

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION

State of Indiana, County of Marion, ss:

ON THIS 24 day of April A. D., one thousand nine hundred and seven

before me, the undersigned, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared William Willis

Claimant's name.

late a private in Company K 9 Regiment of Ind. Inf.

Volunteers, aged 65 years, who being duly sworn according

to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the Indianapolis

Pension Agency at the rate of seventeen dollars per month, under Pension Certificate No 110,960

by reason of gun shot wound of left forearm and right shoulder

Here state the disability for which you are pensioned exactly as mentioned in your pension certificate.

incurred in the military service of the United States.

That he believes himself entitled to an increase in pension for the reason that the disability above stated is rated too low, and increased and resulting debility such as to render inability for the performance of manual labor equivalent to the loss of a hand or foot

He medical examination at Sebanon Ind.

ATTY FILED

That he hereby appoints Henry Holt of Indianapolis, Indiana his true and lawful attorney to prosecute said claim.

Affiant's Post Office address is Indianapolis County of Marion

State of Indiana

Declaration and power of attorney valid. S. A. Cuddy, Chief, Law Division. per TM 26 07

William Willis Signature of Claimant. 514 Patterson St.

If claimant signs by mark, two persons who can write must sign here.

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim.

Increase

Pension Claim No. 110 960

Name of claimant.

William Willis

Address of Board.

Indianapolis P. O. Ind State.

Claimant's post-office address.

Company K. 9 Reg't Ind Vol Inf
514. Patterson St Indianapolis

May 22nd, 1907
[Date of examination.]

Names of disabilities.

Gun shot wound of left fore arm and right shoulder. Melancholic man

He receives a pension of 17 dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the date of origin and cause of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.

He makes the following statement in regard to the origin of his disabilities and date when first discovered by him: Contracted in the service.

Birthplace, Ohio; age, 65 years; height, 5-8;

weight, 137 pounds; complexion, dark; color of eyes, blue;

color of hair, dark; occupation, none; permanent marks and

scars other than those described below, _____

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

Pulse rate, 72-76 96; respiration, 18 19 28; temperature, 98.5;
[Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of Instructions, and make a separate paragraph for each disability.

Gun shot wound of left fore arm. There is a linear scar 1 1/2 x 2 inches in diameter depressed and adherent located on inner aspect of forearm extending upward one inch from wrist joint. Wrist is thickened and enlarged from paronychia. Said to be point of entrance of ball. Second scar oval shaped slightly adherent 3/4 inches in diameter located on anterior and inner aspect of fore arm one and 3/4 inches above wrist joint, said to be point of balls exit. No loss of osseous tissue. No ankylosis of wrist joint. No enlargement of joint. Manual grip fully almost abolished. Alleges pain and weakness not numbness of left hand, probably due to lesion of nerves from gun shot wound. No atrophy of left hand or arm as compared with right.

Facts within the knowledge of the Board, or any member thereof, relative to the cause of any disability found should be stated.

Whenever a disability is shown or is believed to be due to or aggravated by vicious habits the opinion of the board must be stated. When not due to such habits this fact must be stated.

Gun shot wound of right shoulder. There is a scar oval in shape 3/4 x 1 1/4 inches in dimension located 1 1/2 inches inside right anterior angle right axilla, said to be point of balls entrance. Claimant alleges when wounded right arm and elbow was elevated in act of firing. This scar is adherent and depressed. There is a faint scar of similar size and condition of third, located one inch above posterior angle of right axilla, said to be point of balls final exit. (See diagram) Below there is partial paralysis of left arm and shoulder not pain and weakness of right shoulder. Claimant alleges he had a stroke of paralysis of left arm about two months ago which came suddenly and affected his speech for a short time, but he recovered his speech fully at this time. Cause whether idiopathic or due to gun shot wound is not definitely stated.

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

S. B. McVore, Pres. Absent, Sec'y R. V. Stone, Treas.

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Marginal entries must never be made.

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

For use when additional space is needed to complete or amend report of examination.

Pension Claim No. 110 960
 Name of claimant William Willis
Post, Company L. 9, Reg't Ind Inf
514 Patterson St Indianapolis

Address of Board Indianapolis Ind.
 Date of examination May 29, 1907
[Date of examination not of amendment.]

EXAMINATION—Continued.

