

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York, County of Cattaraugus, ss:

In the matter of penion claim No. 642,030. of Frederick Ballou  
late of Co. B. 154<sup>th</sup> Regt. New York Inf - 1861.

ON THIS 29 day of December A. D. 1888: personally appeared before me

a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths,  
William Hawkins aged 53 years, a resident of Ellicottville  
in the County of Cattaraugus and State of New York.

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he has been well and personally acquainted

(Note.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

with claimant since about Spring of 1861. That before  
claimant's enlistment he was a strong and able bodied man,  
if he had not been a ~~friend~~ friend. Would have known it. = affiant - and  
claimant enlisted in the same company, at about the same  
time, but affiant was not discharged until about June  
1865. = affiant saw claimant immediately after affiant's  
discharge in June, 1865. = at this time claimant was  
afflicted with indigestion severe pain in region of kidneys,  
diarrhea and piles = in fact, he was a man broken down  
in health and but a wreck of his former self. = affiant  
and claimant have been neighbors ever since the war, and  
have worked with each other frequently, and have seen and  
conversed with each other often, and affiant knows from  
personal knowledge that claimant has been afflicted ever since  
since 1865, and during that year, with the above named diseases  
= disabilities, as to greatly disable him during the above named years.

His Post Office address is West Valley, Cattaraugus Co. New York.

affiant further declare that he has no interest in said case and is not concerned  
in its prosecution.

William Hawkins

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York, County of Cattaraugus, ss:

In the matter of penion claim No. 642,030: J. Frederick Ballou, Co. B. 154<sup>th</sup> Regt. New York, Vols.

ON THIS 21<sup>st</sup> day of December A. D. 1888: personally appeared before me

a Justice of the Peace, in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths,

Frederick C. Bernhoff, aged 55 years, a resident of Achford

in the County of Cattaraugus and State of New York

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That affiant has been well and personally acquainted with claimant since the year 1859 = that prior to claimant's enlistment he was a strong and able bodied man. If he had not been affiant would have known it = affiant saw claimant within a week or so after his discharge from the army in January 1863. At this time claimant was emaciated in flesh and complained of severe pains in region of back, and was afflicted with a stomach and bowel trouble causing indigestion = also with Chronic disease and piles = affiant has been a near neighbor of claimant since that time, have worked together some, and have seen and conversed with each other often, and affiant knows from personal knowledge that claimant has been afflicted with the above named diseases and disabilities during each year since his discharge as above stated. And that they have greatly disabled him from the performance of manual labor during these years.

His Post Office address is West Valley, Cattaraugus Co. New York

Affiant further declare that he has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Frederick C. Bernhoff

(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here)

(Signature of Affiant.)

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York, County of Cattaraugus, ss:

In the matter of Original Invalid Pension Claim No. 642,030,  
of Frederick Ballou, b. B. 1840 Reg. M. Inf. 1st.

ON THIS 26 day of January A. D. 1889; personally appeared before me  
a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths.

Frederick Ballou aged 47 years, a resident of Ellicottville  
in the County of Cattaraugus and State of New York

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he is the claimant in the above entitled claim  
(Note.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)  
for pension. That since his discharge from the army  
he has resided in the town of Ellicottville, N.Y.  
and his P.O. address has been West Valley, Cattaraugus  
Co. New York; that Dr. A. C. Porter of Ashtabula, N.Y.  
treated him from 1867 to 1880 as his family physician.  
Since that time Dr. E. S. Fish of West Valley, N.Y.  
has treated him, being his family physician.  
Dr. Jones then of Springville, N.Y. now deceased  
treated him after his discharge, and prior to  
Dr. A. C. Porter.

During these years, claimant has been able  
to work the most of the time. But there  
has been times each year when he has not been  
able to do manual labor. When able to work, it has  
been so that he could not do full manual labor.  
He has been more than one half disabled each year.

His Post Office address is West Valley, Cattaraugus Co. N.Y.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ further declare that \_\_\_\_\_ no interest in said case and \_\_\_\_\_ not concerned~~  
~~in its prosecution.~~

Frederick Ballou

Act of June 27<sup>th</sup> 1890,  
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York, County of Erie, ss:

IN THE MATTER OF Claim for additional pension, Cert. No. 805,507 of  
Frederick Ballou, br. B. 154<sup>th</sup> Regt - New York, vol. Inf.

ON THIS 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D., 1896, personally appeared before me, a

Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths,

Frederick Ballou aged 54 years, a resident of Ellicottville

In the County of Cattaraugus and State of New York,  
well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

**Instructions—  
Read Carefully.**  
Under the order of the Commissioner of Pensions number 223 in the preparation of testimony in support of claims in pension cases, all statements affecting the particular case and not merely formal, must be written or prepared to be type-written, in the presence of the witness, and from his oral declarations then made to the person who then reduces the testimony to writing or then prepares the same to be type-written. And such testimony must embody a statement by the witness that such testimony was all written or prepared for type-writing (as the case may be) in his presence, and only from his oral statements then made; stating also the time, place, and person, when, where and to whom he made such oral statements, and that in making the same he did not use, and was not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person; and not attached as an exhibit to his testimony.

