

HEADQUARTERS

Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

QUINCY, ILLINOIS

*George Martin* *Captivity No Oct 24 1907*  
 (0) of the town of *Castine*, in the  
 County of *Macoupin*, and State of *Illinois*, formerly a Soldier of the United States  
 of America, in the war against (1) *the late rebellion or Civil War*, respectfully asks  
 that he be admitted as a member of said Home.

To enable the authorities to determine whether or not he is legally entitled to become a member of said Home, he de-  
 clares and states the facts to be that he is now *more than* *55* years old; that he is *5* feet and *8* inches high; that he is  
 of *light-black* complexion, *black* eyes and *iron gray* hair; that he was born in the town of  
*about 1830 or 1840* in the *State* of *Tennessee*, on the *don't know* day  
 of *in circle*; that he has been (2) *once* enrolled in the U. S. A. service; *once* in the  
 war against *the Civil War*, and *once* in the war of the late Rebellion; and that he has been (3) *once* honorably  
 discharged from the service of the United States. That the following is a true statement of the time and place of his  
 enrollment and discharge from said service, and that the cause of his discharge, and of his rank at the respective date  
 thereof namely:

No.	When and where Enrolled.	When and where Discharged.	Rank.	Company and Regiment.	Cause of Discharge.
1st.	<i>Alton Ills</i>	<i>Oct 19 1864</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Co. E Regt. 29 USCT</i>	<i>Disability</i>
2nd.	<i>Zby 28 1864</i>		*	<i>Co. Regt.</i>	
3rd.				<i>Co. Regt.</i>	

That he now receives, on pension certificate number *1078749*, a pension of *6 00* dollars a month,  
 payable the *4th* day of next *January* at the *Chicago* Pension Office.

That he owns property, real and personal, of the value of *none* dollars, and no more; that he has  
 no means of self-support other than the above named; that his trade or occupation is that of a *day laborer*

That he has (4) *a* wife; that he has *5* children now living; ages, respectfully, (5) *between 7 months*  
 years. That his postoffice address is *Castine* State of *Illinois*; that his nearest railway station  
 is *Castine*, on the *Chicago & Alton* Railway, in *Macoupin* County,  
*Ms. Tonia Tomney* of *East St Louis* County of *St. Clair*, State  
 of *Illinois*, that, in case of his death, he desires all his personal effects to be sent to *her*  
*East St Louis*, at *St. Clair* County of *Ills.*

That he has not heretofore been a member of any Soldiers', Sailors', or other Charitable Home or Institution, excepting  
 the (6) *not known*

That he is now a bona fide resident of the State of Illinois, and has continuously lived and resided in said State for the last two  
 years, or has served in an Illinois organization.

That he is so far disabled by (7) *general debility - all over my body*

as to now be incapable of earning his own living.

That he has at all times, heretofore, supported and adhered to the government of the United States of America, and that  
 he has not at any time been engaged in, or countenanced, or aided, or abetted, the cause of the late Rebellion.

That if he shall be admitted to be a member of the said Home, he will, in all things and in every respect, comply with  
 and conform to the rules and regulations made, or that shall hereafter be made, for the government and discipline of the  
 same; and that he will cheerfully do and perform any and all things that shall be required of him by those there in authority  
 over him; and that he will promptly, and willingly, obey all lawful orders that he shall receive from any officer of the Home,  
 so long as he shall remain a member thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, he has set his hand this *24th* day of *October* 190*7*

(9) *Al David* Witness. (8) *George Martin* Applicant.  
*H. David*

STATE OF ILLINOIS

County of Macoupin } SS I, Al David, a (10) Notary Public

of the town of Carlinville and for said County, do hereby certify that the above named applicant, to me personally and well known to be the identical person he represents himself to be, this day personally appeared before me, and that I then and there, at his request, plainly read to him his application aforesaid, which he then and there fully understood, and that he was, by me, thereupon duly sworn, and then and there deposed and said that he was the applicant above named, and that he was fully acquainted with matters and things stated and set forth in his said application, and that the same and each of them were true in substance and in fact as he had therein stated.

(11) George X Martin Mark Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24 day of October, A. D. 1907

Witness my hand and official seal.

[L. S.]

