

Declaration for Original Pension of an Invalid.

State of Illinois County of Livingston, ss: 53
 On this 7th day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy Six
 personally appeared before me John A. Yellow Clerk of the Circuit Court
 the same being a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid David Benedict
 aged 35 years, a resident of Gridley County of McLean State of Ills
 who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical David Benedict
 who enlisted in the service of the United States at Little Valley County of Catawago
 State of N. Y. on the 28 day of July, in the year of 1862, as
 a private in Co. H, commanded by Captain John Nelson
 of the 154 Regiment of N. Y. Vol, in the war of 1861, to serve three years
 and was honorably discharged at Philadelphia State of Penn
 on the 31 day of January, in the year 1863; that while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of
 his duty, received the following disability, to-wit:

I was ruptured caused by a fall on a camp
kettle.
I was treated at Washington Hospital was there
about five weeks then was sent to Philadelphia
Wine Street hospital left the 31st of January 1863
I was not in the service prior July 28th 1862 nor
after I was discharged January 31st 1863.

that since leaving the said service, this applicant has resided in the County of McLean
 in the State of Ills, and his occupation has been farming; that prior to
 his entry into the service above named, he was a man of good, sound physical health, being, when enrolled, a farmer
 that now he is greatly disabled from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor in consequence of his
 above-named injuries received in the service of the United States; that he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the
 invalid pension roll of the United States by reason of the disabilities above stated; that he hereby appoints B. F. BRITCHARD, of Indi-
 anapolis, Indiana, his attorney to prosecute his claims, with full power of substitution; that his post-office is at Gridley
 County of McLean State of Ills that his domicile or place of
 abode is McLean County Ills.

(ATTEST.)
Charles Slayer David Benedict
Supernat Piper (Claimant's Signature.)
 Also personally appeared Charles Slayer residing at Nebraska Township
 and Supernat Piper residing at Waldo Township, persons whom I certify
 to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, by me, say they were present and saw
David Benedict, the claimant, sign his name (~~or make his mark~~) to the foregoing declaration; that they
 have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he rep-
 resents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

SWORN TO and subscribed before me this 7th day of January, A. D., 1876.
 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration &c., were fully made known and ex-
 plained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, ~~including the words~~
 (L. S.) including the words ~~erased,~~ and the words or make his mark
erased added; and that I have no interest, direct
 or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.
Charles Slayer
Supernat Piper
 (Witnesses.)
John A. Yellow
 (Signature.)
Livingston County Clerk
 (Official Character.)

THIS DECLARATION MUST BE MADE BEFORE SOME CLERK OF A COURT OF RECORD.
 IF ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE A NOTARY OR JUSTICE WILL BE WORTHLESS.

Jan 7, 1876

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., June 23^d, 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 212957, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that D Benedict was enrolled on the 4th day of August, 1862, at Little Valley, in Co H, 154th Regiment of New York Volunteers, to serve 3 years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 25th day of September, 1862, at Jonestown N.Y., in Co. H, 154th Regiment of New York Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. H, of that Regiment, for the months of November December, 1862, he is reported David Benedict absent in Hospital at Fairfax since Dec 10 - Jan'y Feb'y 63 - Discharged Jan 31. 1863 at Philadelphia by order of Gen Montgomery - He was discharged on Surgeon's Certificate of Disability

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. J. P. [Signature]
Assistant Adjutant General.
[Signature]

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

[Handwritten initials]