

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Illinois, County of Adams, SS:

In the Matter of the claim of James S. Marsh alias James Sheldon for pension under the act of Feb'y 6 1907.

ON THIS Twenty ninth day of April, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Nine, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public

within and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths James S. Marsh alias James Sheldon, aged 69 years, a resident of No. 26th Street, Quincy County of Adams, State of Illinois, well known by me to

be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn according to law, declares, in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

My name is James Sheldon Marsh. I am the claimant in the above entitled cause. When I was about to be mustered into the military service at Jacksonville Illinois on Oct. 1 1864, two men, who were recruits the same as I, said to me "Don't give your own proper name. In case of capture by the enemy, it will be safer to be serving under some other name. We did not give our proper names." When they said this I had already written "James" and so, without realizing the impropriety of the action did as they requested and wrote "Sheldon". Leaving the name to read James Sheldon with the Marsh withheld and suppressed.

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Withheld and suppressed.

I certify that I am not interested in the prosecution of this case.

That my post office address is Illinois S.E. Home Quincy  
Illinois

J. M. Dean  
J. O. King

If affiant signs by mark, two persons who write sign here.

James Sheldon  
(Signature of Affiant.)

State of Illinois, County of Adams, ss:

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, this 29 day of April, A. D. 1909

and I hereby certify that I read the contents of the foregoing affidavit, to said affiant, including the words  
..... erased  
and the words .....  
..... added, and thoroughly acquainted .....  
with its contents before the same was executed. I further certify that I am  
in nowise interested in the claim nor concerned in its prosecution, and that  
said affiant ..... personally known to me and  
..... is a credible person.....

Lothaire B. Beckem  
Official Signature.  
Notary Public  
Official Character.

LUCIEN COVER, PRINTER, QUINCY, ILL.

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SHORT WILL.

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

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

*James Sheldon Marsh* <sup>alias</sup> *James Sheldon* 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~~ hereafter 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 *my wife*.

*Mary Jane Marsh of Stunt, Arkansas.*

Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint *Wm Somerville, Supt.* and his *Successors in office* to be Executors 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 *16* day of *February* in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred *and nine*

(Signed) *James S. Marsh* [SEAL]

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

(Signed) *L. B. Cocker*  
*J. E. Wing*

GOVERNOR:  
CHARLES S. DENEEN  
SPRINGFIELD.

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DR. GEO. E. ROSENTHAL, Ass't Surgeon.  
DR. C. E. ERICSON, Ass't Surgeon.

HEADQUARTERS

# Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home



Military Secretary

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Please furnish the military history of James Sheldon, late private Co G, 45th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, who according to the reports of the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois was mustered into service October 1, 1864 and discharged May 18, 1865.

This information is desired for the purpose of establishing his eligibility to membership in this Home and would not be asked but for the fact that the soldier's statement of his services is widely at variance with the certificate furnished by the office of the Adjutant General of Illinois.

The soldier claims that he was mustered in as a substitute recruit in Co G, 44th Illinois, that he was captured while on the march to the sea and taken to a hospital at Macon, Georgia, from which place he made his escape and found his way back to Chattanooga where he reported at one of our hospitals from which place he was afterward discharged.

I am somewhat doubtful as to the identity of the man, and the fact that he also has an alias and that he receives no pension, leads me to ask for his record as shown by the War Department.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Somerville*  
Superintendent

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

WAR DEPARTMENT, 1498707

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, March 19, 1909.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Superintendent of the  
Illinois Soldiers' & Sailors' Home,  
Quincy, Illinois,

with the information that James Shel-  
don, private, Company G, 45th Illinois  
Volunteer Infantry, was enrolled and  
accepted into service September 30,  
1864, as a substitute, and that he  
was honorably discharged July 12, 1865,  
by reason of the muster out of his  
company on that date.

Nothing has been found of record to  
show that he was a prisoner of war;  
although the records show that he was  
absent from his command from November  
24, 1864, to May 22, 1865.

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Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

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The Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS

Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

QUINCY, ILLINOIS

*James Sheldon*  
*James Sheldon* *March* alias *James Sheldon*, (0) of the town of *Jacksonville*, in the County of *Wagon*, and State of *Illinois*, formerly a Soldier of the United States of America, in the war against (1) *of the 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 *69* years old; that he is *6* feet and *1/2* inches high; that he is of *Light* complexion, *Gray* eyes, and *Light* hair; that he was born in the town of *Sellersburg* in the *Wood* of *Kentucky*, on the *twelfth* day of *December*, 1839; that he has been (2) *once* enrolled in the U. S. A. service; ~~in the war against~~ and ~~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>Sept 30 1864</i> <i>Jacksonville Ia</i>	<i>May 18 1865</i> <i>Washington Dc</i>	<i>Sub.</i>	<i>Co. 45 Regt. Ill Inf</i>	<i>War Dept telegram</i>
2nd.				<i>Co. Regt.</i>	
3rd.				<i>Co. Regt.</i>	

That he now receives, on pension certificate number \_\_\_\_\_, a pension of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars a month, payable the \_\_\_\_\_ day of next \_\_\_\_\_, at the \_\_\_\_\_ Pension Office.

