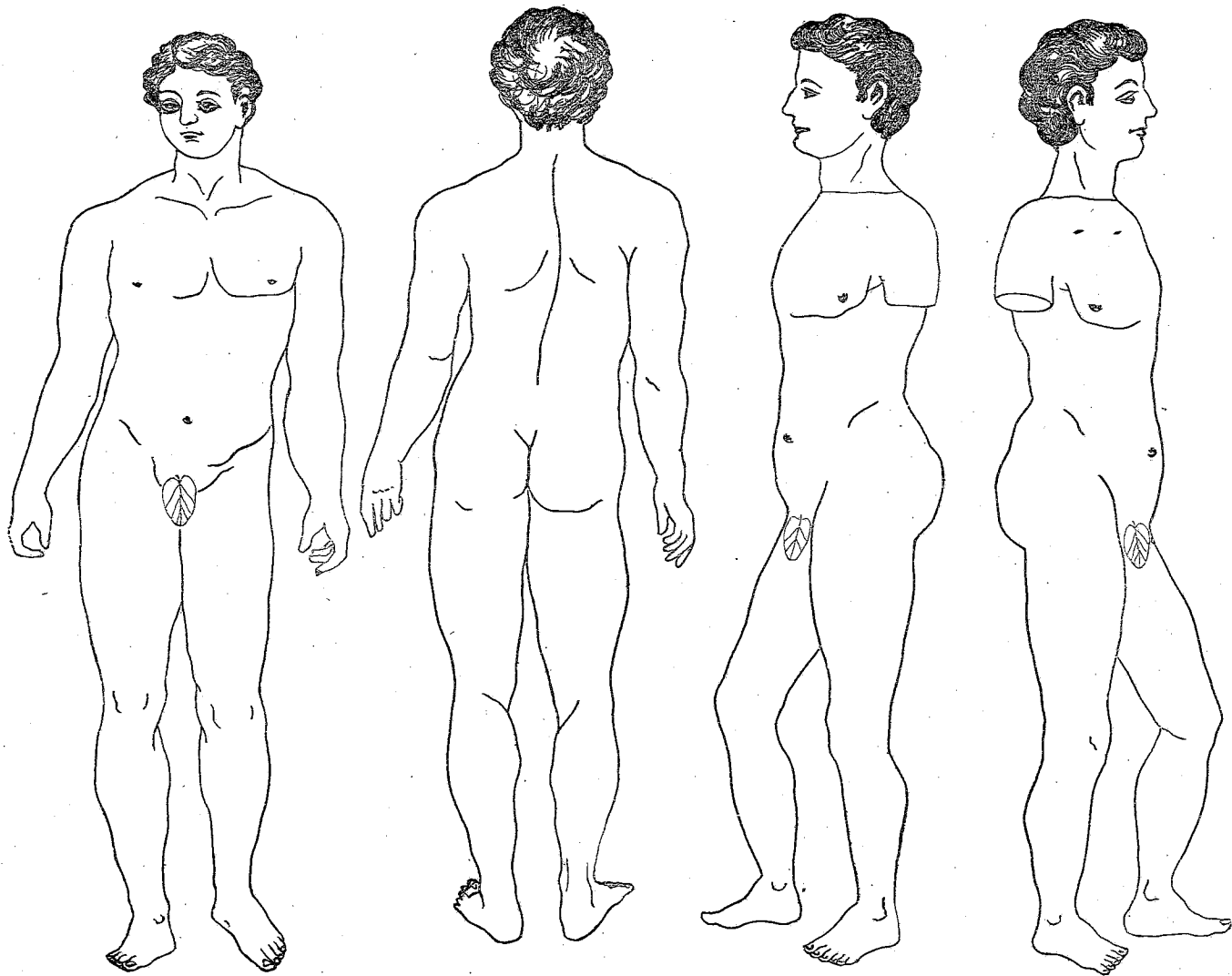
Particular des-
cription.

A more particular description of the Pensioner's condition is subjoined:
 Height, 5 ft. 1 in; weight, 165; complexion, Light; age, 46;
 respiration, 14; pulse, 74.

