

AFFIDAVIT TO ORIGIN OF DISABILITY.

To be executed by an officer or enlisted man of the soldier's company and regiment having personal knowledge of the circumstances under which the disability was incurred on account of which a pension is claimed.

Before Filling in this Affidavit the Witness should read carefully the Marginal Instructions, and conform thereto in every particular as far as his knowledge of the facts will allow. Enlisted Men's evidence will not be accepted if an Officer's can be had.

State of Wisconsin ss:
County of Racine

In the matter of the Pension claim of John C. Huggins #315.603.
Co. D, 2nd Reg't Wisconsin Vols., personally
came before me, a deputy clerk circuit court (Title of officer administering oath.)
Samuel Manderson, of Racine, County of
Racine, State of Wisconsin, who, being duly sworn,
declares in relation to the aforesaid claim that his age is 50 years; that he is the identical person
who served as a Sergeant in Co. D, 2nd Reg't
Wisconsin Vols., and knows the above soldier, who was a member of Co. D,
2nd Reg't Wis. Vol.; that on or about 21st day of
July, 1864, while in the line of duty, and without fault or improper conduct on
his part, at or near Cub Run, State of Virginia

State the nature of the wound or injury received, and in what part of the body located; or the name and nature of the disease or disability incurred.

State what caused the disability, and upon what particular duty the soldier was engaged at the time it was incurred. If on special duty, by whose order was he acting?

If the injury was a rupture, be particular to state its location, and whether you saw it at the time of or immediately after its incurrence, or at any time while in the service.

State whether you saw him at the date of or immediately previous to discharge; also when, where, and whether the disability named then existed.

State whether the soldier was in sound bodily health and especially free from the disabilities upon which claim for pension is based, at the time he enlisted and immediately preceding the date of incurring his disabilities.

State your source of information, whether present at time and place and an eye-witness to the facts related. If in command of company when the disability was incurred, so state.

said soldier incurred an injury to his body and foot by being crushed, by a horse falling on him, our Reg. was in Sherman's brigade and had retired from the field of Bull Run. said soldier remained on the field to assist a wounded comrade to a place of safety. I and the orderly sergeant of our Co. was with the claimant when he was hurt, on our way to join our Reg. on the retreat from Bull Run. I thought he was quite seriously hurt at the time but did not have time to examine particularly, as we were in some what of a hurry to overtake our Reg. ahead of us. Claimant was placed on special duty after that and I saw him occasionally about a year after, I saw him just before I was discharged from the service on account of gunshot wound, received in action, so far as I know he never fully recovered from his injuries. I know claimant well, previous to injury received and considered him a strong healthy man, especially free from all physical defects. My "source of information" is, I was with soldier at the time and was an "eye-witness" to his receiving the injuries above stated, and under the circumstances above stated

Affiant further declares that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim, and that he makes the above statement from personal knowledge as above set forth

Affiant's Post-Office address is as follows: Racine, Racine Co., Wis

Two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses to affiant's signature, if he signs by mark.
Michael Shiel
(Name of one witness.)
Geo W. Beswick
(Name of other witness.)

Samuel Manderson

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FEB 16 1908
DIV.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

To be returned within 30 days to the Register of Deeds of the County in which the license was issued.)

1. Full name of husband *John C. Huggins*
2. Full name of father of husband *Eri Huggins*
3. Full name of mother of husband (a) *Semantha Huggins*
4. Occupation of husband *Commercial*
5. Residence of husband *Chicago Ill*
6. Birthplace of husband *Coonish N H*
7. Full name of wife previous to marriage *Eva J Bowers*
8. Full name of the father of wife *James Bowers*
9. Full name of the mother of wife (a) *Ruth Bowers*
10. Birthplace of wife
11. The color of the parties (b) *White*
12. License, No. _____ Date _____
13. Time when marriage was contracted *Oct 20 1869*
14. The place, town or township, and county where the marriage was contracted *Racine Racine Co Wis*
15. By what ceremony contracted *Religious*
16. Names of subscribing witnesses { *Not any*
17. Any additional circumstances

STATE OF WISCONSIN, }
County of *Racine* } ss.

I Hereby Certify, That the foregoing marriage was solemnized by me on the day above named and that the above is a true return of said marriage, and the other facts there recorded, and that my credentials of ordination are filed in _____ County, Wisconsin.

