

Declaration for Original Pension of an Invalid.

State of Minnesota, County of Dakota, ss:

On this 21 day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy... personally appeared before me... the same being a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid... aged 44 years, a resident of Rich Valley, County of Dakota, State of Minnesota... who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical... who enlisted in the service of the United States at Hanksgan, County of Lake, State of Illinois, on the 1st day of August, in the year of 1861, as a... in Co. F., commanded by Captain... of the 27th Regiment of... in the war of 1861, to serve three years and was honorably discharged at Houston, State of Texas on the 12th day of May, in the year 1864; that while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, received the following disability, to-wit:*

Contracted Rheumatism during the fall and winter of 1862 & 1863 in Missouri said disease was caused by severe exposure to rain and sleet and by standing rains when the weather was so cold as to freeze his clothes as soon as they were exposed to the air, the disease has now assumed a chronic form and at times he is unable to rise for days, he is unable to work one fourth of the time. He was treated by his Regimental Surgeon, and while in Texas was taken to a private hospital the Hospital Steward supplying him with medicine. He claims pension on Chronic Rheumatism. He further states that he was never in the Military or Naval Service of the United States but once as above stated.

that since leaving the said service, this applicant has resided in the County of Dakota in the State of Minnesota, and his occupation has been farming; that prior to his entry into the service above-named, he was a man of good, sound physical health, being, when enrolled, a farmer; that now he is three fourths of the time disabled from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor in consequence of his above-named injuries received in the service of the United States; that he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States by reason of the disabilities above stated; that he hereby appoints Nathan W. Fitzgerald, of Indianapolis, Indiana, his attorney to prosecute his claim; that his post office is at Rich Valley, County of Dakota, State of Minnesota; that his domicile or place of abode is in Dakota near Minn.

Attest: Augustus D. Gowdy, M.D. Charles C. Hinds

Adolphus E. Simons (Claimant's Signature)

Also personally appeared Augustus D. Gowdy, M.D., residing at Rosemount, Minn. and Charles C. Hinds, residing at Rosemount, Minn. persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Adolphus E. Simons, 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.

Augustus D. Gowdy, M.D. Charles C. Hinds (Signatures of Witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of July, A. D. 1870, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., 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.

[L. S.]

G. S. Whitman, Clerk of Dakota Co. Dist. Ct. Minn. (Official character.)

*Here give place, time, character, and nature of disability, and of treatment in hospital or other wise. This declaration MUST be made before some clerk of a court of record.