

— HEADQUARTERS —
Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home,
 QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

February 13th 1901

James A Thompson, ^{near} of the Town of Meradosia, in the County of Morgan, and State of Illinois, formerly a Soldier of the United States of America, in the war against ⁽¹⁾ The 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 75 years old; that he is 5 feet and 7 inches high; that he is of Light complexion, Grey eyes, and Grey hair; that he was born in the town of _____ in the _____ of _____, on the _____ day of State of Ky, 1; that he has been ⁽²⁾ once enrolled in the U. S. A. service; _____ in the war against the rebellion 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 of 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. | <u>Morgan Co Ill</u> <u>Feby 18th 1862</u> | <u>Hospital</u> <u>Sept 20th 1864</u> | <u>Pri</u> | <u>Co. B Regt. 27 Ill Inf</u> | <u>Disability</u> |
| 2d. | | | | <u>Co. Regt.</u> | |
| 3d. | | | | <u>Co. Regt.</u> | |

That he now receives, on pension certificate number 376804, a pension of 12 dollars a month, payable the 4th day of next April, at the Chicago 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 & Black Smith

That he has ⁽⁴⁾ a wife; that he has 5 children now living; ages, respectively, ⁽⁵⁾ all of age _____ years. That his postoffice address is Meradosia, State of Illinois, that his nearest railway station is Meradosia, 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 Mrs Jas A Thompson (wife), of Meradosia, County of Morgan, State of Illinois; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to his wife, at Meradosia, 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⁾ 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⁾ Rheumatism and senility and a lesion of Brain.

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 13th day of Feby 1901.

⁽⁹⁾ W. H. Lamb Witness. ⁽⁸⁾ James A Thompson Applicant.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS,

COUNTY OF Morgan

ss. I. F.P. McKinney, a (10) Notary Public

of the town of Chapin, 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) James A. Thompson
His mark Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of Feb'y, A. D. 1901. Witness my hand and official seal.

L. S.

F.P. McKinney (12) Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION.

I do hereby certify, upon honor, that I have personally known James A. Thompson 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 ^{does} 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) W.H. Lamb (14) Pension Stg.

CERTIFICATE OF A LOCAL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby depose and state that I have carefully examined the above named Applicant James A. Thompson, as to his disability, and I now find that he has (15) a lesion of Brain which prevents him from walking or locomotion, 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.

F.A. Nevill, M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of Feb'y, 1901. And I certify that I am personally acquainted with said affiant F.A. Nevill M.D. and that I know him to be a physician in active practice, and in good repute, as an honest man and a capable physician, in the community and among his fellow physicians where he lives.

F.P. McKinney (16) Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF SOLDIERS HOME SURGEON.

I hereby certify upon honor that I carefully and critically examined James A. Thompson the above named Applicant, as to his mental and physical condition, at the Hospital of this Institution, on Thursday the 21 day of February, 1901; and that I then found him to be of sound mind, and to be incapable of earning his living by reason of his physical disability arising from (17) disease of the cerebral tissue softening of the Brain consisting of loss of function

Witness my hand J.J. Goldie Home Hospital Surgeon.

Chapin Ill

Capt. Wm. Sumnerville

Feb'y 14th 1901

Supt. S. & S. Home Q'ry Ill

Dear Sir & Comrade

I herewith hand you an application for admittance to The Home of Mr James A. Thompson together with his Certificate & Voucher. a few words of explanation may not be out of place - 1st I learned yesterday, inadvertently - that a Soldier in Thompsons Condition could not be admitted - unless some other Form of Blank was used - Of course I knew nothing of this until I had (in the goodness of my heart if that is the proper name for it) hired a Rig and taking a Notary with me from here, drove to Meredosia a distance of 12 miles, stopping on the way (about 6 miles from Meredosia) to execute his portion on said Blank - then on to the town to secure the Certificate of his attending Physician Dr. F. A. Nevill. He was absent causing me to wait 2 hours - hence did not reach home until long after dark - Cold and

