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Account  
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Feb 1878

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Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

Rebecca J. Harder,  
Wabash Co. Ind.

Wid. of

John Harder,  
Wabash Co. Ind. Vol.

Died at Somerset Ind. Aug.  
8<sup>th</sup> 1864 Phtisis Pulmonalis

No other claim.

And died Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Jan. 26, 1878. C. H. Morse

Clerk.

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Application filed: Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1864

Attorney: Joseph Mackey

P. O. Wabash  
Ind.

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No. 66. 974

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Rebecca J. Ward  
Wabash County Indiana

Wid of

John Warden  
Private Co. I. 8 Indiana Vol.  
Died at Somerset Ind. Aug. 8/64  
of Phthisis Pulmonalis &c  
+ Pension Office,

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Respectfully referred to the Adjutant  
General, for official evidence of service  
and death.

Joseph M. Barrett

Commissioner.

Received July 28 62  
Emmale Case

Received, Sept 30 1864

Joseph Mackey  
Wabash  
Ind.

Attorney.

Nov 4/62 Cir 124 D-8, 9

Nov 10:65 Little for health  
& e of Soldier before in  
evidence needed - and  
proof of habits & e

Mar 30/69 Cir 9<sup>n</sup> 28 to 29

1 see  
2 Marriage date & cause of  
3 death, death, condition,  
origin of disease, account  
dates of birth.  
April 19-70

Oct 5/69 Awaiting above

1872 1/1 Ex ammud - Consulting  
Mar 26 3 evidence called for -  
Ryan-

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Horton  
No 236.803  
210.908

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

Frank Hardew  
Somerset, Ind.  
Guard. Minors of  
John Hardin  
Co. "D", 8th Ind. Mo.  
Died at Somerset Ind.  
Aug. 12/65, of disease  
No other claim.

66.974  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1878. L. M. Taylor  
Clerk.  
Died Aug 9/65

Application filed: April 23, 1878.  
Attorney: Geo. E. Lamson  
P. O.

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BOARD OF REVIEW,  
DEC 11 1884

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Date.

Langman. Nov. 23. 78. atty name  
of guardian.

July 16. 1879. a.g. report rel. for full  
mil list.

Sept. 23. 79. Guard<sup>n</sup>. Lemmon is atty.

Oct. 16. 79. S.C. Co. 157  
a.g. " 3.

atty. Dr. Ellis to renew test more fully  
as to prior soundness & freedom from  
any symptoms of lung disease. And  
ev. cert. dis. to death & date & cause  
death. Better ev. dates births of  
Hector & Mary & John, and names  
and ages of children & whether  
because of them - Under mentioned  
Hiram H. did not mention John -  
ev. guardianship of Hiram &  
P.O. Hector & Mary over sig.

Sept 6/80

Letter for date of death  
and also as to prior  
guardianship -

Nov 1881. Lemmon  
for Frank to apply to  
explain discrepancy as  
to birth of Hiram & correct  
birth of each. E.D.H.  
for address of Hector & Mary  
over signature. E.D.H.

Nov 1882. Clark for  
Hiram & John. as above.  
E.D.H.

Dec 1882. Clark for  
Mary of course to approx age.  
Jan 23/83 Jas. Ford  
as to soldiers condition  
whether fatal disease

(3-459.)

# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. PENSION BUREAU

At Perm. Miami Co., Ind

Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 1884

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Frank Harden 'Succession Minors' No. 236803

To Frank Harden, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, A. D. 1884, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Somerset, County of Wabash and State of Indiana, and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all material witnesses will be heard.

And you are further notified that you have the privilege of being present, in person or by attorney, during said special examination, and of cross-examining said witnesses and of introducing any material evidence on your own behalf, if you so desire.

Geo L Anderson  
Special Examiner.

Geo L Anderson  
I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1884,  
and desire the examination to begin on the at Once and within the two day notice

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Pres. Miami Co. Ind

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 1884

Hon W<sup>m</sup> W. Dudley.

Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to return the papers, and to make my report in case No 236803. of Frank Harden 'Claimant' and also Guardian. minor children of the late John and Rebecca Harden. John Harden was a late Private in Co. "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols. Present Post Office address of Frank Harden, is Somerset, Wabash Co, Ind.

This claim was submitted to me for special examination, for the purpose of determining the soldier's physical condition at, and prior to enlistment, and at date of his discharge and thereafter, to his death, Also to ascertain from Dr. Charles S. Ellis, whether his statements as to the date of the child "Delmauld's"

birth  
were made from memory or from his books.

The guardian was duly notified and informed of his rights and privileges and was present during the examination of the witnesses, an abstract of whose testimony is found in the following

Summary.

Exhibit "A"  
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Frank Harden, 'claimant' and Guardian of minor children. States that his father, John Harden late a Private of Co "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols died Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1864 of disease of lungs, contracted while in the service. That his mother Rebecca Harden shortly after his father's death made application for pension, which was not granted at the time of her death which occurred Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1865. That he Frank Harden made application for pension as guardian of surviving children April 15<sup>th</sup> 1878. States the names and dates of births of said children and dates of deaths, Explains discrepancies found in former statements and gives names and Post Office addresses of witnesses whom he desires examined.

Reputation good.

Dep "B"  
Page 24

Dr. James Ford, Lieut. Surgeon 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols testifies that he examined John Hardin carefully at enlistment, that he was sound and in a healthy state, no indications of lung disease or deafness. Was well on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> of Dec. 1861. Does not recollect of his being sick or disabled. Thinks the said John Hardin was discharged at Helena, Ark. sometime in July 1862, for disability, from statements of his commanding officers. States means of knowledge unbiased. Reputation good, U.S. Examining Surgeon.

Dep "D"  
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Dr. Charles S. Ellis. Testifies to prior soundness was the family physician before the war. Was also 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols. That Private John Hardin was deaf and complained of his lungs and hoarseness in the spring of 1862, brought on by exposure. Testifies to treatment in service, and after his discharge for lung disease, was present at births of some of the surviving children, but has lost records of date of births. Believes the mother's statement in her Declaration for pension to be the correct one. States means of knowledge unbiased. General reputation for truth and professional standing good.

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Dep "K"  
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Henry D. Lusche. Testifies to prior soundness and habits of John Harden. Condition after discharge states as to his appearance and the general understanding in the neighborhood that Mr Harden had the consumption, Testifies as to date of death of John Harden. also as to the time Charles Harden 'surviving son' was buried, States means of knowledge. Unbiased. Reputation good.

Dep "M"  
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Lucinda Bodkins. Testifies that she is a sister to the late John Harden testifies to prior soundness and continuance that her brother suffered from the time of his discharge to date of death in Aug 1864 with deafness, and lung disease. That Rebecca the wife of John Harden, died in Aug. 1865, that the son Dehmal was some eight months old when Mr Harden died that Henrietta Harden the daughter died in the winter of 1867, cannot state exact date Gives means of knowledge - Appears unbiased. Reputation good.

Dep "P"  
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Benjamin F Williams Testifies to prior soundness of John Harden - and as administrator

of the estate of John & Rebecca Hayden. Paid  
the funeral charges of the said Rebecca Hayden  
and that the papers show that she was  
buried on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Aug. 1865, States means of  
knowledge unbiased, Reputation good.

Dep "Q"  
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Joseph, W. Jones. Testifies to prior sickness  
and habits, condition from discharge to  
death, that he had a bad cough and finally  
died with consumption, States means of knowledge  
unbiased, Reputation good.

Dep "R"  
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John V Oyster. Testifies to prior sickness  
and habits, condition from May 1864 to date  
of death that he had a cough and that  
it was generally understood that he had  
consumption, That he is certain that  
the son Samuel, was born late in the  
fall or early in the winter of 1868, thinks in  
December, sometime, 1868, State means of knowledge.  
unbiased, Reputation good.

Dep "S"  
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Adeline Oyster. Testifies as to condition of  
John Hayden for a few weeks before he  
died. That he had a cough and had  
the appearance of a consumptive, was very

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deaf. Testifies as to when she believes the son Ismael to have been born. Gives her means of knowledge. Unbiased.

Reputation good.

Dep "U"

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Catherine Miller. Testifies to fair soundness condition from discharge to death, that when John Harden came home he was broken down in health, had a bad cough and was hard of hearing never got any prettier better, Testifies that she named the boy Ismael, and that he was born sometime in the month of Dec. 1868. States means of knowledge. Unbiased.

Reputation good.

Dep "V"

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Jacob. Mlery Testifies to fair soundness and habits of John Harden. Condition from discharge to date of death, that he seemed to be broken down was weak, had a cough and consumptive look, Hearing also impaired died from consumption, States means of knowledge. Unbiased.

Reputation good

Dep "W"

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Levi Mlery. Testifies to fair soundness and habits of John Harden. Condition in



Aug 1863. then had a cough and was quite deaf. Condition from March 1864 to date of death that he had a cough and died with consumption. States as to means of knowledge - Unbiased. Reputation good.

Dep "Y"  
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Levi Behmy, Testifies to prior soundness condition from discharge to date of death that he coughed badly, and had consumption. States that on Aug 1868 he was most dead with consumption. States means of knowledge unbiased. Reputation good.

Dep "A"  
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Geo. W. Gale <sup>Comdr</sup> Testifies to prior soundness and habits of John Hadden. That while in the service during the winter and spring of 1862, he complained of deafness and lung trouble, brought on by exposure and was discharged in the summer of 1862, as Affiant supposed by reason of mental disabilities. Testifies as to condition in Oct or Nov. of 1863. then coughed continually. States means of knowledge - Unbiased.

Reputation good.

Dep "L"  
Page 100  
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William H. Robinson <sup>Comdr</sup> Testifies to prior soundness and habits of John Hadden. That during

the winter of 1861 & 62, he had a gathering in his head and afterwards was very deaf. that in the spring of 1862, he was troubled with a cough. Affiant supposed that it was caused from exposure. Thinks that Mr. Harden, came back to the Regt. sometime while they were in Ga., during the fall of 1863. Has the impression that he was then looking badly. States means of knowledge. Appears unbiased.

Reputation good-

Dep "E E"

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Abner Aikman. Testifies to prior conduct and habits of John Harden. Condition for a short time in 1864 before his death, that he was troubled with a fever and Camp diarrhoea, Does not remember as to long time. States means of knowledge. Appears unbiased.

Reputation good

Dep "F F"

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Susan Aikman. Testifies to prior conduct and condition in Feb. 1862, was well at that time, Testifies as to condition in Nov 1863, and from that time till death, that he had a bad cough and that it was generally indicative that he had the consumption Has no personal

knowledge of the dates of births or dates of deaths of any of the surviving children. believes that Rebecca Harden the mother in her declaration for pension has stated the correct dates of births of children. States her means of knowledge. Appears unbiased. Reputation good.

Dep "G G"

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Martha M. Roy. Testifies that she was acquainted with Harriet Harden daughter of the late John & Rebecca Harden for about two weeks before her death, which occurred on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan, 1869. States means of knowledge, unbiased.

Reputation good

Exhibit "H H"

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Frank Harden. Guardian & Claimant. States that he has no further evidence to offer and is satisfied with the examination.

Reputation good.

I saw a number of other comrades who had served in the same Co. & Regt with John Harden, among whom was Dr. T. C. Kimball now President of the Bd. M. Examining Surgeons at Masons Bend, Ia. Kimball, with others remembered. Mr. Harden, and that he was sick and

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complaining during the Spring of 1862, that he had a cough, and was deaf. I called to see William and Asa Ross, Andrew Robinson, John Houser, & Abraham Miller. But did not find them at home. Ezekiel Rogers, who had made several affidavits in the case, I found to be deceased. I therefore procured the testimony of other neighbors who had known the family of John Harden for as long a time as the absent parties. I also called upon Dr. Laughlin O'Neal, of Somerset, and Dr. Daniel Stradley of Wabash. Ind. but they stated that they had never treated Mr. John Harden or any members of his family. Dr. O'Neal, stated that he remembered Mr. Harden, and that it was said that he died of consumption after he came home from the war. From what I could learn, the family of Mr. Harden, were in very destitute circumstances during the last year of his life and the widow in her efforts to care for the dependent children fell a victim to disease, and death, leaving her little ones orphans, and to the cold charity of the Poor House. A sad picture but a true one. From the evidence before

one I am of the opinion that the claim is one of merit and that it should be admitted without further delay, and though I could not find any one that could testify to the date of birth of the girl Harriet, or the exact date of birth of the boy Samuel, I believe from what I could learn of the Mother, Rebecca Hardin, that the date of birth of her children as she has them stated in her declaration for pension, to be the correct dates, From the testimony taken and information obtained, I feel convinced that John Hardin died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Aug. 1864, That Rebecca Hardin his wife died, <sup>on</sup> the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aug. 1865, That Charles Hardin, the son died on the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 1866, and that Harriet Hardin the daughter died on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> of Jan, 1867, I find it is the opinion of Mr. Hardin's old comrades and neighbors, those that I saw, that the claim should have been admitted long ago,

Very respectfully,

L. C. Anderson  
Special Examiner,

Approved  
H. H. Hall  
Acty. Supervisor.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden, No. 236803

Guardian & Claimant Heirs of John Harden & Rebecca Harden

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1884, at Penn, County of Miami

State of Oklahoma, before me, Geo. C. Anderson, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Frank Harden, who, being by me first duly <sup>requested</sup> ~~sworn~~ to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, ~~deposes and says~~: his name is Wesley H. Harden was so named - but is now known as Frank Harden.

age - 31 years. occupation Farmer Residence Somerset Wabash Co Ind.

2 are you in any way related to the late John Harden of Co "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols.

A I am I am his son. I also made application for pension April 15<sup>th</sup> 1878 as guardian of Hector Levy Harden and Osmond Harden who with myself are the only surviving children of John and Rebecca Harden who were not sixteen years of age when our father died.

2 When and where did your father die and of what disease.

A He died, I think from what I can learn on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Aug 1864 - near Somerset Wabash Co Ind. and of lung disease.

2 When and where did he contract this disease

A I have always understood that it was contracted while in the service, and I think in the year 1862

2 What was his condition when he came home from the army

A He was not able to do anything, and coughed a good deal - confined to his bed shortly after he came home.

2 Who was his attending physician during his sickness and what physician was present when he died.

A I believe that Dr. Charles S. Ellis attended him while he was sick - Dr. Ellis was there a day or two before

he died but was not present when he died, but I think John Ogle and Joseph Jones were present at least they dressed him and laid him out for burial

2 Who was your family physician before your father's enlistment.

A Dr. Lehaeus Ellis.

2 Who were some of your near neighbors who would know as to your father's health before he enlisted

A Abner Sitoman, Lisa Ross, Jacob Wly, and John Houser.

2 Who would know as to his condition after his discharge

A The same parties whose names I have given and John Ogle and Joseph Jones.

2 Was your mother living at the date of your father's death.

A She was

2 Did she ever make an application for pension

A She did - but it was not settled before her death

2 Did she again marry.

A No Sir;

2 Who is there that knew her intimately and knows that she remained a widow

A The same parties whose names are given

2 In her application for pension did she also make application for the increase for minor children

A I think that she did I have been so informed

2 Please state the names of all the surviving children that were under sixteen years of age at the date

Frank Harden  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. C. Anderson  
Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden, No. 236 808On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1884, at  
County of ClintonState of NY, before me, Clinton, a  
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared  
Frank Harden, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
said pension claim, deposes and says:of your father's death or who were under that age July  
25<sup>th</sup> 1866 - and the date of their births.

A. Charles E. Harden born Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1850  
 Isaac H. Harden (now known as Frank) born Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1858  
 Harriet H. Harden born Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1855  
 Hector J. Harden " July 14<sup>th</sup> 1858  
 Edmund H. Harden " Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1863

Q Are all of the above named children still alive  
 If not, state which ones are dead, and the date  
 of their deaths.

A They are not all alive  
 Charles E. Harden died June 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> 1866  
 Harriet H. Harden " Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1869.

Q When did your mother die and who was her  
 attending physician in her last illness.

A As near as I can learn she died on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Aug  
 1865 - and her attending physician was Dr Charles Ellis

Q Do there any records of her death and burial

A I know of none only as can be obtained from the  
 undertaker, Henry Loker and the clergy and neighbors

Q In your affidavit dated of June 10<sup>th</sup> 1879 you make  
 the statements that the dates of births and ages children  
 of John & Rebecca Harden are given by you as recorded  
 in the Family Record, owned and kept by your father  
 and recognized as the records of the family. In an



affidavit made by you date of Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1882. You claim that you are unable to find any records. How do you explain these apparent discrepancies.

A I can only give this explanation. That when I made the affidavit date June 10<sup>th</sup> 1879 the statements were made from my own recollections of the records as seen by myself in the Family Bible - and from what knowledge my aunt Mrs. Lucretia Bodkins possessed. After my mother's death this Bible went into the hands of my father's sister then Lydia Harden after ward married to a Wallace Jackson. and when the affidavit was made date of Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1882 I was unable to get the Bible as it was in the hands of my aunt Mrs. Lydia Jackson then at Mansfield Kansas.

2 In what were your father's family records kept - and who had charge of them after your mother's death.

A They were kept in the Family Bible - and after my mother's death - the Bible went into the hands of my father's sister - as stated above.

2 When is this Family Bible now - and who has charge of it.

A I do not know where it is now. The last of Nov 1882 after I had made the affidavit - date of Nov 26<sup>th</sup> I made up my mind that I would try and hunt the Bible up - and went west in search of it but found that my aunt Mrs. Jackson had separated from her husband - and was then in a dying condition at her brother's Henry Harden near Huron Kansas. That her husband had made away with every thing they had - and that she had no knowledge of what had become of the Bible - and I could get no trace of it.

Frank Harden

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. A. Anderson

Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hadden, No. 236808On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1884, at  
County of \_\_\_\_\_State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a  
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appearedFrank Hadden, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
said pension claim, deposes and says:

2 In the affidavit of Ezekiel Rogers date of June 9<sup>th</sup> 1879  
He gives date of births of your brother and sister, but  
says the reason they cannot get the exact date of  
births of all the children is that the Papers containing  
the record is in the hands of Lydia Jackson of  
Murrayville Kansas, who will not send the record

Is this the fact-

A It is a fact that she had had the records & had written  
for them to send one the liber or a copy of the records  
but my aunt was sick and Mrs Jackson prevented  
her from sending either one.

2 On your mothers Declaration for Pension Filed Sept 30<sup>th</sup>  
1864 she claims that you were born Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1858. On  
your Affidavit made June 10<sup>th</sup> 1879 you say that  
you were born Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1854. On an affidavit  
made by you Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1882 you state that you  
were always informed by your father and mother  
that the date of your birth was Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Ezekiel Rogers in affidavit date of June 9<sup>th</sup> 1879 also  
states that you were born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 1854

How do you reconcile these conflicting statements.

A I believe that my mothers statement as to my  
age made by her in her application for pension  
is the correct one and any other statements that  
have been made by myself or others have been  
made under wrong impressions or ideas of the dates  
and facts in the case

On your Mother's Application she claims that your brother Hector T Harden was born July 14<sup>th</sup> 1858. On your Declaration as Guardian filed April 28<sup>th</sup> 1878 you claim that he was born July 4<sup>th</sup> 1857 and in your affidavit made June 10<sup>th</sup> 1879 you give the same date. Then in Affidavit date of Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1882 you say that you believe that the statement made by your aunt Lucinda Perkins was by a clerical error made to say July 4<sup>th</sup> 1857. when in truth she meant as you believe to state the time to be July 14<sup>th</sup> 1858. That you had always been informed that the correct date of your brother Hector Troy birth to be July 14<sup>th</sup> 1858. Lucinda Perkins in her affidavit date of Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1879. Testifies that Hector Troy Harden was born July 4<sup>th</sup> 1857 - and Ezekiel Rogers in affidavit date of June 9<sup>th</sup> testifies that your brother Hector Troy was born July 4<sup>th</sup> 1857 - Please explain these conflicting statements and if you have always understood your brother was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 1858. why you have twice made the statements under oath that he was born on July 4<sup>th</sup> 1857.

