

CURTIS P. WISE

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Mr. WHEELER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 15432]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred H. R. 15432, to correct the military record of Curtis P. Wise, having considered the same, report thereon with the recommendation that the same do pass.

An identical bill, H. R. 3844 of the Fifty-second Congress, was reported favorably to the House and that report is made a part of this record.

[House Report No. 181, Fifty-second Congress, first session]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3844) removing charges of desertion against Curtis P. Wise, late a member of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry, having considered same, respectfully report:

Curtis P. Wise was enrolled September 6, 1862, at Camp Butler, Ill., as a private in Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers, to serve three years. He served faithfully until the last days of March, 1863, at which time he was sent home sick from Cairo, Ill., by his captain, William A. Fry, and told that his discharge would be sent him. Said Curtis P. Wise remained at home, but secured no discharge, and was sick and unable to do service during the entire remainder of time for which he was enlisted, and no charge of desertion was ever made against him.

In view of all the facts the committee would recommend that the bill do pass.

Case of Curtis P. Wise, late of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers

Curtis P. Wise was enrolled September 6, 1862, at Camp Butler, Illinois, as a private in Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers, to serve three years, and was mustered into service November 4, 1862.

The muster-in roll of the company is the only one on file, and no record of the soldier is found subsequent to his muster in.

This regiment was organized at Camp Butler, Illinois, from November 4 to December 18, 1862, to serve three years, and within the period of five months lost 700 men, principally by desertion.

Applying for a discharge the soldier testified under date of July 12, 1889, that he served in Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers, until the organization was disbanded and its officers mustered out of service, at which time he was absent on a sick furlough and failed to get his discharge.

Marble D. Camden, of Stone Fort, Ill., aged 53 years, in an affidavit executed in Johnson County, Ill., July 12, 1889, declared that he was with the claimant some time at Camp Butler, Illinois, and knows that the claimant was on duty in Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers; that after the regiment moved to Cairo, claimant came home on a sick leave and remained, unable to be present when the officers of his company were mustered out; that he was at affiant's house (they were neighbors) the greater part of the summer of 1863, and was in bad health; that he (affiant) was acquainted with the claimant until the end of the war, and knows that he was unable to do duty as a soldier.

Wyatt C. Ferrell, of Creal Spring, Ill., declares, under date of July 10, 1889, that he was a sergeant in the same company and regiment, and did duty with the claimant at Camp Butler, Illinois, up to the last of December, 1862, when the claimant was sent home on a sick furlough, and that he was unfit for duty until after the regiment had been disbanded, in the spring of 1863; that a short time before the dissolution of the regiment the colonel, lieutenant colonel, and Captain Fry told affiant that the claimant was then in hospital at Cairo, very sick, and should be discharged when "they" returned to Cairo; that after claimant came home, in the spring of 1863, affiant saw him and he was hanging between life and death, being sick from camp fever and diarrhea.

William A. Fry, of Christopher, Ill., who signs himself as captain Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers, in an affidavit (not dated) executed in Franklin County, Ill., declares that the claimant served in said company and regiment until February 1, 1863; that he contracted diarrhea, mumps, and sore legs, and was sent home during the last of March, 1863; that he was not able to be with the regiment when it was consolidated by order of Gen. Buford, commanding post at Cairo, Ill., that they were all reexamined and all who were not able for service were to be discharged, and the claimant was entitled to a discharge, for he was not able to be present at that time.

The records show that this regiment was reorganized April 1, 1863, and continued under a battalion formation until September 1, 1863, when it was broken up and the men were transferred to the Ninth Illinois Volunteers, which remained in service until the summer of 1865. Many of the absentees returned to the One hundred and twenty-eighth Battalion, or to the Ninth Illinois Volunteers, but the name of the applicant has not been found on the rolls of either of those organizations, nor has any record been found that he was under medical treatment or that he was granted a furlough.

On the 19th of October, 1889, the application of the soldier for discharge was denied, the evidence submitted being deemed insufficient to warrant a removal of the implied charge of desertion.

Under date of December 30, 1889, Nathan J. Rushing, of Carmen Mills, Ill., aged 54 years, declares that the claimant, when affiant saw him, about April, 1863, was suffering from diarrhea, rheumatism, and what affiant thought to be frozen feet and legs, and from that time until the close of the war (affiant saw him often during that period) he did not recover from either of said disabilities, and was not able to return to his company.

