

ILLINOIS SERVICE MARKS FOR OUR SERVICE MARKED  
ON BOTTOM: LF. L. STILLWELL. ON OPPOSITE SIDE  
MARKED: 61ST ILL. VOL. INF.

TRANSLATED THIS MEANS LIEUTENANT L. STILLWELL  
61ST. ILLINOIS VOLUNTARY INFANTRY. THESE ARE  
THE SERVICE GRIPS AND WOULD ALLOW THE USE OF  
SHOULDER STOCK IF DESIRED.

1881/1996  
Stillwell Leander  
Co. D, 61 Illinois Infantry.

Private 2 Lieutenant

CARD NUMBERS.

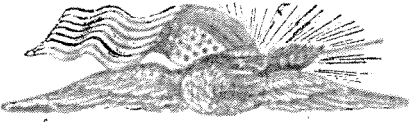
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See also

# VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.



I, *James Co*  
 State of *Illinois*  
*Leander Stelmus* born in *Illinois* County.....  
 in the State of *Illinois*, aged *twenty* years, and by occupation  
 a *Farmer*. Do hereby acknowledge to have volunteered this  
*first* day of *February*, 1864, to serve as a **Soldier**  
 in the **ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, for the period of **THREE**  
**YEARS**, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also agree to accept such County  
 pay, rations and clothing, as are, or may be, established by law for Volunteers. And  
 I, *Leander Stelmus*, do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegi-  
 ance to the **United States of America**, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully  
 against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of  
 the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according  
 to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at *Little Rock, Ark.*  
 this *first* day of *February*, 1864.  
 Before *James H. Carrington*  
*James H. Carrington*

*Leander Stelmus*  
 LEANDER STELMUS

**I CERTIFY, ON HONOR**, That I have carefully examined the above named Volunteer, agreeably to the General Regulations of  
 the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity, which would, in any way, disqualify him  
 from performing the duties of a soldier.

*James H. Carrington*  
 JAMES H. CARRINGTON  
 EXAMINING SURGEON.

**I CERTIFY, ON HONOR**, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer ..... previously to his  
 enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and  
 that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations  
 which govern the recruiting service. This soldier has *gray* eyes, *dark* hair, *light* complexion, is *five*  
 feet *seven* inches high.

*James H. Carrington*  
 Regiment of *Illinois* Volunteers,  
 RECRUITING OFFICER.

Mustered in to the Service of the United States in Co. "G" 9th Ill. Infantry Vol.  
 on the 30th day of April 1864 at Little Rock, Ark.

# DECLARATION OF RECRUIT.

I, Charles Stillewell, do hereby declare to VOLUNTEER as a Soldier in the Army of the United States, for the term of THREE YEARS, do swear, that I am Twenty years and no months of age; that I have never been discharged from the United States service on account of discipline or by sentence of a court martial, or by order before the expiration of a term of enlistment; and I know of no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a Soldier for three years.

GIVEN at Little Rock, Ark.  
The 17th day of February, 1864.  
Charles Stillewell

Witness: Geo. W. Stiles  
Comd'g Co. 1st Regt. Ark. Inf.  
at Little Rock, Ark.

Charles Stillewell  
Volunteer at Little Rock, Ark.  
February 17, 1864  
By Geo. W. Stiles  
Major of the 1st Regt. Ark. Inf.  
Discharged  
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## CONSENT IN CASE OF MINOR.

I, Geo. W. Stiles, do hereby certify, That I am the father of Charles Stillewell; that the said Charles Stillewell is Twenty years of age; and I do hereby freely give my CONSENT to his volunteering as a Soldier in the ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES for the period of THREE YEARS.

GIVEN at Little Rock, Ark.

The 17th day of February, 1864.

Witness:

III.

Regt Illinois Infantry

Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age years; height feet inches.

Complexion

Eyes

When born

Residence

When

Where

By what

Remarks

Book mark

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III.

Regt Illinois Infantry

Company Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above, Roll dated

Mustering in to the

Period

When

Where

Period

Remarks

Book mark

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III.

Regt Illinois Infantry

Company Muster Roll

for

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$

Due (for) \$

Remarks

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Regt Illinois Infantry

Company Muster Roll

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Remarks

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61 III.  
*Samuel Stillewell*  
 Co. B, 61 Reg't Illinois Infantry

Appears on  
 Company Descriptive Book  
 of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.  
 Age 18 years; height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches.  
 Complexion light  
 Eyes blue; hair brown  
 Where born Springfield, Mo.  
 Occupation Farmer

ENLISTMENT.

When enlisted 7, 1862  
 Where enlisted Vincennes, Ind.  
 By whom J. H. Woodcock; term 3 yrs.  
 Remarks: In service when he was mustered into the 61st Reg't Ill. Inf. at Springfield, Mo., Sept. 20, 1862. He was discharged at Lexington, Ky., May 1, 1863.

(385) *Samuel Stillewell*  
 Captain

61 III.  
*Samuel Stillewell*  
 Co. B, 61 Reg't Illinois Infantry

Company Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above, Roll dated  
*Springfield, Mo., Feb. 5, 1862.*  
 Muster-in to date  
 Joined for duty and controlled:  
 When 7, 1862  
 Where 3 years  
 Period 3 years

Bounty paid \$ 100; one \$ 100  
 Remarks:

Book mark: 99236.00  
*Price*  
 (386) *Samuel Stillewell*  
 Captain

61 III.  
*Samuel Stillewell*  
 Co. B, 61 Reg't Illinois Infantry

Company Muster Roll

Appears on  
 for  
 Present or absent Present  
 Stoppage, \$ 100 for  
 Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark:  
*Price*  
 (387) *Samuel Stillewell*  
 Captain

61 III.  
*Samuel Stillewell*  
 Co. B, 61 Reg't Illinois Infantry

Company Muster Roll

Appears on  
 for May 8 June, 1862  
 Present or absent Present  
 Stoppage, \$ 100 for  
 Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark:  
*Price*  
 (388) *Samuel Stillewell*  
 Captain

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61		III.	
<p><i>James Stillwell</i> Sgt. Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.</p>			
<p>Appears on _____</p>			
<p>Company Muster Roll</p>			
<p>for <i>Jan 21 - 1863</i></p>			
<p>Present or absent <i>Present</i></p>			
<p>Stoppage, \$ 100 for _____</p>			
<p>Due Gov't, \$ 100 for _____</p>			
<p>Remarks: _____</p>			
<p>Book mark: _____</p>			
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61		III.	
<p><i>James Stillwell</i> Sgt. Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.</p>			
<p>Appears on _____</p>			
<p>Company Muster Roll</p>			
<p>for <i>Mar 24 - 1863</i></p>			
<p>Present or absent <i>Present</i></p>			
<p>Stoppage, \$ 100 for _____</p>			
<p>Due Gov't, \$ 100 for _____</p>			
<p>Remarks: _____</p>			
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61		III.	
<p><i>James Stillwell</i> Sgt. Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.</p>			
<p>Appears on _____</p>			
<p>Special Muster Roll</p>			
<p>for <i>Jan 15 - 1863</i></p>			
<p>Present or absent <i>Present</i></p>			
<p>Stoppage, \$ 100 for _____</p>			
<p>Due Gov't, \$ 100 for _____</p>			
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<p><i>James Stillwell</i> Sgt. Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.</p>			
<p>Appears on _____</p>			
<p>Company Muster Roll</p>			
<p>for <i>May 21 - 1863</i></p>			
<p>Present or absent <i>Present</i></p>			
<p>Stoppage, \$ 100 for _____</p>			
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61 III.  
Bander Stillwell  
1 Apr Co. D. 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.

