

SHORT WILL.

ILLINOIS SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME, QUINCY, ILL.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, Charles Ackoff of Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, in the County of Adams and State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do, therefore, make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament.

First. I order and direct that my Execut or hereinafter named, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

Second. After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise and bequeath all worldly goods of which I may die possessed,

to the children of my deceased brother Henry, named as follows: Fred, Annie and Henry & the children of my deceased sister Maggie, whose names are Becky, Maggie, Martin & Fesler, all residing at Chapin Ill

Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint Wm Souverville Esq or his successors in office on personal bond to be Execut or of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred _____

Signed Charles Ackoff [SEAL]

This instrument was, on the day of the date thereof, signed, published and declared by the said testator Charles Ackoff to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

Signed Edward Hood

Signed Martin L Bennett

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE ILLINOIS SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME, AT QUINCY.

TRUSTEES: { GENERAL DANIEL DUSTIN, Sycamore, DeKalb County, Ill.
COLONEL L. T. DICKASON, Danville, Vermillion County, Ill.
MAJOR J. G. ROWLAND, Quincy, Ill.

GENERAL C. E. LIPPINCOTT, Superintendent.
COLONEL L. W. SHEPHERD, Secretary and Treasurer.

STATE OF Illinois
COUNTY OF Morgan } ss:

On this 8 day of March A. D., 1887, personally appeared before me

(1) A Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid

(2) Charles McKuff aged about 58 years; height 5 feet 8 inches;

complexion light a resident of (³) Bethel Precinct County of Morgan

State of Ill who, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he was born in (⁴) Hamburg

Germany and has been enlisted in the service of the United States

(⁵) One times during the (⁶) late Rebellion

war, and honorably discharged from each enlistment, as follows:

No. of Enlistments.	When Enlisted, with Rank.	Where Enlisted, Town and State.	Company and Regiment Mustered in.	Date and Place of Discharge, with rank.	Cause of Discharge.
1st.	<u>April 1862</u> <u>as private</u>	<u>Jacksonville</u> <u>Ill</u>	<u>Company K</u> <u>2nd Ill Artillery</u>	<u>Spring 1864</u> <u>Natchez</u> <u>Misc private</u>	<u>unable to travel</u> <u>in account of</u> <u>Variacoe Veins</u>
2d.		<u>Summit</u> <u>Ill</u>	<u>Ill</u>		
3d.					
4th.					

That he is disabled as follows: (⁷) on account of the swelling
of Variacoe Veins contracted while in the
service of the United States

and has been receiving 12 Dollars per month Pension, on Certificate No. _____ payable at

Agency, from _____ 18____, and being unable
on account of his disability to earn his living by manual labor, desires admission to The Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home,

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1887
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The said applicant further swears, that he has not been engaged in, or aided or abetted the late rebellion in the United States; and that he has never been a member of either of the Branches of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. And said applicant further stipulates and agrees that he will abide by and obey all the rules and regulations made by the Board of Trustees, or by their order; that he will perform all duties required of him, and obey all lawful orders of the Officers of the Home.

WITNESS.

Thomas Blair }
Jeff. Auckell } (9) Charles A. McKoff
mark.

Sworn to and subscribed, before me the day and year first above written, and I hereby certify that the foregoing affidavit was read over, and fully explained to Charles McKoff before he executed it.

(11) F. P. McKinney
Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION. his discharge papers were lost.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have every reason to believe, after an examination of his discharge papers, that Charles McKoff is the identical person described therein, and that the above declaration signed by him is true.

(9) F. P. McKinney
Notary Public

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

I certify that I have carefully examined (2) Charles McKoff
Co. K Reg't 2nd Ill's Artillery Volunteers, and that he is (10) permanently temporarily disabled for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor.

