

Head Quarters

Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home

Near Quincy, Illinois,

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1898

Thomas McCully, (6) of the Town of Shawspout, in the County of Macoupin, and State of Illinois, formerly a soldier of the United States of America, in the war against (1) 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 68 years old, that he is 5 feet and 4 inches high; that he is of Dark complexion, hazel eyes, and dark hair; that he was born in the town of St. Louis in the State of Missouri, on the 17th day of Sept., 1830; that he has been (2) twice enrolled in the U. S. A. service; in the war against Mexico, and once 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.	24 Feb 1842	27 Feb 1864	Private	Co. C Regt. 11th	For medical reasons
2d.	1 March 1864	27 April 1865	Private	Co. C Regt. 11th Calvary	War closed
3d.		Spring field Ill.		Co. Regt.	

That he now receives, on pension certificate number 585544, a pension of Six dollars a month, payable the 4th day of next April, at the Chicago 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 no children now living; aged, respectively, (5) in his 68 year years. That his postoffice address is Waverly, State of Illinois; that his nearest railway station is Waverly, on the S. & M. So. Railway, in Morgan 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

Thurston Brian, of Waverly, County of Morgan, State of Illinois; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to Thurston Brian, at Waverly, County of Morgan, State of Illinois

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) A stroke of Paralysis

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 Fourth day of April, 1898.

(8) Arthur Brian, Witness. (9) Thomas McCully, Applicant.

This Applicant is sick and could not sign his name

COUNTY OF Sangamon } ss.

I, Geo. B. Arce, a Justice of the Peace,

of the town of Talkington, 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) Thomas McCulley,  
Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this fourth day of April, A. D. 1898. Witness my hand and official seal.

L. S.

Geo. B. Arce, Justice of the Peace.

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION.

I do hereby certify, upon honor, that I have personally known Thomas McCulley 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. 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, (12)

J. W. McNeill  
(14) Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF A LOCAL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby depose and state that I have carefully examined the above named Applicant, Thomas McCulley, as to his disability, and I now find that he has (15) had an attack of cerebral hemorrhage (apoplexy) with paraplegia 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.

H. M. Matthews, M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, A. D. 1898. And I certify that I am personally acquainted with said affiant, H. M. Matthews, 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.

J. W. McNeill  
Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF SOLDIERS HOME SURGEON.

I hereby certify upon honor that I carefully and critically examined Thomas McCulley, the above named Applicant, as to his mental and physical condition, at the Hospital of this Institution, on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1898; and that I then found him to be of sound mind, and to be incapable of earning his living by reason of his physical disability arising from (17) Left Hemiplegia

H. M. Matthews

ORDER ADMITTING APPLICANT.

The application of the said Thomas M. Cully, 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 and that he now is duly admitted as a member thereof, this 12 day of April, 1898.

W. Somerville  
GEORGE W. FOGG,  
Superintendent.

HOW TO FILL APPLICATION BLANKS.

- 0. Give full name of the Applicant.
- 1. Either "Mexico and the late Rebellion," or one of them.
- 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 the Justice or Notary.
- 13. To be made and signed by any Judge of 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. Post.
- 14. Here write official title.
- 15. The physician will here 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 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 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 finds 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 citizens 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, or in the late Rebellion.
- 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.
- 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 reason of some other PRESENT DISABILITY.
- 5. That you shall now 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-defence.
- 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.

W. Somerville  
GEORGE W. FOGG,  
Superintendent.

To all whom it may Concern.



Know Ye, That Thomas M. Cully a

Private of Captain W. Wheelock's  
Company, (1st) Regiment of Missouri Cavalry  
 VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the 1st day of March

one thousand eight hundred and eighty to serve three years or  
 during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States,

this 11th day of October, 1865, at Springfield

Missouri by reason of disability  
 (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said Thomas M. Cully was born in Saint Clair  
 in the State of Missouri, is thirty years of age,  
five feet eight inches high, dark complexion, blue eyes,  
dark hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a farmer

Given at Springfield this 11th day of  
October 1865.

Charles C. Thomas

Captain 11th U.S. Infantry

Commanding the Regt.

W. D. Officer

\* This sentence will be erased should there be anything to the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army

W. Wheelock

Captain Co. "B" 1st Cavalry Regt.

Commanding the Company

To all whom it may Concern.