A It was my understanding that he was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 1858. but suppose that I was overruled when I made the statements referred to by what I could learn from others and now wish it understood that I consider the date of Hector Troy birth as given by my mother in her Declaration to be the true date.

2 On your Mother's application she claims that your brother Chronast was born Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1863. On your

Frank Harden  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. C. Anderson  
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden, No. 236803

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1884, at  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a  
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Frank Harden, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
said pension claim, deposes and says:

On your application as guardian you claim that he  
was born May 14<sup>th</sup> 1864. On affidavit of June 10<sup>th</sup> 1879  
you claim the same. Lucinda Postkins in affidavit  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1879 she testifies to birth of Obmual Harden giving  
date as May 14<sup>th</sup> 1864. also states the same fact in affidavit  
date of May 24<sup>th</sup> 1879. Eschiel Rogers testifies to same  
date and Dr Charles J Ellis in affidavit date of May  
24<sup>th</sup> states that he was the attending physician and  
gives the date of Obmual birth as May 14<sup>th</sup> 1864. Can  
you explain why your Mother in her application  
came to state the correct date of birth of her four  
eldest children as you now claim and yet in her  
youngest boy makes a mistake of five months and  
five days as compared with the statements referred to  
as the date of his birth.

A I believe that my mother's statement in her application  
as to the birth of Obmual Harden is the correct one  
and that the other statements have been made under  
a misunderstanding as to the correct date.

Q Can you furnish any other proof other than that now  
found in the case as to the birth of Obmual.

A I think that I can - as he was sent to the Poor Farm  
on the death of my mother and I think the books  
there ought show his age.

Q Will the books of Dr Ellis show the date of Obmual  
birth.

A I think they will if he can find them.

Dr. Mrs. Lucinda Beckins now living who claims to have been present at the birth of your brother Oshmael

A She is and resides at Somerset Wabash Co Ind

2 In your mother's Application for Pension she claims that her husband John Hadden died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Aug 1864. In your application as Guardian you claim that your father John Hadden died on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Aug 1864. In affidavit made June 10<sup>th</sup> 1879 you make the same statement. In your affidavit of the 26<sup>th</sup> of Nov 1882 you state that your father died on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aug 1864.

A Which do you now consider the correct date I think that mother's statement is the correct one as I got my information from different parties and was thus misled. At one time latering I suppose the death of my mother for the date of my father's death as they died in the same month August. Father in 1864 and mother in 1865

2 In your declaration as Guardian you claim that your mother Rebecca Hadden died on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865. In affidavit of June 10<sup>th</sup> 1879 you state that she died Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1865 and in affidavit date of Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1882 you state that she died Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1865.

A How do you explain the difference in date

A In the declaration I think it must have been a clerical error in writing the figure two instead of twelve and in the affidavit of June 10<sup>th</sup> 1879 I must have got the date of my father's death mixed up with the date of my mother's

Frank Hadden  
Deponent.

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo C Anderson  
Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden, No. 234803On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1884, at  
County of \_\_\_\_\_State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a  
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Frank Harden, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
said pension claim, deposes and says:

2 Again in your declaration you claim that your  
brother Charles died June 2<sup>d</sup> 1866 and then in  
your affidavit of June 10<sup>th</sup> 1879 you have given  
the date of his death as June 9<sup>th</sup> 1866. Can you now  
state the correct date,

A The best information that I can obtain is that he  
died on June 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> 1866, and was buried  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

2 As this claim will have to be further examined -  
Please name the witnesses that were present at the place of residence  
whom you wish examined, as regards your father's  
physical condition before enlistment - while he  
was in the service - at date of his discharge and there -  
from until the date of his death - also for proof of  
dates of birth and death of children surviving him  
and continued widowhood of your mother and  
date of her death.

A The parties whose names have already been given  
William Ross, Levi Uley - + Abraham Miller, now  
living at Somerset knew him before he went into  
the service and after his discharge - William Robinson  
Andrew Robinson and George Kates were comrades  
in the service. They also reside at Somerset.

2 Do you desire to be present or to be represented  
by an attorney at the further examination of

your claim. If so you will be notified as to the time and place.

A I do desire to be present at the further examination of this claim and would like to be notified when such examination will take place.

Frank Harden  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo L. Anderson  
Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Haden Guardian Wagon No. 236803

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at  
Wabush, County of Wabush  
 State of Indiana, before me, Geo L Anderson, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Dr. James Ford, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
 said pension claim, deposes and says: his name is James Ford-

Age 73 years. Profession Physician + Surgeon and  
 have been for the last thirteen years an Examining  
 Surgeon of the U.S. Pension Bureau.

2 Did you serve in the late war. If so please  
 state in what Organization you served and  
 your rank.

A I was Surgeon of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols. and served  
 in that Organization from April 28<sup>th</sup> 1861 to Aug  
25<sup>th</sup> 1861 when the organization which had served  
 its term months was reorganized to serve three  
 years. I served in the new organization until  
 about the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, 1862.

2 Were you ever acquainted with one John Haden  
 late a Private in Co. "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols.

A I knew that such a man resided at Somerset  
 in this County, before his enlistment, but was  
 not personally acquainted with him until  
 I examined him for the service at the time  
 of his enlistment in Aug, 1861.

2 What was his physical condition at the  
 time that you examined him.

A I examined him personally and carefully, found  
 him in a normal condition, and in a healthy  
 state.

2 At that time was there any indications of any  
 lung trouble.

A There was not any to my knowledge.



Q Were there any indications of deafness at that time  
A No Sir. There was not. He used to come into my  
quartre and he was not deaf then.

Q Have you any personal knowledge of his  
being sick in any way or complaining of any  
disability while on the service.

A I do not recollect at the present time of his  
being sick or disabled. Do not recollect of giving  
him any treatment. He may have received some  
medical treatment from Dr. Chaalis S. Ellis. of  
this place who was a Lieut of Co "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols at  
that time and who frequently medicated the  
men in Co "D" and "K" of the Regt. as he was  
acquainted with the men. The Company having  
been raised in this vicinity.

Q Do you remember at what time and for what cause  
this John Hayden was discharged from the service.

A I think that he was discharged at Helena Ark-  
sontions on July 1862. On the grounds of disability  
from statements of his commanding officers, but what  
the disability was I am now unable to state.

Q Have you any personal knowledge that this man  
Hayden was an Inebriate, or that he drank in-  
temporarily liquors to excess while on the service.

A I have no personal knowledge that he was an inebriate  
or that he drank to excess. In fact liquors was not  
obtainable only as we would be at some of the towns.  
I think that Mr Hayden would occasionally have  
a spree and any information of his having the  
habit of drinking some was obtained mostly from

Jarius Ford M.D.  
Late Surgeon U.S. Vols Deponent.  
8<sup>th</sup> Ind

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct  
1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Leol Anderson  
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden 'Guardian Miners', No. 234803

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1884, at \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Dr. James Ford, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

his officers.

Q Do you call to mind whether he ever complained of lung troubles while in the service  
A I cannot call it to mind.

Q Did you ever see him or give him any treatment after you came home in June 1863  
A I never saw him that I remember of or gave him any treatment.

Q In a letter to the Office date of Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1883. You inform the Commissioner of Pensions that you do not recollect anything of John Harden. Will you please state how it is that you now remember the man.

A When I wrote that letter I had in my mind a certain John Harden of Wayne Co. Ind. who went out with us in the three months Service. Not thinking of the John Harden now under consideration I now remember this man very distinctly from the circumstances that he was a good gunner and at the time that I was lying sick at Otterville Mo. sometime about the 25<sup>th</sup> of Dec. 1861. He went and killed and brought me in some squirrels, and know that at that time he was not deaf nor was he troubled with any lung disease.

Q Will you please state as to the time when the battle of Pew Ridge Ark. was fought, and whether

the men of your regiment were exposed at that time to any inclement weather.

A I think that the battle was fought on March 8<sup>th</sup> 1862, and the weather was very inclement, it was cold, and the men were exposed all the day and night to heavy rains, and lay on their arms all night thus exposed.

Q Have you ever before testified in this case

A I have. I testified in connection with Dr. Reuben Murphy, some two years ago, as to our professional opinion in regard to the ages of three surviving sons of John Hudson deceased.

Q Is this the affidavit is the signature genuine and all its contents true to the best of your knowledge and belief. Here showing affidavit found in this case date of Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1883.

A The paper shown is the affidavit, the signature is genuine, and the contents are true to the best of my knowledge.

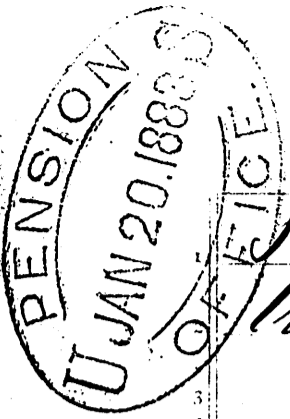
Q Are you in any way related to the claimants in this case or interested direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim

A I am not

Janus Ford M.D.  
Late Surgeon U.S. Army Deponent.  
8<sup>th</sup> Dec. ?

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Keole Anderson  
Special Examiner.



State of Indiana  
Wabash County

In the matter of the Applications  
of the heirs of John Hardin late priv  
Co "I" 8<sup>th</sup> Regt Ind Vols for Pension  
No. 236,803

James Ford and Reuben Murphy  
being sworn in relation to said matter  
say that they have been for more than  
20 years last past practicing physi-  
cians. The said James Ford residing  
in the City of Wabash Indiana and  
said Reuben Murphy residing at  
Roanoke in said County. And  
said Affiants on oath say they have  
made personal examination of Frank  
Hardin, Hector Troy Hardin and  
Ismael W. Hardin children of said  
John Hardin and from personal ob-  
servation and the appearance of said  
children and the evidence adduced  
before them they say that they believe  
the correct ages of said children  
to be as follows.

Hiram H. called Frank they believe was born  
February 14<sup>th</sup> 1853 and will be thirty  
years of age Feb 14 1883.

That Hector Troy was born  
July 14<sup>th</sup> 1858 and will be 25 years old

July 14<sup>th</sup> 1883 -

And Affiants Say That They believe said Ishmael W. was born December 7<sup>th</sup> 1863 and was 19 years of age Dec 7 1882 -

They believe from the appearance of said children and their own knowledge of their eyes that the statement made by their mother which has been shown to them that her statement is the correct one

The said Frank and Hector Troy are men now of mature age and it is not possible to judge so accurately from appearances as is the case with Ishmael W. who bears a youthful appearance, having no beard upon his face and evidently has not arrived at the age of mature manhood -

And the said James Ford says he was late Surgeon of the 8<sup>th</sup> Regt. Ind. Vol. and discharged said John Hardin from the service about the year 1862 on account of physical disability -

They further declare that they have no interest in the prosecution of the claim of the children of said John Hardin for Pension

James Ford M.D.  
Reuben Murphy

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5 State of Indiana  
6 Warrick County

7 On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 1883  
8 personally appeared before me James  
9 W. Stewart a Notary Public in and  
10 for said County & State James  
11 Ford and Reuben Murphy to  
12 me well known as regular phy-  
13 sicians and surgeons of good  
14 standing and practice residing  
15 in said County who being by  
16 me sworn according to law on  
17 their oaths say the foregoing  
18 statement made and signed by  
19 them is true in substance and  
20 in fact as they verily believe

21 And I certify I have no interest  
22 in the prosecution of the claim of  
23 the children of John Hardin for  
24 Pension Witness my hand  
25 and Notarial Seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
26 January 1883

27  
28 James W. Stewart  
29 Notary Public  
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## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hayden Guardian Minors, No. 286803

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at  
 Wabash, County of Wabash  
 State of Indiana, before me, Geo. C. Anderson, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared  
 Dr. Charles S. Ellis, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
 said pension claim, deposes and says: his name is Charles S. Ellis.  
 age 59 years. Profession Physician + Surgeon Residence  
 Wabash, Wabash Co. Ind.

Q Did you serve in the late war. If so please state  
 to what organization you belonged - and your  
 rank.

A I did serve in the late war. First served as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut  
 of Co "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols. I went out in Aug 1861.  
 and resigned from this organization in Sept I  
 think of 1862, I then served as Major in 188<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols  
 served until discharged Reenlisted the 103<sup>rd</sup> Ind Vols and  
 served as Lieut Col. until the close of the war -

Q Were you ever acquainted with one John Hayden  
 late a Private in Co "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols

A I was I was well acquainted with him prior  
 to his enlistment, into Co "D". Was his family  
 physician. Had known him at least eight or  
 ten years before the war.

Q What was his physical condition during that  
 time that you knew him, and at the date  
 of his enlistment

A It was good as far as I knew. I never knew  
 him to be sick. I was his family physician  
 and I have no recollection of ever giving  
 him any treatment for any disease before  
 he enlisted and went into the service.

Q What were his habits before enlistment.

A He was generally sober. would occasionally

get on a spree but was not a habitual drinker -  
have a better time, and then would be steady  
again.

2 After his enlistment have you any personal  
knowledge of Mr. Harden being sick in any  
way or disabled from duty from any cause

A I remember that sometime in the spring of 1862.  
I cannot state the exact date, his hearing was  
badly affected, and he had a bad cough -  
and complained of his lungs and hoarseness -  
and as I had access to the Hospital stores, I  
frequently gave him medicines for the trouble  
of his lungs or cough - which was brought on by exposure.

2 Do you remember at what time Mr. Harden was  
discharged from the service, or for what he was  
discharged -

A I do not call to mind just when he was dis-  
charged, or where, but think as near as I can remem-  
ber that he had been discharged on account of  
disability before I left the service. I think he  
was discharged for deafness and the lung trouble.

2 When did you next see Mr. Harden -

A My books show that I treated in John Harden's family  
on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 1863, and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
of Jan - Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup> & 30 - April 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> 1864, and  
I know that a part of this treatment was for Mr.  
Harden who was suffering during all of this  
time with lung trouble, and I was at his  
house I think the very day before he died, and

Charles S. Ellsford  
Deponent.  
Lieut 1<sup>st</sup> Unit Co "D", 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct  
1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Wm. Anderson  
Special Examiner.



DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden Emancipation No. 286808

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1884, at

County of Cumberland, State of

before me, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Dr. Charles J. Ellis, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

I think that I also treated him some in July of 1864, but some of my books are now lost and I cannot give the dates. Mr. Harden died of this disease of lungs or consumption, I think sometime in Aug. 1864.

2 Did Mr. Harden leave a wife or any children.

A He did leave a wife and quite a family of children, but do not remember how many.

2 Have you any personal knowledge of the dates of births or dates of deaths of any of the children who were alive at the time of Mr. Harden's death.

A I was present at the birth of some of the children but which ones I am now unable to state as I cannot now find any record of their births in my books. I did at one time suppose that I had found the correct date of the birth of the youngest son, but the book containing the supposed record is now lost, and I cannot now state whether it was correct or not. It might have been some other child.

2 Have you ever before testified in this case.

A Yes Sir, I have a number of times.

2 Are these the affidavits, are the signatures genuine and what have you to say in regard to their contents. See showing affiant affidavits found in the case dated of Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1878 - May 24<sup>th</sup> 1879

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1879. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1879. + Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1880.

A I executed the affidavits shown. The signatures are genuine and the statements made in said affidavits are correct to the best of my knowledge, unless in the affidavit dated of May 24<sup>th</sup> 1879. I made a mistake as to the date of the birth of Ishmael Harden, which at the present time I am inclined to think I did for I have heard it stated since then, that Mrs. Harden the widow, before her death made an application for pension in which she stated the ages of her children or dates of their births, and as she was a very intelligent woman, I have no doubt whatever but what the correct dates of the births of all the children were given, and if I have not given the same date as to the birth of Ishmael Harden I must have been mistaken and was misled or made a clerical error at the time that I examined my book which as I have stated before is now lost.

2 Do you remember of signing the Certificate of disability upon which Mr. John Harden was discharged - and can you state for what he was discharged

A I do not call to mind the signing of the Certificate. But think I might have done so, as I was a Commissioned Officer of his Company, and my understanding was that he was discharged for deafness and lung troubles.

2 Are you in any way related to the claimants or interested direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

A I am not.

*J. D. Ellis*  
Deponent.  
Date 1<sup>st</sup> Unit 1884 8<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vols

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*Geo. C. Anderson*  
Special Examiner.

Instructions

The affiant should state in his own handwriting these facts following: 1. The length of time he has been practicing medicine.

2. Whether, or not, he knew the soldier before enlistment. If he did know him, for how long a period he knew him, how intimately, with what opportunities of understanding his physical condition, (as for example, by practicing in his family or otherwise,) and what his opinion is, as to said soldier's soundness at enlistment, adding, if true, that he was sound, and that he was so knowing of his physical condition that had he been unsound in any way he would have known it.

3. If he treated the soldier during his enlistment, either as his regimental surgeon or while he may have been at home on furlough, state his physical condition at such times, the nature and duration of his disability, and the dates of treatment.

4. Whether he has treated said soldier since his discharge. If he have, he should state—

(1) At about what date he first treated him.

(2) What his physical condition was when he first treated him, giving a full description or diagnosis of his disability.

(3) The period during which he has treated him.

(4) The dates, as nearly as he can, of his prescriptions.

(5) The extent to which he has been able to perform manual labor.

(6) To what extent, if any, his wounds, injuries, or diseases have yielded to treatment.

(7) Whether his wounds, injuries, or diseases have been aggravated or prolonged by intemperance or other bad habits.

In cases of injuries and diseases, the Commissioner of Pensions requires Medical Evidence of the physical condition of the soldier from the date of discharge to the present time. Physicians in making affidavits to disability from injury, rheumatism, consumption, or other incurable diseases, need not regularly and continuously have prescribed for said soldiers from time of discharge to the present. It is sufficient that they have treated from time to time or have given their professional advice, and so have gained full knowledge of their physical condition.

IMPORTANT.—The Affidavit of the Physician must conform to the instructions contained in the margin, or it will not be considered by the Pension Office as satisfactory. Therefore read said instructions very carefully before undertaking to prepare this Affidavit, and then embody in your statement all the facts therein indicated. Let the diagnosis be so full and complete that a medical man could, from the description, at once and unmistakably recognize the diseases, wounds, or injuries, even though they be not technically named.

State of Indiana } ss:  
County of Wabash }

In the pension claim of Frank Hardin Guardian of minors of John Hardin (Name of Claimant.)

Personally came before me, a Clerk of Court in and for (Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or Clerk of Court, as the case may be.) aforesaid County and State, Charles S. Ellis a resident of Wabash, of the County of Wabash

State of Indiana, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

I have been practicing medicine some thirty years was well acquainted with John Hardin prior to his enlistment was his Family Physician for some time & know that his health was good at time of enlistment it was first Lieut of Co I 8th Ind Reg & saw said Hardin & gave him some medicine while in the service for cold & disease of Lungs contracted while in line of duty saw him at least once before his death about July 1864 at his home in Wabash Co and found him suffering from disease of Lungs which caused his death and from my personal acquaintance with him prior & after & during his service believe said disease of Lungs was contracted while in the service

And he further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Charles S. Ellis formerly first Lieut & Captain assistant Surgeon of 8th Regt Ind Vol (Signature of Physician or Surgeon. If ever in the Army, give rank and service.)

This blank is prepared by and for the exclusive use of GEORGE F. LEMON, of Washington, D. C.

As this Form for Medical Evidence may reach the hands of some persons unacquainted with this House, we append hereto, as specimens of the testimonials in our possession, copies of letters from several gentlemen, distinguished politically and militarily, and widely known throughout the United States:

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS,  
October 24, 1875.

I take great pleasure in recommending Captain GEORGE E. LEMON, now of Washington, D. C., to all persons who may have claims to settle or other business to prosecute before the Departments at Washington. I know him to be thoroughly qualified, well acquainted with the laws, and with Department rules in all matters growing out of the late War, especially in the Paymaster's and Quartermaster's offices. I have had occasion to employ him for friends of mine, also, in the soliciting of patents, and have found him very active, well informed, and successful. As a gallant officer during the war, and an honorable and successful practitioner, I recommend him strongly to all who may need his services.

