

Civil War Pension Records
Of
James Cottew
Of
Battery C, 1st Illinois Light Artillery

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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

SOLDIERS CERTIFICATE

No. 97331

VETERAN James Cottew

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SERVICE Co C. 1 Ill Cav

CAN No. 1670

BUNDLE NO. 15

acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; that they reside as above stated, and are disinterested in this claim for a pension.

That since leaving the service of the United States, as aforesaid, his habits have been uniformly good and his occupation has been Nothing in particular being unfit for any kind of manual labor and all his averments are true, according to their best knowledge and belief.

Signature of Witness	{	
Who can write.	{	<u>Thomas S. Bowen</u>
If X is made it must be	{	
Witnessed	{	<u>William H. Cottew</u>

Sworn to and subscribed before me; and I certify that I am not interested in this claim or concerned in its prosecution; that I believe the affiants to be respectable and credible witnesses, and that the claimant is the person he represents himself to be. That this instrument was read and explained to the applicant and witnesses before acknowledging.

A. B. Moore Clerk

CIRCULAR No. 7.)

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Department of the Interior
PENSION OFFICE,
Oct 5, 1868.

Sir:

In the case of James Cottew, late Private Co. C 1 Regiment Ills Arty it is respectfully requested that you furnish this Office whatever evidence the rolls of said Regiment may afford as to the applicant's service disability, and discharge. He alleges that he was wounded at the battle of Nashville Tenn on the 5 day of Nov 1862, and was discharged on the 7 day of March 1863.

Respectfully Yours,

Christ. Cox
Commissioner.

Adjutant General, U.S.A., Washington, D. C.

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Adjutant Generals Office

Washington, D. C..

Oct. 7" 1868

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your office of application for Pension No. 1.35.681, and to return it herewith, which such informaiton as is furnished by the files of this office.

There is no evidence on file in this Office that James Cottew was enrolled and mustered into service in Co. "C", 1": Regiment of Ill. Arty. Vlunteers. But of the Muster Roll of Co. C of that Regiment, for the months of Nov. and Dec. 1862, there is the following evidence of service: He is reported "Absent sick in Hospt. Nashville." Reptd "Absent sick" in rolls to Feby 28/63. – Name dropped from subsequent rolls Return of Co dated Mch. 31/63 repts him "Dischgd Mch 6/63 for disability at Bowling Green Ky." Rolls stat that he was enrolled Sept. 8/61 at Ottawa Ill.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Sam Breck
Assistant Adjutant General
(75)

To the Commissioner of Pensions,
Washingto, D. C.

Memoranda.
Name of applicant, _____
Address, _____

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OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE TO DISABILITY OF SOLDIER

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Place, Ashley, Ills }

Date, Jan 14 1869 }

I CERTIFY ON HONOR, That I ~~am~~ was Capt of Company 'C' of the 1' Regiment of Illinois Arty Volunteers, and am acquainted with James Cottew Who was a member of my Company. When he entered the service of the United States he was [Here state your personal knowledge and belief as to the soldier's health.] as I have every reason to believe in every respect a perfectly sound and able bodied man

To my knowledge he was disabled while in the service of the United States and in the line of his duty, at near Nashville Tenn on or about the 5th day of November 1862 by [illegible: possibly was] absent any fault of neglect on his part being thrown from the caison on which he was riding during a skirmish with the enemy on the Franklin Pike, and by the fall had his spine sevearly injured that he had to be discharged on account thereov at Bowling Green Ky on the 7 day of March 1863.

I know these facts from personal presence at the time.

I have no interest in the claim its prosecution or results.

Charles Houghtaling late Capt. Of Co. 'C' 1- Regt. Ill Arty Vol.

State of Illinois }

County of Washington }

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of Jan 1869 and I certify that deponent is respectable and credible and that I have no interest in this claim its prosecution or results.

Jas. M. Durham

N. P.

State of Ills }
County of Dekalb }

I Chester Reeder M D being duly sworn according to law. depose and say that I have made a number of prescriptions for James Cottew late Private of Co. C. First. Regt Illinois Artillery Voll. The aforesaid prescriptions were given during the years 1863 and 64 for injuries of the spine said to have been received on or about the 5th of Nov. 1862. while on a skirmish with the enemy near Nashville Tennessee and I testify according to my judgement. That. He is not much better than at the commencement of my treatment it being my belief that he cannot be cured and I certify that I have no interest in this claim or its prosecution.

Chester Reeder, M. D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of March AD 1869 and I certify that deponent is a respectable and creditable Physician of good standing [and] repute in his profession and that I have no interest in this claim its prosecution or result.

L. S. Frary J, P,

United States of America, }
STATE OF ILLINOIS, } SS.
Office of Secretary of State. }

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*I, EDWARD RUMMEL, Secretary of State of Illinois, do certify that James M. Durham, who signed the foregoing Certificate is now, and was at the time of signing the same, a **NOTARY PUBLIC**, and in for the Town of Ashley County of Washington and the State of Illinois, duly commissioned and qualified to office, with full power, by the laws of this State, to issue Certificates as aforesaid: that said Certificate is in due form of law, and by the proper officer, and that full faith and credit are due to his official attestations*

In Testimony Whereof, *I hereto set my hand and office of the Great seal of State, at the City of Springfield this 25th Day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Eight nine and of the Independence of the United States the Ninety-third.*

Edward Rummel
Secretary of State

State of Illinois }
 } SS
DeKalb County }

Personally appaered Before me Frederick Bastian and Magdelena Bastain of Northville Lasalle County Illinois and made Oath in our Form of Law that they know James Cottew Who Was a Member of C Company 1st Regt Ills Artillary Vols and who is a Pensioner under certificate No. 97331 and that they Live Near Neighbours to Him and Know from their own personal observaion that He is now and Has been since his Return from the Army an Invalid. And so injured as to require the Personal aid and attendance of others in Dressing him Self and Helping Him out and in Bed and Further that they know form his Appearance that it would Be impossible fro him to sufficently care for Him Self Without the assistance of others at all times in attending to the calls of Nature and assist him out and in Doors and that We have no Interest in His claim for Pension Direct or indirect.

