

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, April 19, 1882.

Respectfully returned to the Commission of Pensions.

James M. Fiske, Company E, 26th Regiment
Mass. Volunteers, was enrolled on the 9th day of

Oct., 1861, at Delam. Mass. for 3 years, and

is reported: on Muster Roll of Co. to June 30/62. Pls. Present,

Regt. Return for May 62 does not report him as absent
and or otherwise, Present to Dec. 31/63. Re-enlistment was held

Oct. Jan. 1/64 at New Haven, Conn. for 3 years, Jan. 1/64

64 to June 30/65 Present, Muster Roll Roll dated Aug.

26/1865 reports him Mustered out with Co. on that date.

at Farmington, Ct.,

The records of this office furnish no evidence of alleged

disability,

Company Morning Report book, and Regimental

Medical records not on file.

C. H. Thompson
Assistant Adjutant General.

Chase

JAMES W. FISKE middlesex
ACTON MASSACHUSETTS
229389 ACT MAY
DROP REPORT PENSIONER
SOLDIERS HOME

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Invalid Cert. No. 229.389
Pensioner
Soldier James H. Fiske
Service E 26 Mass. Inf.
Class ACT OF MAY 1, 1920 Group B

LAW DIVISION

....., 192
In the above-described case a declaration filed
in this Division indicates that said pensioner died
....., 19.....
H. P. WILLEY,
Per Chief, Law Division.

DISBURSING DIVISION
JAN 11 1923, 192
Check No. 6908525 \$ 72
dated Jan 4, 1923, Section 7
returned by postmaster with information that the
above-described pensioner died
19....., has been canceled.

E. E. MILLER,
Per Disbursing Clerk.

FINANCE DIVISION
DEC 26 1922, 192
The name of the above-described pensioner who
was last paid at the rate of \$ 72 per month
to DEC 4 1922, 19....., has this day
been dropped from the roll because of Dea
Dec 9. 1922
Chief, Finance Division.

ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

DECLARATION FOR PENSION

The Pension Certificate should not be forwarded with the Application

STATE OF Massachusetts, COUNTY OF Middlesex ss:
 On this 17th day of May, A. D. 1920, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace
 within and for the county and State aforesaid, James W. Fiske, who, being duly
 sworn according to law, declares that he is 84 years of age, and a resident of Acton
 county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts; and that he is the
 identical person who was ENROLLED at Lowell (Camp Chase), under the name
 of James W. Fiske on the 18th day of Oct. 1861
 as a private, in Co. E. 26 Rgt
 (Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)
 in the service of the United States, in the Civil War
 (State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)
 war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Savannah Ga. on the August day of 1865
 That he also served _____
 (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal
 description at enlistment was as follows: Height 5 feet 8 inches; complexion light; color of
 eyes blue; color of hair brown; that his occupation was shoemaker
 that he was born Dec 1 1835 at Shrewsbury Massachusetts
 That I am disabled by reason of a Paralysis of Paralysis
 (State in this space the nature of the disability by reason of which the regular personal aid and attendance of another person is required)
Most of the time in Acton Mass. 1879 to 1885 in Concord
Mass since that time in Acton Mass
 That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: _____
 (State date of each change, as nearly as possible)

That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 229389 That he has X applied for pension under original
 No. _____

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of
 the Act of May 1, 1920.

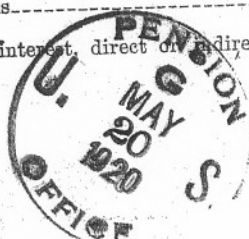
(Two attesting and identifying witnesses.)	(1) <u>Horace F. Tuttle</u> (Signature of first witness.)	<u>James W. Fiske</u> (Claimant's signature in full.)
	<u>Acton Mass</u> (Address of first witness.)	<u>Acton Mass</u>
	(2) <u>Frank E. Tink</u> (Signature of second witness.)	
	<u>Acton Mass</u> (Address of second witness.)	

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 17 day of May 1920, and I hereby
 certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant
 before swearing, including the words _____, added
 [L. S.] _____, and the words _____
 and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

certificate on file to cover
 date Jan 20-18
19-22

Chief, Law Division

Per W. H. G.