S. A. HURLBUT, M. C.,  
Fourth Congressional District, Illinois,  
Late Major General U. S. Vols.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
March 3, 1875.

From several years' acquaintance with Captain GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, I cheerfully commend him as a gentleman of integrity and worth, and well qualified to attend to the collection of Bounty and other Claims against the Government. His experience in that line gives him superior advantages.

W. P. SPRAGUE, M. C.,  
Fifteenth District of Ohio.  
JAS. D. STRAWBRIDGE, M. C.,  
Thirteenth District of Penn'a.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, BOISE CITY,  
IDAHO TERRITORY, September 5, 1876.

Captain GEORGE E. LEMON, Attorney and Agent for the collection of war claims at Washington City, is a thorough, able, and exceedingly well-informed man of business of high character, and entirely responsible. I can assure all having war claims requiring adjustment that their interests cannot be confided to safer hands.

M. BRAYMAN,  
Governor of Idaho and late Maj. Gen. Vols.

Any person desiring information as to my standing and responsibility will, on request, be furnished with a satisfactory reference in his vicinity or Congressional District.

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**MEDICAL EVIDENCE.**

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FILED BY  
GEORGE E. LEMON,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,  
No. 629 F Street northwest,

Lock-Box 47.

WASHINGTON D. C.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the aforementioned affiant; and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician of good professional standing; and that I am in nowise interested, either directly or indirectly, in the prosecution of this claim; and I further certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1878

READ.—It is preferable that this instrument should be executed before a Clerk of Court. The seal should be impressed on the original paper, either direct or through the paper on which the jurat is made, if that be a separate paper. When executed before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, a certificate from the Clerk of the Court must be attached, certifying that the Justice of the Peace or Notary Public had authority to act as such, except in cases where the Justice of the Peace or Notary Public has filed his commission, or certified copy thereof, in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions.

Sign here  
Justice/Notary/Clerk of Court, as case may be  
*James H. Brown* Clerk

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid

County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, Esq., who hath signed his

name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a \_\_\_\_\_ in

and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1878

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Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

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State of Indiana }  
Wabash County } 33.

In Matter of Pension Claim  
of Frank Hardin Guardian of Minor heirs  
of John Hardin late priv to "8<sup>th</sup> Regt  
Vol. - Personally came before me  
James P. Ross Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of said County and State Charles S.  
Ellis who being sworn according to law  
on his oath says that his age is fifty  
five years that he is now and for more  
than 20 years last past has been a reg-  
ular practicing physician in Wabash  
County Indiana and says further  
that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1864 he  
was called upon by the family of said  
John Hardin to attend the wife of said  
Hardin at that time confined in  
child birth at that as such  
physician he was present at the  
birth of said child who was after-  
ward named Ismael Hardin and  
that said Ismael Hardin was  
born on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1864 &  
was the son of said John  
Hardin and his wife Rebecca -

He further further says he has  
no interest directly nor indirectly in  
the prosecution of this claim for  
Pension

Charles S. Ellis  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1879. James P. Ross Clerk  
Wabash Circuit Court.

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State of Indiana

County of Wabash

ss:

In the pension claim of Frank Paulie Grand, minor  
John Paulie & the heirs of Paulie  
(Name of Claimant.)  
(Company and Regiment, or Vessel, or other organization or department.)

Personally came before me, a Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for  
(Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or Clerk of Court, as the case may be.)

aforesaid County and State, Charles S. Ellis, a resident

of Wabash, of the County of Wabash  
(City or Village.)  
State of Indiana, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

I have been practicing medicine since 30 years  
(Here follow closely instructions in the margin. If space here be not sufficient, the physician may execute an additional affidavit as to facts not herein embraced.)  
since 1864. I am a member of the I. O. O. F.

Sometimes treated & during his service & saw him a short time before his death. he was in good health at time of enlistment

I gave him medicine before his discharge for nervous debility & disease of lungs

I saw him a short time before his death treated him a short time for said disease

I am satisfied said disease was contracted by exposure while in the service

I was for sometime before his enlistment his family physician & have on occasions treated his family in his discharge

I have no recollection now at hand of knowing the exact date his death occurred about the year 1864

And he further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Charles S. Ellis  
(Signature of Physician or Surgeon. If ever in the Army, give rank and service.)  
formerly 1st Lieut Co & 8 Reg Ind Vol

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

# MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

FOR

FILED BY

**GEORGE E. LEMON,**  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,

No. 629 F Street northwest,

Lock-Box 47.

WASHINGTON D. C.

Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

Witness my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 187

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the aforementioned affiant; and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician of good professional standing; and that I am in no wise interested, either directly or indirectly, in the prosecution of this claim; and I further certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 187

Sign here *James P. Brown* Clerk  
*James P. Brown*  
Justice, Notary, Clerk of Court in case number \_\_\_\_\_

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid \_\_\_\_\_

County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_, Esq., who hath signed his

name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing it \_\_\_\_\_ in

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

*Handwritten initials*

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STATE OF Indiana  
COUNTY OF Wabash

SS:

In the matter of Peusein claim of Frank Hardin Eden  
(Character of claim.) (Name of claimant.)

Personally came before me, a Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for  
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

aforesaid County and State Charles S. Ellis a resident of  
(Here write the name of affiant or of each affiant, together with Residence and Post Office Address.)  
The City of Wabash Indiana

I citizen well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

*Says he was a practising physician for a period of more than ten years prior to the death of John Hardin late prior to 1861. Regt and was and during said period of ten years was the family physician of said John Hardin. That said Hardin had living at date of his death the following named children wit, Charles, Hiram H. Harriet, Loy & Ismael. That he is informed and believes Charles died June 9<sup>th</sup> 1866 Harriet died January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1869. Affiant says that the said Hiram H. was commonly known by the name of Frank Hardin when in fact his name was and is Hiram H. Hardin. How said nickname was first applied to him affiant says he does not know, but knows that Hiram H & Frank Hardin are the same person*

further declares that he no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.



If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of one witness to X mark.)

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Signature of Affiant, or of each Affiant. Charles S. Ellis  
Physician



SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 12 day of Nov 1879, at Wahash, in the county of Wahash, State of Indiana, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

erased, and the words added

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

that the affiant is to me well known and is respectable and worthy of full credit; and I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.



Clark W. Wiesner  
(Name of officer before whom executed.)  
Wahash Circuit Court  
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

THE OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS AFFIDAVIT IS EXECUTED MUST BE SURE AND NOTE IN HIS CERTIFICATE ALL ERASURES AND INTERLINEATIONS, AS INDICATED ABOVE.

NOTE.—It is preferable this should be executed before a Clerk of a Court. When executed before a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, a certificate from the Clerk of a Court **MUST** be added or attached, certifying that the Notary or Justice had authority to act as such.

I CERTIFY that \_\_\_\_\_ before whom the above affidavit was made, is a \_\_\_\_\_ duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.  
(Justice's or Notary's name.)  
(Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1879

(Name of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

[L. S.]

Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of what Court.)

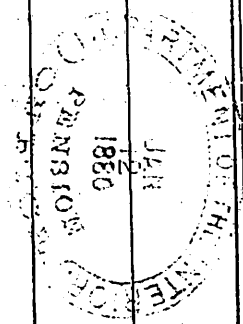
Death of  
Charles K

CASE OF

George E. Lemon  
Attorney at Law  
Washington D.C.

FOR

AFFIDAVIT OF



FILED BY  
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No. 916 F Street, northwest.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
P. O. Lock Box 47:

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County of Wabash } ss:

In the pension claim of Frank Hardin Graduate of Army of  
Geo. Hardin  
(Name of Claimant.)  
(Company and Regiment, or Vessel, or other organization or department.)

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aforesaid County and State, Charles S. Ellis, a resident  
(Name of Physician or Surgeon.)  
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(Here follow closely instructions in the margin. If space here be not sufficient, the physician may execute an additional affidavit as to facts not herein embraced.)  
he was a regular practicing physician residing at Somerset Wabash County State of Indiana and during said month was called upon to prescribe for John Hardin late a priv. Co "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Regt Ind vols and that I found him suffering & in the last stages of Consumption or phthisis pulmonalis and of which he died on or about the month of August 1864. Affiant says he well knew said Hardin ten years prior to his enlistment in said Service and during his Service in said Co "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Regt Ind vols of which affiant was 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant & detailed Assistant Surgeon of said Regiment and during said acquaintance said Hardin's habits were good and as he believes he was free from Consumption at date of his enlistment & that he contracted said disease in the Service aforesaid

And he further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

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1<sup>st</sup> Lt

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Witness my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 187

Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_

No. *Mead*

**MEDICAL EVIDENCE.**

**CLAIM OF**

**FOR**

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physician in the County and State aforesaid  
living and following his profession at  
Ret in said County up to and prior to 1865  
that he was for twelve years last prior to the  
death of John Hardin late priv Co D 18th Ind  
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at the date of said Hardin's enlistment to wit  
August 25th 1861 said Hardin was in  
good bodily health and he believes es-  
pecially free from any disease of  
The lungs. Affiant says he was  
the attending physician in the last  
illness of said Hardin and visited  
him professionally up to date of his death  
that his books show 19 visits to said  
said Hardin from Jan 23 to May 1 1864  
after which no item appears to be charged  
but that he knows he attended him until  
his death which occurred about the  
12th day of August 1864

And he further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution

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Lieut. Col. 18th Ind Vol. & 1st Ind Vol.

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Witness my hand and official seal this 4 day of Dec 1880

[L. S.]

Sign here

(Justice, Notary, or Clerk of Court, as the case may be.)

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Chairman, Committee on Invalid Pensions, House Reps.  
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P. O. LOCK BOX 325.  
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## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden Guardian Minors, No. 236803

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1884, at Somerset, County of Wabash State of Indiana, before me, Leola Anderson, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Henry D. Lawshe, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: his name is Henry D. Lawshe.  
age. 68 years. Occupation. Undertaker. Residence. Somerset, Wabash Co, Ind.

Q Were you ever acquainted with one John Harden, late a Private in Co. "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind. Vols.

A I was well acquainted with him before he went into the service, and it is my impression that I saw him after he came home. I know that it was understood that he came home sick, and was not able to be about much and remained in that condition until he died.

Q Do you remember at what time that he came home

A I do not. I cannot say whether it was one or two years before he died.

Q What was his physical condition before his enlistment

A He was a well and able bodied man - a good worker - and I have no knowledge of his being sick or complaining to any extent.

Q Did you ever notice or hear him complain of any trouble with his lungs or throat before his enlistment?

A No, I never did.

Q What were the habits of Mr. Harden during the time that you knew him before he went to the war

A I must have known him as many as five or six years before his enlistment, and know that he was industrious, and honest. He was addicted to having spells of drinking and would have what is called sprees perhaps for half dozen times a year - otherwise he

was a man of good habits. was not a continuous or habitual drinker -

Q Did you ever hear or have any knowledge of Mr Hardin returning to the service or of his being returned to the service on the supposition of his being a deserter

A No Sir. I never did.

Q What did you understand, and what was generally understood by his neighbors to have been the matter with Mr Hardin, after he returned from the army.

A As far as I know - it was considered that he had consumption or lung trouble, and it was understood that he died of this disease.

Q After he came home have you any knowledge that he indulged in drinking spiritous liquors

A I saw him but seldom before he died, and have no knowledge nor do I remember of hearing it stated that he was drinking, at that time.

Q At the times when you saw him after his discharge and before his death did you ever hear him complain of this lung trouble, or hear him cough -

A I do not know as I ever heard him complain but have heard him cough - he looked feeble and emaciated, looked like a person with the consumption and at the time that he died was terribly run down

Q At what time did he die.

A I attended his funeral as the undertaker, the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1864, and from the following circumstances which I never bring to mind. That is I had been

Henry D. Lavoie

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. C. Anderson

Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hayden Examination No. 236808.On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at  
County of Crittenden,

State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Henry J. Lawler, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

away from home on the 9<sup>th</sup> and on returning I was told that a casket for Mr Hayden Coffin had been awaiting all day. I conclude that he must have died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Aug. or early on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aug 1864. I find the charge of his Coffin and Burial recorded in my day book date of Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1864. and buried as a pauper - Here showing the said Oct book and the stated charge.

Q Did this John Hayden leave a wife and children

A He did. He left a wife and to the best of my recollection there were five children. four boys and a girl.

Q Is the wife still living.

A She is not. She died somewhere about a year from the time her husband died. I was not at that time in this place and have no personal knowledge of the exact date.

Q Are all of the children still living.

A They are not. I understand that three of the boys - Frank, Irving & Edmund, are living. and that Charles and the girl whose name I do not recall - are dead.

Q Have you any personal knowledge of the dates of the births or dates of the deaths of any of the above named children of John Hayden.

A I have no knowledge of the dates of births of any of the children. but know from circumstances that Charles Hayden was buried here at this place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1866. I recall this to mind very



distinctly as my own son was lying dead at the same time and parties came to my house to get my consent to use the house for his burial. The boy had died at the County house and had been sent to be buried with his father & mother but as to the date of the girls death I could not tell. But have an idea that she died away from this place.

Q Have you ever before testified in this case

A I think that I have once.

Q Is this the affidavit executed by you and is the signature genuine and the contents true to the best of your knowledge and belief. Here showing the affidavits from in the case date of March 7<sup>th</sup> 1881.

A The paper shown is the affidavit - the signature is genuine and the contents are true to the best of my knowledge -

Q Are you in any way related to the claimant in this case or interested in the prosecution of this claim.

A No Sir. I am not.

Henry D. Lawrence  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. C. Anderson  
Special Examiner.

State of Indiana } ss

Wabash County }

I Henry D Lawshe upon my  
Affirmation say that - by reference  
to an Account Book owned and  
Kept by me, I furnished a Coffin  
and attended the funeral of one  
John Hardin <sup>son</sup> late of Wolf Township  
in Wabash County Indiana on the  
Fifth day of August A D 1864  
and that said John Hardin had  
been a Soldier in the late  
war of the Rebellion.

Henry D Lawshe  
Subscriber and Affirmer to  
before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1881

B. S. Ross J. P. Clerk

21 day of 1881  
C. W. Neeser Clerk.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE.—Printed at the Plain Dealer Office, Wabash, Ind.

**The State of Indiana, Wabash County, ss.**

I C. W. Neesum (Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court,  
hereby certify that B. D. Ross before whom the annexed  
affidavit was made at the date of making the same a  
Justice of the Peace in and for said county duly  
commissioned and qualified, and legally authorized to administer oaths,  
and that the same is executed according to the laws of the State of Indi-  
ana; and I further certify that I am acquainted with the handwriting of  
said Officer, and verily believe the signature thereto attached, purporting  
to be his, is genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and  
affixed the Seal of said Court, at Wabash, Indiana, this

21 day of March A. D. 1881

C. W. Neesum Clerk.

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## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hurdley Guardian Wmms No. 236803.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at  
Somerset, County of Wabasha,  
 State of Indiana, before me, Leo Le Anderson, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared  
Mrs. Lucinda Beckins, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of afore-  
 said pension claim, deposes and says: Her name is Lucinda Beckins,  
age 49 years. Residence Somerset, Wabash Co. Ind

2 Was you ever acquainted with one John Hurdley  
formerly a resident of this section and a late Private  
in Co. "D" 9th Ind. Vols.

A I am his own sister and he lived a near neighbor  
to me after he came to this section of the state a  
quite a number of years before the war.

2 What was his physical condition for five years  
before his enlistment in 1861.

A He was stout and hearty. I never knew of his  
having any sick spells, fevers or anything of the  
sort.

2 Did you ever notice that he had any cough or any  
indications of lung disease before his enlistment

A I never did that I recollect of.

2 Do your father and mother now living.

A They are not. father died the last day of June 1861  
of dropsy and my mother died the 1<sup>st</sup> of March  
1862. was taken with a chill and lived but three  
days.

2 When did you next see your brother after his en-  
listment

A I saw him when he was home on furlough the last  
of Feb. 1862. did not see him again until he came  
home after his discharge late in the summer of 1862  
saw him frequently while he remained at home  
until sometime in the fall of 1863. I know that he

he had raised a corn crop which he disposed of and then started to go back to the army though he had been discharged. I told him that he would be taken up as a deserter, and begged of him not to go back but go he would. and he was gone some four or five weeks, and returned I think about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1863. He then remained at home until his death, sometime in the month of Aug 1864.

2 What was Mrs. Harden's condition when you saw him at home on furlough Feb-1862, and when you first saw him in the summer of 1862, and from time to time afterward when you would see him.

A When he was home on furlough in Feb 1862 he was well as ever. I did not hear him complain of anything, but when he came home in the summer after his discharge, he was quite deaf, had a severe cough and had chills, was hardly able to work but did work some. He got in a small piece of wheat, and the next spring in 1863, he got in a piece of corn. His lungs still troubled him and his cough grew worse, and he was bad off when he started as he said to go back to the army in the fall of 1863, and he was not fit to go away from home. When he got back on the first of Oct. 1863, he was entirely used up with this lung trouble and confined to the house until his death.

2 What were your means of knowledge of the condition of Mrs. Harden as stated above.

A By visiting and seeing the family frequently during the time.

Witness to Mark  
Thomas Boelkins,  
Geo. Anderson

her  
Lucinda J. Boelkins  
mark Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. Anderson  
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden Canadian Miner No. 286803

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at

County of Continued  
State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared  
Mrs Lucretia Baetzman, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of afore-  
said pension claim, deposes and says:

Q At Mr Harden's death did he leave a wife and children.

A He did. he left a wife and five children four boys and one girl.

Q Is the widow still living.

A No she is not. she died in Aug 1865, only two or three days over a year from the time her husband died.

Q Did she remain a widow until her death.

A She did. and tried to support her family of little ones the best she could.

Q Are the children all living now.

A They are not. Frank Levy & Osborn are living and Lehard & Hurst are dead.

Q Have you any knowledge of the date of the birth or date of death of any of the above named children.

A I have no particular knowledge at this time of the date of births of any of the children unless it be the son Osborn. whom I know was about eight months old at the time of his father's death in Aug 1864 which would make the date of his birth sometime in Dec. 1863.

Q Have you ever before testified in this case.

A I believe I have twice.

Q Are these the affidavits. Did you sign the same by marks

and are the contents true to the best of your knowledge and belief. Here showing affiant affidavits found in the case dated of May 24<sup>th</sup> 1879, and Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1879. I executed the affidavits shown. But am sure I did not understand as to the date of the births mentioned of Peter Levy, and Dismal Harden. For I could not state the exact dates of their births, and believe that Rebecca Harden the widow of John Harden, in her Declaration for Pension stated the correct dates of the births of all the living children as she had at that time the Family Bible to refer to and what I have stated has been mostly from memory and I would also say that I have no exact knowledge of the dates of deaths of Lebeles and Harriet Harden.

2 How do you call to mind that Mr. Harden was home at the time you state in the fall of 1863, and that he was not gone away from <sup>home</sup> more than four or five weeks.

A I know that when he went away he went off with some one that was hauling wheat to Wabash, and we thought that perhaps he would not go any further than that town, and I know that he was back and was present at the funeral of one of his children a little girl by the name of Jennie which was sometime in November 1863, it was cold wet weather at that time, know that he was sick at that time.

2 Have you any recollection as to the time when the girl Harriet died.

A To the best of my remembrance she died in the winter of 1869. I know that she died sometime in that winter for it was the <sup>date</sup> winter before my husband died in the spring in May 1869. Cannot state exact

Witness to Mark  
Thomas Rodkins  
Ewale Anderson

Lucinda <sup>her</sup> Rodkins  
mark Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Ewale Anderson  
Special Examiner.

**GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.**

*[Handwritten initials]*

STATE OF Indiana  
COUNTY OF Wabash

ss:

In the matter of Pension claim Frank Hardin Guard,  
vs John Hardin late I. Ill. Indn Vols  
Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for  
aforesaid County and State, Lucinda Bodkins

Citizen of Somerset, County of Wabash, State of  
Indiana, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being  
duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That her age is 49 years.  
That she was well acquainted with John Hardin  
the above named soldier and with his wife  
Rebecca, and with their son Ishmael whom  
affiant says was born May 14th AD 1864.  
That she lived within one half mile  
of said John Hardin when Ishmael Hardin  
was born and that she well remembers  
the time and was acquainted with all the  
circumstances

She further declares that she has no interest in said case, and is not  
concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (Two persons.)

W. S. Smith  
A. Davis

Signature of Affiant. Lucinda Bodkins

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 24 day of May 1879, at Somerset in the county of Walden State of Indiana, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

, erased, and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

, added; that the affiant is to me well known and is respectable and worthy of full credit as a witness; and I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Joseph C. Cochenour  
(Name of officer before whom executed.)

J. P.  
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

THE OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS AFFIDAVIT IS EXECUTED MUST BE SURE AND NOTE IN HIS CERTIFICATE ALL ERASURES AND INTERLINEATIONS, AS INDICATED ABOVE.

NOTE.—Execute this before a Clerk of a Court, if possible. When executed before a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, a certificate from the Clerk of a Court **MUST** be added or attached certifying that the Notary or Justice had authority to act as such.

I certify that Joseph C. Cochenour, before whom the above affidavit was made, is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.  
(Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this

24 day of May 1879.

James P. Roof  
(Name of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

Clerk of the Ninth Circuit Court  
(Name of what court.)

(L. S.)

No. \_\_\_\_\_

CASE OF

FOR

AFFIDAVIT OF

FILED BY

GEORGE E. LEMON,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,

No. 916 F Street, northwest,

P. O. Lock Box 47. WASHINGTON, D. C.

*George E. Lemon*

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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This Blank is Prepared by GEORGE E. LEMON, of Washington, D. C., and is Exclusively for his Use.

STATE OF Indiana

COUNTY OF Warrick

ss:

In the matter of Pension claim of Frank Hardin, G. A.

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for

aforesaid County and State, Lucinda Bodkins, aged 44

years of Somerset in the County and State of Indiana.

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

That she is the sister of the late John Hardin, who was a private in Co. "D" 8th Ind. Vols. That she was not present at the birth of Hector Troy Hardin, son of said soldier, but was present within a day or two thereafter and visited the mother of said child frequently during his confinement. That said Hector Troy Hardin was born July 20th 1857, Dr. Daniel Wagner, now deceased being the attending physician.

Affiant further says she was present at the birth of Samuel Hardin, another son of said soldier, which birth occurred May 14th 1864, Dr. G. S. Ellis being the attending physician.

Affiant cannot give the exact ages or dates of birth of soldiers other children but that the order of said births was, first, Charles, now dead; second, Hiram H. or Frank the claimant herein; third, Harriet, now dead; fourth, Hector Troy; fifth, Samuel.

That Hiram H. or Frank, and Hector Troy Hardin live near Somerset and Samuel near La Grange, in the County and State aforesaid and are the only children of said John Hardin now living.

Affiant further declares that she has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.



If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

Suzie B. Messers  
(Name of one witness to X mark)

Neah Smith  
(Name of other witness to X mark)

Signature of Affiant, or of each Affiant. Lucinda Bodkins

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 10th day of Dec, 1879, at Somerset, in the county of Wabash, State of Indiana, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here) and

and, erased, and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

that the affiant is to me well known and is respectable and worthy of full credit; and I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J. G. Gochenour  
(Name of officer before whom executed.)

Justice of the Peace  
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

THE OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS AFFIDAVIT IS EXECUTED MUST BE SURE AND NOTE IN HIS CERTIFICATE ALL ERASURES AND INTERLINEATIONS, AS INDICATED ABOVE.

NOTE.—It is preferable this should be executed before a Clerk of a Court. When executed before a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace a certificate from the Clerk of a Court MUST be added or attached, certifying that the Notary or Justice had authority to act as such.

I CERTIFY that J. G. Gochenour before whom the above affidavit was made, is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.  
(Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 11 day of Dec, 1879

Clarence H. Hession  
(Name of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk)  
Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court,  
(Name of what Court.)

[L. S.]

11/20/79  
No. 1200  
CASE OF

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FOR:

AFFIDAVIT OF

FILED BY  
GEORGE E. LEMON,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,  
No. 916 F Street, Northwest,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

O. Lock Box 47.

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## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hayden Guardian Mins, No. 286 80 8

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at  
 Wabash, County of Wabash,  
 State of Indiana, before me, Geo. C. Anderson, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Benjamin F. Williams, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
 said pension claim, deposes and says: His name is Benjamin F. Williams  
 age 54 years Profession Attorney at Law. Residence  
 Wabash, Wabash Co. Ind.

2 Were you ever acquainted with one John Hayden  
 late a Private of Co. "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols

A I had an acquaintance with him from 1854. to 1861  
 was acquainted with him at the time of his en-  
 listment in Aug 1861.

2 What was his physical condition from the date  
 of your first acquaintance to the time of his  
 enlistment in 1861.

A I think that he was in good health. he was  
 a laboring man and as far as I knew he was  
 always well. I saw him quite frequently during  
 the years 1855 and 56 but after that not so often.

2 What were the habits of Mr Hayden during this time.

A He was a very hard worker and was addicted to  
 drinks some but not to excess. that I now remember  
 think that he was regarded as a good soldier at  
 the time of his enlistment.

2 Did you ever see Mr John Hayden again after  
 his enlistment.

A I think not I afterward served in the 101<sup>st</sup> Ind Vols  
 and was not discharged until July 1865. and when  
 I returned home Mr Hayden was dead.

2 Have you any further personal knowledge of the  
 family of John Hayden since your return in 1865.

A On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1865 I was appointed ad-

administrator of the estate of John Harden & Rebecca Harden  
 husband and wife deceased. The widow having  
 died in the month of August previous. I find  
 among the papers of said Estate. Here showing said  
 Papers the sworn Statement of Stephen Steenbeger  
 now deceased, who was the Undertaker at the funeral  
 of said Rebecca Harden for coffin for said burial  
 occurring date Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1865, and I have reason to  
 believe and do believe that to be the correct date  
 of the funeral of said widow. My best recollection  
 now is that my first acquaintance with said Rebecca  
 Harden was in the month of July 1865, she being  
 at that time in very feeble health, and the family  
 very destitute. There were on Sept-19<sup>th</sup> 1865 living five  
 children of said John & Rebecca Harden, two of whom  
 have since died. My acquaintance with them would  
 not enable me to state their ages. I only know  
 they were young and unable to provide for themselves  
 One boy <sup>John</sup> ~~John~~ was taken to the County Infirmary  
 and died there about the year 1866. As administrator  
 I paid Asher Gray for services attending funeral of said  
 child. Paid him on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1866. One child a girl died  
 sometime afterward but the exact time I cannot state.  
 There were survivors who have been reared in the families  
 of friends. The whole estate of John Harden and Rebecca  
 Harden, personal and real did not exceed \$150 as  
 shown by my reports in exact figures \$129.76<sup>cts</sup> Of that  
 sum \$25<sup>00</sup> was an outstanding debt. The only substantial  
 support was one cow. The family were living in a  
 miserable hut and were in a great measure

Benj<sup>n</sup> F. Williams  
 Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct  
 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. C. Anderson  
 Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harder Leonard Quinn No. 256803

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at

County of \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Benjamin F. Williams, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

subsisting upon the charitable aid furnished by the neighborhood. There was no member of the family able to furnish any means of subsistence, and I know the above stated facts from my own personal knowledge.

Q Have you ever before testified in this claim.

A Not that I remember.

Q Are you in any related to the claimants or interested direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

A I am not.

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*Benj. J. Williams*  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*Geo. L. Anderson*  
Special Examiner.

Q What was the state of his health after his discharge in 1862, when you saw him.

A When I first saw him, which was shortly after he returned, he looked badly and had a bad cough, and this cough continued as long as he lived, and he died finally with consumption. I saw him quite frequently during the last stages of his sickness as we were neighbors and was present at his death.

Q Have you any knowledge of Mr. Hudson going away in the fall of 1863, and attempting to go back into the service.

A It was talked that he had gone back, and he was missing for a short time. But I know that he was back to his home during a portion of the winter of 1863 & 1864, and remained there after that until his death. I call this to mind from the fact that I drew wood to his family that winter and often saw the man.

Q What were the habits of Mr. Hudson.

A Before the war he would once on a while get on a little spree, but I did not consider him an inveterate drinker, and after he came home from the army I do not remember as to his ever getting drunk again.

Q Did Mr. Hudson leave a widow or any children according to your knowledge.

A He left a widow and had five children, four boys and one girl. The widow died in about a year from the death of Mr. Hudson, and two

J. W. Jarvis

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Errol Anderson

Special Examiner.



DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Herdian Emancipations No. 256803

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct; 1884, at  
County of

State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a  
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Joseph W Jones, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
duly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
said pension claim, deposes and says:

and two of the children, one son and the daughter  
are also dead -

Q Have you any knowledge as to the date of birth  
or the date of the deaths of any of the above men-  
tioned children

A No Sir I have not.

Q Have you ever before testified on this case

A I have not

Q Are you in any way related to the claimants,  
or interested direct or indirect in the prosecu-  
tion of this claim for pension.

A None at all.

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J. W. Jones Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Lew L. Anderson Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden, 'Guerrilla Minors', No. 286803

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at Somerset, County of Wabash, State of Indiana, before me, Geo. Le. Anderson, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared John V. Oyster, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: his name is John V. Oyster, age 56 years, occupation farmer - Residence Somerset, Wabash Co., Ind. -

Q Were you ever acquainted with one John Harden late a Private in Co. "D," 8<sup>th</sup> Ind. Vols.

A Yes Sir, I was acquainted with a John Harden who was in the 8<sup>th</sup> Ind. Vols. who when enlisted lived in this township of Wally, and was a real neighbor.

Q When did you first form his acquaintance.

A I think it was some eight or ten years before his enlistment, in 1861.

Q During this time that you knew him before his enlistment, what was his physical condition.

A He was always counted a good hand to work, never heard any complaint, have no knowledge of his being sick in any way before he went into the army.

Q What were his habits.

A He was a man that would drink some, was not an inveterate drinker but would once in a while get on a spree - and after that would be steady for a time.

Q When did you next see him after his enlistment.

A I did not see him again until he came home from the army, I think sometime in 1862.

Q What was his physical condition at that time.

A I do not mind that I heard any complaints.

Q Have you any knowledge that he drank.

to excess after he came home in 1862.  
 A I have no knowledge that he died.  
 2 Have you any knowledge of his being away from his family during any time from the time he came home in 1862 until his death in 1864.

A It seems to me as if there was a time that he was away, my impression<sup>is</sup> that he was away during the fall of 1863 and perhaps the winter of 1863 & 4. I know that he with his family during the spring and summer of 1864 until his death, sometime I think in August of that year.

2 When did you first know of his being at home or see him.

A I think it must have been about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May he was sick and confined to his bed and I used to call and see him quite frequently after that.

2 What seemed to be the matter with him -  
 A I mind that he had a good deal of a cough and it was generally understood that he had consumption, and that was what they called it. he was very much emaciated, when he died, I was present when he died, helped to lay him out, and closed his eyes.

2 What physicians attended him during his last illness.

A I do not now remember just who were the physicians, but think that Doctor C. S. Ellis, & Dr. James Stratton.

John W. Oyster  
 Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. C. Anderson  
 Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden Guardian ~~Wings~~ No. 236803

On this 3<sup>d</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at  
County of Centuria

State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a  
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

John V Ogler, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
said pension claim, deposes and says:

Q I gave him some attention, think that he had but  
little medical attendance during his sickness.

2 Who were present beside yourself at the death  
bed of Mr. Harden-

A Mr. J. W. Jones, and John H Jackson. Mr  
Jackson is now dead - and Mr Jones still  
lives in this neighborhood.

2 Did Mr. Harden leave a wife or children.

A He did, he left a wife and five children,  
the widow died about a year after Mr Harden  
and there now remains of the children, Frank  
Troy, and Osmond, Charles another son and  
a daughter, Harriet are dead.

2 Have you any knowledge of the dates of the  
births, or dates of the deaths of any of the above  
named children.

A I have no knowledge of the dates of the births  
of any of the children with the exception of  
the youngest son Osmond, whom I am certain  
was born sometime late in the fall or early in  
the winter of 1863. It is my impression that  
it was in December, of that year, and have no  
no knowledge as to the dates of death of Charles  
or Harriet. I know that the boy Osmond was born about a

2 Did Mr. Harden leave any support for his  
family

A Nothing that I know of. They were taken care

made by J. W. Jones

State of Indiana  
Wabash County

In the matter of the application of Frank Hardin guardian of minor heirs of John Hardin for Pension

On this 18 day of March 1881 before me Clark W. Messner Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County personally came John Byler who being sworn, says his age is 53 years, that he has resided in Wultz Township in said County ever since, 1840, that he was personally acquainted with John Hardin deceased who was late a private in Co 8<sup>th</sup> Regt Ind. vols. for a period of ten years last previous to said Hardin's death. He says that in the months of July and August 1865 said Hardin lived in the immediate neighborhood of this affiant, during which time said Hardin was confined to his bed with a lingering disease, which he was informed and believes was what is generally called consumption. And he further says that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1865 while present at the bed side of said Hardin died of

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of said disease - Affiant says the fact of his presence at time of said Hardin's decease and that he died in the month of August 1865 is positive knowledge with him, but that he died on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of said month he states from memory refreshed by having examined the books of Henry D. Lawshe who was the undertaker at the funeral of said Hardin and he believes the same to be the correct date as said Lawshe's books show the Coffin to have been furnished on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1865

Affiant says that he dressed the corpse of said Hardin for burial

He further says he has no interest direct nor indirect in the prosecution of any claim due the children of said Hardin for pension and is not a kin to said children by blood or relation

John V. Byler

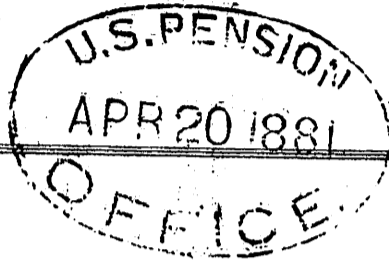
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August March 1881 and I certify that affiant John V. Byler is well known to me as a respectable and credible witness and his statements are entitled to credit and belief and that I have no interest in the prosecution of this

or any other claim by said Fronts Hardin guardian or the children of said John Hardin against the United States  
C. W. Keener Clerk  
Wabash Co. Ind



Indiana Division

No. 236803



Guardian's Pension

Frank Hardin

Guard. of minors of

John Hardin

Priv. 9<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Ind. Vols.

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Geo. E. Benson  
Atty.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank, Harden *Insane Mining* No. 236803.

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct., 1884, at  
Somerset, County of Wabush  
State of Indiana, before me, George C. Anderson, a  
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared  
Mrs. Adeline Oyler, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of afore-  
said pension claim, deposes and says: her name is Adeline Oyler,  
age 46 years. Residence Somerset, Wabush Co.  
Indl.

2 Was you ever acquainted with John & Rebecca  
Harden former residents of this vicinity, now  
deceased.

A I never saw Mr. Harden but a few times, and this  
was when he was lying sick at a place near  
us - this was a few weeks before he died, in  
Aug 1864. I afterwards saw Mrs Harden a  
number of times before her death which occ-  
urred sometime in Aug 1865.

2 What did you understand was the cause of  
the death of Mr. Harden.

A I always understood that it was consumption,  
he had the appearance of a consumptive  
when I called to see him, and I know that  
he coughed a good deal and was also very deaf.

2 Did Mr. and Mrs. Harden leave any children?

A They did. There was Charles a crippled boy,  
then Frank, Harriet, Lvy - and Deborah.

2 Are all of these children now living.

A They are not, Charles and Harriet are dead -

2 Have you any knowledge of the dates of the  
births or deaths of any of the above named  
children.

A I have no knowledge of the dates of births  
of any of the children with the exception

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hudson ~~Examination~~ ~~Number~~ No. 286808

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1884, at Somerset, County of Wabasha, State of Wisconsin, before me, Geole Anderson, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Joseph W. Jones, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: his name is Joseph W. Jones age 52 years. Occupation Farming, Residence Somerset, Wabasha Co. Ind.

2. Were you ever acquainted with one John Hudson late a resident of this section and a Private in Co. "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind. Vols.

A. I was acquainted with him before the war for about seven years, and after his discharge from the service until his death, which occurred sometime about August 1864. I think.

2. What was his physical condition during the time that you knew him before his enlistment and at the date of his enlistment, Aug. 1861.

A. I always thought that he was as rugged a man as you would usually find, never heard him complain of sickness or knew of anything being the matter with him at that time, lived neighbor

2. When did you next see Mr. Hudson.

A. I saw him when he was home on furlough but cannot state as to when that was. I saw <sup>him</sup> next when he came home from the army discharged directly after, this I think was in the fall of 1862 and saw him frequently from that time until his death which occurred as stated above sometime in Aug. 1864.

2. What was his condition when home on furlough

A. He was as well as ever I could see no difference in him from what it was before he went into the army

of the youngest boy Ishmael - whom I know is not far from the age of my son William, who was born the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1863, and as near as I can remember Ishmael Garden is about a month younger and was born I think in Dec. 1863, as to the dates of the deaths of Charles and Harriet I have no knowledge -

Q Have you ever before testified in this case

A I have not.

Q Are you in any way related to the claimants in this case or interested in the proceeds of the estate of the claimant

A I am not.

Adeline Cyle

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. Anderson

Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hadden Examination Number No. 284808

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at  
Somerset, County of Wabash  
 State of Indiana, before me, Erle Anderson, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared  
Catherine Miller, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of afore-  
 said pension claim, deposes and says: her name is Catherine Miller  
 age 54 years Residence Somerset, Wabash Co  
 Ind.

2 Were you ever acquainted with John and  
Rebecca Hadden late residents of this section  
 of the country but now deceased.

A I was well acquainted with them when living.

2 What was the condition of Mr John Hadden's health  
 during the time that you knew him before his  
 enlistment in Aug. 1861.

A As far as I know it was good. I never heard  
 any complaint he was always able to work  
 and was a hard working man.

2 What was his condition after he came home  
 from the army after his discharge in 1862.

A He was broken down his health was bad  
 of hearing. he had a bad cough and never  
 got any further as better. I lived a near neigh-  
 bor to them at that time and saw him quite often.

2 Do you remember of his going away at any time  
 after he came home from the service.

A I remember of hearing it said that he did go  
 away, but have no idea how long he was gone  
 I know that he was home during the winter of  
 1863 + 64 for he and Mrs. Hadden came to my  
 house sometime that winter on a visit.

2 Have you any knowledge of the dates of births  
 of any of the children of John + Rebecca

Harden

A I have no knowledge of the dates of births of any of the children, with the exception of the boy Osmond. This boy I named and know that he was born in the winter of 1868, sometime in the month of December, before Christmas - cannot state exact date.

Q Have you any knowledge of the dates of deaths of the children, Charles and August Harden

A I have not.

Q Have you ever before testified in this case.

A I have not.

Q Are you in any way related to the claimant in this case - or interested direct or indirect in the prosecution of the claim.

A I am not

Q From your acquaintance with Mrs. Rebecca Harden would you consider her a woman that was capable of remembering and making a correct statement of the dates of births of her children at the time she made a Declaration for Insolvency in August, 1864.

A I think she was capable of remembering, and stating the facts correctly. She was an intelligent woman and a good scholar -

Q How do you call to mind that the boy Osmond was born in Dec., 1868.

A I know that I was during a friend of weaving that winter and I remember Mr. Harden's sister came in and saying they had a little boy up to their house and I said let me see to name him Osmond. and they did name him Osmond.