If used for amendment place date of the new matter at the beginning of same, following the word amended.

determine but probably idiopathic
 Lungs. Symmetrical. Expansion 36x38. No dullness cough or expectoration. No rales.
 Heart. apex beat in 6th space 1/2 inch inside nipple line. Rhythm regular but impulse feeble. No valve murmurs or dyspnoea.
 No adenoma cyanosis hypertrophy or dilatation. No rales.
 Urine. Amber. Acid. Sp gr 1.020. No sugar or albumen. No rales.

There is complete right oblique inguinal hernia. Mass 1x2 inches, passes external ring but does not descend into scrotum. Reddened and strainable by touch, which is warm. Size external ring 1 inch, internal ring 3/4 inch in diameter.
 No other disability and no witness of vicious habits. Post bellum. No rales.

This claimant is so disabled by gunshot wound of left fore arm and right shoulder as to be disabled in a degree equivalent to the loss of a hand or foot for the purpose of manual labor and is entitled to \$24 a month.

Age diminished in some extent. There is no evidence of specific disease in this case.

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W. B. Woods, Pres. Shrent, Sec'y. R. F. [Signature], Treas.

PETITION FOR APPEAL INCREASE, GENERAL LAW.

State of Indiana)
) SS.
 County of Marion)

To The Honorable Secretary Of The Interior,

Washington D. C.

Sir:-

I, William Willis, late of Co. "K" of the 9th Regt. Ind. Vols. Inf., desire to represent that I am claimant for increase of pension under the General Law, by Ctf. No. 110,960. And my claim was rejected by the Pension Bureau, June 24, 1907; and believing error was made desire to Appeal from the decision of the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions, upon the ground of such error, viz:- as being contrary to the evidence.

That I am in receipt of \$17 per month, by reason of disability from gunshot wound of left fore-arm and right shoulder. Applied for increase, upon the ground of said disabilities rendering my inability to perform manual labor. Was medically examined by Board No. 1, Indianapolis, Indiana, May 22, 1907; and believe that in view of the character of the disabilities and the resulting conditions therefrom, as described in the report, that an error was made in the adjudication of my claim, as not being in accordance therewith. And ask that the decision of the Commissioner of Pensions be reversed.

2 Walter S. Scott

1- William Willis

2 Mabel S. Brinkley

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28 day of June 1907;
 and I certify that I have no interest in the matters set forth in said
 Petition.

Com expires July 5 - 1908

3 James R. Brunsday
 Notary Public.

Physician's
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Indiana
COUNTY OF Marion } ss:

In the matter of Ctf. No. 110,960, of William Willis,
Pvt. Co. "K" 9th Regt. Ind. Inf. Volunteers.

Personally came before me, a Norman E. Jones in and for the aforesaid County
and State, aged 35 years

Whose address is 610 Newton Claypool building, Indpls, Ind.
(Postoffice Address.)

County of Marion, State of Indiana, well known to
me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as fol-
lows:

That he is a practicing physician and

on Sept. 30, 1907 he examined William Willis, Pvt, Co. K, 9th. Regt/ Ind.
Inf. Volunteers finding gunshot wound through right axilla, one wound
through the tendon of the pectoralis major, another just above the tendon
of the latissimus dorsi.

On the left forearm finding gunshot wound through the ulna about two
inches above the wrist joint severing the ulnar nerve, partial anaesthesia
over little and ring fingers, atrophy and contracture of same, flexion
at elbow joint is greatly impaired by reason of and atrophy and contracture
of the biceps muscle. Muscular power of entire left arm so lacking
as to render this member entirely useless in gaining a livelihood by
manual labor.



... further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

ATTEST: When any affiant signed BY MARK, two persons.

Signature of Affiant: Norman E. Jones

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

and number of claim. Inc Pension Claim No. 110 960
 Name of claimant. William Willis
 Company K 9 Reg't Ind Dept Address of Board. Greenfield Ind P. C. State. Ind
 Claimant's post-office address. 574 Patterson St Indianapolis Ind [Date of examination.] Oct. 16, 1907
 Names of disabilities. Gun shot wound of left forearm and right shoulder

He receives a pension of 17 dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the date of origin and cause of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.

He makes the following statement in regard to the origin of his disabilities and date when first discovered by him: Received a gun shot wound at battle of Look out Mountains Jan. 1864

Birthplace, Butler Ohio; age, 66 years; height, 58.5; weight, 135 pounds; complexion, dark; color of eyes, gray; color of hair, dark; occupation, was Railroad worker; permanent marks and scars other than those described below, _____

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

Pulse rate, 72 84 86; respiration, 22 24 26; temperature 98 1/10;
 [Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of instructions, and make a separate paragraph for each disability.

