

HEADQUARTERS

Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

QUINCY, ILLINOIS

MAR 1 - 1908

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John Burns (9) of the town of *Clinton*, in the County of *De Witt*, and State of **ILLINOIS**, formerly a Soldier of the United States of America, in the war against (1) *Rebellion*, respectfully asks that he be admitted as a member of said Home.

To enable the authorities to determine whether or not he is legally entitled to become a member of said Home, he declares and states the facts to be that he is now *86* years old; that he is *5* feet and *8* inches high; that he is of *fair* complexion, *gray* eyes, and *gray* hair; that he was born in the town of *Waverly* in the *Illinois* of *Wendell*, on the *19* day of *Nov*, 1 *822*; that he has been (2) 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) 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>Jan'y 25" 1864</i>	<i>Jan'y 14" 1865</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Co. 2^d Regt. 1st Cal. M. O.</i>	
2nd.				<i>Co. Regt.</i>	
3rd.		<i>(17 mos)</i>		<i>Co. Regt.</i>	

That he now receives, on pension certificate number *939,519*, a pension of *20* 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 *2100* 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 *farmer*.

That he has (4) *no* wife; that he has *no* children now living; ages, respectfully, (5) *no* years. That his postoffice address is _____, State of Illinois; that his nearest railway station is _____, on the _____ Railway, in _____ 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 *Dr. J. J. Brown*, of *Quincy*, County of *Adair*, State of *Ill.*; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to _____, at _____ County of _____, State of _____.

That he has not heretofore been a member of any Soldiers', Sailors', or other Charitable Home or Institution, excepting the (6) *none*.

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) *old age* _____ 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 *1st* day of *March*, 190*8*.

(9) *J. J. Brown* Witness.

(8) *John X Burns* Applicant.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

County of Adams

SS

I,

[Signature]

a (10)

Notary Public

of the town of Quincy, 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)

[Signature]

Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this day of March, A. D. 190...

Witness my hand and official seal.

[L. S.]

[Signature]

(12)

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION.

I do hereby certify, upon honor, that I have personally known 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)

(14)

CERTIFICATE OF A LOCAL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby depose and state that I have carefully examined the above named applicant, as to his disability, and I now find that he has

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.

M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this day of 190... 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.

(16)

CERTIFICATE OF A SOLDIERS' HOME SURGEON.

I hereby certify upon honor that I carefully and critically examined the above named applicant, as to his mental and physical condition, at the Hospital of this Institution, on Sunday the 1 day of March, 1908; and that I found him to be of a sound mind, and to be incapable of earning his living by reason of his physical disability arising from (17) [Signature]

Witness my hand

[Signature]

Home Hospital Surgeon.

ORDER ADMITTING APPLICANT.

The application of the said Robert T. ..., 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 1st day of Feb, 1905.

Wm. J. ...
Superintendent.

HOW TO FILL APPLICATION BLANKS.

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| <ol 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 full name, or make his mark. | <ol 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.

GOVERNOR:
CHARLES S. DENEEN
SPRINGFIELD.

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HEADQUARTERS

Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home



June 4th 1909

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Major M J Burger
Danville Branch
Kath Home for S & S
Danville Ill

Dear Sir.

Will you kindly
give me the record of John Burns late
Private Co D, 2^d Ill Lgt Art from your
Dept.

Very Truly

J M Elder
Adjt
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February 29, 1908.

Capt. Wm. Summerville,
Supt. S & S. Home,
Quincy, Ill.

Dear Comrad:-

We are sending comrad Thomas Burns of this place to your home. He is about 85 years old and has been a hard drinker of intoxicants for 60 years. His wife died a few days ago and she used to draw Tom's pension and buy the provisions and look after him. Now with no one to look after him, he will freeze or starve to death unless you can keep him at your institution. He will have to have a little whiskey now and then, but should not have enough money to pay his fare here or he will come on first train.

If you would make it a personal matter to look a little after Tom once in a while, the boys here will appreciate it very much.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

R A Lemon

P. J. Tom needs a strong restraining hand - RAL

8055

United States of America

State of



Illinois

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Springfield, August 25, 1908,

It is Hereby Certified, *That it appears from the Records of this Office, that*

John Burns,

Enlisted on the 29th. *day of* January 1864, *at* Clinton, Illinois.

and was mustered into the service of the United States as a Re-Cruit,

in Battery *Company* I. 2nd. *Regiment, Illinois* Light Artillery,

for the period of Three Years, *on the* 28th. *day of* April 1864.