R. V. Grace, M. D., of New Castle, Ill., aged 43 years, in an affidavit dated January 1, 1890, declares that he has been a regular practicing physician for more than twenty-four years, ever since he was 18 years of age, and has well known the claimant since the spring of 1862; that claimant was, when affiant saw him in the spring of 1863, in very feeble health, using (he thinks) crutches, and suffering from rheumatism and the results of frozen feet and legs, as affiant considered from his diagnosis of the case; that the physical condition of the claimant, whom affiant has known intimately since 1863, was such as to render him wholly unfit for military duty, or to return to his company from the spring of 1863 to the close of the war; and affiant further declares that when the claimant enlisted in the Army he was a sound, able-bodied man, and free from disease.

R. H. Wise, of New Burnside, Ill., aged 54 years, a brother of the applicant, in a sworn statement dated January 25, 1890, declared that he was a member of Company F, One hundred and twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers; that his brother the claimant, was taken sick at Cairo, Ill., in the winter of 1863, and was still

sick when the regiment moved to Mound City; that affiant told the colonel that he had better have the boy discharged and sent home; the colonel replied that claimant was ordered to be discharged and would be sent home, and that his discharge papers would be sent to him; that the claimant was sent home on the next day, in February or March, 1863, but never received a discharge.

C. T. Hunter, of Springerton, Ill., late first sergeant Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers, in an affidavit executed on January 28, 1890, declares that he subsequently became captain of Company F, same regiment; that the claimant was taken sick in the winter of 1862-63, and was sent to the military hospital at Cairo, Ill., where he remained, affiant thinks, until about the last of March, 1863, when he returned to the regiment at Mound City with orders, as affiant understood, to be discharged; that claimant was still sick, and, according to affiant's recollection, was told to go home and that his discharge would be sent to him as soon as completed; that about April 4, 1863, most of the officers were mustered out, the men were consolidated into a detachment, and the claimant, as affiant learns, never received his discharge.

J. E. W. Reid, of Ozark, Ill., aged 55 years, declares under oath, January 24, 1890, that the claimant, whom he well knew, returned home in February or March, 1863, in very bad health and unable to do any kind of hard service; that the father of claimant said that the latter should not return to the Army even if he ever should get able to do so; that he (affiant) has known claimant ever since the war and does not think that he has ever been able to do the duty of a soldier, and that he thinks that claimant's health was ruined in the service.

On February 6, 1890, the department again denied the application on the ground that nothing was found in the additional testimony to warrant a reversal of its former adverse decision in the case.

Since that date the status of the case has not been changed, either by the introduction of new testimony or by legislation.

Respectfully submitted.

F. C. AINSWORTH,
Major and Surgeon, U. S. Army.

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION, *January 26, 1892.*
THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Saline County, ss:*

Curtis P. Wise, of said county, after being duly sworn, on his oath says, that he was a member of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, that while in said company and in line of duty and during the latter part of 1862 and the early part of 1863 he incurred the following disabilities to wit: Frozen feet and legs, chronic diarrhœa and mumps, resulting in injury to testicles; that in consequence of said disabilities he was placed in the hospital at Cairo, Ill.; that about the last of March, 1863, Col. R. M. Hundley, who was then commanding said regiment, and his captain, William A. Fry, and the physician then in charge of said hospital, pronounced him then wholly unfit for military duty or that he ever would be, and ordered him to be honorably discharged from the Army; that immediately after said order, and by the assistance of Col. R. M. Hundley and his captain, William A. Fry, he was placed on the train and sent home, and ordered by them to there, and at the same time was informed by them, and each of them, that an honorable discharge would be forwarded him at his home in Johnson County, Ill.; that on arriving at his home, and in consequence of said disabilities he was confined to his bed and room; that he was never able at any time after his return home in the spring of 1863 to the close of the war in 1865 to have returned to his company; that he was never ordered or even requested by his superior officers or anyone else so to do; that he did not desert nor intend to desert his company but was acting honestly and in good faith; that being only 19 years of age at the time he came home he did not know, nor was he ever informed or advised, that any other and further effort was necessary to obtain an honorable discharge until after the close of the war; that his discharge never reached him as promised, and that he is now justly entitled to the same.

CURTIS P. WISE,

*Late of Company I,
One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of December, 1891, and I hereby certify that the foregoing affidavit was fully explained to said affiant before swear-

ing to the same, and that said affiant is respectable and entitled to full credit; that I am not related to affiant and have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

[SEAL.]