Gun shot wounds. On outer aspect of forearm one inch above the styloid process is the scar of intraneur depression Corrugated and adherent one and one half in length and one half in width. The muscle passes through removing a small portion of the ulnar bone, and passes out, on inner aspect of wrist scar of intraneur depression Corrugated and dragging depression, Pronation and supination is diminished 1/2 and causes pain to the elbow. The ulnar nerve has been injured there is contraction of the flexor muscles and tendons of the middle ring and little fingers of the hand. The grip of which are very feeble. These fingers are cold, the thumb and index fingers are warm and the grip is normal. The elbow joint is very painful and is flexed 1/4 the degrees and extended with great difficulty using only thumb and index finger. See diagram

Facts within the knowledge of the Board, or any member thereof, relative to the cause of any disability found should be stated.

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17/18
Gun shot wound of right shoulder
At the angle of the right axilla opposite the second rib is the scar of intraneur. 3/4 by one inch in size adherent, white and thin. The muscle passes back ward passed out of 4 inches below the acromion process. The scar is white thin and adherent.
The rate for gun shot wound of right shoulder 67
Heart apex beat 1/2 inch to right of left nipple
in 5th interspace center of sternum in 4th interspace 2 1/2 inches in diameter
The heart is normal,
Lungs Chest at rest 36 forward in 37 forward
21 35 The is dullness from 2nd to 4th interspace on left side numerous dry rales
The rate for chest of lungs 1/8

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

J. Almond Cook, Pres. Wm. W. W. W., Sec'y. W. W. W. Treas.

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PETITION FOR APPEAL INCREASE, GENERAL LAW.

State of Indiana)
) SS.
 County of Marion)

To The Honorable Secretary Of The Interior,

Washington D. C.

Sir: -

I, William Willis, late of Co. "K" 9th Regt. Ind. Vols. Inf., desire to represent that I am claimant for increase of pension under the General Law, by Ctf. 110,960. That my claim was rejected Mar. 1, 1908 by the Pension Bureau, and, believing said action to have been erroneous, I desire to Appeal from the decision of the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions, upon the ground of such error, viz:- as being contrary to the evidence.

That I am in receipt of \$17 per month, by reason of disability from gunshot wound of left fore-arm and right shoulder. Applied for increase, upon the ground of said disabilities rendered my condition such as entitles me to the grade rating. Supplied the testimony of my physician, Dr. Jobes. Was medically examined by the Board of Surgeons at Greenfield, Indiana, Oct. 16, 1907; and believe that in view of my condition, as shown by my physician and described in the report, that an error was made in the adjudication of my claim, as not being in accordance therewith. And ask that the decision of the Commissioner of Pensions be reversed.

2 Benjamin W. Spriner

1 William Willis

2 Mabel S. Brinkley

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11 day of March 1908;
 and I certify that I have no interest in the matters set forth in said
 Petition.

My commission expires March 28, 1910

4 Walter J. Gould

Notary Public.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION

ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

The Pension Certificate Should Not Be Forwarded With the Application

State of Indiana, County of Marion. On this 11th day of June 1921, personally appeared before me, a Notary William Willis, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 80 years of age, and a resident of Indianapolis county of Marion State of Ind. and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Laporte Ind. under the name of William Nellie on the 27th day of August 1861 as a private in Company 1st 9th Regiment (Here state rank and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.) in the service of the United States, in the Civil War (State name of war, Civil or Mexican.) war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Chattanooga, Tenn on the 15th day of Sept 1864. That he also served. (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height 5 feet 8 inches; complexion Light color of eyes Blue; color of hair Black; that his occupation was Cooper that he was born Aug 21, 1841, at Hamilton, Ohio

That he requires the regular personal aid and attendance of another person on account of the following disabilities: Partially blind in both eyes + partially deaf Chronic Arthritis (State in this space the nature of any and all disabilities.)

That since leaving the service he has resided at Indianapolis Ind and his occupation has been Cooper That he has now applied for pension under original No. 110,960 That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 110,960

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of May 1, 1920.

(Two attesting and identifying witnesses.) (1) H. C. MacLagan (Signature of first witness.) 2627 W. Madison St (Address of first witness.) (2) J. W. G. Carbins (Signature of second witness.) 1254 North Pershing (Address of second witness.) William Willis (Claimant's signature in full.) 1254 N. Pershing Ave. (Claimant's address in full.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of June A. D. 1921, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words... written and... added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

W. P. Frasher (Signature) Notary Public Indianapolis Ind. (Official character and Post Office address of officer.)

My commission expires Mar 31 1924 U.S. PENSION OFFICE JUN 14 1921 S.

