

# ILLINOIS SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME

## APPLICATION OF HUSBAND AND WIFE FOR ADMISSION.

October, 12<sup>th</sup> 1913

James Curley

of the town of Carlinville

In the County of Macoupin and State of

Illinois

an honorably discharged Soldier

of the U. S. Army in the war against of the Rebellion

and his wife Sophronia Curley respectfully ask to be admitted as members of said Home.

To enable the authorities to pass on their eligibility, the said James Curley

declares the following statements to be true and correct: that his personal description is as follows: age 70 yrs.;

height 5 ft. 9 inches; complexion Light; eyes Blue;

hair Gray.

That he was born in Ireland

County of

State of, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 1840;

that he has been 3 times enrolled; and 3 times honorably discharged from the U. S. service as follows, to wit:

S	When and where Enrolled.	When and where Discharged.	Rank.	Company and Regiment.	Cause of Discharge
1st.	Apr. 10. 1861	Aug. 2. 1861	Priv	Co. 69 Regt. N.Y. Inf.	no. 0.
2nd.	Sept 16 1861	Nov. 8. 1861	"	Co. 17 Regt. " " "	Resisted
3rd.	Nov. 8 1861	Nov 8 1865	"	Co. 5 Regt. U.S. Cav	Exp of Serv.

said James Curley further avers that he and his said wife

Sophronia Curley

(who is now of the age of fifty years or older), were lawfully married prior to the first day of January, A. D. 1890; and that he has ever since been living with her and supported her as his lawful wife.

That he is now a bona fide resident of the State of Illinois and has continuously lived in the said state for the last two consecutive years; or, that he has served in an Illinois organization.

That he now receives, on pension certificate number 184694, a pension of 75 dollars a month, payable the 12<sup>th</sup> day of next October, at the Washington Pension Office.

That he owns property, real or personal, of the value of dollars and no more; that he has

1st.	Apr. no. 1861	Aug. 3. 1861	1861	1861	Co. 5 Regt. U.S. Cal.	Exp of Serv.
2nd.	Sept no 1862	Nov. 8. 1862	1862	1862	Co. 17 Regt. " " "	Re-enlisted
3rd.	Nov. 8 1862	Nov 8 1865	1865	1865	Co. 5 Regt. U.S. Cal	Exp of Serv.

said James Curley further avers that he and his said wife Sophronia Curley, (who is now of the age of fifty years or older), were lawfully married prior to the first day of January, A. D. 1800; and that he has ever since been living with her and supported her as his lawful wife.

That he is now a bona fide resident of the State of Illinois and has continuously lived in the said state for the last two consecutive years; or, that he has served in an Illinois organization.

That he now receives, on pension certificate number 188694, a pension of 75 dollars a month, payable the 15th day of next October, at the Washington Pension Office.

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

That he has a wife; that he has no children now living; ages, respectively, \_\_\_\_\_ years. That his postoffice adress is S & S Stone, State of Illinois; that his nearest railway station

is S & S Stone, on the CB & 2 Railway, in Adams 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

his wife Sophronia Curley, of S & S Stone, County of Adams, State of Illinois; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to same party

Sophronia Curley, at S & S Stone County of Adams, State of Illinois

That he has not heretofore been a member of any Soldiers', Sailors' Home or Institution, excepting the Sx. James. 720

That he is so far disabled by (7) U.S. Wounds.

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.

That if he and his said wife Sophronia Curley shall be admitted to be members of the said Home, he does hereby obligate himself that should his said wife so request, he will deposit with the Superintendent so much of his said pension money as the Superintendent may deem necessary for the purpose of clothing said wife.\* And he and his said wife do hereby jointly promise that they will in all things and in every respect, comply with and conform to the rules and regulations now in force, or that shall hereafter be made for the government and discipline of the Home, and they further obligate themselves and promise that they will cheerfully obey all orders they may receive from any officer of the Home, so long as they shall remain members thereof.

In testimony whereof they have hereunto set their hands this 15th day of Oct, 1913.

Robert S. Farr  
Witness.

James X Curley  
Sophronia Curley  
Applicants.