Company Muster Roll  
for July 1864  
Present or absent  
Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks

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61 III.  
Bander Stillwell  
1 Apr Co. D. 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.

Company Muster Roll  
for Sep & Oct 1864  
Present or absent  
Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: Absent in full pay  
since 30th Sept.

S  
61 III.  
Bander Stillwell  
1 Apr Co. D. 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.

Company Muster Roll  
for Nov & Dec 1864  
Present or absent  
Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks

S  
61 III.  
Bander Stillwell  
1 Apr Co. D. 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.

Company Muster Roll  
for Jan & Feb 1865  
Present or absent  
Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: Reenlisted Nov 1864  
Feb 1865  
Muster Roll given  
containing 3000000

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James Stillwell

Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for May & Sep 1864.

Present or absent

Stoppage \$ 100 for

Due Gov't \$ 100 for

Remarks: Mustered out for  
benefit of pay Jan 31/65  
for due from last paid  
to date of Muster out  
Recently due \$100.

Book mark:

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61 III.

James Stillwell

1864 Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Inf

Age 18 years

Appears on a

Detachment Muster-out Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

with last date Apr 30, 1864

Muster-out to date

Last paid to date Mar 31, 1864

Clothing account:

Last settled Apr 30, drawn since \$ 100

Due soldier \$ 100; due U. S. \$ 100

Amount for clothing in kind or money saved \$ 33 76

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, Acc. \$ 100

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

Remarks: Discharged by order  
of recruitment in relation  
to the provisions of  
the Act of March 3, 1864.  
After service of 1864.

Book mark:

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61 III.

James Stillwell

Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Inf

Appears on

Muster and Descriptive Roll of Veteran

Volunteers

of the organization named above. Roll dated

with last date Apr 1, 1864.

Where born Dec 1, 1846

Age 30 yrs; occupation Soldier

When enlisted Apr 1, 1864

Where enlisted with last date

For what period enlisted 3 years

Eyes Blue; hair Brown

Complexion Light; height 5 ft 7 in.

When mustered in Apr 30, 1864

Muster-in to date Apr 1, 1864

Where mustered in with last date

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

Where credited

Company to which assigned

Remarks: Mustered out  
Apr 30, 1864, for service of 3 years  
in the 61st Regt Illinois Inf.  
After service of 3 years  
in the 61st Regt Illinois Inf.

Book mark:

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James Stillwell

Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for May & Sep 1864.

Present or absent

Stoppage \$ 100 for

Due Gov't \$ 100 for

Remarks: Det. Vol. - 1st & 2d  
of service due \$ 100.

Book mark:

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S 61 III.

Company Muster Roll

for *Mary Jane*, 1864.  
Present or absent *Present*  
Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: *Net Vol. 1 + 2 2nd of bounty due \$ 110.*

Book mark: *Shupk*

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S 61 III.

Company Muster Roll

for *June 20 to 21*, 1864.  
Present or absent *Present*  
Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: *Net Vol.*

Book mark: *Shupk*

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Company Muster Roll

for *June 20 to 21*, 1864.  
Present or absent *Present*  
Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark: *Shupk*

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Company Muster Roll

for *June 20 to 21*, 1865.  
Present or absent *Present*  
Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: *Net Vol. 1 + 2 2nd of bounty due \$ 110.*

Book mark: *Shupk*

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61 III.

*James Stillwell*  
Capt., Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *W. H. Stillwell* 1865.

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: *Not yet*

*to be paid by*  
*Company Clerk*

Book mark

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*James*  
(1894)

61 III.

*James Stillwell*  
Capt., Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *W. H. Stillwell* 1865.

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: *Not yet*

*to be paid by*  
*Company Clerk*

Book mark

(358)

*James*  
(1894)

61 III.

*James Stillwell*  
Capt., Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *W. H. Stillwell* 1865.

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark

(358)

*James*  
(1894)

III.

*James Stillwell*  
281 Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Inf.

Age 21 years.

Appears on an

Individual Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dates

*Mustville, Tenn. Aug 27 1865*

Muster-in to date *July 18 1865*

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When *July 18 1865*

Where *Mustville, Tenn.*

Period 3 years.

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

Remarks: *Mustville, Tenn.*

*from July 18 to 1865*  
*and 1866, 1867*

Book mark

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*James*  
(1894)

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Printed in 1865  
to date Aug 21st and the  
miller shot and the  
change as at 1865  
remained to 1865

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<p>Leander Stowell Capt. Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Infantry.</p> <p>Appears on</p> <p>for</p> <p>Present or absent</p> <p>Stoppage, \$ 100 for</p> <p>Due (m)l, \$ 100 for</p> <p>Remarks: <i>He was ordered by order of Major M. Thomas to accept the bounty and as follows: \$100, 1865</i></p> <p><i>Leander Stowell</i></p>		<p>Leander Stowell Capt. Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Inf.</p> <p>Age 20 years</p> <p>Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated</p> <p>Muster-out to date</p> <p>Last paid to</p> <p>Clothing account:</p> <p>Last settled \$ 186 : drawn since \$ 100</p> <p>Due soldier \$ 100, due U. S. \$ 100</p> <p>Am't for clothing in kind or money paid \$ 100</p> <p>Due U. S. for arms, equipments, etc, \$ 100</p> <p>Bounty paid \$ 100, due \$ 100</p> <p>Remarks: <i>He was ordered by order of Major M. Thomas to accept the bounty and as follows: \$100, 1865</i></p> <p><i>Leander Stowell</i></p>		<p>Leander Stowell Capt. Co. D, 61 Regt Illinois Inf.</p> <p>Age 20 years</p> <p>Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated</p> <p>Muster-out to date</p> <p>Last paid to</p> <p>Clothing account:</p> <p>Last settled \$ 186 : drawn since \$ 100</p> <p>Due soldier \$ 100, due U. S. \$ 100</p> <p>Am't for clothing in kind or money paid \$ 100</p> <p>Due U. S. for arms, equipments, etc, \$ 100</p> <p>Bounty paid \$ 100, due \$ 100</p> <p>Remarks: <i>He was ordered by order of Major M. Thomas to accept the bounty and as follows: \$100, 1865</i></p> <p><i>Leander Stowell</i></p>	

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## XII.

61 Reg't Illinois Infantry.

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# OATH OF OFFICE.

and to accompany the receipt-  
officer appointed or commis-  
sioned by the President, and  
the oath itself to be admin-  
istered into the service



and of every commission-  
sioned by the President, and  
latered to every officer mus-  
ter of the United States.

*B. Leander Stilwell* having been appointed  
a *2d Lieutenant* in the **MILITARY**  
**SERVICE** of the United States, do solemnly swear that I have  
never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I  
have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid,  
COUNTEANCE, COUNSEL, or ENCOURAGEMENT to persons engaged in ARMED HOSTILITY  
thereto; that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted  
to exercise the functions of ANY OFFICE WHATSOEVER, under any  
authority, or pretended authority, IN HOSTILITY to the United States;  
that I have not yielded a voluntary SUPPORT to any PRETENDED  
GOVERNMENT, AUTHORITY, POWER, or CONSTITUTION WITHIN the United States,  
HOSTILE or INIMICAL thereto. And I do further swear that, to  
the best of my knowledge and ability, I will SUPPORT and DEFEND  
the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES against all enemies, FOREIGN and  
DOMESTIC; that I will bear true FAITH and ALLEGIANCE to the same;  
that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or  
purpose of evasion; and that I will WELL and FAITHFULLY discharge the  
DUTIES of the OFFICE on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

*Leander Stilwell*

*2d Lt Co D 61st Me Inf*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at *Dashwood Tenn*  
this *29th* day of *July* 1865

[A. G. O. No. 35]

*J. J. H. R.*  
*Adj. Gen. U. S. Army*  
*A. C. M. & Co.*

SPECIAL ORDERS, } HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,  
No. 121. } ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, May 17, 1885.