Catharine Miller  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. L. Anderson  
Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden's Guardian Writ, No. 286808

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at  
Somerset, County of Wabash  
 State of Indiana, before me, Eshe Anderson, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Jacob Miller, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
 said pension claim, deposes and says: his name is Jacob Miller.

Age. 61 years. Occupation. Stone Mason. Residence  
Somerset Wabash Co. Ind.

Q Were you ever acquainted with one John Harden  
 formerly a resident of this section and a late Private  
 in Co. "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind. Vols.

A Yes Sir

Q When did you first form his acquaintance.

A I knew him personally and well from 1857  
 to the time of his enlistment in 1861 and he  
 was in my employ off and on a considerable  
 portion of the time mentioned.

Q What was his physical condition during this  
 time.

A He was a man that could do a good reasonable  
 days work. was a reliable hand and I got him  
 to work for me on that account. Do not know as I  
 ever heard him complain of any sickness or other  
 disability.

Q Did you ever notice that he had any cough or  
 that he seemed to be affected with any disease  
 of lungs at that time.

A I do not remember that I ever did. I do not  
 think that he was troubled that way before the  
 war.

Q What were the general habits of Mr John Harden  
 before his enlistment

A I had a good chance to know something of the

the man as he worked for me so much. He was a truthful and upright man but was inclined to drink occasionally, would have a little spree now and then but was not a continuous drinker - have a little spree and then be steady and ready for labor - never lost but little time.

2 When did you next see Mr. Harden after his enlistment in 1861.

A I saw Mr. Harden after he came home late in the summer of 1862 and as I lived a near neighbor to him I saw him frequently, as often as every week or two from that time until the last of Aug or first of Sept. 1863. At this time he took a notion to go back to the army and though it was understood that he had been discharged from the service, he was determined to go back to the boys and did leave this place, and I have heard that he did go back to the army. I know that he went back about the time above stated as he had a corn crop on the ground which he wished to sell me, but which I did not buy as I wished the family to have the benefit of the corn in fattening their hogs. I did not see him again until he came back later in the fall of 1863 and only saw him a few times <sup>after this</sup> before his death which occurred sometime in Aug. of 1864.

2 What was his condition when you first saw him in the summer of 1862, and from time to time afterwards when you would see him.

A When I first saw him he was very weak and much debilitated was really not fit for hard labor but did

Joseph Kelley

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. C. Anderson

Special Examiner.



DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hudson Guardian Minor No. 236808

On this 4th day of Oct, 1884, at County of

State of before me, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Jacob Gallery, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

work some seemed to be broken down, and had a consumptive look, had a cough, and I call to mind talking with him and telling him that he must take care of himself. His hearing was also impaired and one had to speak very loud to make him hear. He remained in about the same condition when I would see him until he went away in the fall of 1868, and when he came back again that fall he was prostrated with lung disease or consumption and died from that disease.

Q After he came home in 1862 was this disability or disease of Mr. Hudson in any way aggravated or increased by the use of intoxicating liquors or other bad habits?

A I do not think that he drank much at that time and what he did drink, in his disease, in any opinion did not aggravate or increase the disease, and I do not know of his having any other bad habits.

2 Have you ever before testified in this case?

A I have

2 Is this the affidavit: is the signature genuine and are its contents true to the best of your knowledge and belief here showing affiant, affidavit found in the case date of Dec. 4th 1880?

A The paper shown is the affidavit, the signature is genuine and the contents are true to the best of my knowledge.

Q Are you in any way related to the claimant in this case or interested direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim

A Not any

Jacob Pellem  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo C Anderson  
Special Examiner.

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Affidavit For Additional Evidence.

STATE OF Indiana COUNTY OF Wabash SS:

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D., 1880, before me C. W. Messner, Clerk within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Casa S. Ross aged 49 years, a resident of Wabash in Wabash County, State of Indiana and Jacob Mallery aged 57 years, a resident of Somerset in Wabash County, State of Indiana who being by me duly sworn according to the law, on oath declare that

that they were personally and well acquainted with John Hardin until a private in Co. "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment Indiana Volunteers, that he was employed by each of them as a farm laborer immediately preceding his enlistment Aug. 25 1861. Said Casa S. Ross says that he was employed by him during the summer of 1860 as he now believes and said Mallery says he was re-employed by him for about the space of two years just prior to his service with said Ross and both say they were well acquainted with the condition of said John Hardin's health for several years prior and up to August 25 1861 and say that from the appearance of said John Hardin they truly believe he was in sound bodily health at date of said enlistment and especially free from any disease of the lungs

affiants further say that they were personally known to the fact of the death of said John Hardin at the time his death occurred that they are unable to state more exactly the date of his death but from their best recollection information and belief said Hardin died about the month of August 1864. The exact day they are not able now to state.

The affiant they further declare that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim sought to be established by this affidavit.

Attest:

Two persons who can write.

Witnesses signatures.

Casa S. Ross  
Jacob Mallery

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1880, and I hereby certify that the affiant all are respectable and credible person.. and reside.. as stated; that the foregoing affidavit was carefully read over and explained to said affiant.. before the signing and execution thereof; that the affiant are... the person represented as making said affidavit.., and I certify that all interlineations and erasures were made before signing, and that I have no interest whatever in this matter.

Clark W. Messner  
(Official Signature.)  
Clerk Wabash Co. Ind.

# CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

(This Certificate should be signed by the Clerk, and not by a deputy.)

STATE OF ..... COUNTY OF ..... SS:

I, ..... Clerk of ..... Court,  
within and for said County and State, do hereby certify that .....  
Esq., before whom the within and foregoing affidavit was made, was, at the date thereof an acting .....  
..... duly commissioned and qualified to act as such, and that the Signature thereto purporting to be his is genuine.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in .....  
..... this ..... day of  
..... 188..

No. ....

Additional Evidence,

APPLICATION FOR

Applicant.

P. O. ....

County of. ....

State of. ....

*Baldwin*

AFFIDAVIT OF

Filed by L. D. BALDWIN.

Attorney for Claimant.

Democrat Steam Press, Marion, Ind.

*Handwritten note:* No application made

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden. Guard. Minus. No. 286808

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct.; 1884, at  
Somerset, County of Wabash  
 State of Indiana, before me, Geo. L. Anderson, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared  
Abner Aikman, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
 said pension claim, deposes and says: his name is Abner Aikman  
Age 55 years. occupation Carpenter and Residence  
Somerset, Wabash Co., Ind.

Q Were you ever acquainted with one John Harden,  
 father of Frank Harden - the above named  
 claimant, as guardian of minor children of John  
 and Rebecca J. Harden.

A I was acquainted with him, while living, before  
 he went into the army and after his dis-  
 charge, lived a close neighbor to him before  
 he went to the war - and saw him frequently  
 after his return.

Q Do you remember at what time Mr. John Harden  
 enlisted - and the Co. & Regt in which he en-  
 listed.

A I think that he enlisted sometime in 1861 -  
 know that he went out quite early - cannot  
 state the Co - but know that it was in the 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Ind Vols.

Q For how long a time had you known him  
 before his enlistment

A I had known him for six or eight years before  
 his enlistment.

Q During this time before his enlistment what  
 was his physical condition

A He was a stout able bodied man - no man  
 could beat him at anything that he went at as  
 far as work was concerned.

2 Did you ever know of his being sick or complaining of any disability whatever, before he went into the service

A No Sir, I never knew him to have any sick spells or complaining of any troubles.

2 What were his habits at the time that you knew him before his enlistment, and at the time of his enlistment.

A He was generally industrious, honest and upright but was addicted to drinking some - would have occasionally a bottle of wine perhaps two or three times a year - but never drank to any particular excess or injury to himself.

2 Please state to the best of your knowledge when Mr Harden returned from the army and his condition at that time.

A To the best of my remembrance he came home in 1864, and died that same fall. Cannot recollect just the time, but know that I was there just a few days before he died. He was sick when he came home was not able to do anything and never was after that till he died.

2 Did you see him very often after he came home

A I saw him every once in a while.

2 What seemed to be the matter with Mr Harden, at the times that you saw him, and what was generally understood to be his complaint

A I think that it was a sort of fever, and camp diarrhea.

2 Did you ever hear him complain of any other disability.

Oliver Hickman  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2<sup>d</sup> day of Oct. 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. L. Anderson  
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden Guardian Mummy No. 236803.

On this 2 day of Oct, 1884, at County of Continued

State of before me, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Abner Aikman, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

A I think not.
Q Did you ever hear him complain of any trouble with his lungs or throat.

A No, I did not.
Q Did you ever hear him cough -
A He had no cough that I know of.

Q How long before his death did you see Mr Harden.
A Some five or six days -
Q Was you present at his death.

A I was not.
Q Did Mr John Harden leave a wife and children,
A Yes Sir.

Q Is the wife now living. If not when did she die.
A No Sir, she is not living, but I could not say just when she died, cannot recollect whether it was one or two years after his death that she died -

Q Did she remain a widow from the date of her husbands death until she died.
A Yes Sir.

Q How many children were living at the date of Mr. Hardens death.
A There were five.

Q Please state their names according to age
A Charles, Frank, Troy, Harriet, + Deborah -

Q Do you know as to date of the births of the above named children.
A I do not.

Q Are all the above named children now alive.

A They are not. Charles is dead he died at the poor house, and Harriet is also dead and she died in an attempt to take her to the poor house, of this country.

Q Do you recollect as to when Charles and Harriet died.

A I cannot recollect as to the year at this time.

Q Have you ever before testified in this claim

A I think not

Q Are you in any way related to the claimant in this case, or interested direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim

A I am not.

Oliver Dickerson

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo L. Anderson

Special Examiner.



## DEPOSITION

Case of *Frank Hudson Guardian Morsum*, No. 236803

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1884, at  
 Somerset, County of Wabash  
 State of Indiana, before me, Geo. C. Anderson, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Mrs Susan Aikman, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of afore-  
 said pension claim, deposes and says: her name is Susan Aikman  
 age 49 years Residence Somerset Wabash Co. Ind

Q Were you ever acquainted with John Hudson and  
 Rebecca Hudson, his wife, late residents of this  
 vicinity now deceased.

A I was acquainted with <sup>them</sup> I got acquainted with  
 them in 1855, and knew them well until they  
 died.

Q What was Mr. Hudson's physical condition from the  
 time that you first got acquainted with him until  
 he enlisted and went into the army in Aug. 1861.

A We lived neighbors most of the time, and I never  
 knew him to be sick in any way or heard him  
 complain.

Q When did you next see Mr. Hudson, after his enlist-  
 ment.

A As near as I can recollect I saw Mr. Hudson at home  
 on furlough at a time when he was sent for to attend  
 his mother's funeral which I think was sometime in  
 Feb. 1862.

Q What was his state of health at that time.

A As far as I knew he was well.

Q When did you see him again.

A I do not think that I saw him after that time until  
 I saw him in the Cemetery attending the funeral of  
 one of his children a little girl called Jennie, this I  
 think and am quite sure was about the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
 Nov. 1863.

2 Had you known or heard that Mr. Harder had been at home before this.

A I had heard that he was at home, that he came home from the army after his discharge the year before -

2 Have you any knowledge that Mr. Harder left his home at any time after he returned from the army, with the intention of going back into the service.

A I remember that it was said that he had gone away sometime late in the summer of 1863 - but as near as I can recollect he returned again after being away only five or six weeks -

2 After he came home from the army have you any personal knowledge of Mr. Harder being sick or otherwise disabled.

A It was generally understood that he was sick with consumption or lung disease, and when I met him on the cemetery he looked thin and bad and had a lead cough and after that he never got any better, but kept growing worse until he died.

2 When did he die.

A As well as I can remember it was in Aug. 1864

2 Did he leave a widow or any children.

A He left a widow, and five children, Charles Frank, Harriet, Lucy & Edmund.

2 Is the widow still living -

A She is not, she died in about a year after her husband -

2 Will she remain a widow until her death,

Andrus Hickman Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. C. Anderson Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hardin Esquire Plaintiff vs William No. 286808

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at

County of Continental

State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me,

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Mrs Susan Siskman, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

A She did

Q See all the children above named now living.

A They are not Charles and Hunt are dead -

Q Have you any personal knowledge of the dates of births or dates of deaths of any of the above named children,

A I have no personal knowledge of either the births or deaths. Was present at the funerals of Charles and Hunt but cannot state as to the dates of their funerals.

Q From your acquaintance with Mrs John Hardin did you consider her <sup>to be</sup> a woman of intelligence and one that would be likely to make a correct statement in making her Declaration for Pension as to the ages of her children.

A I considered her to be an intelligent woman she was able to talk and to explain things and I have no doubt but what she was correct in her statements.

Q Have you ever before testified in this case.

A I have not.

Q See you in any way related to the claimants or interested direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim for Pension.

A I am not, either one.

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Susan Hickman  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct  
1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. Anderson  
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hudson Guardian ~~Munim~~ No. 236803

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at Wabash, County of Wabash

State of Indiana, before me, Geo. Anderson, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Mrs. Martha M. Ray, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: her name is Martha M. Ray age 46 years. Residence Wabash, Wabash Co Ind.

Q Were you ever acquainted one August-Harden a daughter of the late John and Rebecca Harden who formerly lived in Somerset Wabash Co Ind  
A I knew her for a short time I think it was about two weeks in the winter of 1868. She had been taken in by her uncles family Jesse M. Ray. where she remained until she died.

Q Please state as to the time when she died and your means of knowing the same  
A I helped to lay the girl out, and to the best of my recollection she died on or about the 1st of Jan. 1869. I am satisfied that is near the correct time as I know that I left a daughter of mine who will be seven or eight years old next Jan. at home while I went over to help lay out the corpse, and she was about a year old at that time.

Q At that time time were you acquainted with any other members of the family of John + Rebecca Harden deceased.

A I was not.

Q Have you ever before testified in this case

A I have not

Q Are you in any way related to the claimant in this case or interested direct or indirect in

A the prosecution of this claim  
I am, not,

Martha M. Day  
Deponent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct-  
1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Luola Anderson  
Special Examiner.

CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT. *Final*

DEPOSITION

Case of *Frank Harden Guardian* No. *236803*

On this *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct*, 188*4*, at *Somerset*, County of *Wabash*, State of *Indiana*, before me, *Geo L Anderson*, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Frank Harden Guardian of Minor and also*, the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

Q. If it should become necessary to further examine your claim, by taking the testimony of witnesses elsewhere, do you desire to be present in person or be represented by an attorney, or both, at such further examination? If so, you will be notified as to the place and time when it is to be made.

A. *I do not desire to be present or to be represented by an attorney.*

Q. Should you change your mind and desire to be present, or be represented by an attorney during any further examination of your case, will you at once address a letter to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.," giving the name and the number of your claim, informing him that you have so changed your mind, and desire to be notified when your claim is to be further examined?

A. *I will so notify the Commissioner of Pensions*

State the name of the person or persons and their post-office addresses, instrumental in the prosecution of your claim for pension.

A. *George E. Leman. Washington D.C.*

Q. State what contract or contracts you have made with such person or persons for their services in prosecuting your claim for pension, and whether such contract or contracts were written or verbal.

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A. I have made but one contract and that was with George E. Lamm. and if I remember right - I was to pay him twenty five dollars when the pension claim was allowed. It was a written contract.

Q. State the amount of fees paid by you or at your instance, to whom paid, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction.

A. I think that I have paid about one dollar for the writing of some affidavits. This amount has been paid to H. B. Lawshe a Notary Public of Somerset Wash. Co. Ind.

Q. Please give me the names of all witnesses that you desire examined elsewhere, with their post-office addresses, and also state what you expect to prove by each witness.

A. I have none others.

Q. Have you any complaint to make as to the conduct, manner, or fairness of the examination of your claim? If so, please state specifically what it is.

A. I have no complaint to make and think that I have been fairly and justly treated in this examination.

Q. Do you desire to introduce any more testimony before me?

A. I do not.

Frank Harden

Deponent.

Subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Luola Anderson

Special Examiner.



## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Herden Garrison Mims, No. 286808

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at Somerset, County of Wabash, State of Indiana, before me, Geo. Anderson, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared William<sup>H</sup> Robinson, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: his name is William<sup>H</sup> Robinson age 48 years. Occupation Farming. Residence Somerset Wabash Co Ind.

2 Did you serve in the late war. If so please state the organization to which you belonged and your rank -  
 A I enlisted in Aug 1861. in Co "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vol and served as Private in that organization until discharged sometime in the fall of 1865.

2 Were you ever acquainted with one John Hullett late a Private in Co. "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols.

\* Yes Sir.

2 When did you first form his acquaintance.  
 A I knew him well and personally at least five years before the war knew him at the date of his enlistment as he enlisted at the same time that I did.

2 What was his physical condition during the time that you knew him, and at the date of his enlistment.  
 A During this time and when he went into the army he was a well and sound man to all appearance. I knew that he was always able to do a good days work. never heard him complain of any sickness until after he had been in the service for some length of time.

2 What personal knowledge have you of his being sick while in the service, and what was the character of his sickness.

A I knew that along in the winter of 1861 & 62. he was having a severe time with his head. had gathery

in his head and was afterwards very deaf - I think that at that time we were at Otterville Mo. Afterward during the Spring of 1862. I think he was troubled with a cough, knew that he was coughing -

Q What were the circumstances of his contracting this disease of head - and cough -

A I have always supposed that it was from exposure as the weather was often bad and we had often to lie out in the snow without any shelter.

Q Were you present at the Battle of Pea Ridge, Ark. and do you remember whether Mr. Hadden was there at that time.

A I was present but do not remember as to Mr. Hadden

Q At and about the time of this battle what kind of weather was it

A It was stormy with cold rains -

Q Do you remember at what time Mr. Hadden was discharged from the service

A I think that it was in the fall of 1862. but the exact date I cannot tell.

Q Will you ever see Mr. Hadden again, <sup>after his discharge</sup> If so when and where did you see him.

A I think that he did come back to the Regt. while we were in the vicinity of New Orleans La. but am not certain. It seems to me as if he was there a short time and then went away, and I never saw him after that. This was sometime in the fall of 1863.

Q Do you remember as to his condition at that time

A My impression is that he was looking very badly

William H. Robinson  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo. C. Anderson  
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hardin Excision Minors No. 239803

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a  
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

William H Robinson, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
said pension claim, deposes and says:

and that he did not look as if he could stand it  
very long. I think he had a bad cough at that time.

2 What were the habits of Mr Hardin before his enlist-  
ment and while in the service.

A He was a hard working man before he went into  
the army and would once in a while get on a little  
war, but did not drink all the while. While in the  
service he was a good soldier and habits good.

2 Have you ever before testified in this case

A Yes Sir. I believe I have once

2 Is this the affidavit, is the signature genuine and  
what have you to say as to its contents. Here  
showing Affiant affidavit in the case date of  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1879.

A I execute the affidavit shown the signature is genuine  
but the date as stated Dec 1862, when Mr Hardin was  
sent to the Hospital at Ottumwa. I now see was a mistake  
and should have been stated I think about March  
1862. I know that he was sick as stated during  
the Spring of 1862.

2 Are you in any way related to the claimant,  
or interested direct or indirect in the pension  
ann of this claim for pension

A No Sir.

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*William H. Robinson*  
Deponent.

I swear to and subscribed before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct  
1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*Geo. Anderson*  
Special Examiner.

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# AFFIDAVIT FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICER OR COMRADE.