*I am the claimant above named. I am a pensioner under general laws on account of Typhoid fever and piles which resulted from Typhoid fever while in the service. Ever since I had said fever. I have suffered from shortness of breath, at times more or less severe, for the first four or five years, I have had spells when I had a sense of suffocation. I have been told by my physician that the shortness of breath, and the sense of suffocation, was caused by heart disease. If this is true I have had heart disease since I had the fever in the service. I have been slightly deaf since I was a child. The hernia of right groin came on me when a child, I do not know the cause. It healed over, and at the time of my enlistment, it did not appear, and did not bother me. A few years after my discharge, it came out again in the same place, and has gradually grown worse. I know of no cause of its second appearance unless it was the result of the exercise I had, and the light work I did: soon after my discharge, I began to suffer from kidney disease, or lumber rheumatism. I made the above statement to William H. West in his office, Buffalo, N.Y. May 16<sup>th</sup> 1896, and he reduced the same to writing from my oral statement then a true and correct copy. I am making the same I was not aided by any other person, in any manner.*

NOTE.—The above instructions do not apply to cases in which the affidavit is in the hand writing of the witness. In such case the witness should state that the affidavit was written by him, and that he was not prompted thereto by any written memorandum not attached as an exhibit to his testimony.

His Post Office address is West Valley, Cattaraugus Co. N.Y.

further declares that no interest in said case and not concerned  
in its prosecution.



# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of New York, County of Cattaraugus, ss:

IN THE MATTER OF Additional Pension under Act of June 27-1890. by death of one 808: 507, of Fredericks Battery Co. B. 18-4. Regt. New York, 10th Infy.

ON THIS 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D., 1896, personally appeared before me, a

Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths.

E. L. Fish, M.D., aged 42 years, a resident of Ashford

in the County of Cattaraugus and State of New York

whose Post Office address is West Valley, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

**Instructions—Read Carefully.**

Under the order of the Commissioner of Pensions number 226 in the preparation of testimony in support of claims in pension cases, all statements affecting the particular case and not merely formal, must be written or prepared to be typewritten, in the presence of the witness, and from his oral declarations then made to the person who then reduces the testimony to writing or then prepares the same to be typewritten. And such testimony must embody a statement by the witness that such testimony was all written or prepared for type-writing (as the case may be) in his presence, and only from his oral statements then made; stating also the time, place, and person, when, where and to whom he made such oral statements, and that in making the same he did not use, and was not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person; and not attached as an exhibit to his testimony

*I have practiced medicine & surgery for twenty years. I have known claimant for fifteen years, during that time I have been his family physician. I have treated him for stomach and liver trouble (dyspepsia) which he has had ever since I knew him. Catarrh, Rupture of the right side (inguinal), slight deafness in both ears, Disease of Heart, with much shortness of breath, at times a cessation of suffocation, inability to go up stairs or up hill, without bringing on the wheezing. The rupture is down nearly all the time when he is on his feet and hinders him greatly in any labor when he has to lift. He has been slightly deaf since I have known him. The deafness seems to grow worse year by year. These diseases appear to be permanent, and growing worse. They are not caused by vicious habits, as he has shown. He is an honorable upright man, good and true in all respects. This affidavit was made this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1896 in my own hand writing, and I was not dictated or prompted by any person or persons, or by any written or printed statement, of any kind or nature.*

NOTE.—The above instructions do not apply to cases in which the affidavit is in the handwriting of the witness. In such case the witness should state that the affidavit was written by him, and that he was not prompted thereto by any written memorandum, not attached as an exhibit to his testimony.

His Post Office address is West Valley, N.Y.

He further declares that he has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.

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## GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF New York, COUNTY OF Cattaraugus, SS:

In the matter of additional pension under Act of June 27, 1890, by Cert. No. 805,507 of Frederick Ballow, Co. B. 154th N. Y. Vols. Inftry.

On this 9th day of June, A. D., 1896, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths, William Hawkins aged 60 years, a resident of Ellicottville, in the County of Cattaraugus and State of New York whose Post Office address is West Valley, and Elsbree J. Smith aged 63 years, a resident of West Valley in the County of Cattaraugus and State of New York whose Post Office address is West Valley well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

*I have known claimant over 30 years, and see him frequently, every week. I have seen his rupture of the left side. About thirty years ago, near as I can remember, it began to come down. I have heard him complain of it frequently since, during all the time, and know that it bothers him a great deal. I know that he is partially deaf, so it is quite noticeable, has been so for 25 or 30 years. I am a vetrinary surgeon, and have looked him over several times, have heard him complain of heart trouble, Rheumatism and kidney trouble, and know that he suffers from these complaints. These complaints are not caused from vicious habits, for he has none, he is an honest, upright man, and good citizen. This Affidavit was made this 9th day*

*of June 1896 by E. L. Fish, from oral statements made to him by Affiant, on above date, and he was not aided or assisted by any person or persons, or by any written or printed statement. These complaints appear to be growing more from year to year.*

We further declare that we have no interest in said case and are not concerned in its prosecution.

s/ William Hawkins

s/ Elsbree J. Smith

C O P Y

(Typed from original copy by Janice Stadler Middleton on June 12, 1983.)