Know ye, That Thomas McCulley a  
Private of Captain William J Withers  
Company, (C.) 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Illinois Cavalry  
VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the twentyfourth day of February  
one thousand eight hundred and fortytwo to serve Three years or  
during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States.  
this twentyfourth day of February, 1864, at Camp Clear  
Creek Miss by reason of re-enlistment as a Veteran Vol.  
(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said Thomas McCulley was born in St. Clair Co  
in the State of Tennessee, is thirtyfive years of age.  
Five feet eight<sup>3/4</sup> inches high, dark complexion, hazel eyes,  
dark hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer

Given at Camp Clear Creek Miss this twentyfourth day of  
February 1864.

W J Withers  
Captain  
Commanding the Regt

\* This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army

[A. G. O. No 99]

F. F. Fox  
Vol. 13<sup>th</sup> Dist  
E. M. 17<sup>th</sup> A.C.

# United States of America, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Adjutant General's Office,

Springfield, April 14<sup>th</sup> 1898.

It is hereby certified, That it appears from the Records of this Office, that  
Thomas M. Valley enlisted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1864  
at Van Buren in Company E and was mustered into the service of the United States as a  
Private in Company E 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Illinois Carabny  
for the period of three years on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1864  
at Springfield, Ill. Mustered out October 27, 1865, at  
Springfield, Ill.

Remarks: No records of prior enlistment or muster.

His residence at date of enlistment is stated as Wilmarite, in township of G. & old  
of Sangamon Co. Ill. S. 10.

Wm. H. Lacey, Ill.

Adjutant General of Illinois.

## NOTICE OF ISSUE AND FEES.

## Department of the Interior,

### BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Sir: June 2 1894

Inclosed herewith is a Certificate No. 588,374 for

Orig. pension, this day issued in your favor.

The Pension Agent at Chicago, Ill., upon whose rolls your name is to be inscribed, will forward to you properly prepared vouchers, and, when these shall have been duly executed and returned to him, will transmit directly to your address a check for the pension then due.

Your recognized attorney is Casper West Wick, Jr. of Carlisle, Ill., whose fee is Ten dollars, which is payable by the Pension Agent.

Very respectfully,

Gwen B. Bacon

Commissioner.

Thomas M. Culley,  
Carlisle, Ill.

The act of July 4, 1884, provides that the fee for the prosecution of a pension claim shall be \$10 only, unless a larger fee, not exceeding \$25, is agreed upon under a special written contract. The fee will be paid to the attorney or other person entitled thereto, by the pension agent out of the pension allowed. Should the attorney or other person demand or receive for his services any greater compensation, he would subject himself to the penalties provided in the Statute, as follows:

"Any agent or attorney or other person instrumental in prosecuting any claim for pension or bounty land who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, or receive, or retain any greater compensation for his services or instrumentality in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than is herein provided, or for payment thereof at any other time or in any other manner than is herein provided, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of the pension or claim allowed and due such pensioner or claimant, or the land warrant issued to any such claimant, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for every such offense be fined not exceeding \$500, or imprisonment at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court."

INVENTORY of the Effects of Thomas M'Kellum No. 4315  
 late 6 Co. 5 Reg't Ill leave Vols., who died  
 on the 10 day of March 1903, at Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

ARTICLES.	VALUE.		HOW DISPOSED OF.
	Dolls.	Cts.	
<sup>.25</sup> Valise, (some clothing, worthless)		25	
<sup>.20</sup> 2 Shirts, <sup>.05</sup> HDK. <sup>✓</sup> Per Drivers		25	
Per Shoes, <sup>.10</sup> 2 Keys, <sup>2.50</sup> Watch Chain	2	60	
Point Bank certy 80 <sup>cts</sup> .		80	Cash
		<u>\$ 3.90</u>	

shipped to Thurston Bacon  
 Navy Ill 2-20-03  
 Value

We certify that the above Inventory is correct, and that we have, this 14 day  
 of March 1903, 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:

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 Superintendent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 S. P. Mooney  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 J. E. Sturges  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Board of Appraisers.



IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Ill.

I, Thomas McCully 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 Execut 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 wordly goods of which I may die possessed,

to Thornton Brian now residing at Carlinville Ill

now lives at Waverly Ill

True Copy  
Original given to  
me

How lives at Newark Ill

Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint Houston Brown  
as aforesaid 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year  
of our Lord One Thousand <sup>eight</sup> ~~Five~~ Hundred & eighty-eight

(Signed) Thomas McCully 

This instrument was, on the day of the date thereof, signed, published and  
declared by the said testator Thomas McCully  
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) Edward Hood  
(Signed) James Power