*Extract.*

\* \* \* \* \*

3. By direction of the Secretary of War, under the act approved June 3, 1884, and to complete his record, *Leander Stilwell* is mustered into service as 1st Lieutenant, Company D, 61st Illinois Volunteers, to date August 21, 1865; his muster out and honorable discharge as 2d Lieutenant September 8, 1865, is amended to read 1st Lieutenant, and he is mustered for pay in said grade during the period embraced between the aforesaid dates.

\* \* \* \* \*

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SHERIDAN:

R. C. DRUM,  
*Adjutant General.*

OFFICIAL:

*M. S. Wolchner*

*Assistant Adjutant General.*



Statement of Service Reference Slip.

L. H. Hill  
(Name)  
1st Lt. Co. D. 61 Ill.  
(Rank and Grade)  
Vol. Inf.

~~Request for military record of the above-~~  
~~named by applicant whose name and address~~  
~~are shown by attached carbon copy of an-~~  
~~swer.~~

The records show Dec 29.  
62. Co. H. 61 Ill. Inf.  
in detachments - & per-  
tion of Co. I same regt.  
sent to Carroll Station  
8 miles north of Jackson  
to guard W. & Ohio R.R.  
& that said organizations  
retired from that duty  
in Bolivia. Jan'y Jan'y  
27. 1863.

7/23/16 345 Abraham J.

Records do not show  
specific duties or station  
of Co. D. Every Dec 28.  
62 & Jan 27. 63.

Accounts in vol also 31. 62  
show \* \* \* ~~Marched by~~  
~~at Dec 21. 62~~ ~~where~~  
~~greater part of Co. & Capt~~  
~~and Co. Jackson~~  
where greater portion of  
Co. rep. on new station  
Dec 31. 62.

M. Repts of Co. D. 61, 62.  
In every Dec 29. 62 &  
Jan 27. 63 not at all  
show movements during  
that period. Abraham

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R. R. Sec.

Is there anything in order  
book or other records showing  
that Co. D. or any part of it was  
ordered to Carroll Station, Tenn.  
in Dec. 1862?

Write nothing above this line.

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C. R. E. 2010

Nothing fit in Co. or  
Rept order books or  
any other record  
bearing upon query  
Abraham

Write nothing above this line.

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Oct. 2, 1916.

Respectfully returned to

Mr. L. Stillwell,  
Erie, Kansas.

The records show that on December 29, 1862, Company A, 61st Illinois Infantry, in detachments, and part of Company I, same regiment, were sent to Carroll Station, eight miles north of Jackson, to guard the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, and that they returned from that duty to Bolivar, Tennessee, on January 27, 1863.

Whether or not Company D, or any part thereof, of the regiment mentioned, was sent to Carroll Station, Tennessee, as stated within, cannot be ascertained from the records.

*H. J. Ham*  
The Adjutant General.

# A COMPENDIUM OF THE WAR OF THE REBELLION

**COMPILED AND ARRANGED  
FROM OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE  
FEDERAL AND CONFEDERATE ARMIES  
REPORTS OF THE ADJUTANT GENERALS OF  
THE SEVERAL STATES, THE ARMY REGISTERS  
AND OTHER RELIABLE DOCUMENTS AND SOURCES**

**By: Frederick H. Dyer  
Late 7th Connecticut Volunteers**

**A  
Concise  
History of each and  
every Regiment, Battery  
Battalion and other Organizations  
mustered by the several States for service  
in the Union Army during the period referred to.**

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**Please note: Included in your research packet is the regimental history of the unit your soldier served in during the Civil War. To discover which battles he served in, compare the dates on the muster roll cards in his Compiled Military Service Record with the corresponding time in the regimental history. When he is listed as "present" on the muster roll cards you can assume he was with his unit at whichever engagement they were participating in at that time.**

January, 1864. Chattanooga-Ringgold Campaign November 23-27, 1863. Chickamauga Station November 28. March to relief of Knoxville, Tenn., November 28-December 24. At Rossville, Ga., till May, 1864. Demonstration on Dalton, Ga., February 22-27, 1864. Tunnel Hill, Buzzard's Roost and Rocky Faced Ridge February 23-25. Atlanta (Ga.) Campaign May 1-September 8. Near Tunnel Hill May 5. Tunnel Hill May 6-7. Demonstration on Rocky Faced Ridge May 8-11. Buzzard's Roost Gap May 8-9. Battle of Resaca May 14-15. Rome May 17-18. Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills May 25-June 5. Operations about Marietta and against Kennesaw Mountain June 10-July 2. Pine Hill June 11-14. Lost Mountain June 15-17. Assault on Kennesaw June 27. Ruff's or Vining Station July 4. Chattahoochee River May 5-17. Peach Tree Creek July 19-20. Siege of Atlanta July 22-August 25. Utoy Creek August 5-7. Flank movement on Jonesboro August 25-30. Battle of Jonesboro August 31-September 1. Lovejoy Station September 2-6. Operations in North Georgia and North Alabama against Forest and Hood September 29-November 3. Florence, Ala., October 6-7. March to the sea November 15-December 10. Siege of Savannah December 10-21. Campaign of the Carolinas January to April, 1865. Fayetteville, N. C., March 13. Averysboro, Taylor's Hole Creek, March 16. Battle of Bentonville March 19-21. Occupation of Goldsboro March 24. Advance on Raleigh April 10-14. Occupation of Raleigh April 14. Bennett's House April 26. Surrender of Johnston and his army. March to Washington, D. C., via Richmond, Va., April 29-May 19. Grand Review May 24. Moved to Louisville, Ky., June 12. Provost guard at headquarters 14th Army Corps till July 31. Mustered out July 31, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 2 Officers and 44 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 4 Officers and 225 Enlisted men by disease. Total 275.

#### 61st REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized at Carrollton, Ill., and mustered in February 5, 1862. Moved to Benton Barracks, Mo., February 21, and duty there till March 26. Moved to Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., March 26-30. Attached to 2nd Brigade, 6th Division, Army of the Tennessee, to April, 1862. 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, Army Tennessee, to July, 1862. 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, District of Jackson, Tenn., to September, 1862. Unattached, District of Jackson, Tenn., to November, 1862. Post of Bolivar, District of Jackson, Tenn., 13th Army Corps (Old), Dept. of the Tennessee, to December, 1862. Post of Bolivar, District of Jackson, 16th Army Corps, to March, 1863. 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 16th Army Corps, to May, 1863. 1st Brigade, Kimball's Provisional Division, 16th Army Corps, to July, 1863. 1st Brigade, Kimball's Division, District of Eastern Arkansas, to August, 1863. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, Arkansas Expedition, to November, 1863. 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, Arkansas Expedition, to January, 1864. 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 7th Army Corps, Dept. of Arkansas, to May, 1864. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 7th Army Corps, August, 1864. Veteran furlough, Dept. of Missouri, October-November, 1864. Veterans. 1st Brigade, Nashville and Chattanooga R. R., Dept. of the Cumberland, to February, 1865. Veterans, Unattached, 4th Division, 20th Army Corps, Dept. of the Cumberland, to March, 1865. 2nd Sub-District, Middle Tennessee, Dept. of the Cumberland, to September, 1865.

