

*Eastern* Div.

*O. H. S.* Ex'r.

Department of the Interior,

No. *582,842*

*George Handley*

*P. Co. E - 26. Mass. Vols.*

PENSION OFFICE,

*Sept. 11.*, 188*6*

SIR:

I have the honor to request that you will furnish from the records of the War Department a full Report as to the service, disability and hospital treatment of

*George Handley*, who, it is claimed, enlisted

*Sept. 14.*, 18*64*, and served as *private*

in Co. *E*, *26.* Reg't *Massachusetts Vols.*; also in Co.

and was discharged at *St James hospital New Orleans, Sept. 26, 1862*

While serving in Co. *E*, *26.* Reg't *Mass. Vols.* he was disabled by *rheumatism at Ship Island, Miss. Spring of 1862.* and *malarial fever, at Ft. St. Philip, La.,* also *in July 1862 -*

*A full military history is desired*

and was treated in hospitals of which the names, location, and dates of treatment are as follows:

*Regimental, Odd Fellows Hall, and St James general hospitals New Orleans, La.*

Very respectfully,

*John C. Black,*  
Commissioner

The Adjutant General, U. S. Army.

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## War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, *July 16*, 188*7*.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

*W.B.M.*  
George Handley, a Private of Company "E",  
26<sup>th</sup> Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, was enrolled on the  
14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1861, at Acton, for 3 years,  
and is reported on muster rolls of Co. to Aug. 31/62, Present  
Regtl Returns for March, May & July 1862 do not  
report him absent. Roll for Sept. & Oct. 1862, Dis-  
charged Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1862.

There is no certificate of Disability on file.  
Records show him "Discharged at New Orleans, La.,  
Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1862, on Surgeon's certificate of Disability, by rea-  
son of Febris Intermittent; disability also given as  
chronic Articular Rheumatism". *R.R.S.*

*W.B.M.*  
Records of this office furnish no additional  
evidence of disability.

*R.C. Linn*

Assistant Adjutant General.

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# Certificate of Disability.

NOTE.—This blank may be used for the testimony of a commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer or any enlisted man. Procure, if possible, the testimony of a commissioned officer. If that cannot be had, then that of the First-Sergeant (which the Commissioner of Pensions has decided to be equivalent to that of a commissioned officer.) If neither that of an officer or First Sergeant can be had, then procure that of two comrades.

I, William H. Chapman, late Capt of Company "E" of the 26th Regiment of Mass Inf Volunteers, do certify on oath that George Handley was a private in said Company, and is, as I am informed, an applicant for invalid pension; that he was discharged for disability Sept 26. 1862 at New Orleans La

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

Here state fully the time, place, and circumstances under which the wound or other injury was received or disease contracted, and whether in the service and line of duty or otherwise, and whether the statement is from personal knowledge acquired by actual presence at the time, from records or otherwise.

I further certify that the said Handley while in service and line of duty became disabled in following manner, By reason of exposure incident to the service on ship Island, Miss, in the spring of 1862 he contracted dysentery and had it very badly and was left on the island too sick to move when the Regt left there April 16. 62, and went to Port of Philip Miss River where he joined the Co & while there had malarial fever & when we left there for New Orleans, La. in July he was taken on a stretcher to the boat and soon after we arrived at Lafayette Square he was sent to Oak Grove Hall & out in a few days to Saint James, N.O. where I visited him several times & from where he was discharged Sept 26. 1862 on account of said disease. I left few personal recollection of the man, whom I have known from boyhood up & visited him myself and specially looked after him while he was in service

And that the said George Handley was when he entered the service, a former, active bodied man in every respect & has been a constant sufferer from above disease & results since his discharge.

I further certify that I have no interest in his claim for pension, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

My post office address is Everett, in Middlebury Co. Vt.

Present

W H Chapman

Affiant's Signature.

Late Capt Co. "E" 26th Reg't Mass Inf Vols.  
and Col 26th Regt Mass Vols.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
**SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., *February 14*, 1887

To the Adjutant General, U. S. Army.

Sir: I have the honor to return herewith the papers received from your office in pension claim No. *582842*, with such information as is furnished by records filed in this Office, viz: that *George Handley Thibault Co. E. 26 Mass Vols* entered *St James S. H. New Orleans. La* July 24, 1862 with *Debilitas*, and discharged from service Oct. 12, 1862 by reason of *Intermittent fever*. No records of *odd Fellows Hall Hospital New Orleans. La* on file. The record found of *Soldiers treatment for any disability other than above indicated.*

By order of the Surgeon General:

No. *439755*.

per *L.B.*

*F. L. Winsworth*  
 asst Surgeon, U. S. Army.



# Declaration for Pension.

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Act of February 6, 1907.

*The Pension Certificate should not be forwarded with the application.*

**INSTRUCTIONS.**—This form may be used for Original Pension or Increase of Pension. Declaration and testimony in support of same to be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature and term of office must be certified by the proper State, county, or city officer under his official seal, unless such certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

State of Massachusetts, County of Suffolk, ss:

ON THIS 5 day of April, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and seven personally appeared before me, a Special Commissioner within and for the County and State aforesaid, George Handley, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 77 years of age, and a resident of Winthrop County of Suffolk, State of Mass; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Lowell, Mass. under the name of George Handley on the 14 day of September, 1861 as a Private, in Co E 66 Mass Inf.

in the service of the United States, in the Civil War, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at State name of war, Civil or Mexican on the 26 day of September, 1862

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 11 inches; complexion, Light; color of eyes, Blue; color of hair, dark; that his occupation was Farmer; that he was born April 2nd, 1830, at Acton, Mass.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ State the date of each change as nearly as possible Boston, Mass and suburbs.

