

Officers Certificate of Disability:

I Edward F. Dutcher late Major of the 74th Regiment of Illinois Infy. Vol's certify in Honor that Samuel E. Powers now of Chicago Ill, was a member of Co. B in my Regiment, and is as I am informed an Applicant for an Invalid Pension. That he was discharged on account of disability on or about the 9th day of March 1863 that I was well acquainted with said Powers at the time of his enlistment and all the time the Regiment was in Camp at Rockford Ill, from about the 1st to September 27th 1862 that being the day said Regiment left for the front, and was well acquainted with him until about the time of his discharge for disability as aforesaid - that said Powers appeared well and able to perform his full duty until after the Battle of "Stones River" in Tennessee. That he had been employed for sometime at head quarters as clerk. That said

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time

most of the two days preceding the Battle lasted for five days, the weather cold and stormy, on short rations, and the last two days without any - and not permitted to have any fire, the 74th Regt had in order stacked their blankets during the Battle at Perryville Kentucky which they were allowed and at this time were without, and not any parts of our hair having been by the Cavalry at La Verne half way to Nashville - on Thursday if I remember correctly - on the night of January 2nd Davis Division the 74th Regt included was moved across "Stones River" fording the stream waist deep to many of the men in support of the extreme left there very heavily engaged, and on the night of the 3rd January reformed "Stones River" to their former position on the extreme right of the Army - the water was very cold with ice in the River in addition; a cold rain was falling, and the men without fire and little to eat suffered very badly. The said Samuel E. Powers with the others and I further certify

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that immediately after the said
Battle of "Stone River" said Samuel
E. Powers complained to me personally,
of a Pain in his Eyes, that it was so
bad he could not perform any duty, more
particularly Clerical work, that his
eyes soon became so bad and disordered
that he was relieved from his duties as
clerk at Headquarters, and was finally
discharged from the service solely
on account of the aforesaid disability
and disease of his eyes, that this ^{affair}
was in command of said 74th Regiment
soon after the Battle of Stone River the
Col. being Home on Furlough and the Lt
Col. a prisoner of war at Camp Chase
Ohio - that I was among the men of the
Regt. every day, and personally looked
up their conditions, and personally
saw that their wants and necessities
were attended to, and personally know
the condition of the eyes of said Samuel
E. Powers - and I further Certify that in
my Judgment from personal Knowledge

of any difficulty of any kind before that
time and I had seen him and been with
him daily, and personally know that he was
not afflicted with any difficulty of the
kind previous to that time the first days
of January A.D. 1863. and that the said
Samuel E. Powers, was to all appearance
a well, robust and able bodied young
man when he entered the service in the
Summer of 1862 and while in camp at
Rockford Ill and from seeing him in his
clinical work particularly free from
any injury or defect of the Eyes and so
continued up to the time above stated herein

Edward F. Dutcher

State Major 74th Regiment Ill. Inf. Wols

State of Illinois

County of Ogle. On this twentieth day of October
1887 personally appeared before me a
County Clerk in and for the County & State aforesaid
the above named Edward F. Dutcher to me well
and whom I know to be respectable and entitled
to credit and subscribed and made oath to the
foregoing statement and that he has no interest
in the application of the said soldier for a Pension
and I further certify that I have no interest
in said application that said officer's name
was written by said Dutcher & his hand writing —

STATE OF Illinois }
COUNTY OF Kane } ss.

On this 16th day of July A. D. 18 88, before me a
Notary Public within and for the County and State

aforsaid, personally came and appeared Melissa Powers
aged 71 years, a resident of the City of St Charles
in the State of Illinois who, being by me duly sworn according to law, on oath
declares that her Post Office address is St Charles

County of Kane State of Illinois and that she
has no interest in this claim No. 618278 of Samuel E. Powers
late a private of Co. "B" 74th Regiment of
Illinois Infy Vol., in the late war of the rebellion. That affiant is

the mother of the claimant herein, and from a personal knowledge, and long and
intimate acquaintance with the claimant as a parent makes the following statement

of facts: That when her son went to the
war in the summer of 1862 he was
a strong well, hearty young man
in every way, and was particularly
free from any injury or defect in
his eyes. That when he came home
in the spring of 1863. he was suffering
from some trouble in one of his eyes
the left eye. That he never recovered
from the same, but became totally
blind in said eye, and has been blind
ever since and totally disabled for
mannal labor - That she has no
pecuniary interest in this claim &
makes this affidavit because of the
inability of her son to find people
who has any knowledge or personal
recollection of his eye trouble at the
time he came home from the war

Melissa Powers

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

Act of June 27, 1890.