I find him suffering from Chronic
Conjunctivitis of both eyes, the left
 eye being the worst. The nasal duct
 of left eye is inflamed & nearly closed.
 There are Chronic granulations of
 the lids of the left eye, with injection
 of Conjunctiva & enlargement of the
 vessels producing intolerance of
 light & impairing the vision.

Christ H. Hass

Examining Surgeon.



4 DUPLICATE.

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

OF

PERIODICAL EXAMINATION

IN CASE OF

Ruben J. Dyer

Co. *10th Reg't, 2nd Vol*

No. *127 of 4*

DATE OF EXAMINATION,

Dec. 23d 1878

Chas. Hard

Examining Surgeon.

Post Office, *Flawee*

County, *Lassalle*

State, *Illinois*

P. S.—Write Post Office address plain and in full.

(No. 1.)

War of the Rebellion.

Act of July 14, 1862.

INVALID PENSION—ORIGINAL.

Claimant, *Ruben F. Dyer.*

P. O. *Ottawa.*

Rank, *Surgeon*

County, *La Salle.*

Company, _____

State, *Illinois*

Regiment, *104th Ills Inf*

No Subsequent service (filed *Nov. 16*, 18*72*).

From _____, 18____, to _____, 18____, in _____

Attorney, *Alex. F. Cameron, Ottawa Ills*

Fee, \$ *20.00* *special contract.*

Material evidence filed since July 8, 1870.

Discharged (taken from *Adj. Genl. report*), *June 6*, 18*65*.

Rte of pension, \$ *8* per month, from *Nov. 16*, 18*72*,

Disabled by *"Chronic conjunctivitis"*

Brief for *admission* submitted *Jan'y 31*, 1873.

Fred. Mack, Ex'r.

Gr 8 4/17H
Chi 127.074
Dec 13/94
Conf 4/25/95
Brum

Rte of pension, \$ 8.50 per month, from Nov. 16, 1872,

Disabled by "Chronic Conjunctivitis"

Brief for admission submitted Jan'y 31, 1873.

Fred. Mack, Ex'r.

Declaration filed Feb'y 3^d, 1872, alleging disability from Granular Ophthalmia of both eyes resulting in inflammation of lacrimal sack and closing the tear duct of left eye, contracted at Shelbyville, Ky., on or about Oct. 15, 1862. while treating cases of Purulent Ophthalmia in the Regiment.

Claimant in affidavit filed Dec. 30, 73. says that he has recently refreshed his memory from a carefully kept Diary of a member of his Regiment and that he contracted ~~the~~ MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

The certificate of disability for ~~discharge~~ given by _____, Surgeon, says

his disability, as he now thinks between Oct 4 & 8, 1862 - and states that the 104th Regt was in the Brigade commanded by Col Moore

he was with the Regt daily - (This statement is believed to be true as U. V. was captured on the date Col Moore was reported as captured) Mack Ex'r
Chester Ward. } Finds Chronic Conjunctivitis

Jan'y 14, 1873. } Dis. 1/3.

his disability, as he now thinks between Oct 4 & 8, 1862 - and states
that the 124th Regt was in the Brigade commanded by Col Moore

he was with the Regt daily - (This statement is believed to be true as
he was captured on the date Col Moore is reported as captured) M & Co Ex r

3. Chester Board, } Finds Chronic Conjunctivitis
Jan'y 14, 1873. } Dis. 1/3.

Ex. Surg. Chester Board, } Finds Chr Conjunctivitis and
Dec 19, 1873. } Granular Eyelids } Dis. 3/8

Ex. Surg. } Finds
18 } Dis.

(No. 3.)

SOUNDNESS AT ENLISTMENT.

Testimony of Doctor *Charles W. Hook, Ottawa Ill*

(filed, *Nov. 16*, 18*72*), that *he was well acquainted with*
claimant at and prior to enlistment and then knew
his physical condition, and that at that time he (claimant)
was sound and healthy and free from Granular Ophthalmia

Testimony (non-professional) of _____

filed, _____, 18____, that _____

TREATMENT WHILE IN THE SERVICE.

Testimony of *J. A. Freeman* ^{*Asst*} Regimental Surgeon *104. Ill. Vols.*

(filed, *Nov. 16*, 18*72*), that *he treated claimant for Gran. Oph^a*
that claimant suffered with said disease at Frankfort Ky where

TREATMENT WHILE IN THE SERVICE.