Horace F. Tuttle
 (Signature.)
Justice of the Peace
 (Official character.)
19-22

James W. Fiske
Co E, 26 Mass Inf

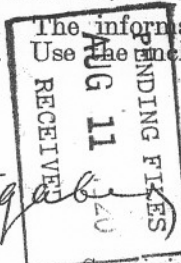
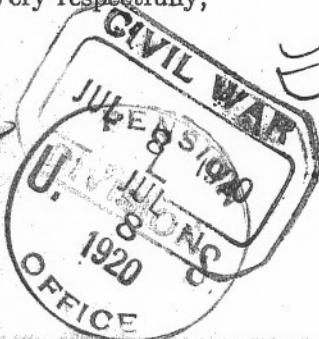
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30, 1920, 191

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

James W. Fiske
Acton
Massachusetts



Commissioner.

No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. *Shrewsbury, Mass, Dec 1, 1835.*
The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. *26 Mass Reg Volunteers*

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. *Acton, Mass*

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. *Maria Smith*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. *Woonsocket Falls*

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? *He cannot tell the exact date. Thinks it was 1856*
doesn't know.

If so, where? Answer.

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer. *No*

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. *No, she was not married before*

No. 8. Are you living with your wife? Answer. *Maria Fiske, wife*
give date of separation. Answer. *of James Fiske died Nov 18, 1913.*

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer.

Herbert B Fiske born Oct 25 1857
" " " died Feb 28 1911

Wilbur Fiske born Dec 14 1860

Bertha J Fiske " May 15 1866

Florian W Fiske " Jan 21 1868

Frank E Fiske " Oct 31 1869

Date *July 6, 1920.*

(Signature)

He could not remember the date of childrens birth but the
Bertha M. Fiske

READ LAW AND INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF THIS BLANK BEFORE USING IT

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APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

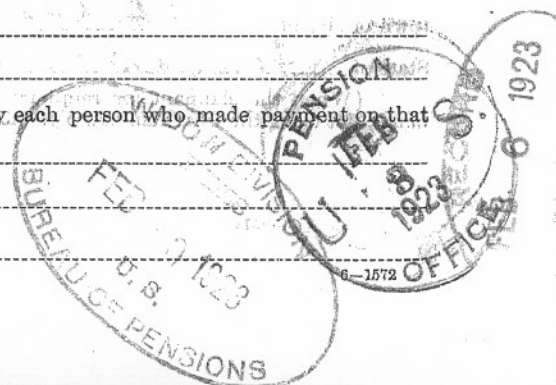
(This application, when properly executed before some officer having authority to administer oaths for general purposes, should be forwarded, together with the pension certificate and itemized bills of all expenses, to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.)

STATE OF Mass. }
COUNTY OF Middlesex } ss:

On this 30th day of January, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twenty three
personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid,
Frank E. Fiske, aged 53 years, a resident of
Acton, County of Middlesex, State of
Mass., who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order
to obtain reimbursement from the accrued pension for expenses paid (or obligation incurred) in the last sickness and burial of
James W. Fiske, who was a pensioner of the United States by
certificate No. 229389, on account of the service of James W. Fiske
in Co. E 26 Regt (Name of soldier or sailor.)
(Describe service by company and regiment, etc., if in the Army, or by the words U. S. Navy, if in the Navy.)
That pension was last paid to Dec. 4, 1922

That the answers to questions propounded below are full, complete, and truthful to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that no evidence necessary to a proper adjustment of all claims against the accrued pension is suppressed or withheld.

1. What was the full name of the deceased pensioner? James W. Fiske.
2. In what capacity was decedent pensioned? (As invalid soldier or sailor, or as a widow, minor child, dependent relative, etc.)
invalid soldier
3. If decedent was pensioned as an invalid soldier or sailor—
 - (a) Was he ever married? (Answer yes or no.) yes
 - (b) How many times, and to whom? once to Maria Smith
 - (c) If married, did his wife survive him? (Answer yes or no.) no
 - (d) If so, is she still living? (Answer yes or no.) no
 - (e) If not living, give full names and dates of death of all wives
died Nov 18, 1913 Maria Fiske
 - (f) Was he ever divorced? (Answer yes or no.) no
 - (g) If so, is the divorced wife still living? (Answer yes or no.) (If living, a copy of the decree of divorce must be filed.)
 - (h) If not living, give her full name and the date of her death
4. Did pensioner leave a child under 16 years of age? (Answer yes or no.) no
5. Is any such child still living? (Answer yes or no.)
6. Were any sick or death benefits paid on pensioner's account? If so, give name of society and amount paid no
7. Was there insurance (life, accident, or health) in force on life of pensioner at time of death? (Answer yes or no.) no
8. If so, give the name of each company in which a policy was carried and the amount in which each policy was written
9. Who was the beneficiary named in each policy?
10. What was the relation of each beneficiary to the pensioner?
11. Were the premiums paid by the deceased pensioner?
12. If not paid by the deceased pensioner, state the amount of premiums paid by each person who made payment on that account



This is to Certify that I
am the regular attendant
of James W. Fiske of Acton.
~~but I have to have some help.~~
He is in his 85th year and
has been confined to the
house a long time. and
since Sept 1919 when we
suppose he had a shock,
he has been confined to
his room, and to his bed
except when we get him
into a chair beside
the bed, to change his position
and rest him.