Date of Injury or Disease, _____ day, _____ 1863

Place of He says Comenced in 1863 State of Mississippi

Character of Disability, Has Suffered from Necrosis of Tibia Tibula & Radius

Complications, Varicose veins

Present condition of Applicant, His health is good. But cannot be on his feet for any great length of time on account of varicose veins has had the dead bone removed and wounds healed up

(10) G. W. Briggs, SURGEON.

Sworn to and subscribed, before me, this 10 day of March A. D. 1867, and I hereby certify that the said G. W. Briggs is known to me as a Surgeon in actual practice, and reputable in his profession.

(11) F. P. McKinney
Notary Public

Occupation, Farmer } NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST RELATIVE.
 Married or Single, Single } John & Henry Ackoff - Stephen
 Children under 16 years, none } Meredith Ill

ORDER FOR ADMISSION.

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The above application is hereby approved, and (2) Charles Ackoff

78 Co., 2nd Reg't Ills. Art Vols., will be admitted to the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy.

C. E. Kippinatt
 SUPERINTENDENT ILLINOIS SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME.

EXPLANATIONS AND DIRECTIONS.

THE FIGURES IN THE BODY OF THIS APPLICATION REFER TO THE DIRECTIONS BELOW, AND MUST BE CAREFULLY OBSERVED IN FILLING THE BLANKS.

1. Name and Title of Magistrate.
2. Applicant's name.
3. Post-Office Address.
4. Town, County, State (or Nation).
5. State the number of times actually mustered into the service of the United States.
6. Give the name of the War (1812, Mexican, or Civil).
7. Here state minutely the cause and nature of the disability; if by wounds, state the nature of the wounds, and when and where received; if by disease, state the nature of disease, and when and where contracted.
8. Signature of applicant. Two witnesses are required if he make, his mark.
9. This Certificate must be signed by the Adjutant-General, or Surgeon-General of the State, or by the Mayor or City Clerk of the City, by a County Officer, or some other respectable and responsible citizen of the town in which the applicant resides.
10. If the Certificate of Examination is officially signed by a Surgeon-General of a State, or of a United States Examining Surgeon or by a Surgeon designated for that purpose by the Superintendent of the Home, it need not be sworn to. One of the words, "permanently" or "temporarily," in the certificate, must be erased by the Surgeon.
11. Official Signature of Magistrate or Notary.

The soldier or sailor making this application, must forward to the Superintendent his Discharge, or a certified copy thereof, and Pension Certificate, or receipt therefor, before his application is granted, which papers will be sent to the Home when the applicant is admitted, to be kept there, and returned to him when he is discharged. This rule is adopted to prevent the loss of such papers and certificates, and to hinder fraudulent practices.

After filling out this application and executing it as above directed, forward it, with the others papers, to the Superintendent, whose name is printed on the first page of this sheet, giving Post-Office address nearest railroad station; and if application is approved, transportation will be forwarded without charge.

POSTAGE.

Claimants are Requested to Keep Me Whole in the Matter of Postage. This is a small item to each claimant, but an important one to me.

FOR.....
 NO.....
 CLAIMANT.....

 CO REG'T
 OFFICE RECORD.....

© CAPTAIN M. H. LAMB ©

United States Commissioned Claim Agency

J. L. SIMMS, Notary Public, Clerk.

ROOM 3 . . . +
 SECOND FLOOR NEW OPERA HOUSE BUILDING.

When the Soldier is dead, always mention his name and services.

Chapin
 Jacksonville, Ill., May 31st 1895-

RETURN THIS LETTER WITH YOUR REPLY.

