



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Columbus, O. April 20, 1908.

Know Ye That the records of this office show that

FRANK W. SMITH

age 18, was enlisted as a private, in Company E, 84th Regiment Ohio Vol. Inf., on the 26th day of May, 1862, at Cleveland, Ohio, by James Pickands

and was mustered into the United States service as such for the period of three months ~~years~~, on the 10th day of June, 1862 at Camp Chase, Ohio, by A. B. Dod

U. S. A. Mustering Officer, and that he was mustered out with his company September 20, 1862, at Delaware, Ohio, by C. C. Goddard, Captain

17th U. S. Infantry. **Enlisted January 4, 1864, in Co. D, 124th Regiment, O. V. I. Appointed Corporal; 1st Sergeant May 1, 1864. Captured May 27, 1864, at Picketts Mills, Georgia. Mustered out June 7, 1865, at Camp Chase, Ohio, by order of the War Department.**

*Indersville
1862*

A. B. Dod

MEMORANDUM FROM PRISONER OF WAR RECORDS.

(This blank to be used only in the arrangement of said records.)

No. _____

NAME.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.			
		No. of Reg't.	State.	Arm of Service.	Co.
Smith, Frank W.	Sgt	124	Ohio	Inf	D

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM—				
Records of—	Vol.	Page.	Vol.	Page.
Ma Records	3	301		
Legt No. Md	7	247	24	184
C. C. O.	2	316	5	324
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Captured at Dallas Ga. May 27, 1864; brought from _____, and
 confined at Andersonville Prison, Ga. no date, 1864, & sent to Millan Ga. Nov 11, 64

Admitted to Hospital at _____, 1864; treated for _____
 Where he died _____, 1864 of _____

Paroled at A. E. Bridger, No. 3, March 3, 1865; reported at College Point, Md. March 9, 1865.
Sent to C. C. O. March 10, 65, reported West March 13, 65!
Nothing March 9, 65 + 1554590. A. G. O. Aug 14, 1865

[OVER.]

" Andersonville "
 prox. 1400.

Captured May 27, 1864 - Sent to Cleveland, Oh. March 1, 1865.

P (Rept) Pension Questioning
also deserter from Co. G, 124th
D.V.I. 1/3/63

Muster In Feb. 4, 1864

Henry Presented 4 Days later, Feb., 8, 1864

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF

Ohio



TOWN OF

Geneva
Cottabuta Co. Ohio
19th Dist

I, *Frank M. Smith* born in *Cleveland O*

in the State of *Ohio* aged *Twenty* years,

and by occupation a *Clk* Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have

volunteered this *Fourth* 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 bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be,

established by law for volunteers. And I, *Frank M. Smith* do

solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance 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 *Cleveland O* *Frank M. Smith*
this *4th* day of *Feb* 1864

BEFORE *Frank M. Smith*
Capt. & Prov. Marshal Ohio

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.

J. C. Beaudette
Surg. Board Enrollment
18th Dist Ohio EXAMINING SURGEON.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer, *Frank M. Smith* 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 *Blue* eyes, *Brown* hair, *Dusky* complexion, is *Five* feet *Eight* inches high.

John S. Mearns Lt.
124th Regiment of *Ohio* Volunteers. RECRUITING OFFICER.

Mustered into the service of the United States, for three years or during the war, from date of enlistment, in Company *124th* Regiment of *Ohio* Volunteers, on the *4th* day of *February*, 1864 at *Cleveland O.*

Frank M. Smith
Capt. & Prov. Marshal Ohio

NOTE 1.—This blank will be used for both enlistments and re-enlistments—enlistment of veterans, &c., &c., in the volunteer service. They will be made out in duplicate in all cases—one to accompany the recruiting return of the superintendent (not the recruiting officer) to the Adjutant General, and one to accompany the accounts of the officer who pays bounty, &c. The Regiment and Company in which the soldier last served should be given on the back.

NOTE 2.—An enlistment holds to service. A muster-in must, in all cases, precede payment of pay, bounty, pension, &c. A muster-in roll must, in all cases, be filed in the Adjutant General's Office as evidence of muster-in. The mustering officer, commissary, or assistant commissary of musters, as the case may be, will countersign both enlistments as having mustered the soldier into the service of the United States before either of them is given to the disbursing officer.

DECLARATION OF RECRUIT.