He is very nervous and
gets so tired and uneasy
that he begs to sit up a
little while, but it is very
rarely that he can sit
up more than half an
hour. once in a while
it might be an hour

Then he has to have help⁽²⁾
to get back into bed.
He could not get up and
walk across the room if
his life depended on it
as his left leg is useless
and he is too feeble to use
a crutch. so every thing
he has must be brought
to him.

The ~~Chamant~~ James W Fiske
is too feeble to write and
wishes me to say for him
that no member of his
family served in the late
World War. his youngest
son is fifty years old and
his only grandson was too
young to go to war.
His only income is his
pension.



I am the Claimants⁽³⁾
daughter-in-law - wife
of his youngest son
Frank E. Fiske, with
whom he lives.

Bertha M. Fiske.
Acton Mass
June 17. 1920.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex SS. June, 17, 1920.

Personally appeared the above
named Bertha M. Fiske and
made oath that the statement
subscribed by her is true
before me.

Horace F. Tuttle
Justice of the Peace



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 20, 1922

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

May 11, 1912.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Mass.
County of Middlesex } ss.

On this 18 day of May, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, James W. Fiske, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 76 years of age, and a resident of Acton county of Middlesex, State of Mass; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Lowell under the name of James W. Fiske, on the 9 day of October, 1861 as a Private, in Co. E. 26 Regiment M. V. M.
(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Savannah Georgia (State name of war, Civil or Mexican.) on the 26 day of August 1865. That he also served
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 7 1/2 inches; complexion, light; color of eyes, Blue; color of hair, Brown; that his occupation was Bootmaker; that he was born Dec 1 1835 at Shrewsbury Mass

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:
Milford 1865-1866. Holliston 1866-1868 Acton 1868 to 1879
Concord 1879-1885 Acton 1885 to date
(State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner. That he has heretofore applied for pension Certificate No 229389
(If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.)

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of February 6, 1907. May 11, 1912.

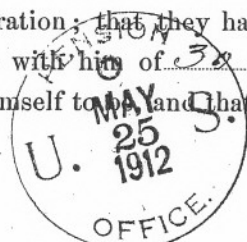
He hereby appoints F. A. BICKNELL, Deputy Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, State House, Boston, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim (Without fee);

That his post-office address is Acton, county of Middlesex, State of Mass.

James W. Fiske
(Claimant's signature in full.)

Attest: (1) _____
(2) _____

Also personally appeared Job W. Dupee, residing in Acton and Cyrus P. Pickard, residing in Acton, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw James W. Fiske, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him of 32 years and 32 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.



Job W. Dupee
Cyrus P. Pickard
(Signatures of witnesses.)

Validity accepted SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 18 day of May, A. D. 1912, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____, erased, and the words _____, added;

and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. Certificate on file to cover the erasure under the name of Job W. Dupee was made by me before signing 26 Feb.

S. A. CUDDY,
Chief, Law Division.

Justice of the Peace
(Official character.)
Acton Mass

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Mass.
County of Middlesex } ss.

On this 5th day of December, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and ten, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, James W. Fiske, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 75 years of age, and a resident of Acton county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Camp Chase Lowell Mass under the name of James W. Fiske, on the 9th day of October, 1861 as a private, in Co. E 26th Regiment M. V. I.
(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Savannah Georgia, on the 26th day of August 1865
(State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)
That he also served no other service
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 8 inches; complexion, light; color of eyes, blue; color of hair, brown; that his occupation was boot maker; that he was born December 1 1835 at Shrewsbury Mass.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:
Acton Sept. 1865 - Oct 1865 Melport 1865 - 1866 Holliston Mass, 1866 - 1868
Acton Mass 1868 - 1879 Concord Mass 1879 - 1885 Acton Mass 1885 - 1910
(State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is a a pensioner. That he has — heretofore applied for pension

Certificate No 229389 \$15.
(If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.)

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of February 6, 1907.

He hereby appoints F. A. BICKNELL, Deputy Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, State House, Boston, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim (**Without fee**);

That his post-office address is Acton, county of Middlesex, State of Mass.

Attest: (1) _____

(2) _____

Also personally appeared Wm D Tuttle, residing in Acton and Robert Wayne, residing in Acton, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw James W Fiske, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him of 45 years and 55 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Validity accepted
as to execution
S. A. Cuddy,
Chief, Law Division.