H. R. HAYES,
Notary Public.

(Clerk's certificate on file.)

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Franklin County, ss:*

William A. Fry, of said county, after being duly sworn on his oath, says that he was captain of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers from its organization to April 4, 1863; that he was well acquainted with Curtis P. Wise, who was a member of said company and regiment; that about the last days of March, 1863, the said Curtis P. Wise was sent home from Cairo, Ill., on account of disability with the understanding that he be discharged, and that his discharge would be forwarded to him when made out; that the said Curtis P. Wise was an honorable and good soldier and at no time either willfully or impliedly deserted his company; that he is not related to soldier and has no interest in this claim.

WILLIAM A. FRY,
*Late Captain Company I,
One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 28th day of April, A. D. 1891. Further, I certify that the affiant, William A. Fry, is a good moral citizen, a credible person, and entitled to full credit, and that he was acquainted with the contents of the foregoing affidavit before swearing. Further, I am in no wise related to either the affiant, William A. Fry, nor the applicant, Curtis P. Wise, nor am I concerned in the prosecution of the foregoing claim.

MARTIN V. B. DIAL,
Justice of the Peace of said County and State of Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *county of Johnson:*

In the matter of the application of the claim of Curtis P. Wise, late of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry, personally comes before me, a notary public in and for the county of Johnson, State of Illinois, Wyatt C. Ferrell, a citizen of the county of Williamson, in the State of Illinois, whose post office is Creal Springs, county of Williamson, State of Illinois, who, being duly sworn, is personally known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit. Being by me duly sworn, as above stated, declares as follows:

"I became acquainted with Curtis P. Wise almost from his infancy, and that he enlisted in Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in the latter part of the summer or early fall of 1862; that I was orderly or first sergeant of said company and Curtis P. Wise was a duty sergeant of above said company. The above named regiment arrived at Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill., about the 9th of October, 1862. That said Curtis P. Wise was a good and dutiful soldier and bid fair for future prominence. That sometime in, I think about the last of November or first of December, 1862, during a very cold spell of weather I took said Curtis P. Wise out with me to look up some boys that had overstayed their leave of absence, and while out after night Curtis P. Wise accidentally got into a hole of water from which before we got to camp his feet and legs were badly frozen or frostbitten. Soon after this occurrence I too became in bad health and was furloughed home. I was only with my company and regiment a few days at Cairo, Ill., from that time until the spring of 1863, but found said Curtis P. Wise suffering with his feet and legs, also with chronic diarrhea. That being in bad health myself through the winter and spring of 1863 I was sent home by Col. R. M. Hundly on special service, the object being to try to induce many of the boys that were absent at that time to return to duty. That while preparing to discharge last said duty I was notified by Col. Hundly that there was an arrangement made to discharge said Curtis P. Wise, he being at that time at home on a sick leave.

That while at home on above stated business I saw and talked with Curtis P. Wise, and from his appearance he was in feeble health.

The One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry was disbanded some time in the spring of 1863, and then formed into a detachment. I don't remember seeing said Wise any more till after the close of the war, perhaps

in 1866, and still heard him complain of his old referred to injuries. Curtis P. Wise was a healthy, stout young man up to his injuries above referred to. I think, perhaps, I could make further statements, but my mind and memory is somewhat disturbed over the loss of my dear wife a few days ago. My age is near 62 years; post-office address as above. I further state I have no interest in the prosecution of above claim.

WYATT C. FERRELL.

Sworn to, subscribed before me by the above-named affiant, and I certify that he wrote the body of this affidavit and acquainted himself with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, and am not concerned in its prosecution, and the words interlined was done before he executed the same.

Given under my hand and official seal this April 30, A. D. 1891.

R. H. WISE. [SEAL.]

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Saline County*, ss:

In pension claim No. 723820, of Curtis P. Wise, personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for said county, Edward Teal, who, being duly sworn on his oath, says that he is 65 years of age, and his post office is Stonefort, Ill.; that he is well acquainted with the said claimant, and has been since his, claimant's boyhood; that at date of claimant's enlistment in the Army, in 1862, he was a stout, healthy boy; that he served in same regiment with claimant, from date of enlistment in 1862, to the last of March, 1863, at which time claimant was sent home on account of disability; that he, claimant, was then suffering from diarrhea and the effects of frozen feet and legs; that he saw claimant and talked with him while in the hospital at Cairo, Ill., just before he was sent home; he was then in a very bad condition; that his understanding, at the time, was that he, claimant, was then to be discharged; that he knows as a matter of fact that claimant's condition was such as to entitle him to a discharge.