This May be Executed Before Any Person Authorized by Law to Administer Oaths for General Purposes.

State of Illinois, County of Cook, SS:

ON THIS 5th day of January, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety one personally appeared before me, a Notary Public (Title of Magistrate.)

within and for the County and State aforesaid Samuel E. Powers

aged 52 years, a resident of the City of Chicago

County of Cook, State of Illinois, who, being

duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Samuel E. Powers

who was ENROLLED on the 9th day of August, 1862, in Co. B (Here state rank, company and

74th Regt Ill. vol, regiment, in Military service, or Vessel, if in the Navy.)

the rebellion, and served at least ninety days, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at or near Memphis, Tenn on the 9th

day of March, 1863 That he is wholly unable to earn a support by

manual labor, by reason of Heart disease, Catarrh and impediment (Here name the disease or injuries from which disabled.)

of Speech - Dyspepsia and Stomach disease - Weakness of Spine and back total loss of sight of left eye and blindness of right eye and general debility

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent. That he has

applied for a pension under application No. That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 476.997 on account of Loss of sight of left eye (If a pensioner, the Certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the

application, if one was made. If an increase of rate is claimed on account of pensioned disabilities, so state, giving the reason therefor.)

That he made this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890. He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution, MILO B. STEVENS & CO. CHICAGO, ILLS, their successors or legal representatives, his true and lawful attorneys

STATE OF Illinois

COUNTY OF Cook } ss.

On this 21st day of July A. D. 1888, before me Clarence F. Gooding a Notary Public

within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally came and appeared Samuel E. Powers

aged 50 years, a resident of the City of Chicago

in the State of Illinois who, being by me duly sworn according to law, on oath declares that his Post Office address is Massasoit House, Chicago

County of Cook State of Illinois and that he has no interest in this claim No. 618278 of Samuel E. Powers

late a private of Co. "B" 74th Regiment of Illinois Infantry Vol., in the late war of the rebellion. That affiant is himself

of the claimant herein, and from a personal knowledge, and long and intimate acquaintance with the claimant as a Claimant makes the following statement of facts:

That he is unable to furnish the testimony of Doctor Ellwood of the Regiment of Surgeon other than that already furnished in the letter of Doctor Ellwood filed in the case in December 1887. That he is unable to furnish any other medical testimony of treatment since service than that furnished herewith for the reason that two of them are now dead - Dr. Newhouse of St. Louis Mo. - the other a German Dr. in Chicago whose name I have forgotten who died after leaving Chicago while on a tour. That he has already furnished the testimony of Major Deutscher the only commissioned officer he can now find who has any knowledge of his trouble in claimant being on detached service at the time at Regimental Headquarters. Can get no comrades of his company to corroborate the Major of the Regiment - That Claimant furnished herewith the best obtainable evidence he is able to give since service, that

Release UNDER ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907

4769911



BUREAU OF PENSIONS

It is hereby certified That in conformity with the laws of the United States Samuel O. Powers who was a Private Co. D. 74th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry is entitled to a pension at the rate of Fifteen dollars per month to commence on the third day of August one thousand nine hundred and eight.

Former payments covering any portion of the same, to be deducted.

Given at the Department of the Interior this Twenty-eighth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-third.

James O. Wilson Acting Secretary of the Interior

Countersigned:

Commissioner of Pensions

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NORTHWESTERN BRANCH, NATIONAL HOME FOR D. V. S.

NOV 2 - 1905

National Home, Wisconsin, 190.....

THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR:

I have the honor to report that

Samuel E. Coover

late..... Co., Regiment.....

B 74

Ill Inf

Pensioner, Certificate No., was.....

476,997

admitted

this Branch on the.....day of....., 190....

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and to request that his name be transferred from the rolls of the
CHICAGO, ILL.

.....Agency to the rolls of the
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

.....Agency at
MILWAUKEE, WIS. ACT OF JUNE, 90,

Respectfully yours,

J. E. Armitage

TREASURER.