I, Frank O. Smith desiring to VOLUNTEER as a Soldier in the Army of the United States, for the term of THREE YEARS, Do Declare, That I am Twenty years and _____ months of age; that I have never been discharged from the United States service on account of disability 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 Cleveland O the 4th day of February 1864

Mustered In
Witness: N. Wilson Frank O. Smith

Discharged 12/21/1864

*Paid Bounty \$100
Advanced pay \$100
Total \$200*

Discharged _____ 18__

enlistment; last served in Company ()
Reg't of _____

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By Wm. D. Mumma
Regiment of O. R. L.

Volunteered at Cleveland O
Feb 4 1864

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Coke's Co - 200*

CONSENT IN CASE OF MINOR.

I, _____ Do CERTIFY, That I am _____ the _____ of _____; that the said _____ is _____ 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 _____ the _____ day of _____

Witness: _____

3 docs.
Read in order

General Affidavit.

The State of Ohio, Sturms County, ss.

In the matter of claim for Pension under act of Feb'y 6th 1907
of Frank W. Smith Co. E 84th Ord 4 Co. D 124 Ord

On this 17th day of April A. D. 1908 personally appeared before me
A Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to
administer oaths, Frank W. Smith

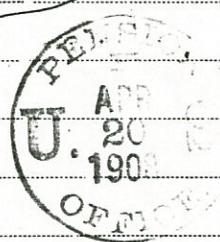
aged 64 years, a resident of Bellows in the County of Sturms
and State of Ohio whose Postoffice address is

The Same well known to me to be reputable and entitled to
credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

(NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

That he is the claimant in the above cited
Case, and that in reply to a letter under date of
April 4th 1908, from the Pension Dept. showed
that he entered as a Private in Co. E, 84th
Ord. May 26th 1862, for the period of three months and
was discharged therefrom at Delaware O. Sept 20th 1862.
That he afterwards entered in Co. "D" 124th Ord
January 4th 1864, was appointed Corporal of said Co.
and made 1st Sergeant May 1st 1864. The facts herein
stated are set forth in Certificate of Service from
the Adjutant General's Office of this State, and heretofore
transmitted and made a part of his answer to
said communication from the Pension office
and were returned. He further says that he
was captured May 27th 1864, and was confined
in Andersonville and Mason's Prison,
until a very short time before his final
muster out at Camp Chase Ohio June 7th 1865,
and that he is justly entitled to the Pension
he claims under the Act of Feb'y 6th 1907.

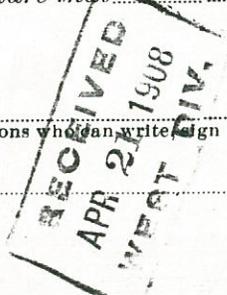
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further declare that no interest in said case and not concerned in
its prosecution.

(If affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Frank W. Smith
(Signature of Affiants.)



General Affidavit.

The State of Ohio, Sturrow County, ss.

In the matter of claim for Pension under Act of July 6th 1907,
Frank W Smith Co E 84th Co D. 124th O.I.

On this _____ day of _____ A. D. 190_____ personally appeared before me
Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to
administer oaths, Francis M Smith.

aged 64 years, a resident of Bellefont in the County of Sturrow
and State of Ohio whose Postoffice address is _____

The Same well known to me to be reputable and entitled to
credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: That he

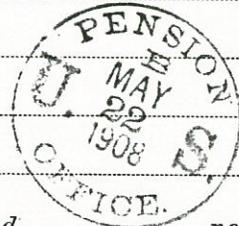
is the claimant in the above cited case

(NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

Known say that the only Service that he rendered
as an Elected man during the Civil war, was
as stated in the Certificate from the Adjutant Gen
Office sent to the Pension Dept on or about
April 20th 1908, which state that he Entered June
10th 1862, in Co E. 84th O.I. and was mustered out
therefrom Sept 20th 1862, at Delaware Ohio, and he
re Entered Jan 14th 1864 in Co D. 124th O.I. and was
discharged therefrom June 7th 1865. That he now
was a member of Co G 124th O.I. and if
that such statement was contained in the first
application was an error, and he wishes to
Correct the Same.

Frank W. Smith

*Possibly "Backtracking" to avoid being
declared a deserter from Co "G" (124th)
with also unlawful "Bounty" amt. implications.



_____ further declare that _____ no interest in said case and _____ not concerned in
its prosecution.

(If affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write, sign here.)

(Signature of Affiants.)

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

1907

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Ohio }
County of Huron } ss.

