

Also personally appeared Alfred Green, residing at Baltimore  
City and George W. Lager, residing at Baltimore  
City, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who,  
being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Joseph Cornish  
....., the claimant sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration:  
that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that  
he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this  
claim.

Mr. F. Dempsey  
Saul S. Davis

Alfred Green  
George W. Lager  
(Signatures of Witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me, this 8th day of January,

A. D. 1874, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully  
made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the  
words....., erased, and the words

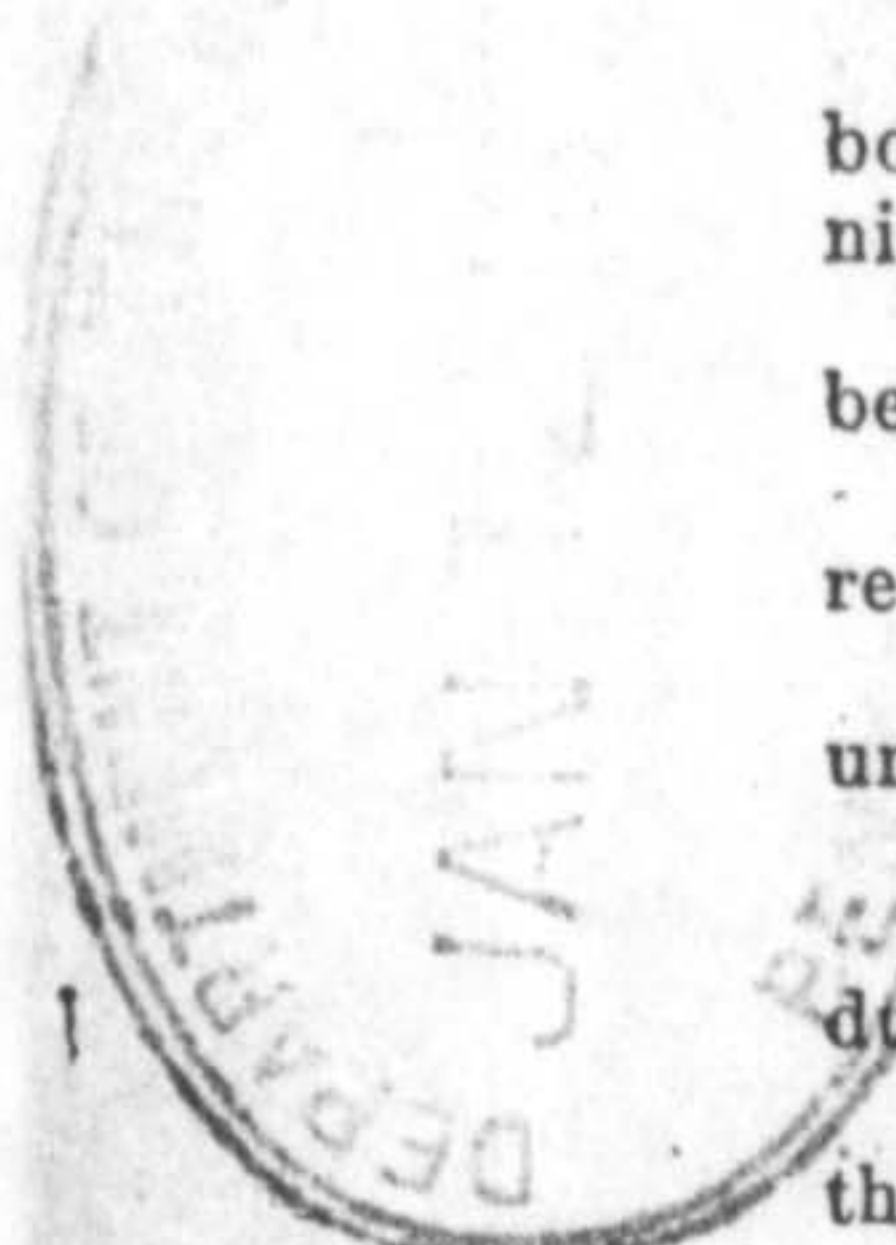
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....., added; and that I have no  
interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J B Gaister  
(Signature.)  
Depy Clk Superior Court

(Official Character.)

1. "Was drafted," "enlisted," or "was enrolled."
  2. Here give place, time, character and nature of disability, and of treatment in hospital or otherwise.
- All the blanks in this form should be carefully filled and the requirements or the notes strictly observed.  
An honorable discharge from the service in all cases is necessary.  
Declarations of claimants, either for original pension or for increase of pension already granted, must be made before a court of  
record, or before some officer thereof having custody of its seal; said officer being fully authorized and empowered to administer  
and certify any oath or affirmation relating to any pension or application therefor.  
The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credi-  
ble, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.  
Declarations and other papers should be as legible and as clear in statement as possible.  
Where any evidence is already on file in any Department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it  
will render it available in any subsequent claim.  
The post office address (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney and witnesses, should be em-  
bodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while commu-  
nicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.  
The fees for the prosecution of claims for pensions will not be allowed to exceed twenty-five dollars; no part of which is payable  
before the certificate for the pension has been issued.  
Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be  
recognized.  
All facts, testimony of which is required to establish a claim, must be proven by the affidavits of two or more credible witnesses,  
unless other evidence is specified.  
The statements of claimants, unless duly corroborated, are not accepted as evidence.  
Testimony, in support of allegations made in a declaration, may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are  
duly certified and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.  
Persons desiring to complete claims pending at the decease of the claimants, must furnish a duly verified certificate of their au-  
thority as heirs or legal representatives.  
With all claims for arrears, increase, or restoration to the rolls, the original pension certificate must be returned, or explanation  
of its absence must be given under oath.  
To facilitate the adjudication of claims, all the requisite evidence that is available should be forwarded with the application.



**A** **INVALID.** **CLAIM FOR PENSION.** **ORIGINAL.**

Joseph Cornish Applicant.  
of "Co. D." 4th Regt.  
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