

HEADQUARTERS

Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

QUINCY, ILLINOIS

*Francis Bell* (0) of the town of *Jacksonville* in the County of *Morgan*, and State of *Illinois*, formerly a Soldier of the United States of America, in the war against (1) *late Rebellion*, respectfully asks that he be admitted as a member of said Home.

To enable the authorities to determine whether or not he is legally entitled to become a member of said Home, he declares and states the facts to be that he is now *68* years old; that he is *57* feet and *9* inches high; that he is of *light* complexion, *brown* eyes, and *light* hair; that he was born in the town of *Mc Sterling* in the State of *Illinois*, on the *23rd* day of *December*, 1845; that he has been (2) *once* enrolled in the U. S. A. service; *once* in the war against *Rebellion*, and *once* in the war of the late Rebellion; and that he has been (3) *once* honorably discharged from the service of the United States. That the following is a true statement of the time and place of his enrollment and discharge from said service, and that the cause of his discharge, and of his rank at the respective date thereof namely:

No.	When and where Enrolled.	When and where Discharged.	Rank.	Company and Regiment.	Cause of Discharge.
1st.	<i>Springfield Ill</i> <i>Feb 14, 1845</i>	<i>Springfield Ill</i> <i>Sept 1 1865</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>Co. B Regt. 14th Ill. Vol.</i>	<i>loss of war</i>
2nd.				<i>Co. Regt.</i>	
3rd.		<i>(7 mos)</i>		<i>Co. Regt.</i>	

That he now receives, on pension certificate number *319229*, a pension of *\$17.00* dollars a month, payable the *14th* day of next *November*, at the *Springfield* Pension Office.

That he owns property, real and personal, of the value of *Nothing* dollars, and no more; that he has no means of self-support other than the above named; that his trade or occupation is that of a *Farmer*.

That he has (4) *a* wife; that he has *9* children now living; ages, respectfully, (5) *49, 36, 33, 23, 21, 19* years. That his postoffice address is *Jacksonville*, State of *Illinois*; that his nearest railway station is *Jacksonville* on the *Wabash* Railway, in *Morgan* County, in said State; that the name and address of the person to whom he desires notice of his illness or death shall be given, is *William Bell*, of *Caribah*, County of *Morgan*, State of *Illinois*; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to *William Bell*, at *Caribah* County of *Morgan*, State of *Illinois*.

That he has not heretofore been a member of any Soldiers', Sailors', or other Charitable Home or Institution, excepting the (6) *No*.

That he is now a bona fide resident of the State of Illinois, and has continuously lived and resided in said State for the last two years, or has served in an Illinois organization.

That he is so far disabled by (7) *Dyspepsia chronic Diarrhoea*

as to now be incapable of earning his own living.

That he has at all times, heretofore, supported and adhered to the government of the United States of America, and that he has not at any time been engaged in, or countenanced, or aided, or abetted, the cause of the late Rebellion.

That if he shall be admitted to be a member of the said Home, he will, in all things and in every respect, comply with and conform to the rules and regulations made, or that shall hereafter be made, for the government and discipline of the same; and that he will cheerfully do and perform any and all things that shall be required of him by those there in authority over him; and that he will promptly, and willingly, obey all lawful orders that he shall receive from any officer of the Home, so long as he shall remain a member thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, he has set his hand this *18th* day of *August*, 190*9*

(9) \_\_\_\_\_ Witness. (8) *Francis Bell* Applicant.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

County of Morgan } SS

I, James S. Merrill, a (10) County Clerk

of the town of Jacksonville, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above named applicant, to me personally and well known to be the identical person he represents himself to be, this day personally appeared before me, and that I then and there, at his request, plainly read to him his application aforesaid, which he then and there fully understood, and that he was, by me, thereupon duly sworn, and then and there deposed and said that he was the applicant above named, and that he was fully acquainted with matters and things stated and set forth in his said application, and that the same and each of them were true in substance and in fact as he had therein stated.

(11) Francis Bell Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18th day of August, A. D. 1909

Witness my hand and official seal.

[L. S.] James S. Merrill (12) County Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION.

I do hereby certify, upon honor, that I have personally known Francis Bell the above Applicant, for, at least, two years last passed; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained in his foregoing application are entirely true, and especially that as to the time of his residence in Illinois, or service in an Illinois organization. And I further state that he has no known mental disorder; and that he requires no special attendant; and that he can properly be allowed to go at large; and that he can safely be quartered with feeble and helpless men.

Witness my hand, (13) James S. Merrill (14) County Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF A LOCAL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby depose and state that I have carefully examined the above named applicant, as to his disability, and I now find that he has (15)

to such an extent as to prevent him from earning his own living. And I hereby certify that he has no known, manifest, or discoverable mental disorder; that he has no need of an attendant; that he may be properly allowed to go at large; and that he can safely be quartered with men who are old and feeble.

....., M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this ..... day of ..... 1909. And I certify that I am personally acquainted with said affiant, and that I know him to be a physician in active practice, and in good repute, and an honest man and a capable physician, in the community and among his fellow physicians where he lives.

