

HEADQUARTERS

Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

QUINCY, ILLINOIS

George D. Finch (0) of the town of *Farmer City*, in the County of *De Witt*, and State of *Illinois*, formerly a Soldier of the United States of America, in the war against (1) *the late Civil war*, 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 *76* years old; that he is *5* feet and *6* inches high; that he is of *Light* complexion, *Blue* eyes, and *Gray* hair; that he was born in the town of *Patterson* in the *State Kansas*, *near York*, on the _____ day of _____, 1. _____; that he has been (2) *once* enrolled in the U. S. A. service; _____ in the war against *Rebellion*, and _____ 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>Aug 21 1861 Bloomington Ill</i>	<i>Dec 31 1863 Oberburg 1863</i>	<i>Drum</i>	<i>Co. A Regt. 33</i>	<i>Wife Master out</i>
2nd.	<i>Jan 1 1864</i>	<i>24 day Nov 1865</i>	<i>Corp</i>	<i>Co. 33 Regt. Ill</i>	<i>Wife Master out</i>
3rd.		<i>Ticketing</i>		<i>Co. Regt.</i>	

That he now receives, on pension certificate number *638656*, a pension of *Twelve* 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 the above named; that his trade or occupation is that of a *not able to work*

That he has (4) *No* wife; that he has *7* children now living; ages, respectfully, (5) *24 to 40* years. That his postoffice address is *Farmer City*, State of *Illinois*; that his nearest railway station is *Farmer City Ills*, on the *C. & N. Ry* Railway, in *De Witt* 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 *Bert Finch*, of *Farmer City*, County of *De Witt*, State of *Illinois*; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to *Bert Finch*, at *Farmer City* County of *De Witt*, State of *Illinois*.

That he has not heretofore been a member of any Soldiers', Sailors', or other Charitable Home or Institution, excepting the (6) *National Home at Danville Illinois*

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) *the infirmities of old age and mental disability* 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 *Fifteenth* day of *March*, 190*6*

(9) *J. R. Robinson*

Witness.

(8) *G. D. Finch*

Applicant.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

County of De Witt } ss

I, John R. Robinson, a (10) Notary Public

of the town of Farmer City, 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) George D Finch Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15 day of March, A. D. 1906

Witness my hand and official seal.

[L. S.]

John R. Robinson (12) Notary Public
Term Expires May 12 1906

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION.

I do hereby certify, upon honor, that I have personally known George D Finch 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) Marshall Hurley
(14) Police Magistrate

CERTIFICATE OF A LOCAL PHYSICIAN:

I hereby depose and state that I have carefully examined the above named applicant: Geo D Finch

as to his disability, and I now find that he is (15) suffering from an incurable stage of Mental Faculties not understood 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. I am not sure that he can do all things for himself. I consider him perfectly harmless to those around him.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15 day of March 1906. And I certify that I am personally acquainted with said affiant, 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.

John R. Robinson (16) Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF A SOLDIERS' HOME SURGEON.

I hereby certify upon honor that I carefully and critically examined Geo. D. Finch the above named applicant, as to his mental and physical condition, at the Hospital of this Institution, on the 27 day of March, 1906; and that I found him to be of sound mind, and to be capable of earning his living by reason of his physical disability arising from (17) Chronic Muscular Rheumatism & Old Age.

Witness my hand, C. E. Eble, Home Hospital Surgeon.

ORDER ADMITTING APPLICANT.

The application of the said George D. Hensch, together with the said several certificates, signatures, and jurates, 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 now duly admitted as a member thereof, this 22 day of March, 1906.

[Signature]
Superintendent.

HOW TO FILL APPLICATION BLANKS.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0. Give full name of the Applicant. 1. Either "Mexico, the late Rebellion, or Spain." 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, <i>in his own words</i>, 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 <i>full name</i>, or make his mark. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Signature and title of Justice or Notary. 13. To be made and signed by any Judge or 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. R. Post. 14. Here write official title. 15. The physician here will state tersely, but fully, as far as he can learn, <i>every</i> cause or disorder that tends in any degree to render the Applicant <i>incapable of earning his own living</i>. 16. Name and official title of Notary or Justice. 17. Here state <i>minutely</i> what disorder, ailment, disease, or cause, it is that, in your judgment, <i>disables the Applicant and renders him incapable of earning his own living</i>. |
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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 that 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 the 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 found 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 citizen's 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, the late Rebellion, or the Spanish war.
- 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, or served in an Illinois organization.
- 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 means of some other **present disability**.
- 5. That you shall 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-defense.
- 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.