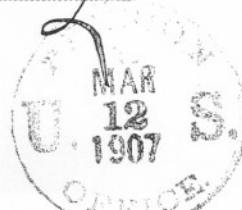
That he is \_\_\_\_\_ a pensioner. That he has \_\_\_\_\_ heretofore applied for pension \_\_\_\_\_  
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That he makes this Declaration for the purpose of being placed on the Pension-Roll of the United States, under the provisions of the Act of February 6, 1907.

That he appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Edwin Winward of Boston County of Suffolk State of Massachusetts, his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim, and requests and directs that he be allowed and paid, upon the issuance of a Certificate, or thereafter, such fee as may be hereafter provided by law, NOT EXCEEDING TEN DOLLARS.

His post-office address is 369 Shirley County of Winthrop State of Massachusetts Claimant's signature George Handley

Attest 1. Richard Palmer  
2. William Manning  
Two witnesses who can write must sign here



## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex  
 In the matter of George Handling late a Private in Co. "E" of the  
26<sup>th</sup> Reg't. of Mass Vols., for Original Invalid Pension  
 On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D., 1889, personally appeared  
 before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer  
 oaths. Jerry Sunborn aged 70 years, a resident of Reading  
 in the County of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts whose  
 Postoffice address is Reading, Middlesex Co. Mass. and well known to me to be  
 reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a laborer by occupation and that  
 of the claimant is a gardener, hackman and laborer  
 [NOTE.—Affiant should state his means of knowing the facts to which he testifies.]  
 that he became acquainted with claimant in  
 1842. and from discharge to the present has resided  
 from within eight to twenty miles, has seen him  
 frequently during the said period from once a week to once in three months.

That upon claimant's return home from the  
 Army, at discharge, he was suffering from ma-  
 larial poisoning and rheumatism, that he was lame,  
 and at times used a cane when walking suffered  
 much pain in the parts affected by the rheumatism  
 the said parts being swollen and stiff and he has  
 continuously suffered from the said disabilities  
 in the manner described from discharge to the  
 present, and in consequence thereof he was not  
 able to perform more than a small part of the  
 labor of an able bodied up to 1884 and since then  
 he has been unable to perform any labor what-  
 ever and for the same reason has lost consid-  
 erable time from work during each and every year  
 of the said period from discharge to the present.

That he knows the facts above stated from  
 intimate personal acquaintance with the claimant,  
 seeing that he was lame seeing him suffer  
 as above described and from his general knowledge  
 and observation of the case.

And he further declares that he has no interest in said case and is  
 not concerned in its prosecution.

(If Affiant signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Jerry Sunborn  
 (Signature of Affiant.)



# A DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION. A

To be executed before a Court of Record or some Officer thereof having custody of the Seal.

State of Massachusetts  
County of Suffolk } SS.

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty six  
personally appeared before me, Clark of the Supreme Court, a court  
of record within and for the County and State aforesaid George Handley  
aged 56 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical

George Handley who was ENROLLED on the 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of September 1862 in Company E of the 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment,  
of Mass Inf Bds commanded by  
and was honorably DISCHARGED at St James Hos & N. O. La on the 26<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1862 that his personal description is as follows: Age, 56 years; height  
5 feet 10 inches; complexion, fair; hair, grey; eyes, blue

That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at Ship  
Island, in the State of Mississippi on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of Spring 1862 he contracted Rheumatism of a

severe type and was left behind on account of it  
when on 16<sup>th</sup> of April 1862 he left for New Orleans,  
La: joined Co. at Fort St Philip and in July 1862 went  
with Co. to Lafayette Sep. N. O. and the next morning  
went to Hos & at Odd Fellows Hall and after a few  
days sent to St James Hos & N. O. on account of  
Malarial fever and remained there until discharged  
Sept 26. 1862 Claims pension for Rheumatism,  
Malarial poisoning and resulting general debility.

That he was treated in hospitals as above named  
Here state the names or numbers, and the localities of all hospitals in which treated, and the dates  
of treatment.

That he has not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above to wit:  
not prior to Sept 14. 1861 nor since Sept 26. 1862  
prior or subsequent to that above described, state what the service was, and the dates when it commenced and ended.

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the City of Boston  
in the State of Massachusetts, and his occupation has been that of light labor

That prior to his entry into the service above named, he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when  
enrolled a operative. That he is now totally disabled from obtaining his subsist-  
ence by manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described received in the service of the United States; and  
he therefore 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, W. H. Hobbs, No. 4 State St,  
in Boston Mass, his true and lawful attorney

to prosecute his claim. That he has never received nor applied for a pension. That his  
residence is in town of Weston, County of Middlesex, Mass  
and that his Post-Office address is Box 12 - said town County & State.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
George Handley  
Claimant's Signature.