Declaration accepted as a claim under Sec. 2, act of May 1, 1920. Chief, Law Div. Per [Signature]

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or some officer WHO HAS COURT MUST ATTACH HIS CERTIFICATE, showing the official capacity of such Justice of the Peace, and

State of Indiana, County of Marion, SS:

In the matter of Pension Claim No. 110760, of William Willis
Private, late of Co. K, 9 Regt. Ind Inf Vols.

ON THIS 10 day of August, A. D. 1921, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths. Jessie Hankins age 33 years, whose residence is 1254 Presburg Ave Indianapolis Ind County of Marion, and State of Indiana

well known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

I am a daughter of William Willis and he is with me and my husband and has been with us four four years last past and I know that he did not have any member of his family in the army navy or marine corp of the Government of the United States during the world's war. I am making this affidavit because father cant see to sign his name

and I further say I or some member of my family has to be with the claimant all times as he cant see to wait on himself and he cant see a step and he often falls if I or some one is not with him

he cant recognize his old friends and he cant curie on a conversation

and in short he is a chery as much as if he did not have any limbs at all. we often have to help him up out of his chair

PENDING WILL

Notary Public for Indiana
My Comm. Expires _____
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in my records.
Notary Public for Indiana

TO EXAMINING SURGEONS
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

1922/7/5/2

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

FILED TO APPEAR (2nd board)

WASHINGTON

January 16, 1922

1. When orders are received they should be promptly examined and systematically filed.

2. If the examining surgeon present has not previously examined the applicant, please examine him and make your report to this Bureau in accordance with the current pamphlet of Instructions to Examining Surgeons.

3. When an applicant reports for examination, the order filed by him should be carefully inspected to determine whether it specifically authorizes him to be examined by you and not by some other board.

4. If an applicant should appear without an order and you have a valid order, you should advise him to appear with a valid order.

5. If an applicant should appear with a formal order to be examined by you, the examination should be made, though you may not have a corresponding order in your files. In the latter event you should advise the Bureau of the applicant's claim number, name, post-office address, and date of examination, and request a copy of the missing order, on which your voucher for payment will be submitted.

The applicant above named has this day been ordered to report to you for physical examination, and advised that your meetings are held at 10 a. m. on every Saturday, at 410-11 Union Square.

You are directed to examine the applicant to determine the degree of disability from all causes, with particular reference to the necessity for regular aid and attendance of another person by reason of impaired vision or other infirmities, mental or physical.

Please make careful examination, state essential conditions found, describe the obvious evidences of disability, and report whether, as a matter of fact, regular (not necessarily constant) attendance is required.

Does he require aid in such functions as eating, dressing, or attending to the calls of nature? If so, why? Is he too feeble to wait on himself? Is his condition such as to make it unsafe for him to go out unattended?

For your further guidance, important information and instructions are printed on the reverse of this sheet.

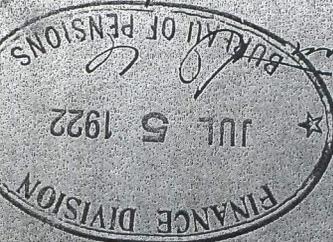
Very respectfully,

Washington Gardner
Commissioner

NOTICE

For purpose of record the board of surgeons will retain and file this memorandum copy, in which should be noted the date of examination, the numerical order in which the applicant was examined, the correct fees, and the name of each surgeon participating.

In correspondence with the Bureau, the date of examination, the applicant's claim number and name must



Mr. George T. Frank
and others
4471 North Ashfield Avenue, Fremont, Pa.
The doctor last from 23rd 1922 at
my certificate No. 110,968
Revenue, William Miller, for Co. R. 9
and should report from the doctor
and on revenue from your feet
Please look in the paper about
Commissioner of Pension Washington
and 6-29-1922

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:

The claimant has been pensioned at \$12 per month for disabilities due to gunshot wounds of left forearm and right shoulder since April 6, 1887.

His appeal is from the rejection, September 2, 1892, of a claim for increase on account of said wounds, and on account of diseases of throat and lungs, and deafness of left ear, these latter being new disabling causes; as to said wound, ^{on} the ground that the current rate was adequate for the disability shown therefrom, and as to the diseases and deafness, on the ground that no ratable disability therefrom since filing the claim was shown.