..... (16)

CERTIFICATE OF A SOLDIERS' HOME SURGEON.

I hereby certify upon honor that I carefully and critically examined Francis Bell the above named applicant, as to his mental and physical condition, at the Hospital of this Institution, on Wednesday the 8th day of September, 1909; and that I found him to be of sound mind, and to be capable of earning his living by reason of his physical disability arising from (17) Dyspepsia, Chronic Diarrhoea and Hemorrhoids

Witness my hand D. M. Landon Home Hospital Surgeon.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
 COUNTY OF ADAMS. } ss.

In the matter of the relationship of Francis Bell

, being first duly sworn according to law,  
 deposes and says that he formerly resided at Jacksonville Illinois  
 that he is now married, that his wife, Maudie E Bell  
 resides at Insane Hospital Nevada Mo and that the names, relationship and  
 residences of all, and the relations only, of affiant who would be his heirs in the event of his death,  
 at this time, are as follows, to-wit:

NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	RESIDENCE.
Maudie E Bell	Wife	Nevada Mo
Garret Bell	Son	Harvey Iowa
Alva Bell	Son	Jacksonville Ill
Edith Bell	Daughter	Quincy Ill
Claude Bell	Son	Jacksonville Ills
Hardin Bell	Son	Jacksonville Ill
Charlie Bell	Son	Quincy Ills
Rettie Bell	Daughter	Quincy Ills
Arthur Bell	Son	Quincy Ills
John W Bell	Son	Jacksonville Ills

And further affiant saith not.

Francis Bell  
 8 day of Sept

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this  
 A. D. 1909 B H Lester X P

2789

Francis Bell  
Co B-14-Old Inf  
Was buried in  
Dir 5. Row 3  
Letter B B

Jan 24-1921

Age 75

Ed Dillon



SUPERINTENDENT'S COURT

HEADQUARTERS  
ILLINOIS S. AND S. HOME  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS

May 20 1914

Accusation against

Francis Bell

Register No.

8731

Cottage No.

14

Charge 1st

Absent without Leave

Specifications:

That

he got a 6 days  
Pass May 7. and has not  
returned

Charge 2nd

Specifications:

That

WITNESSES AGAINST

R. H. Baird

Serg't ~~Baird~~

Plea to Charge 1st

Finding

Plea to Charge 2nd

Finding

Penalty

Discharged A.M.O.R.

John S. Andrew  
Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT'S COURT

HEADQUARTERS  
ILLINOIS S. AND S. HOME  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1918

Accusation against Francis Bell,

Register No. 11091 Cottage No. 15

Charge 1st Absent without leave

Specifications: That Francis Bell was absent at  
Joplin Mo 14<sup>th</sup> 1918 and is still absent at  
this date

Charge 2nd

Specifications: That

L. R. Carver,

Serg't Police

Plea to Charge 1st

Finding

Plea to Charge 2nd

Finding

Penalty

Dis. O. V. O. R.

J. M. Andrew  
Superintendent

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Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

List of clothing returned by Members to Q. M.

To Quincy, Ill. Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1918

Sir: Frederic Bell  
Comrade Russell No 5751 is  
this day

The following is a full list of all the State clothing in his possession:

Blouse.						
Trousers.						
Vests.						
Shirts.						
Undershirts.						
Drawers.						
Shoes.						
Socks.						
Hats.						
Suspenders.						
Night Shirts.						
Over Coats.						

	1					
	1	1				
			1			

Of which the following articles are in the laundry.

1	1	2		1			
							WILLI H. DOWELL

I hereby certify that the above is true and correct.

\$7.56 about Dr Connor  
Sergeant Cottage No. 15

Paid 10/14/19

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Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

List of clothing returned by Members to Q. M.

To Quincy, Ill. June 1<sup>st</sup> 1918

Sir: Frederic Bell  
Comrade Richard No 5231 is  
this day

The following is a full list of all the State clothing in his possession:

Blouse.							
Trousers.							
Vests.							
Shirts.							
Undershirts.							
Drawers.							
Shoes.							
Socks.							
Hats.							
Suspenders.							
Night Shirts.							
Over Coats.							

	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
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Of which the following articles are in the laundry.

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I hereby certify that the above is true and correct.

R. H. David  
Sergeant Cottage No. 14

15 June



ILLINOIS SOLDIERS & SAILORS HOME

QUINCY, ILL., Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1916

Francis Bell

Co. <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> B Reg't 1<sup>st</sup> Ill Inf Register No. 8731 Cot SC

is hereby ..... honorably DISCHARGED from this Home by  
reason of Own Request

*L. Murphy*  
ADJUTANT

*John Schmitt*  
SUPERINTENDENT

Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

8731

Soldiers Home Hospital, Ill. Jan 24 1921

To the Farm Supt: *Adj*

The Funeral of *Francis Bell B. 14 Ill Inf*

will take place at *2 P.M. Jan 24 1921*

*Gail Swoboda* Hospital Steward