Al David (12) Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION.

I do hereby certify, upon honor, that I have personally known George Martin the above Applicant, for, at least, two years last passed; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained in his foregoing application are entirely true, and especially that as to the time of his residence in Illinois, or service in an Illinois organization. And I further state that he has no known mental disorder; and that he requires no special attendant; and that he can properly be allowed to go at large; and that he can safely be quartered with feeble and helpless men.

Witness my hand, (13)

Palmer Matthews M.D. (14) Physician & Surgeon

CERTIFICATE OF A LOCAL PHYSICIAN.

I hereby depose and state that I have carefully examined the above named applicant George Martin, as to his disability, and I now find that he has (15) Bright's Disease and Dropsy to such an extent as to prevent him from earning his own living. And I hereby certify that he has no known, manifest, or discoverable mental disorder; that he has no need of an attendant; that he may be properly allowed to go at large; and that he can safely be quartered with men who are old and feeble.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

24 day of October, 1907

And I certify that I am personally acquainted with said affiant Palmer Matthews, and that I know him to be a physician in active practice, and in good repute, and an honest man and a capable physician, in the community and among his fellow physicians where he lives.

Al David (16) Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF A SOLDIERS' HOME SURGEON.

I hereby certify upon honor that I carefully and critically examined George Martin the above named applicant, as to his mental and physical condition, at the Hospital of this Institution, on Tues the 29 day of Oct, 1907; and that I found him to be of a sound mind, and to be incapable of earning his living by reason of his physical disability arising from (17) Valv. Heart Disease

Witness my hand

W. B. Baker Home Hospital Surgeon.

## ORDER ADMITTING APPLICANT.

The application of the said ....., together with the said several certificates, signatures, and jurates, having been found to be duly and formally made, and the Superintendent being satisfied that the Applicant has shown himself to be lawfully entitled to admission to the Home,—it is hereby ordered that he be now duly admitted as a member thereof, this..... day of....., 190....

Superintendent.

### HOW TO FILL APPLICATION BLANKS.

0. Give full name of the Applicant.
1. Either "Mexico, the late Rebellion, or Spain."
2. Here say once, twice, or three times.
3. Here say once, twice, or three times.
4. Here say a wife or no wife.
5. Here give their ages, from youngest to oldest.
6. Here give the name of any Home or other Institution of which he has been a member.
7. Here state, *in his own words*, what it is that ails or disables him.
8. Here Applicant will sign his full name, or make his mark.
9. Here the witness will sign his name.
10. Here write "Notary Public," "Justice of the Peace," or "Clerk of Court."
11. Here Applicant will sign his *full name*, or make his mark.
12. Signature and title of Justice or Notary.
13. To be made and signed by any Judge or any County or State Court, by any Mayor, County or Circuit Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Police Magistrate, or Adjutant or Commander of any G. A. R. Post.
14. Here write official title.
15. The physician here will state tersely, but fully, as far as he can learn, *every* cause or disorder that tends in any degree to render the Applicant *incapable of earning his own living*.
16. Name and official title of Notary or Justice.
17. Here state *minutely* what disorder, ailment, disease, or cause, it is that, in your judgment, *disables the Applicant and renders him incapable of earning his own living*.

### SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT.

**Read this Carefully.**—For it will avail you nothing, when you come before the Superintendent for examination on the facts alleged by you in your application, to say that you are ignorant of what is here and herein plainly and explicitly set forth for your information:

1. Have some capable person, *who writes a fair hand*, fill all the blanks in your application.
2. Have every blank in the application properly filled, and every Certificate, except that of the Surgeon of the Home, duly made and signed, and every jurat duly executed, signed and sealed by the Clerk, Notary or Justice of the Peace making the same.
3. Send your application, so prepared, by mail or otherwise, *with your last discharge and all your pension papers* to the Superintendent of the Home. *Discharge Paper left can not be sent See agent's report*
4. On his receipt of your application, *and your last discharge*, and all your pension papers, all in due form, transportation will be sent you, and you will be ordered to report at the Home for examination by the Home Surgeon as to your disability, and for the examination by the Superintendent as to the allegations of fact made by you in your application for admission.
5. If all your statements are found to be true, and the Surgeon found you to be so far disabled as to render you incapable of earning your own living, you will then be admitted to the Home, and not otherwise.
6. If, for any reason, you are found not to be eligible for admission, you will not be admitted to the Home.
7. If you fail to be admitted, no transportation to your home will be furnished you. Therefore, you should bring sufficient money to pay your return fare.
8. When permitted to leave the Home on Furlough, or on Pass of two or more days' duration, you will be required to wear your citizen's clothing. You will not be allowed to wear Home or State Clothing, when so absent.

### TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION.

1. The law requires that you shall have served in the U. S. A. service, in the army or navy, in the war with Mexico, the late Rebellion, or the Spanish war.
2. That you shall have been honorably discharged from that service.
3. That you shall have lived and resided, *continuously* and in good faith, for the last two years, in the State of Illinois, or served in an Illinois organization.
4. That you shall have been rendered *incapable of earning your own living*, and shall now be incapable of earning your own living, through the exigencies of your military service, by reason of old age, or by means of some other present disability.
5. That you shall have *no property or other sufficient means of living*.
6. That you shall be of sane mind; that you shall not be in need of an attendant; that you shall be capable of ministering to your own personal wants; that you shall have *no contagious or infectious disease* that would render your residence in the Home dangerous to others; that you may safely be quartered with men who are feeble and incapable of self-defense.
7. No insane or demented person can be received or cared for at this Institution. The State has elsewhere provided for the care and treatment of such persons.

Superintendent.

INVENTORY of the Effects of George Martin No. 7915  
 late E Co. 29 Reg't M. S. C. T. Vols., who died  
 on the 7 day of Nov. 1907 at Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home.

ARTICLES	VALUE		HOW DISPOSED OF.
	Dolls.	Cts.	
1 valise		00	
1 coat		25	
1 overcoat		50	
1 pr. gloves		00	

*Shipped by July 21<sup>st</sup> 1908*

We certify that the above Inventory is correct, and that we have, this 9 day of June 1907, carefully examined each of the articles therein named, and have written opposite each our estimate of its value, and what disposition should, in our opinion, be made of it.

APPROVED:

Superintendent.

*J. M. Elder*  
*B. Lawson*

Board of Appraisers.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
 COUNTY OF ADAMS. } ss.

In the matter of the relationship of George Martin  
George Martin, being first duly sworn according to law,  
 deposes and says that he formerly resided at Quincy Ill,  
 that he is \_\_\_\_\_ married, that his wife, Esther Martin  
 resides at Quincy Ill, and that the names, relationship and  
 residences of all, and the relations only, of affiant who would be his heirs in the event of his death,  
 at this time, are as follows, to-wit:

NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	RESIDENCE.
<u>Mattie Johnson</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>E. M. Louis Ill</u>
<u>Edna Jones</u>	"	<u>E. M. Louis Ill</u>
<u>John Martin</u>	<u>Son</u>	" "
<u>George Martin</u>	"	" "
<u>Julia Johnson</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>E. M. Louis Ill</u>

And further affiant saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29 day of Oct

A. D. 1907

George Martin  
29 day of Oct  
Quincy Ill

7918

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Springfield, November 4th, 1907

It is hereby Certified, That it appears from the Records of this Office, that  
George Martin enlisted on the 28th day of February 1864  
at Alton, Illinois and was mustered into the service of the United States as a  
Private in Company E, 29th Regiment, Illinois V. S. C. T.  
for the period of 3 years on the 24th day of April 1864  
Age, 18 years, No further discription.  
Discharged for Disability October 19, 1864.

His residence at date of enlistment is stated as Alton, Illinois.  
This Certificate is issued at the request of J. M. Seabers Adjutant  
Soldier's Home, Quincy, Illinois.  
Thos. W. Scott  
Adjutant General of Illinois.

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SHORT WILL.

ILLINOIS SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME, QUINCY, ILL.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

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

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

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

to my daughter Fontea Townsley, East St Louis Ill

Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint Mrs Somerville Sept or his successor in office to be Execut<sup>or</sup> of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the 29 day of Oct in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred & seven

Signed) George<sup>his</sup> Martin [SEAL]

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

Signed) B A Lawson

Signed) J O Wiggins