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STATE OF Indiana

ss:

COUNTY OF Wabash

In the Pension claim of Frank Hardin Guarr personally came before me,  
(Name of claimant.)  
a Justice of Peace in and for aforesaid County and State, William H. Robinson  
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.) (Name of affiant.)  
Robinson late a Priv in company I of the 5th Regiment of  
(rank of affiant.)  
Indiana Volunteers, and now a resident of Bonmest  
(Give City, Village, or Town; if in City, give name of street and number of house.)  
County of Wabash State of Indiana well known to

me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in the aforesaid case as follows:

That John Hardin late a Priv in company  
(Name of claimant.) (rank of claimant.)  
I of the 5th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers of the war of 1861, while  
in the military service of the United States, in the line of his duty, and without fault or improper conduct of  
his, on or about the Dec day of 1862 at Atterville

in the State of Missouri contracted a cough which  
(State time and place of disability, and if by wound in battle, state name of battle;  
terminated in consumption and finally in death. That said cough was contracted by exposure  
if by accident, state the circumstances; and if by sickness, state the cause and nature of the disease and a full description thereof.)  
while on duty and that he (John Hardin) was  
sent to hospital at Atterville in month  
and year of aforesaid

AND I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am disinterested, and that I make the above statement from

personal knowledge, as I was present as a private in  
(State how you know these facts to be true. If present, in command or otherwise, when the disability was incurred, so state.)  
Co. D of 5th regiment Ind vol. at the time  
alluded to  
William H. Robinson  
(Affiant sign here.)

Two persons, who write their names, MUST sign here as witnesses to affiant's signature.)

Paul Walburg  
(Name of one witness.)

J.W. Fisher  
(Name of other witness.)

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1879, at Somerset in the county of Madison State of Indiana; and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

, erased, and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

, added; that the affiant is to me well known and is respectable and worthy of full credit as a witness; and I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J. S. Gochenour  
(Name of officer before whom executed.)  
Justice of the Peace  
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

THE OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS AFFIDAVIT IS EXECUTED MUST BE SURE AND NOTE IN HIS CERTIFICATE ALL ERASURES AND INTERLINEATIONS, AS INDICATED ABOVE.

NOTE.—Execute this before a Clerk of a Court, if possible. When executed before a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, a certificate from the Clerk of a Court MUST be added or attached, certifying that the Notary or Justice had authority to act as such.

I certify that J. C. Pochey, before whom the above affidavit was made, is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.  
(Justice or Notary's name.)  
(Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 24 day of June 1879.

James J. Ross  
(Name of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)  
Clerk of the Madison Circuit Court  
(Name of what court.)

[L. S.]

AFFIDAVIT  
FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICER OR COMRADE.  
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Character of claim.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of claimant.)  
\_\_\_\_\_, Co.  
(rank.)  
Late \_\_\_\_\_  
Regt. \_\_\_\_\_  
Vols. \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of affiant.)  
\_\_\_\_\_, Co.  
(rank.)  
Late \_\_\_\_\_  
Regt. \_\_\_\_\_  
Vols. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DEPOSITION

Case of *Frank Hardens Guardian Minors*, No. 236803

On this 3<sup>d</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at  
Somerset, County of Wabash  
 State of Indiana, before me, Leola Anderson, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared  
Levi Allery, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
 said pension claim, deposes and says: his name is Levi Allery, age  
45 years, occupation, Engineer, Residence  
Somerset, Wabash Co. Ind.

- 2 Were you ever acquainted with one John Hardens,  
 late a private in Co. "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind. Vols.
- A I was personally acquainted with him before his  
 enlistment, and was also acquainted with him  
 after his discharge. He worked for my father for  
 three or four years off and on prior to his enlistment.  
 I had known him ever since 1849.
- 2 During the time that you knew him before his en-  
 listment, what was his physical condition
- A He was a good stout healthy man, able to do any  
 kind of heavy manual labor I don't think that  
 I ever knew of his being sick or of hearing him  
 complain of any trouble before his enlistment.  
 sometime in 1861.
- 2 Were you in the service
- A I was. I enlisted I think June 6<sup>th</sup> 1863 - In Co. "K" 118<sup>th</sup>  
 Ind. Vols.
- 2 After Mr. Hardens enlistment in 1861, when did you  
 next see him.
- A I next saw him in the fall of 1862. He came  
 home claiming to have been discharged, and put  
 in a crop of wheat on William McIlhenny's farm.  
 I saw him from time to time until my enlist-  
 ment. I again saw him, I think sometime in  
 Aug. 1863, at Indianapolis Ind. I met him

at Camp Leavenworth and he told me that they were carrying him back as a deserter.

Q Was there any one with him at the time

A No sir there was no one, and I only had his word for it that he was held as a deserter. I did not see him again until after I came home from the army sometime in March 1864. He was home sick when I came home and remained sick until he died.

Q What was his condition after he came home in 1862, until your enlistment June 6<sup>th</sup> 1863

A He was around, but as to his physical condition I do not now remember. He put in the crop that I have mentioned, but I did not see him often enough to know whether he was well or not.

Q What was his condition when you saw him in August 1863.

A He complained of being sick, and had a cough as if he had a cold and was also quite deaf.

Q What were his habits before his enlistment.

A He was a man that would drink some. I don't know as I ever saw him what you might call drunk but have seen him when he was funny. These were only occasional spells, and for months before his enlistment he was steady as a man need be, and could work with the best of them.

Q Have you any further knowledge of his whereabouts, or condition from the time that you saw him in Indianapolis in Aug. 1863 to the time you came home in the spring of 1864.

Levi Cullery

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. C. Anderson

Special Examiner.



DEPOSITION

Case of *Frank Harden Guardian* No. 286 80 8

On this 3<sup>d</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at

County of \_\_\_\_\_

*Continued*

State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Leve Wiley, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

A I have not.

Q What seemed to be the matter with him when you came home in the spring of 1864.

A He had a cough and kept to his bed the most of the time until he died. I called to see him two or three times, but he did not get any better and died with what was understood to be consumption.

Q Have you ever before testified in this case

A I have not

Q Are you in any way related to the claimant or interested direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim

A I am not.

*Lewis Miller*

Deponent.

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct  
1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

*W. Anderson*

Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Harden Guardian, No. 286808

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1884, at  
Somerset, County of Wabash,  
 State of Indiana, before me, Geo C Anderson, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Levi Behmy, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
 said pension claim, deposes and says: his name is Levi Behmy

age 58 years occupation Farmer - Residence  
Somerset, Wabash Co Ind

Q Were you ever acquainted with one John  
Harden late a Private in Co D 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vol and  
 a resident of this section until deceased.

A I was acquainted with him. I got acquainted  
 with him in the spring of 1861, and knew  
 him well up to the time of his enlistment as  
 near as I can recollect in the latter part of  
 August of that year. I also knew him well  
 after he came back from the army and up  
 to the time of his death, which occurred after the  
 harvest in 1864. I think in August.

Q What was the physical condition of Mr. Harden  
 during the time that you knew him before  
 his enlistment.

A He was a robust stout healthy man.

Q After his enlistment when did you next  
 see Mr. Harden?

A I saw him within two or three days after  
 he came back after he was discharged  
 which I think was the last of Aug or first of  
 September, <sup>1862</sup> and I saw him pretty often after that  
 until he died.

Q Was there any thing the matter with him when  
 you first saw him after he came home.

A When he first came home he was not able to do

anything for several days. He coughed badly and had this Camp disease. After a while he got some better and tried to do a little work he had lots of ambition and that fall he got on a little piece of wheat and the next spring he put out a piece of corn but he was not able lots of times then to work but being a poor man was obliged to do what he could - Sometime

I think in Aug 1863. He took a notion to go back to the Army. He was not fit to go any where. Must dead with consumption and so deaf that he could hardly hear - He was gone a few weeks.

I think perhaps it was six or seven - and then he returned home and was confined to his house and bed from that time on until he died - and his widow only lived about a year after his death. I remember there were a number of children left - Lebrady Frank Hunt and Tony - Lebrady and Hunt are now dead -

Q But you know anything about a son Dehnst

A I do not know as I now remember him

Q Have you any personal knowledge of the dates of births, or dates of deaths, of any of the above named children.

A I cannot state as to dates of birth of any of the children. I knew at the time when the children Lebrady and Hunt died, but cannot now state as to the dates.

Q Have you ever before testified in this claim

A I never have.

Q Are you in any way related to the claimant or interested direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim

A I am not otherwise.

Lee J. Behring  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. L. Anderson  
Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of Frank Hardin Guardian Mingo No. 236803

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1884, at  
Peru, County of Miami  
 State of Indiana, before me, Luigi Anderson, a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared  
George W. Gates, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: his name is George W. Gates  
 age 44 years. Occupation Farming Residence  
Somerset, Wabash Co. Ind.

- Q Was you ever acquainted with one John  
 Hardin late a Private in Co. "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind Vols
- A I was personally acquainted with him before  
 his enlistment in Aug. 1861. Knew him while  
 in the service up to the time when he was dis-  
 charged - I think in the fall of 1862.
- Q How long had you been acquainted with  
 Mr. Hardin before his enlistment.
- A Between two and three years
- Q What was his physical condition during  
 this time before his enlistment
- A He appeared to me to like a sound and  
 healthy man - never heard him complain  
 of any disease and he was well and sound  
 when he enlisted.
- Q What were Mr. Hardin's habits at that time.
- A They were good as far as I knew. We have  
 worked together a quite a good deal and  
 I never saw anything out of the way.
- Q Have you any knowledge that he used in-  
 toxicating liquors at any time to excess before  
 enlistment
- A I have not.
- Q While in the service have you any personal  
 knowledge that Mr. Hardin was sick on any

away from any cause

A When he had been in the service some eight months he complained of deafness and was deaf. I think it was brought on by exposure. Shortly after he complained of lung trouble and had quite a cough, and near as I can remember he was sent to the hospital at Olweville, Mo. but it has been so long that I am not exactly sure that that was the place. I know that shortly after the Pea Ridge fight he complained of deafness and the Officers refused to put him on the outposts on account of his being hard of hearing. He was discharged sometime in the summer of 1862, for disability, on account of I supposed of lung trouble and deafness.

Q Did you ever see this John Harden after his discharge in the summer of 1862.

A I did. I saw him in La-orca New Iberia. He came to the Regt. sometime in Oct or Nov. of 1863. he seemed to have some business with the Officers, and remained in our Co. a few days. I do not think more than a week. The boys raised him some money to get him home and he left as I supposed for home.

Q What was his condition while he was on this visit to your Co + Regt.

A He was very small, was almost a skeleton, was hardly able to take care of himself, and coughed con-

Q At that time was he using any stimulants

A No Sir! he was not drinking any whiskey at that time.

Q Was this the only time that he was with your

George W. Gates  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Errol Anderson  
Special Examiner.

## DEPOSITION

Case of *Frank Harden, Canadian Miner*, No. 236808On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1884, at

County of

Continued.

State of \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a  
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared*George W. Lucia*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
said pension claim, deposes and says:Company & Regt during the fall and winter of  
1863.A It was the only time as far as I can recollect  
and I never saw him afterward.

2 Have you ever before testified in this case

A I have

2 Is this the affidavit in the original genuine  
and are its contents true to the best of your  
knowledge and belief. Here showing affiant  
Affidavit found in the case date of June 21<sup>st</sup>  
1879.A The paper shown is the affidavit. The sig-  
nature is genuine. But the date as given when  
Mr. Harden was taken sick I now believe to  
be in error and it should have read March,  
1862 instead of the date as given in the affidavit  
December, 1862.2 What were your means of knowing that Mr. John  
Harden was deaf and disabled by lung disease  
while in the serviceA By being with him on the march very often when  
exposed to rains and rough weather and by  
sleeping in the next bunk to him a good  
deal of the time and my sleep was often  
disturbed by his coughing.2 Are you in any way related to the claimant  
in this case, or interested direct or indirect in

A In prosecution of this claim,  
No Sir, I am not.

George W. Bates  
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct  
1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Geo L. Anderson  
Special Examiner.



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# AFFIDAVIT FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICER OR COMRADE

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STATE OF Indiana  
COUNTY OF Wabash

SS:

In the Pension claim of John Hardin Quar, personally came before me,  
Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid County and State, George W. Gates  
(Name of claimant.) (Name of affiant.)  
late a Private in company I of the 8th Regiment of  
Indiana Volunteers, and now a resident of Somersett  
(Give City, Village, or Town; if in City, give name of street and number of house.)  
County of Wabash State of Indiana well known to

me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in the aforesaid case as follows:

That John Hardin late a Private in company  
(Name of claimant.) (rank of claimant.)  
I of the 8th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers of the war of 1861, while  
in the military service of the United States, in the line of his duty, and without fault or improper conduct of  
his, on or about the 15 day of Dec 1862 at Otterville  
in the State of Missouri contracted a cough which terminated in consumption  
(State time and place of disability, and if by wound in battle, state name of battle;  
by exposure in while on duty and that

if by accident, state the circumstances; and if by sickness, state the cause and nature of the disease and a full description thereof.)  
he (John Hardin) was sent to hospital at Otterville  
in month and year aforesaid

AND I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am disinterested, and that I make the above statement from  
personal knowledge, as I was present as of private in  
(State how you know these facts to be true. If present, in command or otherwise, when the disability was incurred, so state.)  
said company when at the time alluded to

George W. Gates  
(Affiant sign here.)

Two persons, who write their names, MUST sign here as witnesses to affiant's signature.)

Wm Morton  
(Name of one witness.)  
J. A. Suberman  
(Name of other witness.)

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June  
1879, at Somerset in the county of Wabash  
State of Indiana, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit  
were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words.

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

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(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

, added;  
that the affiant is to me well known and is respectable and worthy of full credit, as a witness; and I further  
certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J. B. Boehman  
(Name of officer before whom executed.)  
Justice of the Peace  
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

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AND INTERLINEATIONS, AS INDICATED ABOVE.

NOTE.—Execute this before a Clerk of a Court, if possible. When executed before a Notary Public or Justice of the  
Peace, a certificate from the Clerk of a Court MUST be added or attached, certifying that the Notary or Justice had authority  
to act as such.

I certify that J. C. Pochepore, before whom the above  
affidavit was made, is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths,  
and that the above is his signature.  
(Justice or Notary's name.)  
(Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this

24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1879

James P. Ross  
(Name of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)  
Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court  
(Name of what court.)

[L. S.]

AFFIDAVIT  
FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICER OR COMRADE.  
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Character of claim.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of claimant.)  
Late \_\_\_\_\_, Co. \_\_\_\_\_  
(rank.)  
Regt. \_\_\_\_\_ Vols. \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of affiant.)  
Late \_\_\_\_\_, Co. \_\_\_\_\_  
(rank.)  
Regt. \_\_\_\_\_ Vols. \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Office Lock Box 47. WASHINGTON, D. C.

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S. E. D.

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H.K.S.

No. 236803

Name: Frank Harden "Guardian"

P. O. Address: Somerset

County: Wabash State: Ind

Recommendation: Admissions

C. P. Andersson

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>

1884.

Respectfully referred to Chief  
Bd. of Review for his consid-  
eration & rating.

E. G. Washburn

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

Dec 12

1884.

Admission

Jas A. Crompton

Reviewer.

Approved:

Chief Board of Review.

ACTION.

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B. D. Ke [Signature] Chief S. E. Division.  
Examination: Jan

[12729-20 M.]

1 State of Indiana  
2 Wabash County

3 In the matter of the  
4 claim of children of John Hardin late  
5 Private Co "G" 8<sup>th</sup> Regt. Ind. Vols.

6  
7 On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1883 before  
8 me Clark M. Meener Clerk of the Circuit  
9 Court in and for said County and State  
10 personally came Hector Troy Hardin who being  
11 sworn says that he is a son of John Hardin  
12 late a private in Co. "G" 8<sup>th</sup> Ind. Vols. and  
13 Rebecca Hardin his wife late of Wabash County  
14 Indiana both now deceased. Affiant  
15 says that he was twenty four years old  
16 on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1882, that he was  
17 born on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1858 as he has  
18 always been informed by his said parents  
19 and other members of his father's & mother's  
20 families and he believes the same to  
21 be the correct date of his ~~age~~ birth

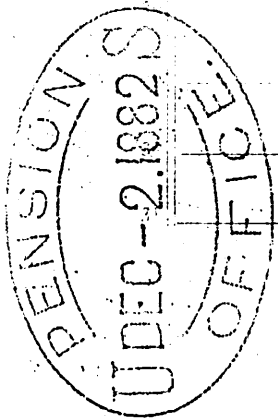
22 Affiant says there are now living  
23 Frank Hardin, Ismael W. Hardin &  
24 himself children and only children  
25 of said John Hardin.

26 Affiant's Post Office Address  
27 is Xenia Miami County State of  
28 Indiana where he has lived for fourteen  
29 years last past

30 Hector Troy Hardin  
31

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1882 and I  
certify that the affiant is the person he  
represents himself to be and that I have  
no interest in the prosecution of  
any claim by said affiant or the heirs  
of John Hardin for Pension

Clark W. Messer  
Clatsop Wash. Terr



John Hardin  
Co K 1st Regt  
19th Inf  
1861-1865

U.S. PENITENTIARY  
NOV 17 1882  
Frank J. Hardin  
No 23683

DEC 5 1882  
RECEIVED  
DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Statement  
Frank J. Hardin

~~In the matter of Pension Claim  
of heirs of John Hardin late  
Private & 8<sup>th</sup> Regt. Ind. Inf.~~

Frank Hardin being sworn according to law says that he is the son of said John Hardin who died of disease contracted while a private in said Company August 9<sup>th</sup> 1864 - That said John Hardin left surviving him his widow by first and only marriage Rebecca Hardin who died August 12<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Affiant further says he has not been able to find any family Record kept by his father or mother, That about January 1865 after his father's death he was taken into the family of one Egbert Rodgers now deceased late of said County by whom he was raised until his majority - And he further says that while his correct name given him by his parents was Henry yet he was always known by the name of Frank Hardin and after his adoption into the family of said Rodgers was never known by any other name and that he is now in all his business and social relations known by the name of Frank Hardin and no other - And he says that at the time he became

U.S. PENITENTIARY  
MINDEN, TEXAS  
NOV 23 1882  
My # 236803

RECORDS DIVISION  
DEC 6 1882

Statement  
James H. F.

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Private & 8<sup>th</sup> Regt Ind Vols.~~

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Affiant further says he has not been able to find any family Record kept by his father or mother, That about January 1865 after his father's death he was taken into the family of one Ezekiel Rodgers now deceased late of said County by whom he was raised until his majority - And he further says that while his correct name given him by his parents was Hiram Henry yet he was always known by the name of Frank Hardin and after his adoption into the family of said Rodgers was never known by any other name and that he is now in all his business and social relations known by the name of Frank Hardin and no other - And he says that at the time he became

a member of said Rodgers family  
(Jan'y. 1865.) He was nearly twelve  
years of age and he says that he  
was always informed by his father  
and brother that the date of his  
birth was February 14 1853 as stated  
by his mother in her application  
for pension and he believes the same  
to be the correct date - and Af-  
fiant further says that he believes  
the statement made by his Aunt Lucie-  
da Butkin was by a clerical mistake  
made to say July 4 1857 when in  
truth and in fact she meant as he  
believes to state the time to be July  
14<sup>th</sup> 1858 which is in fact the cor-  
rect date - Affiant says that  
he was only a few months over five years  
of age when his brother Hector Troy was  
born yet he has always been informed  
and believes the correct date of his  
birth to be July 14 1858 - and that his  
Aunt Lydia Jackson now deceased  
who knew the correct dates of birth of  
his fathers children so informed him  
in her lifetime -

Affiant says he does not know  
any living person who was present at his  
birth and knows of no other testimony  
that can be had

His Post office address is  
Sumner, Wash



County State of Indiana and that  
he has resided in that vicinity for  
twenty years last past.

Frank Harden

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1882  
and I certify that the affiant is  
well known to me as being the  
person he represents himself to  
be and is a credible witness  
and that I have no interest in  
the prosecution of any claim by  
the heirs of John Harden for Pension  
Articles my hand and official  
Seal.