\* See Sec. 3b. of act approved May 13, 1903, under caption of "Soldiers' and Sailors' Home," Chapter 23 Hurd's Revised Statutes of Illinois.

### Certificate of Identification

I do hereby certify, upon honor, that I have personally known \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_, the above applicants, for at least two years last past, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained in their foregoing application are entirely true, and especially that as to the time of their residence in Illinois, or his service in an Illinois organization. And I further state that they have no known mental disorder and that they require no special attendants; that they can properly be allowed to go at large and that they can safely be quartered with feeble and helpless men and women.

WITNESS my hand (8) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_\_

### Certificate of a Local Physician

I hereby depose and state that I have carefully examined the above named applicant \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, as to his disability, and I now find that he has (10) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to such an extent as to prevent him from earning a living for himself and wife. And I hereby certify that they have no known, manifest or discoverable disorder; that they have no need of attendants; that they may properly be allowed to go at large and that they can safely be quartered with men and women who are old and feeble.

\_\_\_\_\_ M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D., 19\_\_\_\_. And I certify

that I am personally acquainted with said affiant \_\_\_\_\_, and that I know him to be a physician in active practice and in good repute, and an honest man and a capable physician in the community and among his fellow physicians, where he lives.

(11) \_\_\_\_\_

### Certificate of a Soldiers Home Surgeon

to such an extent as to prevent him from earning a living for himself and wife. And I hereby certify that they have no known, manifest or discoverable disorder; that they have no need of attendants; that they may properly be allowed to go at large and that they can safely be quartered with men and women who are old and feeble.

M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D., 19\_\_\_\_. And I certify

that I am personally acquainted with said affiant \_\_\_\_\_, and that I know him to be a physician in active practice and in good repute, and an honest man and a capable physician in the community and among his fellow physicians, where he lives.

(11) \_\_\_\_\_

### Certificate of a Soldiers Home Surgeon

I hereby certify upon honor that I have carefully and critically examined James Curley and Sophrona Curley, the above named applicant as to <sup>their</sup> ~~his~~ mental and physical condition, at the hospital of this Institution, on the 4 day of Sept, 1913; and that I found him to be of \_\_\_\_\_ sound mind, and to be in capable of earning his living by reason of physical disability arising from (12) General disability

Witness my hand R. H. Jacobs.  
Home Hospital Surgeon

### Order Admitting Applicant

The application of the said \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, together with the said several certificates, signatures and jurats, having been found to be duly and formally made, and the Superintendent being satisfied that the applicants have shown themselves to be lawfully entitled to admission to the Home, it is hereby ordered that he is now duly admitted as a member thereof, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent

HEADQUARTERS

Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

QUINCY, ILLINOIS

APR 25 1908

*James Curley* (1) of the town of *Carlinville*, in the County of *Madison*, and State of *ILLINOIS*, formerly a Soldier of the United States of America, in the war against (1) *Rebellers*, 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 *68* years old; that he is *5* feet and *9* inches high; that he is of *light* complexion, *Blue* eyes, and *Grey* hair; that he was born in the town of *Irland* in the *Nov* of *1840*; that he has been (2) *3* enrolled in the U. S. A. service; *3* in the war against *Rebellers*, and *3* in the war of the late Rebellion; and that he has been (3) *3* 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 that 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.	<i>April 20<sup>th</sup> 1861</i>	<i>Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1861</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Co. 69 Regt. 24<sup>th</sup> Inf</i>	<i>M. O.</i>
2nd.	<i>Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1862</i>	<i>Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1862</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Co. 17 Regt. 5<sup>th</sup> Cav</i>	<i>To enlist in U. S. A</i>
3rd.	<i>Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1862</i>	<i>Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1865</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Co. 5 Regt. 5<sup>th</sup> Cav</i>	<i>Exp of Service</i>
	<i>Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1865</i>	<i>Nov 11<sup>th</sup> (1862 m)</i>		<i>Co. Regt.</i>	

That he now receives, on pension certificate number *488692*, a pension of *17* dollars a month, payable the *1<sup>st</sup>* day of next *July*, at the *Chicago* Pension Office.

