

HEADQUARTERS

Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home,

QUINCY, ILLINOIS

August 17 1904

John O'Dea, (0) of the town of *Clinton*, in the County of *Dwight*, 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 *69* years old; that he is *5* feet and *4* inches high; that he is of *Fair* complexion, *Dark* eyes, and *Gray* hair; that he was born in the town of *Irland* in the *Sept* of *1835*, on the *29* day of *Sept*, 1835; that he has been (2) *One* 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) *One* 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>June 13th 1861</i>	<i>July 1st 1864</i>	<i>Pvt</i>	<i>Co. 8 Regt. Mo Inf</i>	
2d.				<i>Co. Regt.</i>	
3d.				<i>Co. Regt.</i>	

That he now receives, or pension certificate number *351816*, a pension of *22* dollars a month, payable the *4th* day of next *Oct*, at the *Chicago* Pension Office.

That he owns property, real and personal, of the value of *nothing* 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 *Blacksmith*.

That he has (4) *no* wife; that he has *2* children now living; ages, respectively, (5) *33-29* 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 *Thomas O'Dea*, of *Desh Moines*, County of _____, State of *Iowa*; that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to *Thomas O'Dea*, at *Desh Moines* County of _____ State of *Iowa*.

That he has not heretofore been a member of any Soldiers', Sailors', or other Charitable Home or Institution, excepting the (6) *no*.

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) *Deafness & Genl 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 *17* day of *Aug 4* 1904
 (9) *W. Dawson* Witness. (8) *John O'Dea* Applicant.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

County of Adams } ss.

I, J. P. Lawson, a (10) N. P.

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) John O'Dea,
Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17 day of Aug, A. D. 1904

Witness my hand and official seal.

[L. S.] J. P. Lawson (12) N. P.

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 (15).....

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, as an honest man and a capable physician, in the community and among his fellow physicians where he lives.

(16).....

CERTIFICATE OF SOLDIERS HOME SURGEON.

I hereby certify upon honor that I carefully and critically examined John O'Dea the above named Applicant, as to his mental and physical condition, at the Hospital of this Institution, on Wednesday the 17th day of August 1904; and that I found him to be of.....sound mind, and to be.....incapable of earning his living by reason of his physical disability arising from (17).....Deafness, Chronic Bronchitis and chronic Gastritis.

Witness my hand.....
D. M. L. & S. INCY,
SURGEON
Home Hospital Surgeon.



ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

CITY OF JEFFERSON.

W. T. DAMERON, Adjutant-General.
I. MANN, Chief Clerk.

October 17th 1904

RESPECTFULLY RETURNED,

With the information that we have carefully and thoroughly examined the record of Eight Regt. of Inft. Vols. and the name of John O. Dea, is not borne thereon and will kindly request some additional information in order to find said service, and upon receipt of such data we will with pleasure look up and forward to you said certificate.

You should give the full name of the Col. and Capt. under whom the soldier served, No. of Regt. letter of Co. arm of service, date and place of enlistment.

With answer please return all papers to this office.

Yours very respectfully,

W. T. Dameron

INVENTORY of the Effects of

John O'Dea

No. *6816*

late *D 8* Co. *M* Reg't *Inf.*

Vols., who died

on the *2nd* day of *July* 190*5*, at Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

ARTICLES.	VALUE.		HOW DISPOSED OF.
	Dolls.	Cts.	
<p><i>1 valise, 1 shirt, 3 under-shirts, 5 pr. drawers, 1 pr. gloves, 2 brushes, 1 razor, 1 beard, 1 knife, 1 pr. shoes, 2 pr. glasses, 1 penholder, 1 pkg. pictures & papers, 1 book, 7 hdkfs, 1 coat, 1 vest, 2 pr. pants, 1 mission, 1 shaving brush, 1 mug, 1 strap, 1 pr. suspenders.</i></p> <p><i>Received the above articles in good condition. July 3rd 1905</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Thomas O'Dea</i></p>			

We certify that the above Inventory is correct, and that we have, this _____ day of _____ 190____, carefully examined each of the articles therein named, and have written opposite each our estimate of its value, and what disposition should, in our opinion, be made of it.

