

PROOF OF DISABILITY.

(NOTE.—This affidavit must be executed by a Commissioned Officer, if possible; but, if not possible to secure such evidence, then two of the soldier's comrades should testify.)

State of Maryland County of Maryland, ss.

ON THIS 17th day of August, A. D. 1888 personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths, Delphetto 36 Year old aged 41 years, a resident of Canton, in the County of Middlesex and State of Maine deceased and aged years, a resident of , in the County of and State of who, being duly sworn according to law, state that he is acquainted with John Smith now applicant for Invalid Pension; and know the said John Smith to be the identical person of that name who enlisted or volunteered as a Private in Company E, 26th Regiment of Massachusetts Vols., and who was discharged [Died or was discharged] at Lowell, Mass. on or about the 7 day of March 1864 by reason Expiration of term of service. [Here insert the reason of the soldier's discharge, if known; if not known, so state, or, if he died, so state.]

That the said John Smith while in the line of his duty, at or near Harper Ferry, in the State of West Va., did, on or about the day of August, 1864, become disabled in the following manner, viz: That he said John Smith did ford the Shenandoah River in West Va about the middle of August 1864 while the Regt was on a forced march, that he laid down & wore his wet clothes till dry. the river was three or four feet deep

That the facts stated are personally known to the affiant by reason of I was with the said Smith at the time of fording the river [Here state whether affiant was with the command at the time the claimant contracted his disability, or whether his knowledge was otherwise obtained. All the facts known to affiant relative to the soldier's medical treatment for his disability while in the service should be stated, giving time and place, if possible.] I do not remember his sickness but have no reason to doubt it. So far as I do remember, I remember him to be healthy and strong prior to somewhere about September 1864.

Guy W. Smith Esq.

I, James Jacobsen of this City
 being duly sworn according to law,
 deposest that he resides at No 309
 Fifth St. in this City; that he was well
 acquainted with John Smith formerly
 of the 26th Massachusetts Regiment,
 Co. E, that he visited him at his late
 residence in Algiers before the Regiment
 left here for Virginia, that when his
 time expired and he returned to this
 City late in the Fall of 1864, he boarded
 with him for sometime that is about a
 month or two, that he was looking
 around for an easy job ^{that} he could think
 he could do hard work, that he told him
 he had been in the Hospital for some
 time whilst in Maryland suffering
 from Rheumatism in his knee, that
 he complained especially against bad
 weather, that he told him said Rheu-
matism would come and go, that he
 has not seen him for years, the last time
 being in the year eighteen hundred & sixty nine
 that he knew him to be a sober and gentle
 man in his ways.

Sworn to and
 subscribed before me } James Jacobsen
 at New Orleans La this }
 5th day of September 1884 } Dated Feb 1885

W. Castill
J. W. H.

W. A. Steff

PENSION - 11884S

UNITED

AMERICA.

State of Louisiana

Parish of Orleans



Office of the Board of Health, Recorder of Births, Marriages and Deaths,

Be it Remembered, That on this day, to-wit: the fifteenth of February,
in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Five, and the
one hundred & ninth of the Independence of the United States of America, before me,
Joseph Holt, m.s. President Board of Health ^{Ex officio} commissioned and sworn Recorder of Births,
Marriages and Deaths, in and for the City of New Orleans, and Parish of Orleans, personally appeared:

C. L. Schopp an Undertaker,
a native of La. residing at No. 140 La. Avenue.
who hereby declares, that

James Jacobson ^(White)
a native of Denmark, aged 56 years departed
this life, yesterday, (14 Feb 1885) on Sixth between
Howard & Forest Streets, in this city.

Cause of Death. Apoplectic Paralysis
Certificate of Dr. A. Pettit

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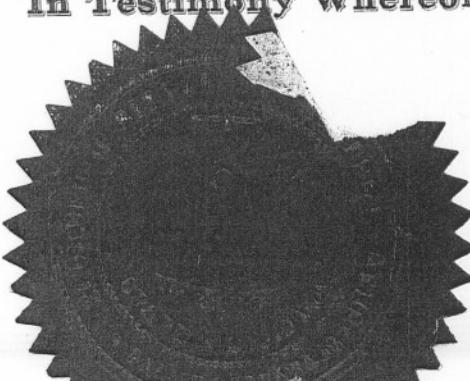
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THUS DONE at New Orleans in the presence of the aforesaid C. L. Schopp
as also in that of Messrs. B. B. Howard & P. N. Lanauze, of this City, witnesses
by me requested so to be, who have hereunto set their hands, together with me, on the 26th day, month and year first above written.

SIGNED Chas. L. Schopp. B. B. Howard. P. N. Lanauze
Joseph Holt m.s. President Board of Health ex officio recorder
I do certify, the foregoing to be a true and faithful copy from the original recorded in Book marked

No. 86 folio 772

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the City of New Orleans, this Twenty Sixth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty Five and the one hundredth Tenth of the Independence of the United States of America.