That he owns property, real and personal, of the value of *None* dollars, and no more; that he has no means of self-support other than the above named; that his trade or occupation is that of a *Saltmer*

That he has (4) *no* wife; that he has *no* children now living; ages, respectfully, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ years. That his postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois; that his nearest railway station is \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ Railway, in \_\_\_\_\_ 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 *William Curley*, of *Franklin City*, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of *Illus*; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ 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) *St James MHO*

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, or has served in an Illinois organization.

That he is so far disabled by (7) *old wound*

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 *25* day of *April* 190*8*

(9) *R. Lawson* Witness, (8) *James Curley* Applicant.



STATE OF ILLINOIS

County of Adams

Quincy

J. Dawson, Notary Public

of the town of Quincy, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above named applicant, to me personally and well known to be the identical person he represents himself to be, this day personally appeared before me, and that I then and there, at his request, plainly read to him his application aforesaid, which he then and there fully understood, and that he was, by me, thereupon duly sworn, and then and there deposed and said that he was the applicant above named, and that he was fully acquainted with matters and things stated and set forth in his said application, and that the same and each of them were true in substance and in fact as he had therein stated.

(11) James G. Gurley, Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25 day of April, A. D. 1908

Witness my hand and official seal.

[L. S.]

J. Dawson, Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION.

I do hereby certify, upon honor, that I have personally known the above Applicant, for, at least, two years last passed; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained in his foregoing application are entirely true, and especially that as to the time of his residence in Illinois, or service in an Illinois organization. And I further state that he has no known mental disorder; and that he requires no special attendant; and that he can properly be allowed to go at large; and that he can safely be quartered with feeble and helpless men.

Witness my hand, (13)

(14)

CERTIFICATE OF A LOCAL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby depose and state that I have carefully examined the above named applicant, as to his disability, and I now find that he has to such an extent as to prevent him from earning his own living. And I hereby certify that he has no known, manifest, or discoverable mental disorder; that he has no need of an attendant; that he may be properly allowed to go at large; and that he can safely be quartered with men who are old and feeble.

M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this day of 1908. And I certify that I am personally acquainted with said affiant, and that I know him to be a physician in active practice, and in good repute, and an honest man and a capable physician, in the community and among his fellow physicians where he lives.

(16)

CERTIFICATE OF A SOLDIERS' HOME SURGEON.

I hereby certify upon honor that I carefully and critically examined the above named applicant, as to his mental and physical condition, at the Hospital of this Institution, on the 25th day of April, 1908; and that I found him to be of sound mind, and to be capable of earning his living by reason of his physical disability arising from (17) Fracture of left hip, gunshot injury right leg and general debility.

Cottage 12916

Witness my hand R. M. Lamborn Home Hospital Surgeon

ORDER ADMITTING APPLICANT.

The application of the said James Larky, together with the said several certificates, signatures, and jurats, having been found to be duly and formally made, and the Superintendent being satisfied that the Applicant has shown himself to be lawfully entitled to admission to the Home,—it is hereby ordered that he be now duly admitted as a member thereof, this 25 day of April, 1908.

*[Signature]*  
Superintendent.

HOW TO FILL APPLICATION BLANKS.

- 0. Give full name of the Applicant.
- 1. Either "Mexico, the late Rebellion, or Spain."
- 2. Here say once, twice, or three times.
- 3. Here say once, twice, or three times.
- 4. Here say a wife or no wife.
- 5. Here give their ages, from youngest to oldest.
- 6. Here give the name of any Home or other Institution of which he has been a member.
- 7. Here state, in his own words, what it is that ails or disables him.
- 8. Here Applicant will sign his full name, or make his mark.
- 9. Here the witness will sign his name.
- 10. Here write "Notary Public," "Justice of the Peace," or "Clerk of Court."
- 11. Here Applicant will sign his full name, or make his mark.
- 12. Signature and title of Justice or Notary.
- 13. To be made and signed by any Judge or any County or State Court, by any Mayor, County or Circuit Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Police Magistrate, or Adjutant or Commander of any G. A. R. Post.
- 14. Here write official title.
- 15. The physician here will state tersely, but fully, as far as he can learn, every cause or disorder that tends in any degree to render the Applicant incapable of earning his own living.
- 16. Name and official title of Notary or Justice.
- 17. Here state minutely what disorder, ailment, disease, or cause, it is that, in your judgment, disables the Applicant and renders him incapable of earning his own living.

