

Head Quarters

Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home

Near Quincy, Illinois,

Nov 12, 1896

William A Reading of the Town of Morris, in the County of Grundy, and State of Illinois, formerly a Soldier of the United States of America, in the war ~~against~~ of 1861 to 1865, 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 58 years old, that he is 5 feet and 8 3/4 inches high; that he is of Dark complexion, Grey eyes, and Black hair; that he was born in the town of Hunterdon in the State of New Jersey, on the 22^d day of January, 1838; that he has been (2) once enrolled in the U. S. A. service; in the war against Mexico 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.	July 29/62 - Morris	July 22/65 - Galveston Tex	Corp	Co. 6 Regt. 76 Ill Inf	Exp term of service
2d.				Co. Regt.	
3d.		36		Co. Regt.	

That he now receives, on pension certificate number _____, a pension of _____ dollars a month, payable the _____ day of next _____, at the _____ Pension Office.

That he owns property, real and personal, of the value of _____ dollars, and no more; that he has no means of self-support other than that above named; that his trade or occupation is that of a Farmer

That he has (4) No wife; that he has 2 children now living; aged, respectively, (5) 24 & 27 years. That his postoffice address is Morris, State of Illinois; that his nearest railway station is Morris, on the C & N D Railway, in Grundy 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 D M Cook, of Morris, County of Grundy, State of Illinois; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to the, at same, County of _____, State of _____

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.

That he is so far disabled by (7) Rheumatism - with resulting disease of heart

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 12 day of Nov 1896

(6) J M Mann, Witness.

(7) W A Reading, Applicant