William D. Tuttle
Robert Wayne
(Signatures of witnesses.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 5th day of December, A. D. 1910, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____, erased, and the words Mass. 21st line, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Horace F. Tuttle
Justice of the Peace
(Official character.)

Certificate filed to
Cuddy,
Law Division

[L. S.]

Certificate of Clerk of Courts
deposited to be on file in
Bureau of Pensions
Washington D.C.

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ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

229 389 Boston
Claimant,

James W. Fiske

P. O.,

Acton

Rank,

Private

County,

Middlesex

Company,

E

State,

Mass

Regiment,

26 Mass Vols

Attorney,

Claimant.

Fee, \$

Rate, \$

per month, commencing

August 27, 1865

And \$6 - from July 12, 1882 -

Disabled by

malarial poisoning

Submitted

for ad

February 28, 1883

by

W. Sproesser

Examiner.

Approved for

malarial poisoning

Approved for

Malarial Poisoning

1/2 to July 12, 1882

3/4 thereafter

Feb. 27, 1883, A. Strecker, Reviewer.

Mar. 5, 1883

G. H. Hitchcock Med. Referee.

J. B.

Enlisted

October 9, 1861.

service from

Mustered

18

15

to

18

in

Discharged

August 26, 1865.

Declaration filed

January 3, 1880.

Not in military or naval service since

Last material evidence filed

18

Aug 26

1865, when discharged.

Declaration.

BASIS OF CLAIM.

Alleges in declaration filed as above that at Fort Saint Phillips La in May 1862 he contracted chills and fever from which he has never recovered.

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DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

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TO BE EXECUTED BEFORE A COURT OF RECORD OR SOME OFFICER THEREOF HAVING CUSTODY OF ITS SEAL.

State of Massachusetts }
Suffolk County, } SS.

On this 8th day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven,
 personally appeared before me, James W. Fiske of the Suffolk County, a court of
 record within and for the County and State aforesaid, James W. Fiske aged
43 years, a resident of the town of Acton, county of Middlesex,
Mass. State of Mass. who, being duly sworn according to law, declares
 that he is the identical James W. Fiske who was ENROLLED on
 the 9th day of October, 1861, in Company 16th of the 24th Regiment
 of Mass. Vol. commanded by ...

and was honorably DISCHARGED at Savannah Ga. on the 26th day
 of August, 1865; that his personal description is as follows: Age, 43 years; height
5 feet 7 inches; complexion, Fair; hair, Br. Brown; eyes, Blue.
 That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at Fort Sumter
Phillips, in the State of Mass. on or about the ... day
 of May, 1862, he by reason of exposure in malarial

districts contracted chills & fever & was treated by Regt. Surg.
 disease, state fully its causes; if by wound or injury, the precise manner in which received.

Bradt & again in New Orleans La. in July or Aug. sent to
Regt. Surg. Lafayette Square "Old Feller's Hall" where some
2 1/2 months they returned duty but had some trouble at various
times - While at Savannah Ga. in or about June 1865 had inter-
mittent fever & was in some Genl. Hos. there about three weeks
treated for same trouble after joined Co. by Asst. Surg. Geo. J. Deane
 That he was treated in hospitals as follows: ...

and also on way home until arrived at New York - from there
forwarded with other Invalids & joined Regt at Galloupe Island
 of treatment.

That he has not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above ...
 Here state what

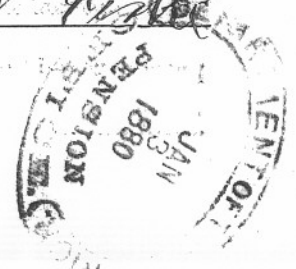
the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the town of Acton, Millis, Holliston,
 in the State of Mass., and his occupation has been that of a bootmaker.
 That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when
 enrolled a bootmaker. That he is now partially disabled from obtaining his subsistence by
 manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he there-
 fore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, ...
 of ..., his true and lawful attorney
 to prosecute his claim. That he has not received nor applied for a Pension. That his
 POST OFFICE ADDRESS is Acton county of Middlesex
 State of Mass.

Claimant's signature, James W. Fiske

ATTEST: ...



he is now deceased - Since then had Mr. Fiske take
 H. W. Sandere.

He claims pension for malarial disease
 chills & fever from which he has never recovered. On
 duty at Fort Sumter under care of Dr. Gundry of Acton & later
 sent to Acton.