SERVICE.—Battle of Shiloh, Tenn., April 6-7, 1862. Advance on and siege of Corinth, Miss., April 29-May 30. Moved to Bethel, thence to Jackson and Bolivar, Tenn., June 6-17. Duty at Bolivar till May, 1863. March to support of Rosecrans, at Iuka, Miss., September 16-22, 1862. Grant's Central Mississippi Campaign. Operations against Forest, in West Tennessee, December 18, 1862-January 3, 1863. Action at Salem Cemetery, near Jackson, December 19, 1862. Moved to Memphis, Tenn., thence to Vicksburg, Miss., May 31-June 3, 1863. Expedition up the Yazoo to Sataitia

June 2-8. Action at Sataitia, Mechanicsburg, June 4. Moved to Haines' Bluff June 6. Siege of Vicksburg, Miss., June 9-July 4. Moved to Black River Bridge July 17, thence to Helena, Ark., July 27-31. Steele's Expedition against Little Rock, Ark., August 1-September 10. Bayou Fourche and capture of Little Rock September 19. Duty at Little Rock and Duvall's Bluff, Ark., till August, 1864. Expedition to Clarendon, Ark., June 25-29, 1864. Action at Clarendon June 25-26. Veterans on furlough August 14 to September. Company "K" joined Regiment from Camp Butler, Ill., March 20, 1864, and remained with Recruits at Duvall's Bluff, Ark., till February, 1865. Joined Regiment at Murfreesboro, Tenn., February 4, 1865. Veterans halted at St. Louis while returning to Arkansas. Companies "B," "D" and "G" guard river at Chester, Ill., till October 14, then joined Regiment at St. Louis. March through Missouri in pursuit of Price October 16-November 6. Moved to Paducah, Ky., November 6-11, thence to Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., November 24-28. Action at Overall's Creek December 4. Hood's attack on Murfreesboro December 5-12. Wilkinson's Pike, near Murfreesboro, "The Cedars," December 7. Action with Forest near Murfreesboro December 15. Duty at Murfreesboro till March 21, 1865. Moved to Franklin, Tenn., and duty there till September. Mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., September 8 and discharged at Camp Butler, Ill., September 27, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 3 Officers and 34 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 4 Officers and 183 Enlisted men by disease. Total 224.

#### 62nd REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized at Camp Dubois, Anna, Ill., April 10, 1862. Moved to Cairo, Ill., April 22, thence to Paducah, Ky., May 7 and to Columbus, Ky., June 7, 1862. Attached to District of Columbus, Ky., District of West Tennessee, to September, 1862. District of Jackson, Tenn., to November, 1862. District of Jackson, Tenn., 13th Army Corps (Old), Dept. of the Tennessee, to December, 1862. 1st Brigade, District of Jackson, Tenn., 16th Army Corps, to March, 1863. 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, 16th Army Corps, to August, 1863. True's Brigade, Arkansas Expedition, to January, 1864. Unattached, 2nd Division, 7th Army Corps, Dept. of Arkansas, to May, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 7th Army Corps, to July, 1865. Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, Dept. of Arkansas, to March, 1866.

SERVICE.—Assigned to duty in Tennessee as railroad guard on Mobile and Ohio R. R., near Crockett's Station, headquarters at Kenton, till December, 1862. Moved to Jackson, Tenn., thence to Grand Junction and Holly Springs and return to Jackson, Tenn., December 7-16. Operations against Forest in West Tennessee December 18, 1862-January 3, 1863. Action at Salem Cemetery, near Jackson, December 19, 1862. Holly Springs, Miss., December 20 (Detachment). Detachment captured. Duty at Jackson, Tenn., till April 18, 1863. Moved to LaGrange, Tenn., April 18, and duty there till August. Moved to Memphis, Tenn., thence to Helena, Ark., August 19-28. Steele's Campaign against Little Rock, Ark., August 28-September 10. Bayou Fourche and capture of Little Rock September 10. Duty at Little Rock till April 25, 1864, and at Pine Bluff till July 28, 1865. Veterans on furlough August 12 to November 25, 1864. Moved to Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, July 28, 1865, and duty there till March, 1866. Mustered out March 6, 1866.

Regiment lost during service 3 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 9 Officers and 251 Enlisted men by disease. Total 263.

#### 63rd REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized at Camp Dubois, Anna, Ill., and mustered in April 10, 1862. Moved to Cairo, Ill., April 27, 1862. Attached to District of Cairo, Ill., till September, 1862. 4th Brigade, 1st Division, District of Jackson, Tenn., to November, 1862. 4th Brigade, 3rd Division, Right



## 61st Illinois Infantry Regiment History




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### *Adjutant General's Report*

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The Sixty-first Infantry Illinois Volunteers was organized at Carrollton, Illinois, by Colonel Jacob Fry. Three full companies were mustered February 5, 1862. February 21, the Regiment, being still incomplete, moved to Benton Barracks, Missouri. Here a sufficient number of recruits joined to make nine full companies.

March 26, 1862, embarked for Pittsburg Landing. On arriving, March 30, were assigned to Brigade of Colonel Madison Miller, Eighteenth Missouri, Division of Brigadier General B. M. Prentiss.

April 6, 400 men were formed in line, in time to receive the first assault of the enemy, and stood their ground for an hour and a quarter, and until every other Regiment in the division had given way, and were then ordered to fall back. Upon retiring from this position, the Regiment was complimented by General Prentiss for its gallant stand. It was then ordered to support a battery of the first Missouri Artillery, and at one o'clock P. M. ordered to the support of General Hurlbut--coming to his support at a very critical moment, and maintaining his line until relieved by a fresh Regiment, and when its ammunition was entirely exhausted. When the second line was broken, the Regiment retired in good order and took a position supporting the siege guns.

April 7, was in reserve. Loss, 80 killed, wounded and missing, including 3 commissioned officers.

April 18, was assigned to First Brigade, Third Division, Colonel L. F. Ross, Seventeenth Illinois, commanding Brigade.

April 28, Major Ohr took command of the Regiment, Colonel Fry being absent.

May 2, Brigadier General John A. Logan took command of the Division, and was succeeded, May 6, by Brigadier General Judah.

June 6, moved to Bethel, Tennessee, Colonel Haynie, Forty-eighth Illinois, taking command of Brigade. 16th, moved to Jackson. 17th, was in Ross' Brigade of Logan's (First) Division, and moved to Bolivar, Tennessee.

September 16, 1862, moved, via Jackson and Corinth, to Brownsville, Mississippi, on Memphis and Corinth Railroad. Returned to Bolivar, after the battle of Iuka, September 25.

October 10, Brigadier General M. Brayman was assigned to the Brigade, and Colonel Fry to command of post at Trenton, where, on the 20th of December, he was taken prisoner by General Forrest and paroled. The Brigade remained at Bolivar, General Brayman commanding post.

December 18, 1862, 240 men of the Regiment proceeded, by rail, to Jackson, and, moving out the Lexington road, under command of Colonel Engleman, with Forty-third Illinois and a detachment of cavalry took position at Salem Cemetery, and on the morning of 19th repulsed the enemy under Forrest, with three pieces of artillery, and on receiving reinforcements from General Sullivan, pursued the enemy some distance after which returned to Bolivar.

