

HEADQUARTERS
Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home,
 QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

April 18 1903

James M. Lair, (1) of the town of Palmyra, in the County of Macoupin, and State of Ill., formerly a Soldier of the United States of America, in the war against (1) Late Rebellion, 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 81 years old; that he is 5 feet and 6 inches high; that he is of dark complexion; Hazel eyes, and white hair; that he was born in the town of Troy in the State of Ill, on the 31 day of July, 1822; that he has been (2) twice enrolled in the U. S. A. service; in the war against Rebellion, and in the war or the late Rebellion; and that he has been (3) been 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.	Springfield Ill 2 ^d Jan 64	P.	a Co. 32 ^d Regt.	Ill 2 ^d	L. bet
2d.	Madison Ill 14 June 65	P.	Co. Regt.		Close of war
3d.			Co. Regt.		

That he now receives, on pension certificate number 148270, a pension of 12 dollars a month, payable the 4 day of next July, at the Ch. 2070 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 farmer.

That he has (4) no wife; that he has no children now living; ages, respectively, (5) all over 30 yrs old years. That his postoffice address is Palmyra, State of Illinois; that his nearest railway station is Palmyra Ill, on the Ch. & N. W. Ry Railway, in Macoupin 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 A. W. G. G. G., of Palmyra, County of Macoupin, State of Ill; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to A. W. G. G. G. at Palmyra County of Macoupin, State of Ill.

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, or has served in an Illinois organization.

That he is so far disabled by (7) disease of lungs and 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 18 day of April 1903

(9) _____
 Witness.

(8) James M. Lair
 Applicant.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

COUNTY OF

Macoupin

ss.

I, *C. P. Hanshaw*, a (10) *Notary Public*

of the town of *Park*, 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 M. Lair*
Affiant:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *18* day of *April*, A. D. 190*3*. Witness my hand and official seal.

L. S.

C. P. Hanshaw (12) *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 *James M. Lair*, as to his disability, and I now find that he has (15) *Heart trouble and Nasal Catarrh* debilitated by old age 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.

James Faith, M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *18* day of *April*, A. D. 190*3*. 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, as an honest man and a capable physician, in the community and among his fellow physicians where he lives.

C. P. Hanshaw *Notary Public*

CERTIFICATE OF SOLDIERS HOME SURGEON.

I hereby certify upon honor that I carefully and critically examined *James M. Lair* the above named Applicant, as to his mental and physical condition, at the Hospital of this Institution, on *Friday* the *24th* day of *April*, 190*3*; and that I then found him to be of sound mind, and to be capable of earning his living by reason of his physical disability arising from (17)

Guns shot injury lower jaw and severe debility.

Witness my hand *D. M. Laudon*
Home Hospital Surgeon.

Assign Cottage 12

INVENTORY of the Effects of James M. Lair No. 6297
 late A Co. 32 Reg't Ill. Inf. Vols., who died
 on the 28 day of March 1904, at Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

ARTICLES.	VALUE.		HOW DISPOSED OF.
	Dolls.	Cts.	
1 Valise ^{.50} 1 Coat ^{1.00} 1 Pr. pants ^{.50} 1 Vest ^{.25} 2 pr Shoes ^{.30}	2	55	
2 A Kdgs ^{.05} 1 Pr Spectacles ^{.10} 1 P. knife ^{.05} 1 Pipe ^{.05} 1 PKg	2	0	
of Letters & Photo ^{.05} 1 P. book ^{.05}		05	
Cash		425	advt
	\$	7.05	

Valise sent by Express 4, 6-04 to Andrew Wyzard
 also P. Order for \$4¹⁵ by Letter 4-6-04 } Palmyra - Ills
 S. P. M.

REMITTER SHOULD WRITE HERE NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON TO WHOM THE ORDER WAS SENT:
 SENT TO Andrew Wyzard
 ADDRESS Palmyra - Ills
 FOR Effects, Jas. M. Lair

1 Valise

We certify that the above Inventory is correct, and that we have, this 30 day
 of May 1904, carefully examined each of the articles therein named, and have written
 opposite each our estimate of its value, and what disposition should, in our opinion, be made of it.

APPROVED:

Superintendent.

S. P. Mooney
J. E. Hays } Board of Appraisers.

True Copy

++ SHORT WILL ++

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Ill.

I, James M. Lair of Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home, in the County of Adams and State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do, therefore, make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last **Will and Testament**.

First. I order and direct that my Executor hereinafter named, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

Second. After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise and bequeath all worldly goods of which I may die possessed,

to Andrew Nygaard and John Johnson
Macoupin Co

Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint Mr Somerville Lupton or his successor in office to be Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the 24th day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred three

Signed James M. Lair

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This instrument was, on the day of the date thereof, signed, published and declared by the said testator James M. Lair to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

Signed Joseph H. Shaban
Signed J. Wright