Testimony of ^{asst} J. A. Freeman, Regimental Surgeon 104. Ills. Vols.

(filed, Nov. 16, 1872), that he treated Clint for Gran. Oph^a that Clint suffered with said disease at Frankfort Ky where he (Dr F.) joined the regt and until he left it in June 1863. Consulted with and assisted Clint in treating same from Sept. 15, 1862 to June 20, 1863. (A. S. reports M. R. F. ed. from Aug. 23/62 to Feby. 28/63 Present. Station Camp Sing Sing Ill. From Feb 28. To June 8/63 Present)

TREATMENT SINCE DISCHARGE.

Testimony of Doctor Charles W. Hook, Ottawa Ills

(filed, Nov 16, 1872), that soon after Clint's return from the service in 1865 - he was called to treat him for Granular Ophthalmia, and closure of Tear Duct. and that he has at various times from then to the present time treated him for the same; and that he has known Clint's physical condition during all that time. That Clint has suffered continuously with Gran. Oph^a since his return from the

Granular Ophthalmia, and closure of Tear Duct.
and that he has at various times from then to
the present time treated him for the same; and
that he has known Chute's physical condition during
all that time. That Chute has suffered continuously
with Gran. Oph^a since his return from the
Army to the present time. Not ag. or pro. by bad habits;
Chute in affidavit filed with declaration says that
he has treated himself for the alleged disability
from contraction to the present time. Has been examined
by one or two Surgeons and one oculist.

STATE OF

Illinois

COUNTY OF

Champaign

On this *7th* day of *December* A. D. 188*7*, personally appeared before me, a
Clerk of the County Court in and for and residing in the State and County above
 named, *John N. Boyer*

who, being duly sworn, *Says, "I*

was with the "5th Regt. Capt. Co." 20th Ill. Inf. in
all the battles & marches the regiment participated
in prior to his resignation; and to the best
of my knowledge he was not afflicted with
inflammation of the eyes."

*John N. Boyer**late a Capt. Co. "K" 20th Ill. Inf.*

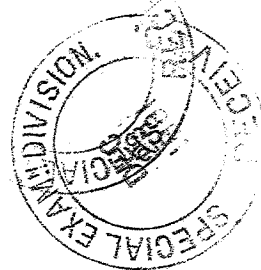
And he reside at Gifford County of Champaign
 and State of Illinois, and is in no way interested in the prosecution of the
Pension claim of said R. F. Dyer and is
 not of kin to said R. F. Dyer

John K. Boyer
Capt. Co. K 20th Ill. Vols

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the day and year first above written; and I do hereby certify that
 the foregoing affidavit was read by me to said witness —, who is well known to me as a
 credible witness — before the execution thereof, and I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

WITNESS my hand and Official seal, at Urbana in
said County, the day and year first
 above written.

J. S. McCullough
County Clerk



Div.

No.

AFFIDAVIT OF

IN CLAIM OF

Date _____ Co. _____ Reg.

For _____

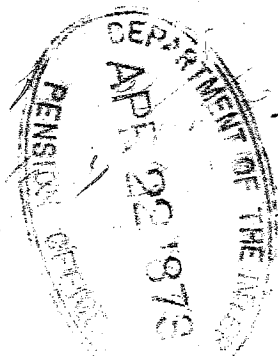
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D. McDOUGALL

OTTAWA, ILLINOIS.

ATTORNEY FOR CLAIMANT.

DEC 22 1931



My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of my being detailed from the 1st Cavalry to the 1st Artillery. I was a member of the 1st Cavalry from the time of the battle of Bull Run until I was detailed to the 1st Artillery in May 1862. A detail was made for me to the 1st Artillery after I turned my patients over to Surgeon West. I heard but you remember that I signed a paper before being officially notified of my being proposed as a candidate for promotion. Surgeon West releasing me from duty there and ordering me to rejoin my regiment. I was not at Shelbyville, but was absent on leave from the 1st Cavalry and only joined the Regt about a hour after it reached Brownsville about the 10th of Oct. 62. I was then detailed to the 1st Artillery and remained there until the 1st of Nov. 62.

Very truly,
 Wm. H. Harrison

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C.,

January 31st, 1870

[TRANSCRIPT FROM RECORDS.]