Superintendent.

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

In the matter of the relationship of George J. Finch
W 33 Ill Inf., being first duly sworn according to law,
 deposes and says that he formerly resided at Farmers City Ill,
 that he is married, that his wife,
 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>F G Finch</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Springfield Mo</u>
<u>J M Finch</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Farmers City Ill</u>
<u>G K Finch</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Springfield Ill</u>
<u>Addie Summers</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>Mabels Ill</u>
<u>Thora Herald</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Clinton Ill</u>
<u>Bert Finch</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Farmers City Ill</u>
<u>Clara S. Instructor</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>Jacksonville Ill</u>

And further affiant saith not. George J. Finch

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22 day of March
 A. D. 1904.
J. H. Lawson

To all whom it may Concern.



Know ye, That George D. Finch
Private of Captain W. J. Duttons
Company, (A) 33rd Regiment of Illinois Infantry
VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the Twenty first day of August
one thousand eight hundred and Sixty one to serve Three years or
during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States,
this Thirty first day of December, 1869, at Indianola
Texas by reason of Re-enlistment in the Veteran Service
(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said George D. Finch was born in Pittstown
in the State of New York, is Thirty four years of age,
Five feet six inches high, Light complexion, Blue eyes,
Light hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Painter.

Given at Indianola Texas this Thirty first day of
December 1869

General H. Potter
Lt. Col.
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.]

Chas. Wickham

2nd Lieut & Co. USA
Asst Comd of Mus Co.

To all whom it may ^{was in action at} Concern.

Fredericktown Oct. 26, 1861
 Bachs River Ark. July 7, 63
 Magnolia Hill May 6, 65



Sign of Vicksburg Miss from
 May 17, to July 1, 63
 Ft Esperanza Texas from
 Nov 27, to 30, 63
 Spanish Blk. from March 27, to
 April 8, 65

Know ye That George D. Finch
 a Sergeant of Captain W. J. Dutton's
Company (A), 33rd Ill. V. I. Regiment of Union's Volunteers
VOLUNTEERS, who was enrolled on the First day of January
 one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four as a private to serve three years or
 during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States
 this Twenty-fourth day of November, 1865, at Vicksburg
Mississippi by reason of Order No. 100 dated Ad. G. S. Dept. of Miss
Nov. 14, 1865
 (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said George D. Finch was born in Pittsford
 in the State of New York, is thirty-three years of age,
Five feet six inches high, Light complexion, Blue eyes,
Light hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Painter
 Given at Vicksburg, Miss this Twenty-fourth day of
November 1865.

Frederic R. Kozmin
 1st Lt. 33rd Ill. V. I. Co. A.
 Commanding the Reg't.
 Dist. of Miss

*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.]
Warrey J. Dutton
 Capt. Co. A. 33rd Ill. V. I. Sub.
 Commanding Company

OFFICERS.

HENRY EVANS, President.
 EDWARD LANNING, }
 GEORGE E. KLINE, } Vice-Presidents.
 J. E. LOPEZ, }
 E. L. BALLARD, } Secretaries.
 C. R. TUTTLE, }
 J. A. SWINNERTON, } Ass't Secretaries.

THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE CO.
 OF NEW YORK.
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 280 LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLS.

ASSETS.

JANUARY 1st, 1904.

Reserve for Insurance in force.....	\$5,646,414.36
Reserve for losses and all claims..	682,334.74
Reserve for Contingencies.....	300,000.00
Capital paid in in cash.....	1,000,000.00
Net Surplus.....	6,563,428.53
Total Gross Assets.....	\$14,192,177.63

J. R. ROBINSON, Agent,
 Farmer City, Ill.

Farmer City Ills. 3/15/16

*Capt Sumerville,
 Quincy, Ills.*

*Dear Sir: Please send transportation of the
 applicant to - Bert Finch - Clinton, Ills -
 as he is staying temporarily at Clinton.
 Very Respectfully,
 J. R. Robinson.*

Clinton Ill. March 16
1908

Capt. Sumnerville

Dear Sir please send
this pension certificate
back with Pass if sent
as we have got that
petition coming yet
as soon as there
is a conservation appo
for check he has lost
and oblige

Bert Finch

Clinton
Ill.

REGISTER No. 7418

Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home

QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

George D Finch
Lieut. D. M. Co. Ills

First Co. *A* *33* Reg't *Ills Inf*
Corp Co. *A* *33* Reg't *Ills Inf*

Co. _____ Reg't _____

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Best Finch Conservator

Harmon City

Ills

Apr 4 1906 Discharged Insane