APPROVED:

Superintendent.

Board of Appraisers.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
 COUNTY OF ADAMS.

In the matter of the relationship of John O'Dea,
 being first duly sworn according to law,
 deposes and says that he formerly resided at Clinton 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>John O'Dea</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Des Moines Ia</u>
<u>Fannie Taylor</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>Chicago Ill</u>

And further affiant saith not.

John O'Dea

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this day of

A. D. 190 .

ILLINOIS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HOME.

Quincy, Ill., July 2 1905

To the Adjutant:

John O'Kea

10 Co. 8th Inf Regt.

died in Hospital at 1,450 A.M., aged 65 years.

Names and address of Relatives or Friends

Reg. No. 6816

G. S. Barnes

Hospital Steward.

Hospital Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

Quincy, Ill. July 5th 1905

TO THE ADJUTANT:

This is to Certify, That

John O'Kea

Reg. No. 6816

late of Co. A. 8th Mo. Inf. Reg't.

died in Hospital July 7th '05

Cause of Death Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Age 65.

Geo. E. Praenthal

Surgeon.

August 13th., 1904.

Capt. Summerville,
Supt. Soldiers & Sailors Home,
Quincy, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

This will introduce to you Comrad John O'Dea of this
City, late of the 8th. Mo. U.S.V.

Mr. O'Dea is sick and needs to be taken care of for a while,
and wants to stay in your institution. He is deserving. Take
good care of him.

Very truly yours,

R.A.L.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R.A. Lemon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "R.A.L." and the closing "Very truly yours,".

Copies

+++ SHORT WILL. +++

ILLINOIS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HOME. QUINCY, ILL.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN,

I, John O'Dea of Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home, in the County of Adams and State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do, therefore, make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament.

First. I order and direct that my Execut or hereinafter named, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

Second. After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise and bequeath all worldly goods of which I may die possessed,

to my brother

Thomas O'Dea

Res Mainer

Iowa

Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint

Mrs Somerville Rept

or his successor in office

to be Execut or of this

my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal,

the 17 day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred four

Signed John O'Dea



This instrument was, on the day of the date thereof, signed, published and declared by the said testator John O'Dea to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

Signed D J Lawson

Signed J E Weigel

Bloomington Ill.
Feb. 28 / 30

Sup't of Soldiers' & Sailors' Home
J Quincy Ill.

My dear sir -

Presuming
that records of your institution of former years are preserved I am asking you for information for which I will be most grateful if you are able to give it.

But first my reason for asking.

As you know Congressional Medals of Award are but few in number. Three of those came to McLean Co. soldiers for gallant service at Ficksburg. They were the only soldiers of McLean Co. ever to have

received that recognition.
One of those medals has
recently been placed in the
McLean Co. Historical Bldg
and an effort is being made
to secure the other two.

I am asking you for in-
formation that may help
me obtain the medal of
John O'Dea, Co. H, 8th Missouri
Volunteers. (Illinois quota
being filled many were taken
into the Missouri regiment)

John O'Dea entered the
Soldiers' Home from Clinton,
Ill. or Bloomington about 1904
and died there I believe
about 7 May or June 1905.
Is there any record at that
time ^{of address} of his nearest relatives,
a son Emmett O'Dea, or

daughter, Mrs Fannie —
(name unknown)?

Have you any record of what was done with his personal possessions? The medal was most valued by him and I think would have made some request regarding it.

John O'Dea was an uncle of mine and any information you may be able to give will be gratefully received.

I realize that beyond the second generation these personal decorations mean but little, but they pass into history as high lights for our heroes.

Respectfully Yours

Elizabeth Brennan

7 Mrs P. J. Brennan
704 E. Washington St.