It appears from the records filed in this Office, that *the total number taken up on sick report of the 104th Regt Ill. Vol. Inf., '62, was 104; of that number 6 were cases of Ophthalmia. - The following remarks appear on the Report, viz: "The Regiment was captured at Hastenille, Penn., Dec. 7, '62. My Report includes all the time previous to that date. I do not know where the Regt. is now. A Genl. Hqpt. was made for all the sick & wounded left on the field under charge of Brig. Surg. Zipfner. Myself with First Asst. Surg. 104th Ill., were detailed to assist in taking care of the wounded. - (signed) Reuben F. Ayer, Surg. 104th Regt. Ill. Vol. Inf. -"*

The Regtl. Registers, & Reports of Regt. for Oct. & Nov., '62, Dec., & Feb., '63, are not on file. -

By order of the Surgeon General:

Vol. *34*

No. *3034*

J. J. Woodward
 Brevet Major, Col. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army.
per J. J. Woodward

(NOTE.—This transcript should not be detached from the accompanying papers. If additional information is desired relative to the case, the papers should accompany the application therefor.)

1838
Reuben F. Dyer
1st. ens.

War Department,
Adjutant General's Office
May 25th, 1872.

Commissioner of Pensions

The records show, that
Reuben F. Dyer, was commis-
sioned in the Captain, Co.
H, 20th, Illinois Volunteers,
June 18th, 1861, and his
resignation was accepted
to date March 18th, 1862 (to
enable him to receive an-
other commission) by order
from Head Quarters, Dept.
of the Missouri.

No evidence of disability
has been found in the records of the 20th,
Ohio Vol., as a commissioned officer.

Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Adjutant General

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War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
June 21st 1873

Commissioner of Pensions.

A vacancy existed for
Surgeon, 104th Illinois
Vol., Aug 25th 1862, date
of muster-in of regiment.

Return for Oct. 1862,
not on file. Filed and
stationed in the field near
New Haven, Ky. Oct 31,
1862.

Commission returned.

Thoma M. Lawrence

Asst Adjutant Genl.

P. M. 25th end

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,

July 25, 1873.

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant General, U. S. A., requesting information as to whether the Muster in Roll of this office shows him to have been mustered in to date from Aug. 25th 1862, as indicated by the endorsement on the enclosed commission, and as to whether any muster roll of the Field and Staff or Regimental Return shows him to have been present Oct. 15, 1862.

Attention is also called to the enclosed affidavits, and such changes of record requested as they may warrant.

J. W. Deak
Commissioner.

Gene.

7th End.

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War Department.
Adjutant General's Office.
July 9, 1873.

Commissioner of Pensions.

Ruben F. Dyer, was enrolled as Surgeon, 104th Ill. Volunteer, August 25th 1862, and mustered in as such, to date, November 11, 1862.

His name is not borne on roll of Field and Staff for September and October 1862.

Return for October 1862, is not on file.

His commission as Surgeon, Affidavits (4) and a statement of service from this office, are returned herewith.

R. Martin
Assistant Adjutant Genl.

F. Duval
MB

Department of the Interior

PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D C, April 9, 1873.

Respectfully returned to the
Adjutant General U.S.A.
enclosing the claimant's
commission as surgeon
of the 104th Regiment of Ills
Vols., and asking for any
information as to whether
he was present for duty
at Shelbyville, Ky. October
15, 1862.

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J. W. Sockey
Acting Commissioner

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War Department
Adjutant Genl's Office
May 23^d 1873
Commissioner of Pension

There is no record
in file that Reuben
F. Dyer, Surgeon, 104th
Ills. Vols., rendered
any service prior to
11th 1862, date of
muster-in.

His Commission
Surgeon was returned
from this office (30
Dec. 1872.) at his
return.

Thoma M. Vincent
Asst. Adjutant Genl.

25.
14th. end'd

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D C, June 12, 1873

Respectfully returned to the
Adjutant General, U. S. A.
information as to whether
vacancy existed in the
rank conferred by the en-
closed commission, August
5, 1862, and as to the sta-
tion of the 104th Illinois Vol.
regt. 15, 1862.

No. 172.381. Reuben F. Dyer.


Acting Commissioner

7 Enc.