That he next saw claimant in the summer of 1863; he was still suffering from said disabilities, and so continued to suffer for two or three years; most of his time was confined to his bed and room, and was not at any time, after his return home, able to have traveled or left his home and reported to his company before it was discharged from the service; that he has lived in the same neighborhood with said claimant each and every year since in the summer of 1863 to the present time, and has the means of knowing his physical condition; that he has never recovered from said disability to the present time, and has not been able to perform any kind of manual labor during any year since his return from the Army; he is not related to claimant and has no interest in this claim.

EDWARD (his x mark) TEAL.

Attest:

W. R. STALIONS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March, 1891, and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was read and explained to affiant before swearing to same; that he is entitled to credit; I have no interest in this claim.

[SEAL.]

W. R. STALIONS,
Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Saline County*, ss:

In the matter of pension claim No. 723820, of Curtis P. Wise, of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers, personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for said county, Nathaniel Gunter, who, being duly sworn, on his oath says that he is 49 years of age, and his post office is Stone Fort, Ill.; that he was well acquainted with said claimant prior to his enlistment in the Army; he was then a stout and able-bodied boy; that he saw claimant in May, 1863, when he, affiant, was at home on furlough; claimant had also just come home from the Army; well remembers that claimant was at that time in bad health—was suffering from diarrhea and frozen feet and legs, or said his feet and legs had been frozen; well remembers that claimant was not able for the performance of any kind of duty, and did not look at the time like he ever would be; that he next saw claimant in the fall of 1865, after his, affiant's, discharge, at which time claimant was still suffering from diarrhea, and also from sore feet and legs, and was wholly unable for the performance of

any kind of duty; that he has been well and intimately acquainted with claimant each and every year and lived in same neighborhood with him since discharge to the present time, except the years 1869 and 1873; all of which time claimant has suffered from said disease, in consequence of which he has not been able, during any year since 1865, for the performance of manual labor more than one-fourth of his time; that he is not related to claimant, and has no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

NATHAN. GUNTER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March, 1891; and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was fully explained to affiant before swearing to the same, and that said witness is entitled to credit; that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

[SEAL.]

W. R. STALIONS,
Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Saline County*, ss:

James W. Fletcher, of said county, after being duly sworn, on his oath says he is 46 years of age, and his post office is Harrisburg, Ill.; that he was well acquainted with C. P. Wise, of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, and served in same regiment with him; that at date of enlistment said C. P. Wise was a sound man, free from disease of any kind; that while in the Army and in line of duty said soldier became disabled by frozen feet and legs, and diarrhea and mumps; that he was with said soldier in the hospital at Cairo, Ill., about March, 1863; that he knows as a matter of fact that said soldier was ordered discharged from said hospital; that he heard their colonel and the physician in charge make the order; that Col. Hundly took said soldier to the train and helped to put him on the ear and sent him home, telling him at the time that his discharge should be forwarded to him; that he further states as a matter of fact that the said C. P. Wise did not desert his company at any time during his term of service.

He further declares that he has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution and is not related to said applicant.

JAMES W. ^{his} X FLUTCHER.
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Sworn to and subscribed before me [by] the above-named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case and not related to claimant, nor am I concerned in its prosecution.

[SEAL.]

JAMES F. GAYLORD, Notary Public

This the 28th day of April, 1890.
I have a certificate on file.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Salem County*, ss:

In the matter of pension claim No. 723820 of Curtis P. Wise, of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for said county, Thomas Dixon, who, after being duly sworn, on his oath says that he is 59 years of age, and his post office is Carrier Mills, Ill.; that he was well acquainted with the said Curtis P. Wise at and prior to his enlistment in said company; that he was then a sound and able-bodied man; that during the winter of 1862 or early part of 1863 said soldier became affected with frozen feet and legs, which rendered him totally disabled for any kind of military duty; he thinks the disability was incurred in December, 1862, near Camp Butler, Ill.; that he, affiant, was a member of Company K, of same regiment, and was in the hospital at Cairo, Ill., with said soldier for a long time; that soldier was suffering in the extreme from frozen feet and legs; that he frequently saw soldiers' feet and legs dressed, and well remembers the offensive and bad odor caused by the same in the hospital; that about the last of March, 1863, said soldier was sent home, by order of his captain, William A. Fry, and Col. Hundly and the physician in charge of hospital, with the understanding that his discharge be forwarded him at his home, for the reason that he was then adjudged to be unable to ever perform military duty again; that he was taken out of said hospital by the assistance of his cap-

tain and put on the train at Cairo, Ill., which was the last time he ever saw said soldier until after the close of the war; that he, affiant, left said hospital and was sent to Company A, Ninth Illinois Regiment Infantry.