Captain Kirkwood

Dear Captain or Friend, Billy

One of the former inmates of the Home called on me today, & desired me to write you for him - He made the following statement, said "he had just returned to the Home, had about 40 \$ & a Watch about his person - had permission to go outside, took but one glass of Beer; (I know he does not drink Whisky) said Beer was drugged, & when he came to himself his money & Watch were gone; I reckon he was simply drunk; as a punishment he was sentenced to herd or watch the Cows for 10 days, said he was so nearly blind he could not see well enough to watch the Cows, & hence was discharged - It is old Chat Ackoff formerly a member of the 2nd Ill L. A. a German, I have known him for many years, his sight seems very defective, He has friends living in this vicinity (Germans) and his wish is to return, or be admitted to the Home again after he receives his next quarterly payment, about the 10th to 15th of July - He also states, he will be prepared to do his duty & obey orders, I believe him to be an honest German, & honest in his statement, I also know what

you state in a former letter to me to be quite true,
viz - "The Old Soldier like the mule is a queer animal,
stubborn, sly, and hard to handle, and always waiting
for a chance &c" and I presume there is another
side to Ackoff's case - but if there are any mitigating
or extenuating circumstances connected with his case,
please inform me, also upon what terms he may
again be allowed to enter the Home - Please write me
a letter that I may read to him, I.E. the portion
in his interest - Very dry & hot here - no rain has fallen
for many days - Business very quiet in my line, or at
least very slow. Decoration services were elaborate in
Jacksonville yesterday - as previously stated, I expect
to visit Quincy some time in June, and shall be
sure to call on you -

Truly & Affectionately yours
W. H. Lamb

P.S.

An early reply will be appreciated

INVENTORY of the Effects of Chas. Ackoff No. 96
 late R Co. 7 Reg't Ill L. A. Vols., who died
 on the 19 day of Sept. 1906, at Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

ARTICLES	VALUE		HOW DISPOSED OF.
	Dolls.	Cts.	
<u>1 watch</u>			
<u>1 pkg. letters</u>			

Received the above in good order
J. H. Eschhoff

We certify that the above Inventory is correct, and that we have, this _____ day of _____ 190____, carefully examined each of the articles therein named, and have written opposite each our estimate of its value, and what disposition should, in our opinion, be made of it.

APPROVED:

 Superintendent.

 Board of Appraisers.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

State of Illinois.

Adjutant General's Office,

Springfield, March 10 1887

It is Hereby Certified, That it appears from the Records of this office that
_____ Charles Ackoff _____ ENLISTED
on the First day of March 1882
at _____, and was MUSTERED into the services
of the UNITED STATES as a private in Company K
Second Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Artillery
for three years and was DISCHARGED on the _____ day of
_____, 1887; and his RESIDENCE is stated at
date of discharge not of record in this
office.

This Certificate issued at the request of _____

C. E. Lippincott

Quincy Dep

Wm. Ewert

Adjutant General of Illinois.

Headquarters
Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home,
Near Quincy, Illinois, Mar. 25 1887

Respectfully returned to Superintendent
Kirkwood with the
information that I
have this day examined
Chas Ackhoff and
find him disabled
by chronic trachoma
varicose veins and debility
of age as to be unable
to earn a living.

E. B. Montgomery
Surgeon

Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

Surgeon's Office, March 29 1887.

Respectfully returned to GEN. C. E. LIPPINCOTT, Superintendent. I have carefully examined

Charles Ackhoff
late Co. K 2^d Reg't Ill. Artillery
late Co. _____ Reg't _____

and find him _____ disabled by _____

neurosis of right
tibia & left fibula
with varicose veins
ramifying extensively
by over both legs & feet.
General physical
condition rather
poor.

J. W. McManis
Surgeon.

Hospital Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

Quincy, Ill. Sept 19 1906

TO THE ADJUTANT:

This is to Certify, That Chas Ackoff Reg. No. 76

late of Co. K 2nd Reg't Ill. Art.

died in Hospital ago 69 Cause of death Ch. Intestinal Nephritis

Chas E. Ewinson
Surgeon.

Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

Quincy, Ill., Sept 19, 1906

To the Adjutant:

Chas. Ackoff K Co. 2 Ill. Art Regt.

died in Hospital at 11:45 A. M., aged 79 years.

Names and address of Relatives and Friends

Reg. No. 76

Chas S. Barnes Hospital Steward.