I, James W. Fiske, in answer to attached letter of 26th April, state as follows: lived in Milford and Acton for three years before enlisted in Oct., 1861, occupation boot making; since discharge lived in Milford six months, thence to Holliston for about year and a half, thence to Marlboro' for about three months, thence to Acton remaining until Dec., 1879, when removed to Concord, three miles from Acton, his former residence, occupation as far as able lighter parts boot work till May, 1879, when had to abandon it, since then kept a news stand.

Contracted disability as follows: While at Fort St. Phillips, La, in or about May, 1862, by reason of exposure in malarial districts, contracted chills & fever and malarial poison, for which & results I now claim pension, for detailed particulars I refer to my declaration now on file dated Dec. 8, 1879 wherein a true statement is made of contraction, treatment &c.

Since discharge I have received treatment from Dr. Leland since Dec^r, Dr. Lake whose testimony is on file, Dr. Cowdry, deceased, and Dr. Sanders whose afft. is now on file. Have suffered from heart trouble, liver complaint, and a rupture of right side, latter in July, 1879, all results of sickness, malaria & resulting weakness. For rupture reference is made to the certificate

of Dr. Chas. B. Sanders now on file.

Have performed manual labor as follows:
for about 9 months after discharge totally
disabled from all labor, tried such light labor
at best work as could do for not over half
the time for about a year, then totally disabled
again for about six months, since then, except
spring of each year when for about 3 months
had chills & fever so badly did nothing, labored
about $\frac{1}{2}$ time, this condition remained up to
May, 1879 when had to give up all labor,
did not average half-time work nor anything
like half wages, since last named date
unable to labor at all.

James W. Fiske.

State of Massachusetts }
County of Middlesex } S.S.

On this 28th day of
April, 1881, before me came James W. Fiske,
and made oath that the foregoing statement
by him subscribed is true. I have no
interest in same.

Rich^d. Barrett
Justice of the Peace.

Officer's Certificate of Disability.

Boston Mass Dec. 8. 1879
Put place and date here.

NAME AND RANK OF OFFICER.

I, *Wm H Chapman late Capt*, of Company *"E"*, of the *26th* Regiment of *Mass Vols*, certify on honor that *James W. Fiske* was a *private* in my Company, and is, as I am informed, an applicant for an Invalid Pension; that *he was discharged*

Give date and reason of discharge, or, if not known, so state.

Aug. 26-1865 by close of war.

Here state fully the time, place and manner in which the wound or other injury was received, or disease contracted, and whether in the service and LINE OF DUTY, or otherwise.

And I Further Certify, That the said *Fiske while in service and line of duty at Fort Saint Phillips below New Orleans La. in or about May 1862 contracted chills & fever & was treated by Surg. Pradt since Dec. & after we arrived at New Orleans - say in July or Aug. he was again treated by Surg Pradt in Regt's Lgh Old Fellows Hall, Lafayette Square & I think by some other Surg, Surg. Pradt being absent sick - off duty some 2 1/2 months. While we were at Savannah Ga. in or about June or July 1865 he was taken down with intermittent fever & treated in Brigade & other Regts.*

Here state soldier's condition at the time of enlistment, and, if unsound, from what suffering.

And that the said *Fiske was in my belief a sound man*

when he entered the service.

Signature of Officer.

William H Chapman
Late Capt. Co. "E" 26th Regt. Mass Vols

for some weeks - did no duty thereafter, hardly able to come home.

We, John Fletcher and Moses Taylor, residents of Acton Centre, Massachusetts, severally aged 52 & 60 years, hereby certify as follows. That we have known James W. Fiske, who served in Company E. 26th Massachusetts Volunteers for past twenty five years, know him to have been a sound active man prior to enlisting in said service. Had he been otherwise we would have known it, we well remember he came home on a furlough in April & May 1864 from said service suffering by reason of chills & fever, & was under care of Dr Cowdry, & after his return home in or about September 1865 he looked and acted as if entirely broken down & went again under care Dr Harris Cowdry & continued under it until Dr Cowdry died - from said Fiske's return till now, we have known him intimately & up to 1880 seen him almost constantly & had personal knowledge of his continuous sickness. witnessed it, talked with him about it. In our belief he has not worked hay

the time, nor earned any thing like half wages of a well man, by reason of said disabilities and their results.

We are not related to said Duke nor in any way interested in foregoing statement.

John Fletcher

Moses Taylor

State of Massachusetts }
County of Middlesex } ss:

On this third day of November 1882 before me came John Fletcher & Moses Taylor to me personally known & whom I certify credible persons & made oath to above affidavit.

I have no interest in same

Charles B. Sanders.

Justice of the Peace.