*Fredrick Bastain
Magdalena Bastain*

Subscribed and Swarn to Before me this 11th Day of September AD 1874 and certify that I have no interest in this case.

E. W. Lewis Notary Public

[On the lower left hand side of the document is written:]

Certificate of my Notorial appointment is on file at the Pension Department in Washington D. C.

*E. W. Lewis
N.P*

State of Illinois }
 } SS
DeKalb County }

Personally Appeared Before me James Bothwell and His Wife Delila Bothwell of Northville Lasalle County Illinois and made oath in our Form of Law after Being sworn. That They know James Cottew an invalid Pensioner under certificate No. 97331 of Northville LaSalle Co. Illinois and have known him for Six years Last [illegible] and that hey Live Near Neighbours within 20 Rods of Each other. And that to their certain knowledge obtained by their own observations. He Has actually had and requires and now has and Requires the attention of others to the extent of Daily assistance in Dressing and Undressing and in getting into and out of Bed and in attending to the Calls of Nature (in short) He cannot take care of himself Without assistance of others – appearently Having no Strength in His Back to Sustain His Body or Move His Legs – But By the good use of His Hands and Crutches is able to move about Partialy Dragging His Legs after Him the assistance Required is attended to By His Wife and Children And is Such as to Require the presence of our or More often at all time. We Have no Interest Direct or indirect in His Claim for Increase Pension and are not in any way Related to him or his family.

*James Bottwell
Delilah Botwell*

[Illegible Affixed Seal]

Subscribed and sworn to Before me this [illegible – possibly: 6th Day of November, 1874] and I Certify that I know the affiants and that they are Respectable and and Entitled to Credit and that I Have no Interest in Said claim.

*C. W. Lewis
Notary Public*

Certificate of my Notorial appointment is on file at the Pension Department Washington D.C.

*C. W. Lewis
N.P.*

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INFALID PENSION

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TAKE NOTICE. - If this declaration is executed before a Justice of the Pease or a Notary Public, the certificate of the CLERK OF THE COURT, as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer must be attached. Neglect to comply with this requirement will cause trouble and delay.

U.S.PENSION
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OFFICE

STATE OF Illinois }
} ss.
COUNTY OF DeKalb }

On the First day of November A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty 1880 personally appeared before me, a Notary Public with and for the County and State aforesaid, James Cottew, aged 63 years, a resident of Adams Township, County of La Salle State of Illinois, who, being duly sworn according to law declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the Chicago, Illinois Pension Agency at the rate of 50 dollars per month, Certificate No. 97331, by reason of disability from Injury of

(Here name)
The Spine In Consequence of Which He is utterly Helpless and Totally Disabled and has the disability for which pension was granted.)
been all the time since Nov 5th 1862 the date of said injury in Time of duty incurred in the Military service of the United States while a member of company "c" Haugtalings (Military or Naval) (Here state rank, company and regiment, if in the Army; First Regiment Illinois Artillery Vols. vessel, if in the Navy)

That he believes to himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of said Total Disability Under Act of Congress Approved Jun 16~ 1880, (Here state the reasons for applying for increase. If on account of increase in the disability for which already pensioned, that should be described. If on account of disability for which not pensioned, the location of the wound or injury, the name of the disease, and the time, place and circumstances of its origin, and the names of hospitals, where treated in the service, should be fully stated. The dates of treatment should be given as nearly as possible.

That he hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation of his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim.

His Post Office address is Northville La Salle County Illinois

Witness to James Cottews
Mark x who is known to
Us to be Totally Disabled
George Shaff[rest illegible]
(Two witnesses who can write sign here.)
H C Curtiss

his
James x Cottew
(signature of Claimant)
mark

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(PENSIONER DROPPED.)

U. S. Pension Agency,

Chicago, Ill

April 19", 1894

Hon William Lochren

Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of James Cottew P. C. 1" Ill Cav., who was a pensioner on the rolls of this Agency, under Certificate No. 97.331, and who was last paid at \$ 72- to 4 Jan / 1894, has been dropped because of death. Somonauk, IL Feb. 14"

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Very Respectfully,

W. B. Anderson

Pension Agent

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.

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State of Illinois }
 } s.s.
Lasalle County }

Personally appeared before me J. N. Antoine a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid. William Rumney aged 57 years whose residence is Adams Township Lasalle County, Illinois and whose Post office address is Somonauk, Illinois, who being first by me duly sworn makes the following statement under oath. (in his own hand writing) James Cottew Pensioner under Cert. 97331 report of whose death has been furnished you died leaving no widow or minor children under the age of sixteen years surviving at the date of his death.

W^m Rumney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of August A.D. 1894. by William Rumney who is personally known to me to be a credible person.

*J. J. Antoine
Notary Public*