Dated at *Racine* in the County of *Racine*, on the *20* day of *October*, A. D. 18*69*.

Name of clergyman, officer or other person pronouncing marriage. Name, (c) *Walter S Alexander*
First Presbyterian Church
Place *Racine Racine* County, Wisconsin.



NOTE.—(a) Give full name, previous to marriage. (b) State the color so distinctly that the race also may be understood, i. e., Black, Mulatto, Indian, Mixed White and Indian, etc. (c) The person pronouncing the marriage should sign here.

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Office Health Department,

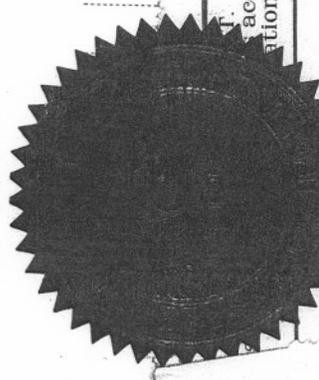
FIFTEENTH ST., NEAR SAN PABLO AVENUE.

No. 1846

Oakland, Cal., Dec 21 1892

Permission is hereby given for the ~~interment~~ *interment in Mountain View* of the Remains
of *John C. Huggins*
aged *52* years, *9* months, *-* days.
Date of Death, *Dec. 19* 1892. Cause of Death, *New Paralysis*
Place of Death, *Agnew's Hospital* Place of Birth, *New Hampshire*
Sex, *Male* Color, *White* Married or Single, *Widow or Widower*.
Attending Physician or Coroner, *F. W. Hatch* M. D.
J. P. H. Dunn

to accompany the
interment.



(If Affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write sign here)

[Signature]
(Signature of Affiants)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF

SS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words _____ erased, and the words _____ added, and acquainted _____ with its contents before _____ executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant _____ personally known to me and that _____ credible person.

(Official Signature)

(Official Character)

(L. S.)

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, having a Seal, or Certificate filed with the Commissioner of Pensions.

Subscribed July 27 1893

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF
Evalina J. Huggins
John C. Huggins

Co. *2d* Reg't *Wis* Vol's.
Lewisburg

AFFIDAVIT OF
A. D. Smith
Oakland 28 1900
Alameda Co.
Cal

Claim No. *898653*

FILED BY
Newton T. Kirk
PENSION ATTORNEY
AND NOTARY

201 Temple Street
Los Angeles, Cal.

Formerly of Co. E, 26th Mich. Infantry
and Capt. 118th U. S. C. T.

Widows' Claims a Specialty

Soldiers of the Spanish War Entitled

Correspondence Solicited and, with Stamp,

Promptly Answered

and Vouchers Carefully Executed

1 State of Wisconsin }
2 County of Dane } ss.

3 On this 11th day
4 of October 1879, personally appeared before
5 me a clerk of a court of record within
6 and for the county and state aforesaid
7 John C. Higgins aged 39 years a resident
8 of Racine, Wisconsin, who being duly
9 sworn declares that he is the identical
10 John C. Higgins, who was enrolled on
11 the 11th of June 1861 in Company G of the
12 2^d. Regiment of Wisconsin Infantry Vol-
13 unteers commanded by William C. Strong
14 and was honorably discharged about the
15 1st. of July 1864, at Madison, Wisconsin.
16 That his personal description is as fol-
17 lows: Age 39 years; height five feet, five
18 inches; complexion florid; hair brown,
19 eyes brown. That while a member of the
20 organization aforesaid, and in the service
21 and line of his duty, at the battle field
22 of the first battle of Bull Run in the
23 State of Virginia, on or about the 21st.
24 day of July 1861, ~~the~~ (while the enemy were
25 pursuing and going at full speed) the
26 horse upon which the claimant was
27 riding fell into a gully, and fell upon
28 the claimant crushing his left leg and
29 ankle, and causing hemorrhoids and
30 the congestion ^{which} greatly injured the sight
31 of his right eye, that his feet ^{are} perma-
32 nently deformed and his ankle is still
33 very weak on account of said injury



