

HEADQUARTERS

Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

QUINCY, ILLINOIS

Smith M Pruitt (0) of the town of *Plainville*, in the County of *Macoupin*, and State of *Illinois*, formerly a Soldier of the United States of America, in the war against (1) *The 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 *69* years old; that he is *5* feet and *9* inches high; that he is of *light* complexion, *blue* eyes, and *gray* hair; that he was born in the town of *Jerseyville* in the County of *Jersey*, on the *6th* day of *May*, 1842; that he has been (2) *once* enrolled in the U. S. A. service; *once* in the war against *the late rebellion*, 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 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>Sept 29 - 1861 Springfield, Ill.</i>	<i>July 25 - 1861 Edwardsville, Ill.</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Co. K Regt. 7th Ill. Inf</i>	<i>Exp. Term since</i>
2nd.		<i>(4 Mos)</i>		<i>Co. Regt.</i>	
3rd.				<i>Co. Regt.</i>	

That he now receives on pension certificate number *615-334*, a pension of *two* dollars a month, payable the *4th* day of next *July* at the *Chicago* Pension Office.

That he owns property, real and personal, of the value of *no value* 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 (4) *no* wife; that he has *4* children now living; ages, respectfully, (5) *44-28-25-23* years. That his postoffice address is *Plainville*, State of *Illinois*; that his nearest railway station is *Plainville*, on the *W. and A.* 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 *Eliza Lambert*, of *Plainville*, County of *Macoupin*, State of *Illinois*; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to *Eliza Lambert*, at *Plainville*, County of *Macoupin*, 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, or has served in an Illinois organization.

That he is so far disabled by (7) *Rheumatism*

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 *21* day of *May*, 1911.

(9) *H. J. Donahue* Witness. (8) *Smith M Pruitt* Applicant.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

County of Macoupin } ss I, S. A. Hayercraft, a (10) Justice of Peace

of the town of Wilybush, 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) Smith M. Pruitt Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31 day of May, A. D. 1911.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[L. S.]

S. A. Hayercraft (12) Justice of Peace

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION.

I do hereby certify, upon honor, that I have personally known Smith M. Pruitt 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) S. A. Hayercraft (14) Justice of Peace

CERTIFICATE OF A LOCAL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby depose and state that I have carefully examined the above named applicant Smith M. Pruitt, as to his disability, and I now find that he has (15) Rheumatism 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31 day of May, 1911. And I certify that I am personally acquainted with said affiant W. J. Donahue, 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.

W. J. Donahue, M. D. (16) S. A. Hayercraft Justice of Peace

CERTIFICATE OF A SOLDIERS' HOME SURGEON.

I hereby certify upon honor that I carefully and critically examined Smith M. Pruitt the above named applicant, as to his mental and physical condition, at the Hospital of this Institution, on Saturday the 7th day of July, 1911; and that I found him to be of sound mind, and to be incapable of earning his living by reason of his physical disability arising from (17) Rheumatism

Witness my hand W. M. Leonard Home Hospital Surgeon.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
COUNTY OF ADAMS. }^{ss.}

In the matter of the relationship of Smith M Peritt
H- 7 Lee Inf., being first duly sworn according to law,
deposes and says that he formerly resided at Plain View, Ill,
that he is not married, that his wife, is Dead
resides ~~at~~ _____, and that the names, relationship and
residences of all, and the relations only, of affiant who would be his heirs in the event of his death,
at this time, are as follows, to-wit:

NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	RESIDENCE.
<u>Peachie Taylor</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>McLeansboro Ill</u>
<u>James Peritt</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Ch Wabash RR Co. Decatur, Ill</u>

And further affiant saith not.

Smith M Peritt
22 day of July

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

A. D. 1907...