May 31, the Regiment being in the Sixteenth Army Corps, moved, via rail, to Memphis, and embarked for Vicksburg. June 3, arrived at Chickasaw Bayou, 4th, accompanied expedition up Yazoo River, landing at Satartia. Moved four miles out to Mechanicsburg, capturing some prisoners, 6th, moved to Haines' Bluff. June 20th, moved to Snyder's Bluff.

Lieutenant Colonel Fry having resigned, Major Ohr was promoted Lieutenant Colonel. July 17th, 1863, moved to Black River Bridge. 22d, returned to Snyder's Bluff. On 27th, moved to Helena, Arkansas. August 13, in Major General Steel's army, Colonel McLane, Forty-third Indiana, commanding Division, and Colonel Graves, Twelfth Michigan, commanding Brigade. Moved, via Clarendon, Duvall's Bluff, Brownsville, to Little Rock, skirmishing some with the enemy after leaving Brownsville, and arriving at Little Rock September 10, Remained at Little Rock.

The Regiment remained in Arkansas until August 14, 1864, being stationed most of the time at Little Rock and Duvall's Bluff. It did its full share of the hard, fatiguing and generally profitless marching that the troops composing that department made during that period. It participated in the combat at Clarendon, on the White River, June 26, 1864, which resulted in raising the Blockade of that river made by the rebel general, Joe Shelby. In the early part of the year 1864, enough of the men re-enlisted as Veterans to enable the Regiment to retain its organization as a Veteran Regiment. March 20, 1864, Company K joined the Regiment from Camp Butler, Illinois.

August 14, 1864, the Regiment started to Illinois, on veteran furlough, leaving Company K and the recruits and non-veterans in Camp at Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas. On the expiration of its veteran furlough, the regiment rendezvoused at Springfield, Illinois. It went from there to St. Louis. Owing to the pending invasion of Missouri by the rebels under General Price, the Regiment was halted at St. Louis, Companies B, D and G were detached from the Regiment and sent to Chester, Illinois, to guard the crossing of the river at that point. They remained there until October 14, when they rejoined the Regiment at St. Louis. The entire Regiment was then sent to Mexico on the North Missouri railroad, in the northeastern part of the State, and during the balance of that month was engaged in a series of hard marches after a gang of rebels who were operating in that part of the State, and finally chased them across the Missouri River and dispersed them. The Regiment then returned to St. Louis, and on November 6 left by steamer for Paducah, Kentucky, arriving there November 11. Left Paducah November 24. Went by steamer to Nashville, Tennessee, from thence on November 28, by rail to Murfreesboro, Tennessee. December 4, was engaged in the combat of Overall's Creek, three miles from Murfreesboro.

In addition to the casualties sustained by the Regiment in this action among the rank and file, Lieutenant Elijah B. Torrington, of Company F, a most excellent officer, was instantly killed, being struck by a musket ball in the breast.

December 7, the Regiment was engaged in the battle of Wilkinson's Pike, or the "Cedars," near Murfreesboro. It distinguished itself by a gallant charge over the enemy's rail, and dirt breast works, capturing the colors of a Florida Regiment and a number of prisoners. Out of about 200 men engaged, the Sixty-first lost in killed and wounded about thirty in this affair.

December 12, the Regiment, numbering then about 175, with a small squad of dismounted cavalry, and one company of the First Michigan Engineers, was sent as escort of a train of cars destined to Stephenson, Alabama, and returned with the troops at Murfreesboro. On the return, about 2 o'clock on the morning of December 15, about 8 miles out of Murfreesboro, the Regiment was attacked by an overwhelming force of rebels, under the command of Forrest. The rebel force aggregated fully 1,500 infantry and cavalry, and was also provided with a battery of artillery. They surrounded the train and tore up the track in front and rear to prevent escape, and opened up a galling fire of musketry and artillery. The train guard, numbering all told about 225 muskets, held the train until about 8 A. M., in the hope of reinforcements reaching them from Murfreesboro, but at that hour there being no sign of help, and their cartridges nearly exhausted, they abandoned the train, and cut their way out. Lieutenant Colonel Grass, commanding the Regiment, was captured, and over half the Regiment was killed, wounded and taken prisoners - Among others killed as Lieutenant Lorenzo J. Miner, of Company B, a most admirable young officer.

Major J. B. Nulton, who had successfully led the left wing of the Regiment through the rebel lines, reached a block house, about one-half of a mile north of the abandoned train, halted his command and upon being reinforced with a

Artillery of artillery from Murfreesboro, marched back and recaptured the train, in time to prevent its destruction. Several regiments of infantry, under the command of Gen. Milroy, reached the scene of action soon thereafter and the enemy was put to flight; after which the road was repaired and the train, loaded with provisions, safely run into Murfreesboro.

This was the last severe action in which the Regiment was engaged. February 4, 1865, the non-veterans and recruits joined the Regiment from Duvalls Bluff, Arkansas.

March 21 the Regiment, under orders from Gen. Rosseau, moved to Franklin, Tennessee, and Maj. J. B. Nulton assumed command of the Post and Captain Daniel S. Keeley took command of the Regiment.

In the latter part of June, the recruits of the Eighty-third, Ninety-eighth and One Hundred Twenty-third Illinois infantry were transferred to the Sixty-first, filling its ranks nearly to the maximum, and Major J. B. Nulton was promoted to the rank of Colonel and Captain Daniel S. Keeley to that of Major.

While at Franklin, Tennessee, Col. Nulton, under orders from Gen. George H. Thomas, proceeded with a detachment of the Sixty-first Illinois to Hickman county, Tennessee, where he negotiated terms and received the surrender of the noted Duvall McNairy, together with his command numbering about one hundred fifty men rank and file.

September 8, 1865, the Regiment was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, and started home.

On September 27, 1865, at Camp Butler, near Springfield, Illinois, the boys received their final payment and discharge and "broke ranks" forever.

*Transcribed by Susan Tortorelli*

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ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

# DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION

State of Kansas, ss.  
County of Neosho.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Seven, personally appeared before me, a clerk of the District Court within and for the county and State aforesaid, Leander Stillwell, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 63 years of age, and a resident of Erie, county of Neosho, State of Kansas, and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Carrollton, Illinois, under the name of Leander Stillwell, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1862, as a Private, in Co. D, 61st Illinois Infantry volunteers.

(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessel if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED  
at Nashville, Tennessee (State name of war, Civil or Mexican), on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1865.  
~~That he also served~~

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 7 1/2 inches; complexion, light; color of eyes, gray; color of hair, brown; that his occupation was farmer; that he was born September 16, 1843, at Otter Creek precinct, Jersey county, Illinois.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: *From about the last of September, 1865 to about the last of April 1868 at Otter Creek precinct, Jersey County, Illinois, from May, 1868 to about the last of March 1871, at Erie Neesho Co. Kansas from latter part of March 1871, to about the middle of March 1871, at Erie Neesho Co. Kansas nearly County, Illinois, and since the last of March 1871 at Erie Neesho Co. Kansas.*  
That he is not a pensioner. That he has not heretofore applied for pension.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of February 6, 1907.

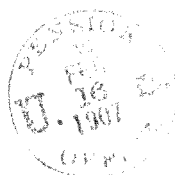
That his post-office address is En, county of Neosho  
State of Kansas.