That on his return home from the Army in 1865 he again saw said soldier, at which time he was still suffering from said disability; that he is not related to said soldier; and has no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

his
THOMAS X DIXON.
mark

J. W. C. PEMBERTON.
MOSES WEST.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of November, 1891; and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was read to and explained to said affiant before swearing to the same; and that said affiant is respectable and entitled to credit; that I am not related to claimant, and have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

[SEAL.]

J. F. FERGUSON,
Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Saline County*, ss:

In the matter of pension claim No. 723820, of Curtis P. Wise, of Company I One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for said county, Jacob Teal, who being duly sworn, on his oath says that he is 59 years of age and his post office is Stone Fort, Ill. That he is well acquainted with Curtis P. Wise, the above-named soldier, and has been since he (soldier) was a boy. Well remembers when said Curtis P. Wise enlisted in the Army in the fall of 1862, at which time he was a sound and able-bodied man. That he also remembers when said Curtis P. Wise came home from the Army in the spring of 1863, at which time he was very low, and was suffering from diarrhea and the effects of frozen feet and legs. That he continued to suffer from said disease for several years after his return home as aforesaid. That he lived in the same neighborhood with said Curtis P. Wise from and before his return home in 1863, to the present time, and has had the means of knowing his physical condition each year to the present. That he knows as matter of fact that there was no time between the spring of 1863 and the close of the war in 1865 that the said Curtis P. Wise was able to have returned to his company, for the reason that he was confined to his bed and room and was so confined at the close of the war. That he made frequent visits to see said soldier, in fact, saw him almost weekly from his return home in 1863 to 1865, and often assisted in waiting on him. That he was treated by Dr. John Whitnel, who often called on him to assist him when dressing said soldier's legs and feet. That said soldier has not recovered from said disabilities or either of them to the present time. That he is not related to Curtis P. Wise and has no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

his
JACOB X TEAL.
mark

Attest:

JACOB HAYES.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of May, 1891; and I certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit was fully made known to said witness before swearing to the same, and that said witness is respectable and entitled to full credit. I am not related to soldier and have no interest in this claim.

[SEAL.]

W. R. STALIONS, Notary Public.

Clerk's certificate on file in Pension Office.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *County of Saline*:

In the matter of the application of Curtis P. Wise, late of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, personally came before me, in aforesaid county and State, N. J. Rushing, a citizen of the town of Carrier Mills, county of Saline, State of Illinois, who is personally known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, declares as follows: That he was well acquainted with said claimant at and prior

to his enlistment in 1862, at which time he was a sound and able-bodied man; that he saw claimant in the spring of 1863, immediately after he came out of the Army; he was then suffering from sore feet and legs, which he is well satisfied was caused by being frozen; he was also complaining of mumps, which had injured his left testicle; remembers seeing his testicle at the time; that he knows he was in very bad health; very much emaciated; that he has been well acquainted with claimant each year since 1863 to present time and knows that from some cause he (claimant) has not been able for the performance of manual labor during any year since 1863 to present time sufficient to obtain his sustenance more than one-fourth of his time or ability, and some parts of his time not so much; age 54 years; that he knew said statement to be true of his own personal knowledge derived from personal acquaintance and being in claimant's company each year from 1863 to present time; he further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution, and is not related to said applicant.

N. J. RUSHING.

Attest:

D. O. ALLEN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the above-named affidavit, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case and not related to claimant, nor am I concerned in its prosecution.

Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of March, 1890.

[SEAL.]