Clark W. Messer  
Clerk of the Court

In the matter of the Application  
of the Children of John Har-  
dian late possor of A 8<sup>th</sup> Regt  
and was for Pension

The applicants Frank  
Hardian, Hector Troy  
Hardian and Ismael Po-  
Hardian say their Post  
office address is

Somerset, Wabash County  
Indiana

Frank Hardian  
Hector Troy Hardian  
Ismael Hardian

Attest  
B. J. Williams

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For the honorable  
Commissioners of Fisheries  
my present post office is  
General Warburton  
for instance  
Hector Gray Gordon

This amount is on a ...  
amendment ...  
Hurdin in the ...  
considered ...  
State of Indiana

Wabash County

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1879 personally  
came before me James P. Ross Clerk of the Cir-  
cuit Court in and for the county and  
state aforesaid Frank Hurdin who  
being sworn according to law on his  
oath says that he is a son of John Hur-  
din late a priv in Co "D" 8 Regt Dist 100  
and further says that said John Hurdin  
died of consumption at the county and  
state aforesaid on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Au-  
gust 1864 leaving Rebecca Hurdin  
his widow him surviving. And  
Charles Hurdin born in the year 1857  
Frank Hurdin (the applicant) born February  
17<sup>th</sup> 1854 -

Harriet Hurdin born in the year 1856  
Hector Troy Hurdin born July 4<sup>th</sup> 1857  
Osmond Hurdin born May 14<sup>th</sup> 1864.  
his only children & only children surviving  
And he further says that he  
Another the said Rebecca Hurdin  
died August 19<sup>th</sup> 1865. And  
the said Charles Hurdin died  
Jan 9 1864  
And said Harriet Hurdin died  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

And the said Frank Hurdin  
Hector Troy Hurdin and

# Declaration of Guardian for Pension or Claim

**MUST** be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal. Also the Certificate of Guardianship **MUST BE** sent.

This Blank is Prepared by GEORGE E. LEMON, of Washington, D. C., and is Exclusively for his Use.

State of Indiana  
County of Wabash SS.

On this 15 day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, personally appeared before me James G. Poff, the same being a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Frank Hardin a resident of Somerset, County of Wabash, in the State of Indiana aged 23 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided for by Acts of Congress for children under sixteen years of age: That he is the only legal guardian of Troy or names of children, Hardin and Schmael Hardin legitimate children of John Hardin who volunteered, became a substitute, or was drafted. at Somerset Ind. on the 3 day of August, A. D. 1861 to serve in Co. 2d 8. Regt. Indiana Vols. in the war of 1861-3, who died of disease contracted in the service at Somerset Ind. on the 12 day of August, A. D. 1864 and who bore at the time of his discharge or death the rank of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ that he left a widow surviving she died August 2-1865 that the above named are the only surviving legitimate children of said John Hardin who were under sixteen years of age at the time of his death, of whom Charles Hardin did June 2-1866 Harrist Hardin did Jan 2-1869 that said children were the issue of said soldier as follows, the date of their birth being as hereinafter stated:

Troy Hardin, of soldier by Rebecca Hardin, born July 4 1857 ✓  
Schmael Hardin, of soldier by Rebecca Hardin, born May 14 1864

\_\_\_\_\_, of soldier by \_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, of soldier by \_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, of soldier by \_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, of soldier by \_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_

That the father was married under the name of John Hardin to Rebecca Man in 1850 by Rev. Elder there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that the said children have not aided or abetted the rebellion; and that a prior application has been filed by the widow That Declarant hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,

## GEORGE E. LEMON,

of WASHINGTON, D. C., his true and lawful Attorney, to prosecute his claim. That his Post Office address is Somerset Wabash Co. Indiana

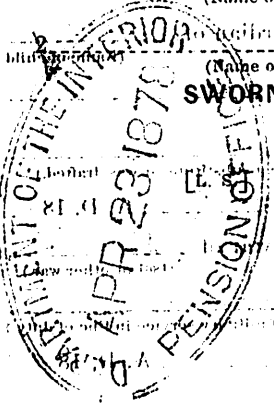
Frank Hardin  
Signature of Claimant.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of one witness to X mark.  
W. H. Tolaw  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of other witness to X mark.

Also personally appeared to a. Allen residing at 16 a. Allen  
 No. 16 a. Allen street, in Washington Village or City, County and State.  
 and H. A. Taylor residing at No. 16 a. Allen  
 in Washington street, in Washington Village or City, County and State.  
 persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Frank Gardin 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.

1. James O. Tolson  
 (Name of one witness.)  
 2. W. H. Bates  
 (Name of other witness.)

If either witness sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses to said mark.

Name of one witness to X mark: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of other witness to X mark: \_\_\_\_\_



SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 10 day of April  
 A. D. 1878; 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If any words have been erased in the application, enter them here.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.) \_\_\_\_\_

and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.  
James O. Tolson  
 (Judge, Clerk of Court, or Deputy Clerk, sign here.)  
W. H. Bates  
 (State official character here.)

This application MUST be acknowledged by the claimant and identifying witnesses before a Judge, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk of a Court of Record, under the seal of the Court; if not so acknowledged it will be WORTHLESS.  
**ONE EXCEPTION.**—Where an applicant resides more than twenty-five miles from any place at which a Court is held, upon being notified of the fact, I will endeavor to have a suitable person designated, under an authority given by law to the Commissioner of Pensions for that purpose, before whom declaration may be made.

As this DECLARATION may reach the hands of some persons unacquainted with this House, we append hereto, as specimens of the testimonials in our possession, copies of letters from several gentlemen, distinguished politically and militarily, and widely known throughout the United States:

**BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS, October 24, 1875.**  
 I take great pleasure in recommending Captain George E. LEXON, now of Washington, D. C., to all persons who may have claims to settle or other business to prosecute before the Departments at Washington. I know him to be thoroughly qualified, well acquainted with the laws, and with Department rules in all matters growing out of the late War, especially in the Paymaster's and Quartermaster's offices. I have had occasion to employ him for friends of mine, also, in the soliciting of patents, and have found him very active, well informed, and successful. As a gallant officer during the war, and an honorable and successful practitioner, I recommend him strongly to all who may need his services.

**S. A. HURLBUT, M. C.,**  
 Fourth Congressional District, Illinois  
 Late Major General, U. S. Vols.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C.**  
 March 3, 1875.

From several years' acquaintance with Captain George E. LEXON, of this city, I cheerfully commend him as a gentleman of integrity and worth, and well qualified to attend to the collection of Bounty and other Claims against the Government. His experience in that line gives him superior advantages.

**W. P. SPRAGUE, M. C.,**  
 Fifteenth District of Ohio  
**JAS. D. STRAWBRIDGE, M. C.,**  
 Thirteenth District of Pennsylvania

**EXECUTIVE MANSION, BOISE CITY,**  
 IDAHO TERRITORY, September 5, 1876.

Captain GEORGE E. LEXON, Attorney and Agent for the collection of war claims at Washington City, is a thorough, able, and exceedingly well-informed man of business of high character, and entirely responsible. I can assure all having war claims requiring adjustment that their interests cannot be confided to safer hands.

**M. BRAYMAN,**  
 Governor of Idaho and late Maj. Gen. Vols.

Any person desiring information as to my standing and responsibility will, on request, be furnished with a satisfactory reference in his vicinity or Congressional District.

1861.

CLAIM OF GUARDIAN FOR PENSION

Children under 16 years of age.

ORIGINAL.

Frank Gardin, Guardian.

John Gardin  
 Soldier, Co. "I", 8.

Indiana  
 Regt.

Enlisted Aug. 3, 1861.  
 Discharged

FILED BY  
**GEORGE E. LEMON,**  
**ATTORNEY,**

Lock Box 47. WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 47

D. C. AUG 18 EXCISE

of August....., in the year of our Lord one thousand ..  
and forty nine....., the following Marriage License was issued from  
Clerk's Office of the Decatur Circuit Court, to-wit:

**THE STATE OF INDIANA, DECATUR COUNTY.**

To any Person empowered by Law to solemnize Marriage in Decatur County,---Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join together as Husband and Wife,  
John Hardin and Rebecca Jane Mann,  
according to the Laws of the State of Indiana, and of the same make due  
return, within three months.

In Testimony Whereof, J. Henry A. Falbot, Clerk of the  
Circuit Court of said County, hereunto subscribe my name,  
and affix the Seal of said Court, at Greensburgh,  
this first day of August, 1849



Henry A. Falbot Clerk. *D. C. C.*

And afterwards, To-wit: on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1849,  
the Certificate of the Marriage of the above parties was filed here in the  
Clerk's Office, to-wit:

Indiana To-wit Decatur County This certifies that  
I found in marriage as husband and wife John Hardin  
and Rebecca Jane Mann on the second day of August  
1849  
Matthew Elder,  
Minister of the Gospel

STATE OF INDIANA, } SS:  
Decatur COUNTY. }

J. James L. Fugitt, Clerk of the Circuit Court within and  
for said County of....., and State of Indiana, do  
hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct copies of the Marriage  
License and Certificate of Marriage of..... and  
....., as the same now appear upon the Marriage  
Record now on file in my office, of which I am the lawful custodian.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the  
Seal of said Court, at Greensburgh, Indiana, on this  
second day of September, 1844

James L. Fugitt Clerk.

**The State of Indiana, Wabash County, ss:**

I James P. Raf, Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court in the State of Indiana, do hereby certify that

Frank Harden of said County, has been appointed Guardian of the person and property of Ismael Harden and Troy Harden

minor heirs of John Harden late of said County, deceased, and has qualified as such.

Witness my hand and Seal of said Court, this 1 day of April, A. D., 1879

James P. Raf Clerk.

**The State of Indiana, Wabash County, ss:**

I Clark W. Mesner Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court in the State of Indiana, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Letters of Guardianship of

Ismael Harden and Troy Harden minor heirs of John Harden deceased, issued to Frank Harden as Guardian, as the same now appears upon the Record now on file in my office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court at Wabash, Indiana, on this 1 day of Apr, A. D., 1879

Clark W. Mesner Clerk.



GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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This Blank is Prepared by GEORGE E. LEMON, of Washington, D. C., and is Exclusively for his Use.

STATE OF Indiana

COUNTY OF Wabash

SS:

In the matter of Boursein claim of Frank Hardin, Edm  
(Character of claim.) (Name of claimant.)

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for  
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

aforesaid County and State Ezekiel Rodgers, of Somerset P. O.  
(Here write the name of affiant or of each affiant, together with Residence and Post Office address.)

A citizen well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

And says he was acquainted with John Hardin late priv-co "D" 8<sup>th</sup> Regt Ind vols from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct 1858 until date of his death to wit August 12<sup>th</sup> 1864  
That said John Hardin left surviving his widow Rebecca who died August 9<sup>th</sup> 1865 and the following named children to wit Charles Hardin, Miriam H. commonly called Frank Hardin, Harriet, Gray & Samuel - That said Charles died on or about June 9<sup>th</sup> 1866 and Harriet died January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1869 - That affiant was present at funeral of said John Hardin & Rebecca his wife & Charles & Harriet his children - affiant that in January 1865 he took said Miriam H. to his home & raised him to his majority - That said Miriam H. was nicknamed Frank & so known when he took him to his house but was informed by his mother his correct name was Miriam H. and that Miriam H. & Frank are the same person - Said Miriam H. was ~~about~~ <sup>under</sup> 17 years old February 17 1865 and affiant says said Boursein left no other child surviving him

he further declares that ~~he has~~ no interest in said case, and ~~is~~ not concerned in its prosecution.



If either affiant sign by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of one witness to X mark.)


2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Signature of Affiant, or of each Affiant. Ezekiel Rodgers

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1879, at Somerset, in the county of Wabash, State of Indiana, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thoreto, including the words Charles and Eileen

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

and knows that Charles died at the time alluded to and <sup>Twelve</sup> added  
 (If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)  
 that the affiant is to me well known and is respectable and worthy of full credit; and I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

  
 (Name of officer before whom executed.)  
Justice of the Peace  
 (State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

THE OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS AFFIDAVIT IS EXECUTED MUST BE SURE AND NOTE IN HIS CERTIFICATE ALL ERASURES AND INTERLINEATIONS, AS INDICATED ABOVE.

NOTE.—It is preferable this should be executed before a Clerk of a Court. When executed before a Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, a certificate from the Clerk of a Court **MUST** be added or attached, certifying that the Notary or Justice had authority to act as such.

I CERTIFY that J. C. Gochevour before whom the above affidavit was made, is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.  
 (Justice's or Notary's name.)  
 (Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1879  
Clark W. Alexander  
 (Name of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court  
 (Name of what Court.)



No. \_\_\_\_\_

CASE OF

FOR

AFFIDAVIT OF

FILED BY  
 GEORGE E. LEMON,  
 ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW.  
 No. 916 F Street, northwest,  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.  
 P. O. Lock Box 47.

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State of Indiana,  
Wabash County, } Ss.

In the matter of the Re-  
vised Claim of Frank Hardin ad-  
m-

Personally came before  
me J. B. Gochenour a Justice of  
the Peace in and for Wabash County, State  
of Indiana Ezekiel Rogers of Som-  
erset Post Office Wabash County,  
Indiana a citizen well known to me  
to be reputable and entitled to credit  
and who being sworn according to  
law in relation to said matter says

That he was well acquainted with  
John Hardin late Priv. Co. 8<sup>th</sup> Regt  
Ind. Vols & his family for more than  
five years last prior to his death June  
12<sup>th</sup> 1864 and has known his family  
ever since said date - That he  
raised in his own house Frank  
Hardin from January 1865 until he  
arrived at 21 years of age - That said  
Frank's correct name is Hiram  
H. as he was informed by his mother  
That said Hiram H. or Frank now  
resides in Wally Township in said  
County and his post office is Somerset  
and that his brother Roy Hardin  
son of said John resides with  
said Frank and affiant  
says that Ismael Hardin resides  
in Layro Township in said County  
and his post office is Layro

Wabash Co. Ind<sup>e</sup> at

That said John Hardin left  
the following named children and  
none others living at date of death  
of said John to wit Charles  
Hiram &c. commonly called  
Frank, Harriet, Troy and  
Ismael - That Charles died June  
9<sup>th</sup> 1866 and Harriet died January  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1869 - That affiant was present  
at the funeral of ~~each of said children~~ <sup>Harriet and knows that</sup>  
Charles died at the time alluded to  
And he further declares that he has  
no interest in said case and is  
not concerned in its prosecution  
Ezekiel Rogers

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
13<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1879 at Somerset in  
Wabash County State of Indiana and I certify  
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before swearing thereto, that affiant is  
well known to me as a credible and  
worthy citizen and that I have no interest  
in the prosecution of this claim -

J. B. Gochran  
Justice of the Peace

**GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.**

STATE OF Indiana

COUNTY OF Wabash

SS:

In the matter of Personal claim Frank Hardin fund  
Union John Hardin I 8th Ind Inf

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for  
aforesaid County and State, Ezekiel Rogers

citizen of Somerset, County of Wabash, State of

Indiana, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being  
duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

That he was acquainted with John  
Hardin of Co. 9, 8th Ind Inf and with his  
wife Rebecca Hardin and that said Rebecca  
Hardin died Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 1861

He further declare that he has no interest in said case, and is not  
concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (Two persons.)

J. H. Monell  
A. L. McKinney

Signature  
of  
Affiant.

Ezekiel Rogers

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 9 day of June 1879, at Somerset in the county of Wabash State of Indiana, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

\_\_\_\_\_, erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ (If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

\_\_\_\_\_, added; that the affiant is to me well known and is respectable and worthy of full credit as a witness; and I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J. L. Gochenour  
(Name of officer before whom executed.)

Justice of the Peace  
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

THE OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS AFFIDAVIT IS EXECUTED MUST BE SURE AND NOTE IN HIS CERTIFICATE ALL ERASURES AND INTERLINEATIONS, AS INDICATED ABOVE.

NOTE.—Execute this before a Clerk of a Court, if possible. When executed before a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, a certificate from the Clerk of a Court **MUST** be added or attached, certifying that the Notary or Justice had authority to act as such.

I certify that J. L. Gochenour, before whom the above affidavit was made, is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.  
(Justice or Notary's name.)  
(Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 10 day of June 1879.

James P. Rob  
(Name of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court,  
(Name of what court.)

[L. S.]

No. \_\_\_\_\_

CASE OF \_\_\_\_\_

FOR \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF \_\_\_\_\_

FILED BY  
GEORGE E. LEMON,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,  
No. 916 F Street, northwest,  
P. O. Lock Box 47. WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

Wf

STATE OF Indiana

COUNTY OF Wabash

ss:

In the matter of pension claim Frank Hardin Grand, minor John Hardin & 5th Ind Inf.

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace Ezekiel Rogers, in and for aforesaid County and State,

citizen of Spencer, County of Wabash, State of Indiana, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

That he was well acquainted with John Hardin of Co. I 8th Ind Inf and with his wife Rebecca Hardin and their children. He further states that the names of their children were Charles Hardin Born sometime in the year 1857 Died June 9th 1865. Frank Hardin Born Feb. 10th 1857. Harriet Hardin Born in the year 1856 died Jan 2nd 1859. Helen Lucy Hardin Born July 4th 1857. Ismael Hardin Born May 14th 1864. and he further declares that the reason they can not get the exact date of Birth of all the children the Bible containing the record is in the hands of Lydia Gucken by Maryzell Kousers who will get and send the record. He further declare that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (Two persons.)

C. H. Howell
A. L. McPinney

Signature of Affiants. Ezekiel Rogers

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June  
1879, at Somerset in the county of Wabash  
State of Indiana, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit  
were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

, erased, and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

, added;  
that the affiant is to me well known and is respectable and worthy of full credit as a witness; and I further  
certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J. B. Gochenour  
(Name of Officer before whom executed.)

Justice of the Peace  
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk, or Deputy Clerk.)

THE OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS AFFIDAVIT IS EXECUTED MUST BE SURE AND NOTE IN HIS CERTIFICATE ALL ERASURES  
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affidavit was made, is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths,  
and that the above is his signature.  
(Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this

10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1879.

James P. Day  
(Name of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court,  
(Name of what court.)

[L. S.]

No.

CASE OF

W. E. Childers

FOR

AFFIDAVIT OF

FILLED BY  
GEORGE E. LEMON,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,  
No. 916 F Street, northwest,

P. O. Look Box 47. WASHINGTON, D. C.



# DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S ARMY PENSION.

State of Indiana }  
 County of Madison } ss:

On this thirty first day of August A. D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty four personally appeared before me, Elijah Hackleman Clerk of the Circuit Court, within and for the County and State aforesaid Rebecca J. Hardin a resident of Somerset in the County of Madison and State of Indiana aged thirty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Act of Congress approved July 14, 1862. That she is the widow of John Hardin who enlisted in the service of the United States, at Somerset Madison County in the State of Indiana on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1861, as a private in Company "G" commanded by Capt Joseph W. Thompson in the 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Indiana Volunteers in the war of 1861; who while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, contracted Phthisis Pulmonalis and Bronchitis for which he was discharged on or about the last of August 1862 at St Louis Missouri and died at Somerset in the State of Indiana on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D., 1864. She further declares that she was married to the said John Hardin in the County of Decatur and State of Indiana on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August in the year 1849 that her name before her said marriage, was Rebecca J. Mann

That her husband, the aforesaid John Hardin died on the day above mentioned, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. And further, that the following are the names and date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ of the children \_\_\_\_\_ of the said John Hardin

now living, who were under sixteen years of age at the time of his decease, viz: Charles E. Hardin born on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 1850, Hiram A. Hardin born the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 1853, Harriet A. Hardin born September 6<sup>th</sup> 1855, Hector J. Hardin born July 14, 1858, Ismail H. Hardin born December 7<sup>th</sup> 1863, that the above named children reside with the applicant at Somerset P.O. Madison County Indiana.

She also declares that she has not in any manner been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States. She hereby appoints Joseph Mackey of Wabash State of Indiana her true and lawful Attorney with full power of substitution to prosecute this claim for pension, and to receive the certificate which may be issued therefor. She requests that her pension be paid at Fort Wayne State of Indiana Her Post Office address is Somerset, County of Wabash State of Indiana

Rebecca I Hardin  
Signature of Claimant.