1 That the sight of his right eye is greatly
2 impaired, That he was treated in the
3 camp at Fort Corcoran, or near fort
4 Corcoran, but on account of the crowded
5 condition of the hospitals at that time
6 he could not be treated at any hospital.
7 That he has never been in the military
8 or naval service otherwise than above
9 stated, That since leaving the service this
10 applicant has resided part of time in
11 Janesville, Wisconsin, and in St. Louis
12 Missouri, and in Chicago, Illinois, and
13 in San Francisco California and for the
14 last five years in Racine, Wisconsin
15 and his occupation has been that of a
16 wagon manufacturer, That prior to his
17 enlistment into the service the claimant
18 was a man of good, sound, physical
19 health, being when enrolled a student
20 That he is now partially disabled from
21 obtaining his ~~sustenance~~ subsistence by
22 manual labor, by reason of his injuries
23 above described, received in the service of
24 the United States.

25 He hereby appoints with full power
26 of substitution and revocation Rufus
27 D. Smith of Madison, Wisconsin, his
28 true and lawful attorney to prosecute
29 his claim, that he has never received
30 nor applied for a pension. That his
31 post office address is Racine, Wiscon
32 sin,
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1 That the claimant's true name is John
2 C. Higgins, but by a clerical error his
3 name was written Higgins on the paper
4 and he was discharged under the name
5 of Higgins.

John C. Higgins

6 Attest

7 C. H. Oakey
8 M. W. Jones

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10 Also personally appeared before me
11 W. W. Jones residing at Madison Wis-
12 cousin and Charles H. Oakey residing at
13 the same place, persons whom I certify
14 to be respectable and entitled to credit
15 and who being by me duly sworn say
16 they were present and saw John C.
17 Higgins the claimant sign this name
18 to the foregoing declaration, that they
19 have every reason to believe from the
20 appearance of said claimant and their
21 acquaintance with him that he is the
22 identical person he represents himself
23 to be and that they have no interest in
24 the prosecution of this claim and the
25 said Jones further certifies that he knew the
26 said Higgins while a member of Co. F. of
27 the 2d. Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers.

28 M. W. Jones

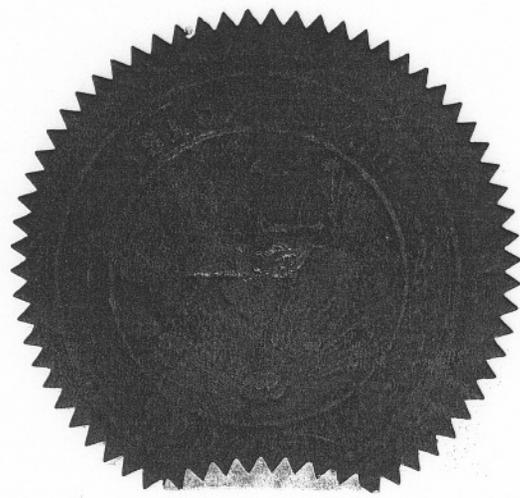
29 C. H. Oakey.

30
31 Sworn to and subscribed before me
32 this 11th. day of October 1879 and I
33 certify that the contents of the above

Book

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PENSION OFFICE
OCT 15 1879

Gift of the
Pension Office



declarations to were fully made known
and obligation to the applicant and
returner before meaning together with
the words "are" and "and" and "and" read
and the word "in" added and that I
have no interest in the execution of
this claim.
Wm. H. Kelly
Copy sent to the
Pension Office



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T. G. FISH.
E. B. FISH.
J. C. HUGGINS.

OFFICE OF

MANUFACTURERS OF

In reply to yours of May 18th 82

Racine, Wis. May 4th 1882

If you will carefully examine his affidavit again you will see that all of the facts alleged germane to this case he positively swears to. Mr. Menderson is I think a valuable witness: as he is certainly a careful and conscientious one. Geo Beumann's testimony I present only as a valuable link in the short chain of testimony I am able to muster. He is a thoroughly reliable business man. But from neither of these gentlemen could you expect a diagnosis of the injuries I received: as they were soldiers and not surgeons. Before your favor of the 18th of May ult. was received I had forwarded to you the affidavit of Lieut A. J. Saxon of N. O. who is at present Deputy Col of Internal Revenue which I very respectfully ask you to peruse. I have delayed my reply to your letter, enclosed, hoping I might be able to meet with some old comrade who could help me in the presentation of my case with further testimony: but so far have been unable to do so. I labor under a great disadvantage in gathering testimony from what you designate as "Creditable disinterested neighbors" from the fact that very shortly