The evidence in point consists chiefly of the certificate of a board of examining surgeons dated April 20, 1892. There is on file the affidavit of a physician dated July 16, 1888, setting forth the results of an examination of the claimant, of that date, from which it would appear that there was found some evidence of the said diseases, but no opinion is expressed as to the degree of disability therefrom; also the

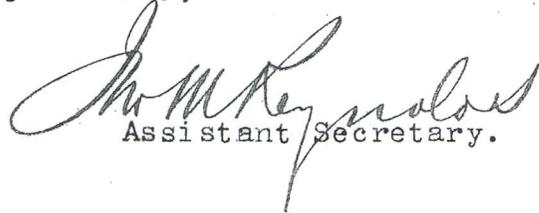
affidavits of three laymen in whose opinion, as appears from their statements, the claimant has been for several years past from one half to two thirds disabled by the said new disabling causes.

The said certificate indicates that the examination by the board of surgeons was carefully and thoroughly made. There is no evidence therein of any disease of throat or lungs, nor that there is any appreciable impairment of claimant's hearing.

The board found no disabling causes save said wounds, and declined to recommend a rating for anything else. They recommended ratings aggregating 12/18, or \$12 per month, for the disability due to the wounds, which rating appears to fairly measure the disabling effects thereof.

Upon careful consideration of the evidence the Department concludes that the rejection does the claimant no injustice. It is well supported by the evidence and is therefore affirmed.

Very respectfully,


Assistant Secretary.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:-

William Willis, a pensioner under the general law at \$14 per month on account of gunshot wound of left forearm and right shoulder incurred in service with Company K, Ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, filed an application for increase June 14, 1904, alleging accepted causes, which was rejected October 8, 1904, on the ground of no increased degree of disability shown.

An appeal therefrom was entered December 15, 1904, contending error.

The action appealed from was based upon the conditions described in the report of medical examination dated Danville, Indiana, August 31, 1904, which gives the soldier's age as 63 years; height 5 feet 9 inches; weight 132 pounds and as to pensioned causes, reads as follows:

Gunshot wound of left forearm and right shoulder:
Scar of entrance on back of forearm over ulna one inch above wrist joint, one-half by three-fourths inch in size, depressed, tender, adherent to bone. The bone was injured leaving a considerable groove in outer side of ulna. Scar of exit on front of forearm over interosseous space, two inches above wrist joint,

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one-half by one-half inch in size, tender, slightly depressed and adherent to fascia. Flexor tendons of middle and ring fingers are somewhat contracted. Cannot straighten these fingers beyond a right angle. He says the fingers are numb and tingle. Supination and pronation are somewhat interfered with. Left shoulder is considerably drooped. Usefulness of arm lessened in a degree equivalent to three-fourths.

Scar of entrance on chest over second rib five inches to right of median line, one and one-fourth by three-fourths inch in size, slightly depressed, neither tender nor adherent. Missile did not enter thoracic cavity but passed backward and to the right and emerged one inch above the posterior angle of axilla, one-half by three-fourths inch in size, slightly depressed and tender but not adherent. Usefulness of right arm lessened in a degree equivalent to one-third.

Comparison of this report with the findings of the last previous examination dated May 27, 1903, under which his present allowance of \$14 per month was granted does not indicate any increased degree of disability from gunshot wound of left forearm and right shoulder. The action appealed from was therefore proper and the same is hereby affirmed. The papers in the case are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,


Assistant Secretary.

Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:

William Willis, the soldier, served in Co. K, 9 Ind. Vol. Infty. from August 9, 1861, to September 15, 1864, and is now receiving a \$14 rating under the general law, the accepted disabling cause, being gunshot wound of left fore-arm and right shoulder.

May 23, 1904, soldier filed an application for increase alleging pensioned causes.

The claim was rejected December 6, 1905, on the ground of "no increase",

January 2, 1905, an appeal was filed contending that:

in view of the character of the wound and of the evidence supplied, and the character of the examination given him, that an error was made in the adjudication of the claim".

The soldier was medically examined under the claim by a board at Franklin, Ind., November 15, 1905, which certificate discloses soldier's age to have been 64 years, height 5 ft. 8 inches, weight 134 pounds. Pulse rate 88-96-104; respiration 18-20-22, temperature 98.