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT.

**Read this Carefully.**—For it will avail you nothing, when you come before the Superintendent for examination on the facts alleged by you in your application, to say that you are ignorant of what is here and herein plainly and explicitly set forth for your information:

- 1. Have some capable person, who writes a fair hand, fill all the blanks in your application.
- 2. Have every blank in the application properly filled, and every Certificate, except that of the Surgeon of the Home, duly made and signed, and every jurat duly executed, signed and sealed by the Clerk, Notary or Justice of the Peace making the same.
- 3. Send your application, so prepared, by mail or otherwise, with your last discharge and all your pension papers, to the Superintendent of the Home.
- 4. On his receipt of your application, and your last discharge, and all your pension papers, all in due form, transportation will be sent you, and you will be ordered to report at the Home for examination by the Home Surgeon as to your disability, and for the examination by the Superintendent as to the allegations of fact made by you in your application for admission.
- 5. If all your statements are found to be true, and the Surgeon found you to be so far disabled as to render you incapable of earning your own living, you will then be admitted to the Home, and not otherwise.
- 6. If, for any reason, you are found not to be eligible for admission, you will not be admitted to the Home.
- 7. If you fail to be admitted, no transportation to your home will be furnished you. Therefore, you should bring sufficient money to pay your return fare.
- 8. When permitted to leave the Home on Furlough, or on Pass of two or more days' duration, you will be required to wear your citizen's clothing. You will not be allowed to wear Home or State Clothing, when so absent.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION.

- 1. The law requires that you shall have served in the U. S. A. service, in the army or navy, in the war with Mexico, the late Rebellion, or the Spanish war.
- 2. That you shall have been honorably discharged from that service.
- 3. That you shall have lived and resided, continuously and in good faith, for the last two years, in the State of Illinois, or served in an Illinois organization.
- 4. That you shall have been rendered incapable of earning your own living, and shall now be incapable of earning your own living, through the exigencies of your military service, by reason of old age, or by means of some other present disability.
- 5. That you shall have no property or other sufficient means of living.
- 6. That you shall be of sane mind; that you shall not be in need of an attendant; that you shall be capable of ministering to your own personal wants; that you shall have no contagious or infectious disease that would render your residence in the Home dangerous to others; that you may safely be quartered with men who are feeble and incapable of self-defense.
- 7. No insane or demented person can be received or cared for at this Institution. The State has elsewhere provided for the care and treatment of such persons.

Superintendent.

CERTIFICATE IN LIEU OF LOST OR DESTROYED  
DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE.



To all Whom it May Concern:

Know ye, That *James Curley* Private  
*Company B.* *Fifth* Regiment of  
*Cavalry*, UNITED STATES ARMY, who was enlisted  
on the *eleventh* day of *November*, one thousand *eight*  
*hundred and sixty-two*, to serve *Three years*,  
was Discharged from the service of the United States on the *eleventh*  
day of *November*, one thousand *eight* hundred and *sixty-five*,  
by reason of *expiration of term of service*.

This Certificate is given under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, "to authorize the Secretary of War to furnish certificates in lieu of lost or destroyed discharges," to honorably discharged officers or enlisted men or their widows, upon evidence that the original discharge certificate has been lost or destroyed, and upon the condition imposed by said Act that this certificate "shall not be accepted as a voucher for the payment of any claim against the United States for pay, bounty, or other allowances, or as evidence in any other case."

Given at the War Department, Washington, D. C., this *twenty-eighth* day  
of *August*, one thousand nine hundred and *six*.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

Military Secretary.



CERTIFICATE IN LIEU OF LOST OR DESTROYED  
DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE.