Age, 27: Height, 5ft. 9in.: Hair, Dark: Eyes, Blue: Complexion, Fair

Occupation, Farmer: Native, Ireland.

Mustered Out, June 14, 1865.

His residence at date of enlistment is stated as Clinton, Illinois.

This Certificate is issued at the request of J. M. Elder, Adjutant,

Soldiers' Home,

Quincy, Ills.

Thos. W. Scott,
Adjutant General of Illinois.

United States of America

State of



Illinois

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Springfield, August 1, 1912.

It is Hereby Certified, That it appears from the Records of this Office, that

John Burns,

Enlisted on the 29th day of January 1864,-----at Clinton, Illinois,-----

and was mustered into the service of the United States as a -----Recruit,-----

in Company Battery,
I, 2nd-----*Regiment, Illinois Light Artillery,*-----

for the period of -----Three years,-----*on the* 28th day of April 1864.-----

Age, 27; Height, 5ft. 9in.; Hair, Dark; Eyes, Blue; Complexion, Fair;
Occupation, Farmer; Native, Ireland;

Mustered out, June 14, 1865.

His residence at date of enlistment is stated as Clinton, Dewitt County, Illinois.

This Certificate is issued at the request of J.O. Anderson, Supt.,
Soldiers' Home,
Quincy, Illinois.

H. S. Dickson

The Adjutant General of Illinois.
Chief of Staff.

William Booth,
Lawyer.

Clinton, Illinois, July 27th 1912

Superintendent
Soldiers Home Quincy, Ills.

I send you copy of my letters of appointment
as conservator of John Burns.

I will see that he does not spend his person
for "Booze". I have known him for many
years. He has no family or relatives that he knows
about, & he tells me when he dies he wants
to be buried at the Home.

Anything to be done here will
be done by me.

Hoping that Burns will "be good"
Yours truly

I am

William Booth,
Clinton, Ills.

CHARLES W. FIRKE
LAWYER
I. O. O. F. BUILDING
MONTICELLO, ILLINOIS

February 12, 1931.

Soldiers and Sailors Home
Quincy, Illinois.

IN RE: John Burns - H.14

Gentlemen:

I understand that the above soldier deceased at your institution on June 12, 1920. That he was a Civil War veteran, Private Battery I, Second Regiment, Illinois Light Artillery. That he was buried in grave No. 2751. I would like to obtain any information shown by your records on this soldier, showing the date and place of birth, the names of any ancestors, or brothers and sisters, as well as their addresses. I would thank you for any information that you can give me along this line. If you do not have it, and you could refer me to any place where I might obtain same, I would appreciate it very much. During what period of time was this party a resident of your institution? Awaiting your reply, I am

Very truly yours,

C. W. Firke

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LAW OFFICES OF
LEMON & LEMON
CLINTON, ILLINOIS

Clinton, Ill., July 27, 1912.

Hon. J. O. Anderson,
Supt., Soldier's Home,
Quincey, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st inst., relating to John Burns, former inmate of the Home, who was discharged therefrom on May 25, 1912.

In compliance with the conditions of your letter Mr. Wm. Booth of this city has been appointed conservator for Burns, and will look after his pension money, and see that it is properly applied.

We trust that you will receive him again, as he promises to obey the rules and regulations of the Home.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. A. Lemon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

PROVOST COURT

HEADQUARTERS
ILLINOIS S. AND S. HOME
QUINCY, ILLINOIS

Accusation against John Bunn July 9 1908

Register No. 8055 Cottage No. 14

Charge 1st. A.M.O.L.

Specifications: That John Bunn
went out on or about 8 P.M.
July 9 has not returned as yet
this 8 A.M. July 10

Charge 2nd _____

Specifications: That _____

B. S. Barnes _____ Serg't Provost Guard.

Plea to Charge 1st. _____ Finding _____

Plea to Charge 2nd _____ Finding _____

Penalty Discharged W.K.O.P.

John Sanders
Subt.

Hospital July 21
Some clothing worn by comrad

8045 John Burns Blouse, Trousers & shoes
Wrappers Skirt over socks
Who is absent 10 days

W. S. Barnes Haupt Steward

Foot off C 95

First Endorsement.

DANVILLE BRANCH,
NATIONAL HOME FOR D. V. S.,

June 5, 1909.

Respectfully returned with the information that John Burns, I, 2nd Ill. Lt. Art., has been absent without leave since May 25, 1909.

He was sentenced by the Governor's Court to perform 40 days' labor without pay for drunk and disorderly, but he refused to perform the sentence, took his papers and went away. He will be dropped from the rolls about July 25th, next.



Treas. & Acting Governor.