Joseph Holt
PRESIDENT BOARD OF HEALTH
Ex Officio Recorder of Births, Marriages and Deaths, Parish Orleans.

No. 294226

War Department,

Surgeon General's Office,

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., Apr. 30, 1884

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith your request for a report of hospital treatment in Claim No. 501603, with such information as is furnished by the records filed in this Office, viz: that Joshua Smith, Priv. Co. C. 26th Mass. Vol. was admitted to Field Hspcl. Sandy Hook, Md. Aug. 27. 61 with rheumatism, disposition not stated; and that John Smith Priv. C. C. 26th Mass. Vol. was admitted to G. H. Hospital, Md. Aug. 29. 61 with rheumatism and returned to duty Sept. 10. 61.

No hospital record of the regiment was ever on file in this office.

By order of the Surgeon General:

To the
Commissioner of Pensions.

B F. Pope
Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army.
(125)
per JFB

M. L. G.

501.603.

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Feby 27, 1884.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

John Smith, a Priv. Rec't of Company "E"
26 Regiment Mass.: Volunteers, was enrolled on the
11 day of Sep: 1862, at New Orleans La: (for 3 yrs)
and is reported: On roll Sep: 1 Oct: 61 present. So come to see.
31 '63. (Reenlisted) Vet. Vol. Jan: 1 '64 action Mass: To June
30 '64 present. July & Aug: '64 absent, sick in Hospital
Sandy Hook N.J. since Aug: 29 '64. Mustard oil mixt
J.W. Nov: 7 1864 Lowell Mass.

Nature of sickness not stated,
G.M. Reg'tl Hospital Records not on file,

CAB.

W. Parker
Assistant Adjutant General.

J. W. Parker

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Ship Island - near Biloxi
Harrison County

A Native of Denmark. I landed in the City of New York in August 1857. unable to speak the English language. I could not seek employment in my profession as a Druggist. - that fall and winter I worked on Long Island by a farmer by name Randal - in the spring of 58, I went to Connecticut and also worked in the country near a small town called Hurlbilly. In the fall, I went to New Orleans by Pittsburg down the Ohio River etc. to New Orleans! I performed different kind of hard labor. as I was strong and active, I could make more money that way, than in my profession. In 60 I was engaged in saw mill business by Mr Thomas Hansen, living just at the same place - Ocean Springs, Jackson City. The outbreak of the War, found me there - I declined to join the Rebel Army. but was finally conscripted, in to the 3^d Mississippi - then at Vicksburg - that night I took a small ship, and crossed over to Ship Island. (the very place where I live now) - I went immediately to New Orleans and enlisted in the 26 Mass Co E - we were in the Department of the Gulf for a long time - finally in 64, we were transferred to Virginia under General Lee at Petersburg - when Early made his raid on Washington.

we where sent there from Washington, we where ordered to joine Sheridan in the Valley, near Berryville. from Leesburg, we made a forced March of 41 Miles ^{in one day}, crossing the Shenandoah River at night, we where full of perspiration, and the water exceedingly cold, and up to our campits. — after we got over, we where hurrerd a head, leaving us no time to wrige our goals — that night, and at that place, I surely believe I laid the foundation to the Rheumatism, which since then, have been a curse, to my existence up to this day.

Two days after, while camping on the Oliver Heights, near Harper's Ferry. I had my first attack of Rheumatism, in all my life. it came with intense paine, in both Knees, and a perfect loss of power, in my right. that was my first visit, to the Doctor, since I joined the Regiment — he emidiately sent me to the Hospital at Sandy Hook and from there, I went to Fredericktown Maryland.

The Doctor in charge there, told me that Morphine would not do much good; it was rest I wanted — I laid down most time I was there and at times, would be perfectly free of paine. and no swelling of the limbs, what so ever. after about three weeks time, I asked the Doctor to let me joine my Company. he did let me go, but told me it would be sure to return.

when marching etc; and so it did, on my march from Harper's Ferry to Camp I should say 8 miles, I could hardly crawl along. somehow, the excitement of Camp life had passed, soon wore it out, and I was able to do my duty, up to the time we returned, to Lowell, to be discharged.

As soon as I was discharged I went to New Orleans, my few acquaintans, where all here in the South.

I believe, to my best recollection, my first occupation was as Clerk in a Store at Morganza La. by a Mr Bronnum. There I found out that much standing was painfull to me, and brought on pain especially at night; with the proprietor of the Store; I went to Leveesport La and started a Store on Texas Creek, the war been over and business very brisk up there, I remember well on the boat open up I was very sick of an attack, and also at Leveesport for say 10 days. but a Druggist, very seldom took a physician rubbing with different kind of liniment, taking Quinin, Salicylic Acid Tadid of Potash, Arsenic etc. this Remained never used at different times, would ease the

paine for a time
in '66 and '67, I went to Arkansas being up
there, I would of course be troubled up and
on, especially again bad weather. but I did
not need to do any hard work or violent
exercise. in '68, I went over to Jordan
River, it is in Leflore County Miss.
I shad and farmed by my brother.
that suited me, the climate is
delightful and I could do a little work
or sit down as I like.
in '69 it become necessary for me to go
to New Orleans and seek employment.
in a druggistore, I could not go - so much
standing on my legs. after sometimes, I
got a place at Orleans Infirmary 142 Canal
so despece Medecine, and Newark etc
there I had a good place for nearly 3 years.
the Proprietarys where Dr. Choppie,
Warren T. Bixell, Dudson Burns
and C. Beard - the first are now dead
but I believe Dr. C. Beard still is alive,
and lives in New York. while at the
Infirmary, I alwaise consulted Dr. Burns
when suffering. and hat he being alive
now, of course he could verifige to that
effect.