hungry - at an Expense of 3\$ out of my
own pocket - It was simply an act of Charity &
Humanity on my part - Now the point is simply
this. If your Rules or Laws are not inexorable or
like those of the "Medes & Persians" I most sincerely
hope the old man may be admitted on this application.
and it is proper for me to add - that the family
are very poor as well as hopelessly ignorant, with
no facilities for taking care of the old man - they
live in a house that affords hardly any protection
against cold or inclement weather, and I know
they have but little to eat - His children are all
grown & render no assistance to the old folks
except one daughter a grass widow - who does
what little she can for their comfort, I could
state much more, but have bored you enough
already - If he can be admitted on the enclosed
evidence (to the Hospital of course) kindly send
Transportation to Mercedesia Morgan Co Ill
and the Lord will bless you & me too I hope.

Truly & hastily yours "In F. B. T. S."

W. H. Lamb

If you decide otherwise than as requested
please inform me at once - and forward
proper Blank to me at Chapin - It seems
there is no one else who takes any interest in
the case - except his family and they can
not execute anything - except Bread meat & tobacco

INVENTORY of the Effects of James A. Thompson No. 5484
 late B Co. 27 Reg't Ill Inf Vols., who died
 on the 31 day of Jan 1903, at Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

| ARTICLES. | VALUE. | | HOW DISPOSED OF. |
|--|--------|----------------|------------------|
| | Dolls. | Cts. | |
| Pr Trousers ^{.54} 2 Shirts ^{.20} Pr Drawers ^{.10} | | 80 | |
| Hat ^{.15} Pr Slippers ^{.15} Pr Suspenders | | 10 | |
| Pr Mittens ^{.05} Pr Spectacles ^{.10} Shoe Horn | | 15 | |
| Package Letters & Photos. | | | |
| | | <u>\$ 1.05</u> | |

Exposed to James Thompson Merced, Ill 26 03

We certify that the above Inventory is correct, and that we have, this 6 day
 of March 1903, 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:

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 Superintendent.

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S. P. Mooney
J. E. Smith

Board of
 Appraisers.

~~10676 - 550 fas.~~

1654 Jas. A.
4752 5484
2227 Jas. C. 8283

~~2535 Jan~~

Cincinnati Ohio,
Feb 19, 1962.

Mr James A Schapers, Supt.
Soldiers Home, Quincy Ill.

Dear Sir: Thanks for your letter of Feb. 6th in response to my enquiry about a James Thompson. perhaps I didn't give you enough information. The James Thompson I was interested in was a farmer and blacksmith in Morgan county Illinois, was married and had two children in 1894 and died about 1902 or 1903. I mention 1894 because my husband who was fourteen years of age visited at his home at that time. Do you have any records of this James Thompson, his parents, wife, children etc. The information as to his being at the Soldiers Home was given me last summer by a person who claimed to be his granddaughter. I hope you can give me some information on the above James Thompson. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E Butcher
3057 Lescher Ave
Cincinnati 11, Ohio



March 2, 1962

Mrs. Sylvia E. Butcher
3057 Lescher Ave.
Cincinnati 11, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Butcher:

Records indicate that James A. Thompson was admitted to this institution February 21, 1901 from Meredosia, Morgan County, Illinois. He was born in the State of Kentucky (no date given), his wife's name was Surenia and had grown children although there names were not indicated, neither do we have the names of his parents.

He enlisted February 18, 1862 and was discharged September 20, 1864 due to disability. He was a Private in Co. B, 27th Illinois Infantry.

The veteran expired in our hospital January 31, 1903 and his body was shipped to Meredosia, Illinois for burial.

Yours truly,

James A. Schapers
Superintendent

By: D.F.H. Steinbeck
Adjutant

DFHS:rh

True Copy
Original given to
me [unclear]

++ SHORT WILL ++

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Ill.

I, James A. Thompson 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 Executor 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 my wife Socenia Thompson residing at Meredosia Illinois

Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint Wm Somerville Supt or his successor in Office to be Executor 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 22nd day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred none

Signed James A. Thompson 

This instrument was, on the day of the date thereof, signed, published and declared by the said testator James A. Thompson 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 Lena M. Beckenbaugh
Signed Edward Hood