That he owns property, real and personal, of the value of *no* 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 *six* children now living; ages, respectfully, (5) *33-31-29-26-23-21* years. That his postoffice address is *Quincy*, State of *Illinois*; that his nearest railway station is *Quincy*, on the *Wabash* Railway, in *Adair* 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 A. March*, of *Herritt*, County of *Johnson*, State of *Arkansas*; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to *My son Williams A March*, at *Herritt* County of *Johnson*, State of *Arkansas*.

That he has not heretofore been a member of any Soldiers' Sailors', or other Charitable Home or Institution, excepting the (6) \_\_\_\_\_

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) *Lumbar and failing eyesight*

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 *ninth* day of *February* 1909.  
 (9) *L. B. Jackson* Witness. (8) *James A. March* Applicant.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } SS

County of..... I, ....., a (10).....

of the town of....., 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)..... Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this..... day of....., A. D. 190...

Witness my hand and official seal.

[L. S.] ..... (12).....

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION.

I do hereby certify, upon honor, that I have personally known..... 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) .....

(14) .....

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..... 190... 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 Elias Sheldon Marsh the above named applicant, as to his mental and physical condition, at the Hospital of this Institution, on Tuesday the 16th day of February, 1909; and that I found him to be of sound mind, and to be incapable of earning his living by reason of his physical disability arising from (17) Divergent Strabismus right eye, Cataract same eye

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



STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.  
 COUNTY OF ADAMS.

In the matter of the relationship of James Sheldon Marsh, James  
Sheldon Co. "G" 45-2nd Sup, 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, Mary Jane Marsh  
 resides at Hunt Arkansas, 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.
<u>Walter S. Marsh</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Winters Texas</u>
<u>William A. Marsh</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Hunt Ark.</u>
<u>Thomas F. Marsh</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>do do.</u>
<u>John D. Marsh</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>do do</u>
<u>Elizabeth Russell</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>do do</u>
<u>Ella L. Scanlan</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Garland Okla</u>

And further affiant saith not.

James S. Marsh  
 16 day of February

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this  
 A. D. 1909.

# ILLINOIS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HOME

Quincy, Ill., February 16, 1909

The undersigned hereby instruct the clerk in charge of Post Office at Soldiers Home to deliver all mail from the Pension Department to the Superintendent.

NAME	Registered Number	Co.	Reg't	State	Term of Service	Number of Certificates	WITNESS
<i>James S. Marsh</i>	8510	<i>G</i>	45	Ill	<i>Inf</i>		<i>L. O. Kerue</i>

## Hospital Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

Quincy, Ill., *Mar. 25* 1916

TO THE ADJUTANT:

This is to Certify, That *James S. Marsh* Reg. No. *8510*  
 late of Co. *G* *45*, Reg't. *Ill Inf*  
 died in *Hosp* *Age 78*, Cause of Death *Senile pneumonia*  
*C. S. Barnes*  
 Surgeon.

## Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

Quincy, Ill., *Mar, 25*, 1916

To the Adjutant:

*James S. Marsh* *G* Co. *45 Ill Inf* Regt.  
 died in Hospital at *1 P* M., aged *78* years.

Names and address of Relatives and Friends

Reg. No. *8510*

*C. S. Barnes* Hospital Steward.

DUPLICATE

# ILLINOIS SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME

Record of **James S. Marsh**

Reg. No. 8510 Co. G Regt. 45 Ill. Inf. State

BAKER-VANTER CO., MANUFACTURERS, CHICAGO-HOLYOKE

DATE			Cot No.	PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF DEATH	P. O. ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP	REMARKS
MONTH	DAY	YEAR					

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Hos. Mary J. Marsh,

Van Buren, Ark. wife

## COTTAGE INVENTORY

*L S Barnes* Sergeant, Cottage No. 11

Received the above described personal effects of *James S Marsh*

Registry No. *8510*

*L S Barnes* Hospital Steward

## HOSPITAL RECORD

Died 1:00 P. M. March 23 25, 1916.

### HOSPITAL INVENTORY

1 suitcase, 1 coat, 3 vests, 4 trousers,  
1 suit wool underwear, 1 pr. gloves,  
1 watch & Chain. 1 purse, 1 pocket knife,  
~~1 watch (Swiss) and chain~~

Value of Effects 390

watch in Supt office 7-29-16

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct inventory of the personal effects of James S. Marsh Deceased.

Approved:

J. S. Barnes Hospital Steward  
[Signature] Adjutant

Received above Effects  
Joseph Barber