The board reported other conditions as to pensioned causes as follows:

Gunshot wound of left forearm and right shoulder; ball entered arm 1 1/2 in. above styloid process of ulna, grooving and fracturing shaft passing on through arm,

making its exit on inner aspect 3-1/2 ins. from styloid process, scar of entrance 1/2 by 1/2 ins., depressed, adherent, puckered dragging and tender. Scar at exit depressed, adherent, dragging, tissues in track of ball tender. Measurement left arm around wound 7 1/2 ins.; right arm same point 8 inches, around middle right forearm 8 1/2 ins. left same point 8 inches around biceps, right 10 ins.; left same point 10 inches. Ball entered muscles of right side of chest 3 ins. below clavicle, passing backwards and outwards making exit 4 3/4 in. below point of acromion process, scar at entrance 1/2 by 1/4 in. depressed, not adherent or dragging, tender, scar at exit depressed 1/4 by 3/4 in., puckered, adherent dragging, tender, tissues in track of ball tender, measurement around acromion process and axilla right 17 ins., left 16 1/2 ins. limit motion, right shoulder backwards 1/2, left wrist on flexion 1/3, grip in left hand impaired 1/2. Palms of hands calloused from labor. Rate 14/18.

The board described disease of liver and rectum and right oblique complete inguinal hernia, but they cannot be considered to increase soldier's rating under the general law.

It is evident under the medical certificate on file under this application that a rate of pension in excess of \$14 per month was not warranted by the degree of disability from pensioned causes.

The affidavit of Dr. Pettijohn has been considered, but it does not outweigh the medical certificate on file in the claim.

It therefore follows that the action appealed from is hereby affirmed.

The papers in the case are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,


Assistant Secretary.

APPLICATION

—FOR—

ARREARS OF PENSION.

To the Commissioner of Pensions:

William Willis P. No. *9th*

Ind. Vaes.

(If widow or dependent relative, give name of soldier.)

a pensioner under pension certificate No *110960*, hereby apply for the arrears due me, under act granting arrears of pensions, approved January 25, 1879. My post office address is:

69 Smith St. Indianapolis Ind.

(Here insert the name of the post office, and if the claimant resides in a city, the name and number of the street and residence must also be given.)

Two Witnesses.

A. G. Mechesney
J. J. Davis

x *William Willis*
(Name of Claimant.)

State of

Indiana

County of

Marion

ss.

Signed in my presence by *William Willis*

who is known to me to be the person he describes himself to be, and at the time he exhibited to me his pension certificate, which is numbered *110960*.

Staylor L. Rowan
(Signature of Magistrate or Notary.)

Notary Public

NOTE.—The pension certificate MUST be exhibited to the Magistrate or Notary, but should not be sent to the Pension Office.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Louisiana
COUNTY OF Marion } SS:

In the matter of Incl Pen. New Air Claim # 110960
William Willis Cott, Jr. Incl Vols

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County and State, William Willis Claimant aged _____ years, and _____ aged _____ years, citizen of the town of Indianapolis, County of Marion, State of Louisiana (Post-office address.) well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being

duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That his claim is based on Disease of Lungs and Throat and partial deafness of left ear result of Measles. That his Officers and Company Comrades know and testify to his having Measles but not being medical men they cannot certify to results besides the disabilities were slight at first and were not so severe as to attract general attention during his service, although they existed and annoyed and more or less disabled him for duty and that these troubles date from his spell of Measles. He prours that ever since his discharge he has been affected by these disabilities and he himself knows that they result from Measles

In addition to the testimony already submitted he herewith files the affidavit of Dr King of Indianapolis to the effect that his disease are the direct results and sequences of Measles and he also states his inability to furnish any further proof of incurrence his Reg Coys being dead and uncontacted and the acceptance of evidence already filed and favorable action thereon

_____ further declare that _____ no interest in said case, and _____ not concerned in its prosecution, and _____ not related to said applicant.

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Attest—when any affiant signed BY MARK, two persons.

Signature of Affiants;

William Willis

Signature of Affiant;

JAN 1864

Please furnish this Bureau a report of hospital treatment in the
 Room No. 110, 960, of W^m Willis, late a
 Pt. Co. K. 9. Ind. Vols., from
 data given below