Attest: (1) J. L. Brown  
(2) J. A. Wells

Also personally appeared J. L. Harrison, residing in Erie, Kansas,  
and J. H. Wells, residing in Erie, Kansas, persons whom I  
certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were  
present and saw Leander Stillwell, the claimant, sign his name to the foregoing declaration;  
that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant  
and their acquaintance with him of 38 years and 38 years, respectively, that he is the person  
he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D. 1907,  
and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully  
made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing  
~~including the words~~ \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
s. I and the words \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

H N Mull  
 (Signature)  
 Clerk of the District Court  
 (Official Character)  
 of New York County, Name as  
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MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Western  
Orig. No. 1356880  
Alexander Stillwell  
Co. D, 61 Ills. Inf.  
Det. of Feb. 6, 1907

Dir.  
Jm. C. Efr.  
Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,  
Washington, D. C. Mch 7 1907

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6 For use in the above-entitled claim for pension you are requested to furnish this Bureau with

a full military and medical history and personal description, including birthplace and occupation,  
of Alexander Stillwell, who, it is alleged,  
enlisted Jan'y. 7, 1862 at Carrollton, Ills.  
as a Private in Co. D, 61 Reg't, Ills. Inf.,  
and was discharged Sept. 8, 1865 at Nashville, Tenn.

It is also alleged that on or about he was disabled  
by

and was treated in hospitals as follows:

Very respectfully,

THE MILITARY SECRETARY,  
WAR DEPARTMENT.

J. Warner  
Commissioner.

MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

CASE OF

*Leander Stillewell*

*Co., 61st Reg't Ill. Inf.*

*Co., Reg't*

1556850

(Pension Bureau Number)

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The statement hereto attached is respectfully  
furnished to the

Commissioner of Pensions,

in response to the request contained in the com-  
munication herewith returned.

*R. L. Ainsworth*

*The Military Secretary*

Per

(M. S. O. 95)

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE.**

(Civil War or War with Spain.)

*40*  
*Leander Stillwell,*  
 Co. D., 61 Reg't Ill Inf.,  
 age *18*, height *5* feet, *7 1/2* inches,  
 complexion *light*,  
 eyes *grey*, hair *brown*,  
 place of birth *Jersey Co, Ill.*,  
 occupation *farmer*;  
 was enrolled *Jan'y 7*, 1862,  
 and M. O. with Co Sept. 8, 1865.

*Re enr. Feb. 1, 1864.*  
 From *Mr. I.*, 78, to M. O., 78,  
 he held the rank of *Private, Co. D.*,  
*Sgt. 1 Sgt. M. I. as 2 Lieut.*  
*To date July 18, 1865.*  
 and the rolls on file for that period show him  
 present except as follows: *Oct. 31, 1863.*  
*On furlough.*

*He is recognized as 1*  
*Lieut. to date Aug. 2, 1865.*

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Orig. No. 1356880  
Leander Stillwell  
D. 61 Ills. Inf.

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Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *March 12, 1907*

Sir: To aid this Bureau in preventing any one falsely personating you, or otherwise committing fraud in your name, or on account of your service, you are required to answer fully the questions enumerated below.

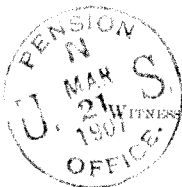
You will please return this circular under cover of the inclosed envelope which requires no postage. Very respectfully,

*Leander Stillwell,*  
*Erie,*  
*Kansas.*

*J. Warner,*  
Commissioner.

1. When were you born? Answer. *September 16, 1843.*
2. Where were you born? Answer. *Otter Creek precinct, Jersey County, Illinois.*
3. When did you enlist? Answer. *January 7, 1862.*
4. Where did you enlist? Answer. *Carrollton, Illinois.*
5. Where had you lived before you enlisted? Answer. *In Otter Creek precinct, Jersey Co., Illinois.*
6. What was your post-office address at enlistment? Answer. *Otter Creek, Jersey Co., Illinois.*
7. What was your occupation at enlistment? Answer. *Farmer.*
8. When were you discharged? Answer. *September 8, 1865.*
9. Where were you discharged? Answer. *Nashville, Tennessee.*
10. Where have you lived since discharge? Give dates, as nearly as possible, of any changes of residence.  
*From about last of September, 1865, to about last of April, 1868, at Otter Creek precinct, Jersey Co., Illinois, from May 1, 1868, to about last of March, 1871, at Erie, Marshall Co., Kansas, from about last of March, 1871, to about last of September, 1880, at Erie, Marshall Co., Kansas, from about last of September, 1880, to about last of March, 1881, at Erie, Marshall Co., Kansas, from about last of March, 1881, to about last of March, 1887, at Erie, Marshall Co., Kansas, from about last of March, 1887, to about last of March, 1897, at Erie, Marshall Co., Kansas, from about last of March, 1897, to about last of March, 1907, at Erie, Marshall Co., Kansas.*
11. What is your present occupation? Answer. *Farmer.*
12. What is your height? Answer. *5 feet 8 1/4 inches.* Your weight? *165 pounds.*  
The color of your eyes? *Gray.* The color of your hair? *Gray.* Your complexion? *Light.*  
Are there any permanent marks or scars on your person? If so, describe them.  
*Toe nail of big left toe gone.*
13. What is your full name? Please write it on the line below, in ink, in the manner in which you are accustomed to sign it, in the presence of two witnesses who can write.

*Leander Stillwell*



1. *Wm. C. C. C.*  
2. *L. E. Baird*

[Witnesses who can write sign here.]

Date: *March 18th*, 1907

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*March 21/07*

Marriage

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Orig. No. 1356880

Seander Stillwell

D 61 Ills. Inf.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *Mch. 12, 1907*

Sir:

Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully,

*Seander Stillwell,*  
*Erie,*  
*Kansas.*

*J. M. Warner,*  
Commissioner.

No. 1. <sup>1</sup>Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: <sup>1</sup>Yes. <sup>2</sup>Anna Lenora Stillwell. <sup>3</sup>Anna Lenora Stamber.

No. 2. <sup>1</sup>When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: <sup>2</sup>May 9, 1872. <sup>3</sup>Erie, Kansas.  
*Elder Knawles Shaw.*

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: *In the office of the Probate Court*

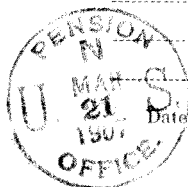
*of Neosho County, Kansas, at Erie, Kansas.*

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than

one previous marriage, let your answer include all former consorts. Answer: *Never previously*  
*married.*

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their

birth. Answer: *Rena, May 1, 1873; Nora, June 3, 1875;*  
*Hubert, June 22, 1877, Jeremiah, November 16, 1887.*



Date of reply *March 18,* 1907

*Seander Stillwell*  
(Signature)

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## ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Claimant, Leander Stillwell,  
 P. O., Erie, Rank, First Lieutenant  
 County, Neosho, Company, "D"  
 State, Kansas, Regiment, 61 Illinois Vol. Inf.  
 Rate, \$ 17 per month, commencing February 16, 1907

No RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name,

P. O.,

## APPROVAL.

Submitted for Admission Feb. 22, 1907 John Curtis Examiner.Approved for AdmissionAge over 62Rate \$17 per monthMarch 26, 1907 B. A. Chapin Legal Reviewer. March 28, 1907 J. W. Curtis Re-Reviewer.Enlisted January 7, 1862 honorably discharged September 8, 1865Re Enlisted February 1, 1864 honorably discharged 18Enlisted 18 honorably discharged 18Not Pensioned at \$ 17 per month, under 62

## PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Declaration filed February 16, 1907Date of birth alleged, September 16, 1843Age shown by evidence sixty three (63) 62 + 1 years 5700

Claimant does not write.

