

In the matter of his claim for original Invalid Pension

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State, John Finton aged 63 years and John aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, Citizen of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ County of Vigo 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 follows: I farmed here two years before going into the army, before that I worked at the printing business for twelve years in Batavia Calermont County Ohio. I moved from Ohio to Vigo County Indiana in 1868. I am still in Vigo County Indiana and trying to farm. My disability is Rheumatism in the shoulders back hips and knees. I think it was brought on by exposure while a prisoner in Libby Prison. I was treated for Rheumatism by the Doctor in the Army while on the Atlanta Campaign under Sherman. I dont know where the Doctor lives now. I have been treated at home by Dr. Leachman of Perrinton Vigo County Indiana who is now dead.

I have not followed the plow ten days since the war closed. I cannot work. I try to see that my work is done by others.

The reason that I think I contracted my disease while a prisoner is this. I never had the Rheumatism until after I was captured and had to wade streams of water in sleet snow and rain. When we arrived at Tallahoma we was robbed of over coats Blankets and our cloths and put on a team for Richmond, and in the Mountains we was snow bound for two days without fire. We was captured at Thompsons Station Tennessee on March 5<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Further declare that \_\_\_\_\_ no interest in said case, and \_\_\_\_\_ not concerned in its prosecution, and \_\_\_\_\_ not related to said applicant.

Attest— When any Agent signs BY MARK.  
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Signature of Agent:

John Finton