E.	RANK.	CO.	REGIMENT.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	RECORD OF—	DIAGNOSIS.	DISPOSITION AND REMARKS.
Willis	P	F	9 Ind	—	Wounded 3 Brig Div Hosp 4 A.C. Army of Gen H. at the battle of Chattanooga Tenn Nov 24 + 25. 1863.	Wound R. Shoulder severe	—
Willis	P	K	9 Ind.	1863 Nov 26	Genl Field Hosp A of C. Bridgeport, Ala.	G. S. W. left arm + right shoulder.	Transf'd to G. H. Nashville:
Willis	P	K	9 Ind.	1864 Mar 3	Genl Field Hosp Army of Camb. Chattanooga Tenn.	G. S. W. frac lower third left radius (complicated), wounded at Lookout Mtn Nov 24. 1863.	Transf'd to G. H. Nashville:
Willis	P	K	9 Ind Inf	1864 Mar 9	Cumbersland Gen Hosp. Nashville Tenn	G. S. Frac Rt. Ulna	Sent to Cook House: May 16. 1864 Rtd to duty: Sept 19. 1864
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down file for G. H. Fullahoma Tenn. bearing on this case.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Illinois)
COUNTY OF Cook) ss.

In the matter of New Disability Pension Claim No. 110960 of
William Willis Co. 16, 9 Regt. Indiana Volunteers.
Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County
and State, William B. Harris aged 54 years,
a citizen of Coglewood County of Cook, State
of Illinois, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being
duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

*That heretofore, viz on Feb. 14 1888 he made
a statement as to the physical disability of
Wm Willis, Claimant for Pension above named
from effects of Measles. He hereby supplements
that affidavit and states that Willis' disability
is from partial deafness of one ear, and from
a throat and lung trouble, which have always
been considered and acknowledged as a natural
result of Measles. The conditions named have
existed since his discharge from the service
each year as stated in my former affidavit*

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ ss:

further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signed BY MARK, two persons.

Signature of
Affiant.

William B. Harris

This Blank is prepared by KNEFLER & LOPP, Indianapolis, Ind., and is to be used exclusively for their business.

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—The affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions must be carefully observed before writing out the statement. All the facts in possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be fully set forth, and the dates of treatment should be specifically given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

State of Indiana, County of Marion, ss:

1 IN THE MATTER OF the original invalid Pension Claim No. 110960 of
 2 William Willis Priv Company, 16 9th Regiment,
 3 Indiana Volunteers.
(Company and Regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank if in the navy.)

4 Personally came before me, a Physician in and for the afore-
 5 said County and State of New York a citizen of
 6 402 West New York St whose Post Office address is
 7 Indianapolis, Ind well known to me to be
 8 reputable and entitled to credit, and who, by being duly sworn, declares in relation to afore-
 9 said case as follows:

10 That he is a practicing physician, and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for
 11 about 6 years, and that

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The Physician's Affidavit must show the following facts:

- 1st. Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment, the length of time he has known him, how intimately and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition, whether as his family physician or as his neighbor, and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state, adding, if true that had he been unsound, he would have known it.
- 2d. If he treated claimant while in the service either as his regimental surgeon or while claimant was home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown, as well as the NATURE OF HIS DISABILITY and dates of treatment.
- 3d. If he has treated soldier since discharge he should so state, giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates as near as possible, of the prescriptions.
- 4th. The extent or degree to which claimant has been unable to perform manual labor during each year from discharge to the present time.

12 (Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or interlineations will be permitted

13 unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)

14 I have had no acquaintance with William Willis
 15 until the 9 of July 1885.
 16 I find on examination the following: Chronic
 17 inflammation of Pharynx and vocal cords. The tonsils
 18 ~~are~~ have almost disappeared. Right lung at apex
 19 slight bronchial trouble. Left lung apex enlarged
 20 and at base of same lung, very much broken down
 21 structure so that there is considerable dullness.
 22 Chronic bronchitis. Cough most of the time
 23 which irritates the trouble or shows the degree
 24 of its condition. Diagnosis greater when these
 25 troubles are worse. In my opinion based on
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27 his history this trouble was contracted from
 28 measles which he contracted in the service.
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30 John Doug M. D.
 31 Indianapolis Indiana
 32 402 W. W. Lark St.
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The Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:

William Willis, formerly a private in Company K, 9th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, while in receipt of a pension under the general law at the rate of \$17 a month, on account of gunshot wound of left arm and right shoulder, filed July 1, 1907, a claim for increase. Said claim was rejected by the Bureau March 2, 1908, on the ground that the rate he was receiving was shown to cover the degree of disability arising from the said wounds.

An appeal was filed from this action March 20, 1908, through the recognized attorney in the case. It is contended that the action was not in accordance with the evidence, namely, an affidavit of a physician and the certificate of a board of surgeons which examined the soldier under the claim.