Also personally appeared Elisha Stout and Emily Jane Ray residents of Somerset County of Wabash, State of Indiana, whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me first duly sworn, say they were present and saw the applicant Rebecca I Hardin sign her name Rebecca I Hardin to the foregoing declaration and power of attorney; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant, and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; that they have been well acquainted with her and her said husband John Hardin deceased, for 16 years and know they lived together as husband and wife, and were so reputed; that they have lived neighbors to them, both before and since their marriage;

that the names, ages and residence of his children as represented by her in the foregoing declaration are true, as they verily believe; and also, that the above named are the only children of said John Hardin who were under sixteen years of age at the time of his decease. They further declare that she has remained a widow ever since her husband's decease, and that she has not, in any manner, aided or abetted the rebellion; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim. that they are of no kin to the applicant Elisha Stout Emily Jane Ray  
Signatures of Witnesses.

Sworn to, acknowledged and subscribed, before me, this 31 day of August, 1864, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Seal of the Wabash Circuit Court  
Elyah Huckelbauer  
Clerk Wabash Cir.  
Court

No. 1

DECLARATION FOR  
WIDOW'S PENSION.

CLAIM OF

Rebecca J. Hardin Widow  
of John Hardin of  
Co. G Reg't 8<sup>th</sup> Regt  
Ind'ns  
P. O. Summit  
County of Tulassee  
State of Indiana

J. T. Childers  
~~Joseph Mackey~~  
~~Wm. Mackey~~  
Mackey  
Indiana

Attorney for Claimant.

Printed and Sold by Wm. Braden, No. 24 West Washington St.  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Joseph Mackey  
Tulassee  
Indiana



WAR OF THE REBELLION.

Act of July 14, 1862, and subsequent acts.

*Rejection*

WIDOW'S PENSION.

(ORIGINAL WITH INCREASE.)

Rebecca J. Garden,  
John Garden

, widow of

Rank, *Private*  
Company, *5<sup>th</sup>*  
Regiment, *8<sup>th</sup> Ind. vol.*

Residence of claimant, }  
Post Office, }  
County, and State of }  
Attorney, } *The office has been unable to hear from the attorney or claimant since*  
Fee, \$ *u* } *filing the claim, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1864, and their present whereabouts is unknown*  
Articles of agreement, *u* having been filed *u*  
Rate of pension, \$ *u* per month, commencing *u*, 18 *u*, the date  
of *u*, and two dollars per month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	} <i>John</i>	{ Born, ..... 18 . }	} Commencing	, 18 .
		{ Sixteen, ..... 18 . }		
		{ Born, ..... 18 . }	} "	, 18 .
		{ Sixteen, ..... 18 . }		
By last marriage.	} <i>Liram W.</i>	{ Born, ..... 18 . }	} "	, 18 .
		{ Sixteen, ..... 18 . }		
	} <i>Hannah W.</i>	{ Born, ..... 18 . }	} "	, 18 .
		{ Sixteen, ..... 18 . }		
	} <i>Hector W.</i>	{ Born, ..... 18 . }	} "	, 18 .
		{ Sixteen, ..... 18 . }		
	} <i>Ismael W.</i>	{ Born, ..... 18 . }	} "	, 18 .
		{ Sixteen, ..... 18 . }		
		{ Born, ..... 18 . }	} "	, 18 .
		{ Sixteen, ..... 18 . }		

Payment on all former certificates covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

ADMITTED, *Rejected, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1878.*  
APPROVED, *Feb. 13, 1878.*

*J. R. Graham* Examiner  
*Geo. A. Smith* Reviewer

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

*Enlistment,	<i>Aug. 25<sup>th</sup></i>	, 1861 .	*Right accrued,	<i>Aug. 8<sup>th</sup></i>	, 1864 .
Muster into pensionable rank,	"	, 18 .	Claim completed,		, 18 .
*Discharge,	<i>July 28<sup>th</sup></i>	, 1862 .	Former marriage of soldier,		, 18 .
Death,	<i>Aug. 8<sup>th</sup></i>	, 1864 .	Death of former wife,		, 18 .
Invalid app. filed,		, 18 .	Claimant's marriage to soldier,	<i>Aug 2</i>	, 1849 .
Invalid last paid to	} <i>John</i>	, 18 .			, 18 .
*Widow's app. filed,			<i>Sept. 30,</i>	, 1864 .	

CAUSE OF DEATH, *Phthisis Pulmonalis* . PLACE OF DEATH, *Geneset, Indiana*.

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

Claim rejected, benefits, under Sec. 4717, Revised Statutes, not having been prosecuted to a successful issue within five years from date of filing, and there being no record evidence to show origin of fatal disease in service of U. S. and line of duty. Also rejected on the ground of abandonment claimant or atty not having been heard from since filing claim  
No letter

PROOF AS TO SERVICE.

The Adjutant General U. S. A. reports the military history of the soldier as follows:

Enlisted Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1861  
Discharged at St. Louis July 28, 1862 - Cause not known

PROOF AS TO DEATH.

- 1st. Report of Adjutant General.
- 2d. Report of Surgeon General.
- 3d. Certificate of Disability.
- 4th. Testimony of Army Surgeon.

- 5th. Testimony of Officers.
- 6th. Testimony of Fellow Soldiers.
- 7th. Testimony of Attending Physician.
- 8th. Other Testimony.

DATE OF FILING.

A. Genl - done  
Surgeon Genl - done

Certificate of Disability recommends discharge on account of a severe cold, contracted by exposure while marching but the medical examination for discharge shows "Deafness" cause unknown, and adds "This man is an old individual with a broken down constitution, and unfit for a soldier if he could hear. He is of no use in the army and should be discharged"

*Rejection*

WIDOW'S BRIEF No. 2.

Claim No. *66,974*

Soldier, *John Warden*

*Roughman*, Ex'r

*Rejected*

Immediate cause of death, .....

Remote cause, .....

Medical Reviewer

....., 187 .

# War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 236,803, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that Charles S. Ellis was enrolled on the

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186, at \_\_\_\_\_, in Co. \_\_\_\_\_

Regiment of \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers, to

serve \_\_\_\_\_ years or during the war, and mustered into service as

a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186,

at \_\_\_\_\_, in Co. B, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment

of Indiana Volunteers, to serve \_\_\_\_\_ years, or

during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. B of that Regiment,

for the months of Nov & Dec \_\_\_\_\_, 1861,

he is reported Present for duty. George W. Gates &

William H. Robinson, Privates are reported same

No Return for Nov - or on file. Co. was stationed

near Springfield Mo Nov - 11 & at Ottumwa Mo

Dec 31/61. No evidence that Ellis was actg. out long

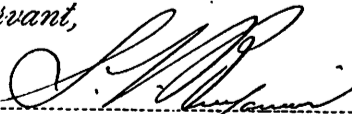
in said Regt. The records in this Office furnish

no evidence that the above named men were

absent Nov - 61.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,



Assistant Adjutant General.  
(2)

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

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Inkple.

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

Act of July 14, 1862, and subsequent acts.

ORIGINAL PENSION OF MINOR CHILDREN.

*Heiram H. Harden, also known as Frank Harden - Hector,  
Iroy Harden & Ishmael Harden  
John Harden*

Children of

Rank, *Priv.*  
Company, *"8"*  
Regiment, *8th Ind. Vol.*

Guardian, *Frank Harden*  
Residence of Guardian, *Somerset, Wabash* County, and State of *Ind.*

Post Office, *Somerset*  
Attorney, *Geo. C. Lewis Washington D.C.*

Fee, \$ *25* Articles of agreement having been filed *Apr 23, 1878*

Rate of pension, \$ *8* per month, commencing *August 7th*, 18*64*, the date of *order draft*, and two dollars per month additional to each as follows:

*Pay in individual months  
By office address Somerset  
Wabash Co Ind  
By last marriage.*

*Heiram H.  
Hector Iroy  
Ishmael*

{ Born, .....	18	}	Commencing	, 18
{ Sixteen, .....	18	}		
{ Born, .....	18	}	"	, 18
{ Sixteen, .....	18	}		
{ Born, .....	18	}	"	, 18
{ Sixteen, .....	18	}		
{ Born, <i>Feb-14"</i>	<i>1853</i>	}	" <i>July 25"</i>	<i>, 1866</i>
{ Sixteen, <i>" 13"</i>	<i>1868</i>	}		
{ Born, <i>July 14"</i>	<i>1858</i>	}	" <i>July 25"</i>	<i>, 1866</i>
{ Sixteen, <i>" 13"</i>	<i>1874</i>	}		
{ Born, <i>Dec-7"</i>	<i>1863</i>	}	" <i>July 25"</i>	<i>, 1866</i>
{ Sixteen, <i>" 6"</i>	<i>1877</i>	}		
{ Born, .....	18	}	"	, 18
{ Sixteen, .....	18	}		
{ Born, .....	18	}	"	, 18
{ Sixteen, .....	18	}		

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

Sub-  
MITTED, *for ad- Oct-22nd*, 18*64*. *Geo. C. Anderson, Spec* Examiner.  
APPROVED, *Dec 12*, 18*64*. *John A. Campbell, Reviewer.*

GUARDIANSHIP.

OTHER MINORS.

FORMER MARRIAGE.

The marriage of

to

is shown by

DEATH OF FORMER WIFE.

LAST MARRIAGE.

The marriage of

to

is shown by

DEATH OR RE-MARRIAGE OF WIDOW.

DATES OF BIRTH OF WARDS.

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN BY FORMER MARRIAGE.

# War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Oct 10, 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 236803, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that John Harder was enrolled on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1861, at \_\_\_\_\_, in Co. \_\_\_\_\_

Regiment of \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers, to serve \_\_\_\_\_ years or during the war, and mustered into service as a \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1861,

at \_\_\_\_\_ a Private, in Co. "I", \_\_\_\_\_ 8th Regiment of \_\_\_\_\_ Ind \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers, to serve \_\_\_\_\_ years, or

during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "I" of that Regiment, for the months of \_\_\_\_\_ from muster in to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 1861, he is reported present.

Jan<sup>nd</sup> and Feb/62 absent sick. March<sup>nd</sup> and April/62 present and so home for May<sup>nd</sup> and June/62. July<sup>nd</sup> and Aug/62 absent sick - sent to St. Louis to be discharged July 17/62. Sept<sup>nd</sup> and Oct/62 Discharged July 28/62 at St. Louis

for disability. Cert. of Disability reports him disch<sup>d</sup> at St. Louis Mo. July 28<sup>th</sup> 1862, which date is accepted as correct.

EMC  
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H.C.T.  
H.C.T.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
Assistant Adjutant General.  
(2)

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.

October 29<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. W. 974, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that John Harder was enrolled on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1861, at Indianapolis in Co. I, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, to serve \_\_\_\_\_ years, and during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1861, at Indianapolis Ind, in Co. I, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, to serve \_\_\_\_\_ years, and during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. I of that Regiment, for the months of September & October, 1862, he is reported "Discharged at St. Louis July 28<sup>th</sup> 1862". Cause of discharge and by whom not stated. No evidence of death on file.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. Beck

Assistant Adjutant General.

(2.)

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Proc.

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

# ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



## CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of disability.)

Private John Hardin of Captain J. M. Thompson's  
 Company, [D], of the Eighth Regiment of United States Land  
 Volunteers, was enlisted by J. M. Thompson Captain of  
 the Eighth Regiment of Ind Vol at Indianapolis Ind  
 on the 15th day of August 1861, to serve 3 years; he was born  
 in Fayette County in the State of Pennsylvania, is 41  
 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high, dark complexion, blue eyes,  
 dark hair, and by occupation when enlisted a Farmer. During the last two  
 months said soldier has been unfit for duty 90 days. (Here consult directions on Form 12, p. 269, Med. Dept. Gen. Reg.)

On account of a severe cold, contracted by exposure  
 while marching.

STATION: Helena Arkansas  
 DATE: July 15th 1862 Charles D. Ellis  
 1st Lt Commanding Company (D) 8th Ind Vol

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said John Hardin of  
 Captain J. M. Thompson's Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier  
 because of (Here consult par. 1134, p. 245, and directions on Form 12, p. 269, Med. Dept. Gen. Reg.) Deafness. I know not  
 the cause of this disease. This man is an old inebriate  
 with a broken-down constitution and unfit for a soldier  
 if he could hear. He is of no use in the army and should  
 be discharged.

DISCHARGED this 28 day of July 1862 at St Louis Mo  
 James Ford Surgeon, 8th Regt.  
 Indiana Volunteers  
 James Murray  
 Colonel Commanding the Post.  
 St Louis  
 Missouri

NOTE 1.—When a probable case for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability.  
 NOTE 2.—The place where the soldier desires to be addressed may be here added.

Town— County— State—

[DUPLICATES.]

Approved and respectfully  
forwarded  
Charles A. Ellis  
1st Lieut Comd'g Co D 8th

Head Quarters  
8th Ind. Infy  
Helena Ark  
July 15th 1862

Approved and  
respectfully forwarded,  
D. Shunck  
Capt. 8th Ind  
Infy.

Attn: For Gen Office  
Geo. Allen, Jr.  
For Adj. Genl

Attn: Office  
Sept 24/62

W. S. B.  
will end

Certificate of Disability for Discharge  
In the case of

John Hardin  
a Private Co. G  
Eighth Reg't of Ark Vol

Approved  
Mad Mills  
Surgeon  
Medical Director.

Headquarters, Department of the Missouri,  
St. Louis, July 25 1862

TO BE DISCHARGED.  
By order of Major General Halleck.

S. M. Preston  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Received (A. G. Office,) 186

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

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WIDOW'S PENSION.

(ORIGINAL WITH INCREASE.)

Rebecca J. Harler, (widow), widow of John Harler. Rank, Pvt. Company, I. Regiment, 8. Ind. Vol.

Residence of claimant, Warsaw County, and State of Ind.

Post Office, ...

Attorney, Joseph Mackey, Warsaw, Ind.

Fee, \$ none. Articles of agreement, ... having been filed.

Rate of pension, \$ 20 per month, commencing with, 18... the date of ... and two dollars per month additional for each child, as follows:

Table with columns for 'By former marriage', 'By last marriage', child names (none, Susan H., Victor B., Samuel), birth dates, and commencing dates (18...).

Payment on all former certificates covering any portion of the same time to be deducted. Received Feb 9 1863. Examiner.

APPROVED, for my \$217, 1884. J. H. Campbell, Reviewer.

Handwritten note: 'Deducted before completing case Pension Claim'.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

Table with columns for dates and events: Enlistment (25 Aug 1861), Muster into pensionable rank (1861), Discharge (21 July 1862), Death (9 Aug 1864), Invalid app. filed (none 18...), Invalid last paid to (none 18...), Widow's app. filed (20 Sept 1864), Right accrued (18...), Claim completed (18...), Former marriage of soldier (none 18...), Death of former wife (with 18...), Claimant's marriage to soldier (2 Aug 1849), Claimant died (9 Aug 1862).

CAUSE OF DEATH, Consumption. PLACE OF DEATH, Home, Ind.

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

Revised claimant did before completion of  
claim having minor children of the soldier  
surviving

For full proof in case see accompanying  
minor brief.



WAR OF THE REBELLION.

Act of July 14, 1862, and subsequent acts.

ORIGINAL PENSION OF MINOR CHILDREN.

Hiram K. Harden. Also known as Adams Harden.

Hector Troy Harden and Lemuel Harden, Children of

John Harden. Rank, Pvt. Company, 2. Regiment, 8. Ind. Vols.

Guardian, Adams Harden - not recognized.

Residence of Guardian, Claimant's Wabash County, and State of Ind.

Post Office, Somerset

Attorney, Jas. E. Lemon, City.

Fee, \$20. Articles of agreement having been filed. Apr 23/78.

Rate of pension, \$Eight per month, commencing 9th August, 1864, the date of soldier's death, and two dollars per month additional to each as follows:

Table with columns for 'By former marriage', 'By last marriage', birth dates, and pension commencement dates for Hiram K., Hector Troy, and Lemuel.

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

ADMITTED, Feb 9, 1883. E. D. Harrington, Examiner. APPROVED, 18. Reviewer.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

Table listing dates for Enlistment, Muster into rank, Discharge, Death, Invalid app. filed, Invalid pension paid to, Widow's app. filed, and Widow paid to.

CAUSE OF DEATH, Consumption. PLACE OF DEATH, Home Ind.

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

widow's claim submitted here with for Rejection  
Child Cust. Act June 9/66. and H. avoid. Act June 2/67.

ALLEGATIONS OF GUARDIAN.

Loyalty of Guardian,

*Alleged*

Loyalty of Wards,

*Do*

SUMMARY OF PROOF.

*Litans* GUARDIANSHIP. filed Apr 22/78

*No* OTHER MINORS.

*Two* witnesses:

FORMER MARRIAGE.

The marriage of

*None*

is shown by

DEATH OF FORMER WIFE.

*None*

LAST MARRIAGE.

The marriage of

*John Hanlin*

to

*Rebecca J. Mann.*

*Aug 2/49*

is shown by

*copy of public record*

DEATH ~~OR RE-MARRIAGE~~ OF WIDOW.

*Aug 9/60.*

*shown by entry of Eg. Phil Rogers.*

DATES OF BIRTH OF WARDS.

*aff. James Ford and others.*

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN BY FORMER MARRIAGE.

*None*

PROOF AS TO SERVICE.

The Adjutant General U. S. A. reports the following military history of the soldier :

PROOF AS TO DEATH.

- 1st. Report of Adjutant General.
- 2d. Report of Surgeon General.
- 3d. Certificate of Disability.
- 4th. Testimony of Army Surgeon.

- 5th. Testimony of Officers.
- 6th. Testimony of Fellow Soldiers.
- 7th. Testimony of Attending Physician.
- 8th. Other Testimony.

NAME OF WITNESS. DATE OF FILING.

No Invalids claim on file.  
 Widow's claim pending at his death

A. S. Ross. Dec 1880.  
 of Albany.

Knew soldier for several years prior and up to date of enlistment and he had every appearance of a sound man and was especially free from Consumption.  
 To best of this knowledge soldier died in Aug 1864.

W. R. Robinson July 12/80.  
 Grosvenor's Parents

On or about Dec 2/62 at Oldsville  
 Mr. soldier contracted a cough which terminated in Consumption.

Chas S. Ellis Feb 28/81.  
 Wabash Dist  
 at St. J. & Dist  
 Presant

He was soldier for 25 years before his death was his family physician and knows he was free from any disease of lungs.  
 Attended soldier in his last illness. Books show my visits from Jan 23 to May 1/64. Shows he attended him until death Aug 12/64

Same Jan 17/80

Same soldier died while in service for nervous disease & disease of Lungs and treated him a short time before he died and is satisfied his fatal disease was contracted in the army.

Jan. 1878.

Knows soldier's health was good at enlistment  
Found him dead for cold & disease of lungs in  
Believes disease of lungs for which he  
died was contracted in the service.

Jan. 1880

Attended soldier in July 1864. Found  
him in last stages of Consumption of which  
he died in Aug 1864. which he believes  
was contracted in the service.

John V. Caylor. Apr 20/81.

Know soldier for 10 years before his death  
In July & Aug 1865 said soldier was con-  
fined with a lingering disease  
which was called Consumption. Was present  
when he died and prepared his body for  
burial. Has refreshed his memory from  
books of Lawler, Underwater which show  
that soldier died in Aug 1865 and that  
a coffin was furnished Aug 1865

Wash Apr 20/81.

Books show that he furnished a coffin  
for soldier Aug 1864.

MINOR'S BRIEF.

Claim No 206.803

Soldier, John Hardin,

Submitted for final action

Feb 9, 1883,

by J. Armstrong, Esq.,  
Attorney at Law, of Chicago

Immediate cause of death,

Pneumonia Pulmonalis.

Remote cause, Disease of lungs.

Medically established

Robert L. Reynolds  
Dy 27 1884  
Medical Reviewer

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