State of *Illinois* }
COUNTY OF *Lewok* } ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *21st* day of *July* in the year 18 *88*, and I hereby certify that the affiant is a respectable and credible person, and resides as stated, that I believe *his* statements are correct and worthy of full faith and credit; that I have no interest in this matter. I further certify that the foregoing affidavit was read over, fully explained to, and understood by the affiant before the signing and execution thereof, and also that the affiant is the identical party represented as making the affidavit.

Official Signature { *Clarence F. Gooding*
Notary Public

If Witness signs by mark, the signature must be attested by two persons who write their names.

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[Circular notary seal: OFFICE OF CLARENCE F. GOODING, JUL 24 1888]

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ACT FEB. 6th, 1907

PENSIONER DROPPED.

United States Pension Agency,
Milwaukee, Wis.

MAY 2 1910, 190...

Certificate No. 476.997

Class INVALID.

Pensioner Samuel E. Powers

Soldier

Service Pri B. 7 of Ills

The Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the
above-named pensioner who was last paid
at \$15⁰⁰, to Apr 4 1910
has been dropped because of death.

Apr 17 1910

Very respectfully,

F. H. Megaw
United States Pension Agent.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at once
and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death
when known.

618.278

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Oct 29, 1887.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Samuel E. Powers, a Private of Company B,

74 Regiment Illinois Volunteers, was enrolled on the
9th day of Aug, 1862, at Pecatonica for 3 years

and is reported on muster roll dated Sept

4. 62 present. Roll from Sept 4. to Oct 31. 62

reports him present same to Feb. 28. 63.

Certificate of disability shows him discharged
Mch. 6. 63 at Murfreesboro. Tenn.

Records of this office furnish no further
evidence of disability.

Department of the Interior

RECEIVED
OCT 15 1887
ENLISTED

No. 618278
Samuel E. Powers,
Ill. Co. B. 74. Ill. Vols.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

October 13, 1887.

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 Samuel E. Powers, who, it is claimed, enlisted August 9, 1862, and served as Private in Co. B, 74. Reg't Ill. Vols.; also in Co.

and was discharged at Stone River, March 9, 1863

While serving in Co. B, 74. Reg't Ill. Vols. he was disabled by loss of sight of left eye and partial loss of sight of right eye.

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

repeated surgery.

Very respectfully,

John C. Black,
Commissioner

The Adjutant General, U. S. Army.

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES



CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of disability.)

Samuel E Powers of Captain Davies Company, (B) of the Seventy fourth Regiment of United States

J. Buttolph
Infantry

was enlisted by Augustus W Thompson of the Seventy fourth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers at Pealover Illinois

on the fifteenth day of August 1862, to serve three years; he was born in Kane County in the State of Illinois is twenty four years of age, five feet eight inches high, light complexion, light eyes, light hair, and by occupation when enlisted a Clerk. During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for duty sixty days. (Here consult directions on Form 13, p. 325, Medical Dept. Gen. Reg.)

Having an impediment in his speech and a grossing blindness in one of his eyes

STATION: New Hempstead Tenn
DATE: February 10-1863 J. O. Buttolph Capt Commanding Company.

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said Samuel E Powers of Captain Buttolph's Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier

because of (Here consult par. 1260, p. 281 and directions on Form 13, p. 325, Med. Dept. Gen. Reg.) A great impediment in his speech, rendering it impossible at times for him to utter a word or sentence, and further disabled by a Cataract forming in one eye. He is unable with the Regt. His disabilities are not dependent upon his services in the Army.

A. H. Woodward Surgeon. 74th Reg Ill. Vol.

DISCHARGED, this sixth day of March 1863, at New Hempstead Tenn Pursuant to an order of Maj Gen Rosecrans

Jason Hayes at Commanding the Post. 74th Ill. Vol.

NOTE 1.—When a probable case for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability.
NOTE 2.—The place where the soldier desires to be addressed may be here added.

Town—St Charles County—Dane State—Illinois

Approved
 J. Buttolph
 Capt
 74th Reg
 Ill. Vol.

RETURN TO



J. MERRIAM,

U. S. Pension Agent.

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CHICAGO, ILL.