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**SPECIAL ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.**

Claimant, Leander Stillwell  
P. O., Erre  
County, Neosho  
State, Kansas  
Rank, First Lieutenant  
Company, 10  
Regiment, 61 Illinois Vol. Inf.  
Rate, \$ 30 per month, commencing February 18, 1909.

Under Special Act.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE.**

(Order April 25, 1907.)

Western Des

Name, Wm.  
P. O., \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVAL.**

Submitted for Ad. March 11, 1909, Estimating, Examiner.  
Approved for \_\_\_\_\_

Increased to \$30 per month under Special Act approved February 18-1909

✓ March 12, 1909 E. Rogers Legal Reviewer. March 12, 1909 W. Kitchan Examiner.  
Enlisted January 7, 1862 honorably discharged September 8, 1865  
Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 18 ; honorably discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 18  
Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 18 ; honorably discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 18  
Pensioned at \$ 12 per month, under Act of February 6, 1907 from February 16, 1907

**PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.**

Declaration filed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth alleged, \_\_\_\_\_  
Age shown by evidence Special Act  
Claimant does ✓ write.

P. P. Campbell  
N. C.  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

Sir: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

LEANDER STILLWELL  
ERIE KANS  
1131481 CIV WAR

*G. M. Saezgar*  
Commissioner.



No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer.

*September 16, 1843. Otter Creek precinct, Jersey Co., Illinois.*

The name of organizations in which you served? Answer.

*Co. D, 61st Illinois Infantry.*

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer.

*Otter Creek, Jersey County, Illinois.*

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer.

*Annu Lenora Stillwell  
maiden name, Anna Lenora Stauder*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer.

*May 9, 1872, Erie, Neosho County,  
Kansas. Charles Shaw, minister of the Christian Church.*

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage?

*Official record.*

If so, where? Answer.

*In office of the Probate Court, at Erie, Neosho Co., Kansas.*

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her

death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer.

*Was not previously married.*

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your

answer include all former husbands. Answer. *She was not previously married.*

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer.

*She died April 9, 1909.  
and I have not remarried.*

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer.

*Ben, May 1, 1873, living.*

*Nora, June 3, 1875, living.*

*Hubert, June 22, 1879, living.*

*Charles, August 15, 1882, dead.*

*Jeremiah, November 16, 1887, living.*

Date *March 31, 1915.*

(Signature)

*Leander Stillwell*

Elie, Meade County, Kansas.  
June 19, 1918.

To the Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I served in the Civil War as  
a member of Co. D, 61st Regiment  
of Illinois Infantry, from January 7,  
1862, to September 27, 1865. The date  
of my muster-out is September 8, 1865,  
but the regiment was not disbanded  
until September 27, 1865. I was born  
September 16, 1843, and am now  
seventy-four years old, and past.  
I am a pensioner, the number of my  
certificate being 1,131,481, but I am  
not pensioned under the act of May  
11, 1912. I hereby make application  
for whatever increased rate of pension  
I may be entitled to under the act of  
June 10, 1918, and refer to the papers  
now on file in my case for proof  
as to my age, and length of service.

Leander Stillwell.



ACT OF MAY 11, 1912  
Amended by Act of June 10, 1918

## DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION

STATE OF Kansas, COUNTY OF Neosho, ss:  
On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, A. D. 1918, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public,  
Leander Stillwell  
within and for the county and State aforesaid,  
who, being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 74 years of age; that he was born on September 16, 1843,  
at Otter Creek precinct, Jersey county, Illinois; that he is a resident of Erie  
county of Neosho, State of Kansas; and that he is the identical person  
who was enlisted in the service of the United States at Carrollton, Illinois, under the name of  
Leander Stillwell, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1862, as a private  
in Co. D, 61st Regiment of Illinois Infantry Volunteers, (Rank)  
(Here state company and regiment in the Army, or vessels, if in the Navy.)  
September 8, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee. That he also served

That he was not in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description  
at time of first enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches; complexion, light; color of  
eyes, gray; color of hair, brown; that his occupation was that of a farmer

(If it is desired to claim under the disability clause, the nature of the disability and the date, place, and circumstances under which it was incurred in line of duty  
should be alleged in this space. A disability which did not originate in the service and in line of duty can not be considered.)

That since leaving the service he has resided at Otter Creek precinct, Jersey county, Illinois,  
Osage Mission (Now St. Paul), Kansas, Washington, D. C., and Chic,  
Kansas, and his occupation has been that of a lawyer, district judge, and deputy Commissioner  
Pension.

That he has not applied for pension under Original No. 1,131,481. That he is not a pensioner under Certificate  
No. 1,131,481. That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under  
the provisions of the act of May 11, 1912, Amended by Act of June 10, 1918

(1) Erie, Kansas (Signature of first witness)  
Leander Stillwell (Declarant's signature in full)  
(Address of first witness)  
(2) Erie, Kansas (Signature of second witness)  
Erie, Neosho county, Kansas (Declarant's address in full)  
(Address of second witness)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 15 day of July, A. D. 1918, and I hereby  
certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant  
before me, including the words

[L. S.] erased, and the words  
and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Declaration accepted  
a claim under the act  
of May 11, 1912.

My Commission expires Mar. 7, 1921

Chief, Law Division.

Per

PENSION  
H  
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1918  
S.  
OFFICE

Notary Public  
(Signature)  
(Official character)

IF A PENSIONER, DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER.

SEE COPY OF ACT ON BACK OF THIS FORM.

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Cert. No. 134-54

Claimant, Leander Stillwell  
 P. O., Eric Rank, First Lieutenant  
 County, Neosho Service, D  
 State, Kansas 6th Illinois Inf  
 Rate, \$ 40 per month, commencing July 18, 1918

## ATTORNEY OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name, \_\_\_\_\_ Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Agent to pay.  
 P. O., \_\_\_\_\_ Articles filed \_\_\_\_\_, 19

## APPROVAL.

Submitted for Adm. Sept. 21, 1918 William H. H. H. Examiner.

Approved for admission Rate 40 per month; age over 72 years.

Review from special act

Length of pensionable service: 3 years, 8 months, 2 days

Deductions in service from any cause: none years, — months, — days,  
on account of

Sept 26, 1918 Andrew Sept 26, 1918 M. H. H.  
Legal Reviewer. Re-Reviewer.

Enlisted January 7, 1862; honorably discharged September 8, 1865

Enlisted to the service 18; honorably discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 18

Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 18; honorably discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 18

Length of pensionable service: 3 years, 8 months, 2 days

Pensioned at \$ 30 per month, under special act app'd Feb. 18, 1909

## PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Declaration filed July 18, 1918

Age shown by evidence 72 years; date of birth September 16, 1843

Claimant does \_\_\_\_\_ write.

RENA STILLWELL  
5327 CORNELL AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
HYDE PARK 3303

February 4, 1932

Director of Pensions  
Pension Service  
Veteran Administration  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find affidavit from Dr.

F. R. Hickey, of Erie, Kansas, in regard to the health  
of my father, Leander Stillwell, of Erie, Kansas.

My father is now receiving a pension of \$75.00  
per month, and it would be greatly appreciated if it could  
be increased to \$100.00 per month.

The number of his pension certificate is  
1,131,481, and he served in Company D, 61 Illinois Infantry.

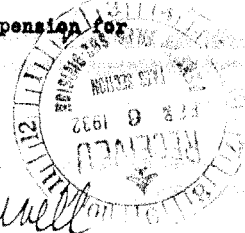
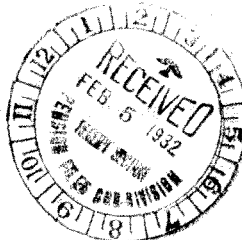
Thanking you in advance for anything you may  
be able to do towards obtaining an increase in pension for  
my father,

Very respectfully,

(Miss)

*Rena Stillwell*

Enc.