On this 16th day of February, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and seven, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, Frank W Smith, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 63 years of age, and a resident of Belleme county of Huron State of Ohio; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Cleveland O under the name of Frank W Smith, on the 26 day of May, 1862, as a Private, in 84th Regt or I Co B.

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Columbus O on the 20 day of September, 1862

That he also served Company G 124th Regt or I Enrolled Dec 19th 1862. Under comd of O'Connor

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 9 inches; complexion, Light; color of eyes, Brown; color of hair, Brown; that his occupation was Student; that he was born December 16th, 1843, at Cleveland Ohio

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Belleme O, Toledo O, Marrys Ill, Boston Mass

That he is a pensioner. That he has heretofore applied for pension Certificate No 961751

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 Belleme, county of Huron, State of Ohio

Attest: (1) Frederick Myers (2) James Sheffield

Also personally appeared Frederick Myers, residing in Belleme O and James Sheffield, residing in Belleme O, 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 Frank W Smith, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him of 35 years and 25 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Signatures of witnesses: Frederick Myers, James Sheffield

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 16th 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, erased,

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

Signature of Notary Public: L E Merry

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No. 961,751

Frank W. Smith

Co E, 84th O.V. I.D. 124 O.V. I.

P.O. Address, 127 Kilbourn St.,

Belleme, Ohio

Mansfield, O., July 28, 1909.

Sir:

The above-cited claim was referred for examination to determine whether the pensioner is identical with the Frank that deserted from Co. G, 124th Ohio V. I. July 3, 1863, and if not, whether he rendered any other service between Sept 20, 1862 and Jan'y 4, 1864, and it came to this district for the initial examination.

The pensioner was given the usual notice, and his rights in the premises fully explained to him, all of which he waived.

As may be inferred from the various letters of the claimant on file, he is an eccentric man but he does not appear to be mentally unbalanced, but is inclined to be a little absent-minded.

When confronted with his allegation of service in Co. G, 124th

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Ohio Valdez. he at first declared that he did not fill that application out, but when shown that the writing resembled that in his letters, he finally admitted that the application was filled out by him. He was very much agitated over the matter, and, as will be seen from a letter he wrote me since I took his statement (Ex B) he hurried off to Cleveland to interview his brother concerning it.

The report from the Adjutant General of Ohio herewith (Ex C) shows that the Frank Smith who enlisted in Co G, 124 O.I., enlisted in Cleveland. This is a very suspicious looking affair, and it is hard to see how this Frank Smith could give the exact date of enlistment, Co, and regt. without knowing more about it than he professes to know.

Besides the photo of claimant (Ex D,) which he sent me as being a likeness of him in 1867, I send herewith a cut of him as he looks at present, taken from one of his pamphlets.

The claimant freely gave

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the amount of bounty he received when he enlisted in 1864, as from \$500 to \$700.

Claimant does not give a very good account of his whereabouts from Dec 19 1862 till he enlisted in Jan'y 1864. His hurrying off to Cleveland after I saw him, may have a tendency to frustrate any efforts to get the real facts in the matter. I recommend further examination as follows, as to the claimant's probable service in C. V. and his whereabouts between the fall of 1862 and Jan'y 4, '64:

Henry A. Smith (brother) Cashier's Dept. P. O., Cleveland Cuyahoga Co., Ohio.

A. B. Smith, with the Osborn Brush Co., Cleveland, Ohio, (also a brother)

Mrs. Henry A. Sherwin 65 29 Euclid Ave., Cleveland (a sister)

Charles A. Smith (brother) with the Zipp Extract Co., Cleveland, Ohio. (Ontario St.)

Henry A. Sherwin, Cleveland, Ohio (brother-in-law)

George or Robert Sutton (to be located by A. B. Smith)

Also further examination

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as per list of Comrades of Co
 G. 124 O.V.T. using the photos
 and getting a full description
 from them, of the Frank Smith
 that served in that organiza-
 tion, and his present where-
 abouts, etc. If none of these
 knows anything pertinent
 to the merits of this claim, I
 would suggest that another list
 be secured from the pension
 rolls of Co G 124th O.V.T. if possible.
 Also other witnesses in Cleveland
 may be named by those above
 mentioned.

This report was delayed awaiting
 receipt of report from the Adjutant
 General of Ohio, which came last
 week during my absence from
 headquarters, and also awaiting
 reply to inquiry of the postmaster
 of the State Soldier Home, who did
 not answer my first letter.
 So I wrote again to the Home.
 and the reply has just been received

Very respectfully

G. A. Weldon

Commissioner of Pensions
 Washington D.C.

Special Examiner