Certificate No. 476997

Department of the Interior,

Name, Samuel E. Powes

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

H. C. Bryant

Commissioner of Pensions.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. No

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer. December 19th 1865 by Rev Wm. Loyal at St. Charles Ill

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. Recorded in Family Bible

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. Yes = Emma J. Lynde divorced Sept 25-1870 at Geneva Ill

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. Franklin E. - Born April 27/65 = Hattie E. Born July 17/68
Franklin is now married lives at St. Charles Ill

Samuel E. Powes

(Signature.)

Date of reply, July 5, 1898

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Wisconsin
County of Milwaukee } ss.

On this 31 day of July, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and eight, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, Samuel E. Powers, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 70 years of age, and a resident of National Military Home county of Milwaukee State of Wisconsin; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Rockford Illinois under the name of Samuel E. Powers on the 9 day of August, 1862, as a Private, in Company B. 74th Ill. Inf
(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 Murfreesboro Tenn on the 9 day of March, 1863. 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, Fair; color of eyes, Grey; color of hair, Dr. Brown; that his occupation was Dry Goods Clerk; that he was born July 31st, 1838, at Geneva, Kan. Co. Ills

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:

Chicago Ills - Natl Mil Home Wis
(State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner. That he has heretofore applied for pension Pension Cert # 476-992
(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.

That his post-office address is Natl. Mil. Home, county of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin

Samuel E. Powers
(Claimant's signature in full.)

Attest: (1) _____
(2) _____

Also personally appeared Benjamin F. Burton, residing in Natl. Mil. Home and Hermann Klein, residing in Natl. Mil. Home, 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 Samuel E. Powers, 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 1 years and 2 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

Benjamin F. Burton

A. DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION. A.

To be executed before a Court of Record, or some officer thereof having custody of its seal.

State of Illinois }
County of Cook } ss.

On this 21st day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and Eighty Seven personally appeared before me Clerk, of the Superior Court, a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Samuel E. Powers, aged 49 years, a resident of the City of Chicago, county of Cook State of Illinois, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Samuel E. Powers, who was ENROLLED on the 9th day of August, 1862, in company "B" of the 74th regiment of Illinois commanded by Capt David O. Butterpher, and was honorably DISCHARGED at Stone River on the 9th day of March, 1863; that his

personal description is as follows: Age 49 years; height, 5 feet 8 inches; complexion, light hair, light; eyes, blue.

That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service, and in the line of his duty at Stone River, in the State of Tennessee on or about the 31st day of December, 1862, he contracted

blindness of the left eye which has become total and permanent of said left eye, and also effecting and impairing the sight of the right eye to a considerable extent.

That he was discharged on Surgeons certificate of disability on account of said blindness.

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: In Regimental Hospital by Surgeon Chas. N. Elmwood - (deceased)

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 City of Chicago in the State of Illinois, and his occupation has been that of a fancy wool dealer

That prior to his entry into the service above named, he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled a Clerk. That he is now totally 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, Jno. L. Taylor.

Also personally appeared Conrad Pirrung residing at Chicago, Illinois
 and O. W. McLean, residing at Chicago, Illinois, persons whom I
 certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw
Samuel E. Powers, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) 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.

Conrad Pirrung
O. W. McLean
 (Signatures of Witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of August A. D. 1887
 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,
 [L. S.] and the words _____, added;
 and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Patrick Micepath
 (Signature.)
 Clerk of the Superior
 Court of Cook County
 State of Illinois

A. INVALID.
 CLAIM FOR PENSION.

ORIGINAL.
Samuel E. Powers, Applicant.
Priv - Co., "B" 74th Regt.,
Illinois Infy Vols.
 Enlisted August 9, 1862
 Discharged March 9, 1863



FILED BY
JNO. LU. TAYLOR,
Attorney and Solicitor in Chancery,
 Room 67 & 68, 97 S. Clark Street,
 CHICAGO ILLINOIS.

The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.

State of *Illinois*
COUNTY OF *Kane* } 88.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *16th* day of *July* in the year 18*88*, and I hereby certify that the affiant is a respectable and credible person, and resides as stated, that I believe *his* statements are correct and worthy of full faith and credit; that I have no interest in this matter. I further certify that the foregoing affidavit was read over, fully explained to, and understood by the affiant before the signing and execution thereof, and also that the affiant is the identical party represented as making the affidavit.

Official Signature } *Henry C. Stetson*
Notary Public.

If Witness signs by mark, the signature must be attested by two persons who write their names.

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