DR F. R. HICKEY  
ERIE, KANSAS



State of Kansas }  
County of Neosho } ss.

To Whom It May Concern:

F. R. Hickey, M. D. of lawful age, a resident of Erie, Neosho County, Kansas makes the following statements under oath: That he is a legally qualified practicing physician and has been for more than 27 years. He further states that he has been personally acquainted with Judge L. Stillwell of Erie, Kansas for many years and quite intimately acquainted with him for the last 10 or 12 years. Said F. R. Hickey further states under oath that said L. Stillwell is incapable of caring for himself because of his advanced age, heart trouble and almost total deafness. L. Stillwell is a Veteran of the Civil War.

J. R. Hickey, M.D.  
F. R. Hickey, M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Feb 1932.

My Comm Expires  
May 4-1933.

W. E. Craig  
Notary Public.

ACT

No. 34-1131481

Soldier

P. O.

Rank

Service

2486110

Leander Stinwell

Eric Lane

1st Lieut

Co 5, 61st Ill Inf

Rate, \$ 100 per month, commencing

February 1, 1932

Attorney

Fee, \$

P. O.

Articles filed

Submitted

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for

act med

W. H. Mann, Examiner.

Approved for

increase under act June 9, 1932

Date of birth

Age

years. Rate, \$

per month.

Feb 17

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Low Medical Reviewer.

Approved for

\$100 from February 9 32

Feb 8

19

W. H. Mann

Medical Reviewer.

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Medical Referee.

Enlisted

Enlisted

Enlisted

Discharged

Discharged

Discharged

Pensioned at \$

75

per month

PRESENT CLAIM

Letter Feb 5

1932

Date of birth alleged

FEB 25 1932

M. C.

W. H. Mann

U. S. S.  
H. R.

Certificate issued

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON June 15, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO: MBAA

YOUR FILE REFERENCE.

Miss (or Mrs.) Nora Stillwell,  
Erie, Kansas.

Madam:

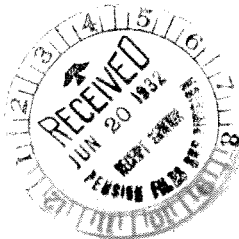
Your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the Vice-President, has been referred to this office.

You state that your father desires an increase in his pension and that he is totally disabled but as you have failed to give your father's name and the number of his pension certificate this office has been unable to identify his pension case and advise you relative thereto. If you will return this letter with an endorsement showing your father's full name and the number of his pension certificate you will be further advised in the premises.

Respectfully,

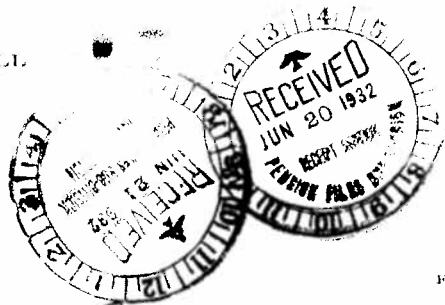
*E. W. Morgan*

E. W. MORGAN,  
Director of Pensions.

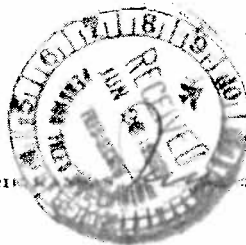




L. STILLWELL  
ERIE, KANMAN



SC 1131481



JS

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M E W Morgan

Dear Sir: Since writing  
you regarding my father,  
Leander Stillwell's pension I  
found that at this time he receives  
\$7.00 <sup>00</sup> per month. I mentioned in  
my letter that he requires my  
constant care and supervision  
as to diet, clothes, and general welfare  
requiring so much of my time  
it is almost impossible for me  
to be away from home to earn  
my own living as his nurse  
and assistant. I am desiring  
of some compensation which  
I paid monthly. At least \$30 <sup>00</sup> per mo.  
If you wish any further facts  
will be glad to answer any questions  
or names of people who are in a  
position to give full particulars.  
Hoping this will receive immediate  
attention. Sincerely, Mary Nora Stillwell  
Erie, Kan

July 9, 1934

Miss Nora Stillwell  
Trie, Kansas

STILLWELL, Leander  
S.S. 1,131,481

Madam:

Your letter relative to this case has been received.

There is no law providing this service with funds from which payment may be made to a nurse or attendant for services rendered to a Civil War veteran.

Respectfully,

1065 WED mh

J. L. MORGAN  
Director of Pensions

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
Form 2008 Rev. April 1933

APPLICATION FOR BURIAL FLAG

The undersigned, residing at

309 North Main Exc. Kansas  
(Full Address)

hereby makes application for a regulation burial flag to drape the casket of

Leander Stillwell "C" No. \_\_\_\_\_ (or if "C" number is not  
(Veteran's Full Name)

available) whose rank and organization in the active service was 1st Lt. 61st Inf.

who died at 219 West 2nd Exc. Kansas  
(Number) (Street) (City) (State)

on Aug. 10 - 1934 and who will be buried at X (indicate by "X")  
(Month) (Day) (Year) shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

Exc. Kansas on Aug. 12 1934 at 3 P. M.  
(City and State) (Day and Month) (Hour of Day)

The deceased was an honorably discharged veteran of the \_\_\_\_\_

If Known)

Civil war. I am the moderator in charge  
(See Paragraph 1 of Instructions)

I agree, if flag is issued, to comply with Par. 2 of Instructions on this form.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made above are correct and true; that a flag has not been previously applied for or furnished for the above deceased veteran; that I have carefully read Paragraph 3 of the Instructions and that this application is not submitted in violation of Section 35 of the Criminal Code, which provides a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or imprisonment for not more than ten years, or both, for presenting any claim against the Government of the United States, knowing said claim to be false and with intent to defraud.

Aug. 12 1934 A. L. Alderson (Signature)  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN

(Show action taken by letter "X") SEP 8 - 1934

Was Approved for issue.

Not Issued.

M. A. Oliver  
(Signature of Issuing Official)

Exc. Kansas Aug 12 1934  
(City) (State) (Date)

Postmaster  
(Title of Issuing Official)

(Title of Issuing Office)

RECEIPT OF FLAG ACKNOWLEDGED:

A. L. Alderson (Signature)

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United States Post Office

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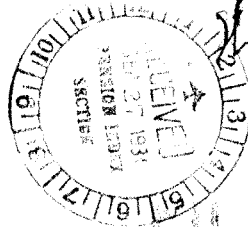
Erie Kansas, September 1, 1934

Office of Disbursement,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed find pension papers of Leander Stillwell, who  
died August 10, 1934.

Yours Truly



Postmaster

E. N. JACKE

E. N. JACKE

DROP REPORT-PENSIONER

LEANDER STILLWELL  
ERIE KANS  
1131401 ACT PAY

Cart. No.  
Pensioner, *XC 2486.110*  
Soldier  
Service  
Class  
Remarks

*SEP 31 1934*  
*ACT PAY - 1131401*

*SEP 31 1934*

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

*2-12* 1934  
The name of the above-described pensioner  
who was last paid at the rate of \$ *75.*  
per month to *1.31* 1934  
had this day been dropped from the roll  
because of *DEATH* *Aug 10 1934*

Wm. H. HOLMES,  
Chief Accounting Division

Vet. Adm  
Fin. Form 2411  
Rev. Mar. 1933