To all Whom it May Concern:

Know ye, That *James Burley* Private  
of *Company F* *One hundred & seventieth* Regiment of  
*New York* Infantry VOLUNTEERS, who was enrolled  
on the *twenty-sixth* day of *September*, one thousand eight  
*hundred and sixty-two*, to serve *three years*,  
was Discharged from the service of the United States on the *tenth*  
day of *November* one thousand eight hundred and *sixty-two*,  
by reason of enlistment in the Regular Army.

This Certificate is given under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, "to authorize the Secretary of War to furnish certificates in lieu of lost or destroyed discharges," to honorably discharged officers or enlisted men or their widows, upon evidence that the original discharge certificate has been lost or destroyed, and upon the condition imposed by said Act that this certificate "shall not be accepted as a voucher for the payment of any claim against the United States for pay, bounty, or other allowances, or as evidence in any other case."

Given at the War Department, Washington, D. C., this *twenty eighth* day  
of *August*, one thousand nine hundred and *six*.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

*W. H. Reed*

Military Secretary

CERTIFICATE IN LIEU OF LOST OR DESTROYED  
DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE.



To all Whom it May Concern:

Know ye, That *James Curley*, a *Private*  
of *Company G*, *Sixty-ninth* Regiment of  
*New York State Militia* VOLUNTEERS, who was enrolled  
on the *twentieth* day of *April*, one thousand eight  
hundred and *sixty-one*, to serve *three months*,  
was Discharged from the service of the United States on the *third*  
day of *August*, one thousand eight hundred and *sixty-one*,  
by reason of *mustered out with company*.

This Certificate is given under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, "to authorize the Secretary of War to furnish certificates in lieu of lost or destroyed discharges," to honorably discharged officers or enlisted men or their widows, upon evidence that the original discharge certificate has been lost or destroyed, and upon the condition imposed by said Act that this certificate "shall not be accepted as a voucher for the payment of any claim against the United States for pay, bounty, or other allowances, or as evidence in any other case."

Given at the War Department, Washington, D. C., this *sixteenth* day  
of *August*, one thousand nine hundred and *six*.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

*W. F. Radde*

*Military Secretary*

# Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

Soldiers Home Hospital, Ill., Feb 18, 1921

To the Farm Supt: *Adj. 8097*

The Funeral of *James Curley, B. S. U.S. Cav*

will take place at *10 a.m. Feb 19, 1921*

*G. J. Webber*

Hospital Steward.

# Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

Soldiers Home Hospital, Ill., *March 7 -* 1921

To the Farm Supt: *Adj. Sophronie*

The Funeral of *Mary Curley*

will take place at *1 P.M. March 7, 1921*

*G. J. Webber*

Hospital Steward

March 4th = 1946

Li Murphy

Dear Comrade

Well my year is about up -  
and if you cant renew mine  
and wifes furloughs - will you  
please give us a discharge and  
send our papers to me -

Yours truly

James Curley.

Rockport; Pake Co

Iles - Box 67.

Sent 3-10-46

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1916.

Mr Murphy, Dear Sir,

Mr Burley rec<sup>d</sup> our discharge  
from the home also our  
marriage certificate, but you  
did not send my marriage  
certificate with Mr Samuel Camp.  
I want so much to have them  
both; so I thought I would write you  
and ask you if you would  
please send it soon.

Yours truly

Mrs James Burley.

address yours to Jas Burley

Stull, Ills

R R No 1.



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James Curley  
Co G-69 NY Inf  
" B-5 U.S. Cav  
Was buried in  
Family Div.

Row 24- Letter 6  
Feb 19-1921

Age 80 1/2

Ed Dillon

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May Curley  
Widow of James  
Curley Co G 69 NY Inf  
and Co B 5 U.S. Cav

Was buried in  
Family Div Row 23  
Letter 6 Mar 7-1921

Ed Dillon

REGISTER NO. 8097

ILLINOIS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HOME  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

James Curley <sup>and wife</sup>  
Sophronia Curley no. 1602.  
Carmel, Nagawam Co Ill  
Prat Co. F 69 Reg't N.Y. Inf  
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R A Oct 8 - 1918

Wife R A Mar 4 - 1920

Wife died on Foot Feb 17 1921

Wife died on Foot Mar 6 - 1921