D. O. ALLEN,
Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Johnson County*, ss:

In the matter of pension claim No. 723820, of Curtis P. Wise, of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers, personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for said county, J. E. W. Reid, who, being duly sworn, on his oath says he is 56 years of age, and his post office is Ozark, Ill.; that he is well acquainted with Curtis P. Wise, the above-named soldier; well remembers when he enlisted in Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, in the fall of 1862; that he was at that time a stout and able-bodied boy; that he well remembers when said soldier came home from the Army in March, 1863, at which time he was in very bad health, almost in a helpless condition, suffering from diarrhea and results of frozen feet and legs; that he lived in the same neighborhood with said soldier from his return home in March, 1863, to the close of the war in 1865, and made frequent visits to see him, and some of the time waited on him; that he knows as a matter of fact that said soldier was not able at any time or during any year between March, 1863, and the close of the war in 1865, to have returned to his company, for the reason that he never recovered from said disabilities and was confined to his bed and room; that he has been well acquainted with the said Curtis P. Wise each and every year since 1865 to the present time, and has the means of knowing that he has never recovered from said disabilities to the present time, and has not been able during any year since 1865 to the present time to perform manual labor sufficient to obtain his subsistence; that his means of knowing the above facts are that he has seen said soldier and been in his company almost every year since 1865 to the present time; that he is no way related to said soldier and has no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

J. E. W. REID.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of April, A. D. 1891, and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was fully explained to said affiant before swearing to the same, and that said affiant is respectable and entitled to credit; that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

[SEAL.]

F. M. BARNWELL, Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Williamson County*, ss:

In the matter of pension claim No. 723820, of Curtis P. Wise, of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for said county, Marbel D. Camden, who, being duly sworn, on his oath says he is 55 years of age, and his post office is Stone Fort, Ill.; that he is well acquainted with Curtis P. Wise, the above-named soldier, and has been since their boyhood; that he well remembers when

said soldier enlisted in said Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, which was in the fall of 1862, at which time he was a stout, healthy boy; that he well remembers when said soldier came home from the Army in the latter part of March, 1863, at which time he was suffering in the extreme from what he then understood was result of frozen feet and legs and diarrhea; that he lived in same neighborhood with soldier and made frequent visits to see him and assist in waiting on him; that he knows as a matter of fact that said soldier never at any time recovered from said disabilities between the time he came home in March, 1863, and the close of the war, so as to have been able to have returned to his company; that he was near neighbor as aforesaid and saw said soldier almost weekly during that time, and knows he was confined to his bed and room during the time aforesaid; that he has lived near neighbor to said soldier and been in his company almost every year since the close of war in 1865 to the present time and knows that said soldier has not at any time or during any year since 1865 to the present time recovered from said disabilities, and has not at any time since he came home or since 1865, been able to perform manual labor sufficient to obtain his subsistence; that he is not related to said soldier and has no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

MARBEL D. CAMDEN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 1891, and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was fully explained to said affiant before swearing to the same, and that said affiant is respectable and entitled to credit; that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

[SEAL.]

THOMAS A. BOREN,
Notary Public.

(Clerk's certificate on file.)

STATE OF ILLINOIS, *Saline County*, ss:

In the matter of pension claim No. 723820, of Curtis P. Wise, of Company I, One hundred and twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for said county, T. J. Osburn, who, after being duly sworn, on his oath says that he is 51 years of age, and his post office is Stone Fort, Ill. That he is a practicing physician, and has been since 1855. That in the fall of 1865 he commenced treating the said claimant for chronic diarrhea; also treated him for frozen feet and legs, which diseases, he was then informed by claimant, were contracted while in the Army, which he then had and still does have every reason to believe is true. Judging at the time (1865) from the appearance of said claimant, and his knowledge and experience in such disease, that claimant was at the time in bad condition, wholly unable for any kind of duty or manual labor; that he was also informed by claimant that he had contracted said disabilities during the winter of 1863 and latter part of 1862; that he would now give it as his opinion that if said disabilities were so contracted at the time aforesaid, that said claimant would have not at any time between the contracting of said disabilities and the time he first saw him in 1865 been able to have performed any kind of military duty, or to have traveled from his home and reported to his company; that he has seen claimant and treated him almost every year or gave him medical advice since 1865 to the present time; that he has not recovered from said disabilities, or either of them, at any time since he first treated him; that he regards the injuries to his feet and legs as the result of being frozen, and that the same is permanent and incurable, as it frequently breaks out in sores; that claimant may at times partially recover from diarrhea, but would again relapse; that he has all of the time aforesaid been very much debilitated and very weak, and never able to perform manual labor and do justice to his health; that he would consider him now wholly unable for the performance of any kind of manual exercise; that he is not related to claimant, and has no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

T. J. OSBURN, M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of March, 1891; and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was fully explained to affiant before swearing to the same, and that affiant is respectable and in good professional standing; that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

[SEAL.]

W. R. STALIONS,
Notary Public.

(Clerk's certificate on file in Pension Office.)