in 1874 that laid up right smart of
money and I went in the timber and
Shave business in Arkansas and Missouri
with variate success til 1880. when
I failed completely.

early in the summer, I found occupation
as House Inspector for the Sanitary
Association of New Orleans, under
Dr White then Director, now dead.

but I was shortly discharged, in fact
I could not do the work satisfactory,
as I was unable to do the necessary
walking from house to house, and all night
ing pain in the knees was very bad.

shortly after in September 1880, Dr. M. Remond
a Member of the N. B. of Health for Louisiana
sent me over here, and I have been
here since, acting in different capacity.
and as our business is confined to a few
months in the year, I have had it so far.

but at fine hardly been able to crawl onboard
of a vessel you will see by my certificate
from Dr S. G. Peale up to last July, the Superintendent
of the Station.

The fact is as stated in my application, I am wholly unfit to make a living by manual labor. Any exertion results in pain, and powerlessness in the joints! both arms and fingers. It is now nearly 20 years since I left the Hospital at Fredericksburg and since my discharge at Lowell Mass. I have not seen any of any fellow members of Co E 2 C Mass. I hope Gentlemen you will consider this, and also excuse my bad writing.

In the state of Mississippi
Harrison County

Personally appeared before me W.M. Jordan a justice of the peace in and for said County John Smith who after being duly sworn says the foregoing instrument of writing is true as stated

Sworn to and subscribed March 26 1884 John Smith Seal

W.M. Jordan J.P.

Declaration for an Original Invalid Pension.

THIS MUST BE EXECUTED BEFORE A COURT OF RECORD OR SOME OFFICER THEREOF HAVING CUSTODY OF THE SEAL.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, ss.

ON THIS 23rd day of November A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty 5 personally appeared before me Judges of Clarkes Civil Dist Court a Court of Record within and for the county and State aforesaid John Smith aged 52 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical John Smith who was ENROLLED on the 23rd day of Sept., 1862, in company E of the 26th regiment of Mass. Vol. commanded by Capt Chapman and Latta Blodget and was honorably DISCHARGED at Lowell, Mass. on the 7th day of November, 1864; That his personal description is as follows: Age 52 years; height 5 feet 8 inches; complexion fair hair, brown; eyes hazel. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at Harpers Ferry in the State of West Va. on or about the day of August, 1864 he contracted Rheumatism (state what part of your body or limbs of wound or injury. If disabled by disease, state fully its cause; if by wound or injury, the precise manner in which received. Here state name or nature of disease, or the location are affected) in both Throes and also both Elbow joints. at times the pain in my joints are fearful and after a little hard work they become powerless.

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: Hospital at Frederick, Maryland (Here state the names or numbers, and the localities of all hospitals in which treated, and the dates of treatment. in August and September 1864 -

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 he has not been in the military or naval service of the United States since the 7th day of Nov. 1864

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the of Biloxi in the State of Mississippi, and that his occupation has been that of a Drggist.

That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled a Southern Farmer. That he is now wholly 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 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.

Maurice Langhorne

WASHINGTON, D. C.

his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That he has never received nor applied for a pension; that his residence is No. at Ship Island near Biloxi.

Harrison Co., Mississippi and that his post office address is the same - John Smith - Biloxi Harrison Co.

O.R. Easmy M.D.

John Smith

[Signature of Claimant.]

Wm. A. Hammann

[Two persons who can write sign here.]



Pattie L. Blodgett, Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 1, 1863.
Know ye, That

*Private of Captain William Chapman Company, (E.) 26th Regiment of Massachusetts Infantry VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the Twenty Third day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty three to serve three years or during the war, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States this Seventeenth day of November, 1864, at Lowell Mass by reason of Expiration of term of Service
(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)*

Said Haben Smith was born in Denmark in the State of Denmark, is Thirty two years of age, five feet eleven inches high, Fair complexion, Hazel eyes, Brown hair, and by occupation when enrolled, a Farmer

Given at Lowell Mass this Seventeenth day of November 1864.

*P. B. M. M. N. Y.
1st Genl 14 " G. S. G. G.*

Commanding the Regt.

This sentence will be erased should there be anything
in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier
rendering him unfit for the Army

*I. D. Blodgett, Mustering Officer
Page 30 Esq. J. A. Lewis, comr.
Co. L 26th Mass. Vol.*

A. G. C. No. 69.]