

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