The soldier was examined by a board of surgeons October 16, 1907, which reported in reference to the wounds, as follows:

Gunshot wounds: On outer aspect of left forearm, 1 inch above the styloid process, is the scar of entrance, depressed, corrugated and adherent, 1 1/2 in. in

length and $1/2$ inch in width. The missile passed through, removing a small portion of the ulna bone and passing out on inner aspect, opposite scar of entrance, $1/2$ inch in diameter, corrugated and dragging and depressed. Pronation and supination are limited $1/2$ and cause pain to the elbow. The ulna nerve has been injured. There is contraction of the flexor muscles and tendons of the middle, ring and little fingers of this hand, the grip of which is very feeble. These fingers are cold; the thumb and index fingers are warm and the grip is normal. The elbow-joint is very painful and is flexed $1/4$. He dresses and undresses with great difficulty, using only thumb and index fingers.

Gunshot wound of right shoulder: At the fold of right axilla, opposite the second rib, is a scar of entrance, $3/4$ by 1 inch in size, adherent, white and shining. The missile passed backward and passed out 4 inches below the acromion process. The scar is white, shining and adherent.

The certificate further showed that pensioner was 66 years of age; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 135 pounds. There was some disease of the lungs described.

A review of the certificates in the case indicates that the disability from the gunshot wounds has not been progressive. The wound of the shoulder appears not to perceptibly incapacitate. The function of the part is not reduced. The wound of the forearm appears to have injured the tendons supplying the middle, ring and little fingers, which has caused some impairment of their use. The thumb and index fingers are not involved in the injury

and the grip of same is normal.

The affidavit filed in support of the claim merely gives the result of a physical examination made by Dr. Norman E. Jobes, September 30, 1907. The conditions found by the physician do not differ from those found by the examining board.

The Department concludes from the description of the condition that the present rate is fully adequate. The action appealed from is, therefore, affirmed.

The papers in the case are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,


Assistant Secretary.

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The Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:

William Willis, formerly a private in Company K, 9th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, now pensioned at the rate of \$17 per month on account of disability due to gunshot wounds of left forearm and right shoulder, filed a declaration for increase April 26, 1907, which was rejected June 19, 1907, of which fact both he and his attorney were advised June 24, 1907.

In an appeal from said action of rejection, filed July 20, 1907, by the attorney of record in the case, it was contended that such action was error as it was believed to be contrary to the findings of the board of surgeons by which appellant was examined May 22, 1907, pursuant to his claim for increase in question.

The certificate of the above-mentioned medical examination reported that the soldier was 65 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches in height, and weighed 137 pounds. The objective conditions described in such certificate were as follows:

Pulse rate, 72 - 76 - 96; respiration, 18 - 19 - 28;
temperature, 98-2/5.

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Gunshot wound of left forearm: There is a linear scar 1/8 by 2 inches in diameter, depressed and adherent, located on inner aspect of forearm, extending upward 1 inch from wrist joint, which is thickened and roughened from periostitis; said to be point of entrance of ball. Second scar oval shaped, slightly adherent, 3/4 of an inch in diameter, located on anterior and inner aspect of forearm 1-3/4 inches above wrist joint; said to be point of ball's exit. No loss of osseous tissue. No ankylosis of wrist joint. No enlargement of joint. Manual grip feeble, almost abolished. Alleges pain and weakness with numbness of left hand, probably due to lesion of nerves from gunshot wound. No atrophy of left hand or arm as compared with right.

Gunshot wound of right shoulder: There is a scar oval-shaped, 3/4 by 1-1/4 inches in dimension, located 1-1/2 inches inside right anterior angle right axilla; said to be point of ball's re-entrance. Claimant alleges when wounded right arm and elbow were elevated in act of firing. This scar is adherent and depressed. There is a fourth scar, of same size and condition of third, located 1 inch above posterior angle of right axilla; said to be point of ball's final exit.

There is partial paralysis of left arm and shoulder with pain and weakness of right shoulder. Claimant alleges he had a stroke of paralysis of left arm about two months ago, which came on suddenly and affected his speech for a short time, but has recovered his speech fully at this time. Cause, whether idiopathic or due to gunshot wound, we are unable to determine, but probably idiopathic.

The other conditions described in the certificate above quoted refer to the lungs, heart, kidneys, and other organs, which are not involved in the appeal under consideration.

In the judgment of the Department, the conditions on account of which the soldier is pensioned are adequately

rated at \$17 per month. The action appealed from was accordingly without error, and the same is therefore hereby affirmed.

Papers in the case herewith remanded.

Very respectfully,


Assistant Secretary.