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FARM FREIGHT & SPRING
WAGONS

In reply to yours of May 18th 82

Racine, Wis. June 4th



after leaving the Army. I took up the occupation of a commercial traveller. I had no home or family. And for more than 12 years followed that business constantly. Ten years ago I became connected with the above named firm. And my portion of the business has always been to look after the "outside" or business abroad. During the years I have at times suffered severely from the effects of the injuries I rec'd in the army. And have been compelled to "stop over" on the road to recuperate and rest. Occasionally I called in medical assistance to my aid. But I do not remember the names now of the physicians I employed. And recall but comparatively few of the places where I was detained. I have never made any effort to call the attention of my acquaintances to my sufferings or their cause. My hope and expectation was that I might outgrow them. But now that I am on the shady side of 42. And look and feel like a man of 60. I have abandoned all hope of recovery. And knowing as I do that my injuries received in the Army



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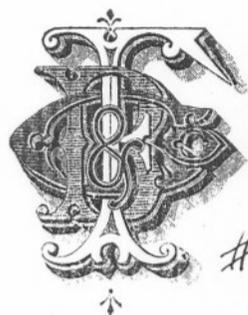
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MANUFACTURERS OF

In reply to yours of May 18th 82

Racine, Wis. Jan'y 4th 1883

have occasioned me more misery than the loss of a limb could do and at times seriously interfered with my business pursuits. In justice to myself I ask for a pension. believing that I am justly entitled to the same. I am conscious that I performed my whole duty throughout my entire term of service in such a capacity as I was able to serve. And I only ask now that the Government do by me: as it promised to do by those worn out or permanently injured while doing duty as Soldiers in the Army. I do not ask for a pension as a matter of charity: for I am not suffering for the necessaries of life. I have been more successful in pushing my own interests out side of the Army than I was while in there. But I ask for such equity and justice as I am really entitled to. If the abject of my life had been to work up "a case" I could have managed it sensibly by constantly calling the attention of friends and neighbors to my injuries and their effects. And then securing their disinterested testimony. But I always have felt a little delicate about complaining of



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MANUFACTURERS OF

FARM, FREIGHT & SPRING

WAGONS

Established
in 1840
Three ply to orders of May 18th 82

Racine, Wis. July 4th 1882

Severe attacks of piles, or feebleness of limb or impaired vision. Infirmities are not things to be proud of. If I were engaged in making this a bogus claim there would be no difficulty in finding purposed witnesses to "help out" I apprehend. But in my case more than 22 years have elapsed since these injuries were received. And most of my comrades who were knowing to the facts in this case are either dead or gone from sight. Many were killed in battle. My claim is a just one and I must rest it on what little truthful testimony I am able to pick up at this late date. All who have testified in my case are thoroughly reliable respectable men. And stand at the head of the various callings they respectively follow. Apologizing for this very long letter. I respectfully solicit your attention to my claim and ask that you give it your earliest consideration. And treat me as fairly as you think an old Iron Brigade Soldier, who can prove his standing and record deserves to be treated.

Very Respectfully John C. Huggins

New Orleans Aug^r 12. 1882
 Hon^{ble} W^m W. Dudley
 Com^r of Pensions
 Washington D. C.

Sir,

With reference to pension claim of
 John C. Huggins, # 315603, will say.

(That my
 recollection at the present time, of all the
 injuries he may have received is not as
 distinct and clear as it was 21 years ago.
 And as to their nature I am unable to
 give such a diagnosis as you might expect
 from a Surgeon or physician, I do
 however remember clearly that his left
 foot seemed to be severely injured, so
 that the shoe had to be cut open. It
 seemed to be crushed. He also complained
 of suffering much pain in the lower
 abdomen; and walked in a stooping
 position. I remember that he also com-
 -plained of impaired vision. To these
 points my attention was more particularly
 called on the account that he was un-
 -able to find his way to his regiment;
 without assistance; and I aided him
 in finding the regiment, when I

resumed my place in the Company, and he was ~~put~~ placed in a regimental baggage, or ammunition wagon, am not certain which. I watched the progress of his case with considerable interest as I regarded him as a good man, and felt desirous to see him promoted, And I do not think from the date of his injuries he was able to perform the severe duties required of a soldier in the ranks.

Very Respectfully
Andrew J. Depton.