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Pension Agent Charles J. Stees

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La Salle Ill
Dec 20 '86

Dolle, Ben.
Asks for Affidavit -
Sent one as per Copy.

Recd Dec 22 '86.
Ansd Jan 31 '87.

La Salle Ills

12/20/86

Dear Sir

In answer ^{Aug 27th} to your
last I would say make out
the paper as far you know
as for the broken futher I did
not know it at the time my
self and thought it was only
a stray & for the scar on my
head it was done by Exsetent
in the servis or you can call
it so it was done coming home
on the bars and as ^{we} you ^{we} was
blast to git hom & me & Barney
never saw the regiment after
we landed at St Paul & as you
know that we where all sick and
with fever a gun and God knows of
what els. Laying in the boarding

House and when we got
interested and as soon as
I was able I came home to my
folks and lay here, over ~~two~~ two
years Doctoring, be for I, was
able to do work of any kind
I also can get all the power
here that knows me. if for since
^{I came here} that I have not been able to
do any work more than about 9
months work out of one year, and
of last 7 or 8 years I have not
been able to do that, and my
friends advise me to ask for
a Pension or make an applica-
tion for one now all I ask of
you and my comarads to do is
to give me as near as you can
with out steaming your self as
good and as near as you can
to recommend, for Pension and as
soon as possible send me my papers

And I will be ever
so much obliged to you and
my Comarads.

Give my best
Regards to all that you will see
& tell Jim & Loue that if I can
make the travel I shall come &
see them and stay a little longer

Yours Respc.
Ben Doll

comarad

OFFICE OF

BENEDICT DOLL,

—MANUFACTURER OF—

All Kinds of Mineral Spring Waters,

Also Soda, Champagne, Cider, Selter, in Jugs and Siphons.

La Salle, Ill.,

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Captain Chas J Steus

Dear Sir,

I am once more able to write to you since I left St Paul I have been lay up ever since with my Rheumatism so I could not use my hand or feet I have been at the hot springs & just got back, a little better. I here by send you my Papers and be so kind and do the best that you know how and try and get them dinged as soon as possible and what ever your trouble be let me know and shall see that all be wright, Please dont De lay if you can help as all this that woud be for the Examining board have cot there Pension with out trouble.

We are going to have a regouman here this next month in hobs you be here and have a good time please admet to this for me & oblige
Yours Best
Ben^d Doll

La Salle, Ill.
Dec. 20th 1886.

Doll, Benedict.

Write for an affidavit for
Pension Claim.

Forward him the same Jan 31.87.

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES
 CERTIFICATE
 OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.



Private Benedict Dolle of Captain *Charles J. Stees* Company, (*4*) of the *Sixth Infantry* Regiment of United States *Minnesota Vols* was enlisted by *Capt. G. W. Keith Jr. Mar.* of the *Minnesota* Regiment of *Saint Paul Minn.* at *Saint Paul Minn.* on the *twenty sixth* day of *February*, 186*4*, to serve *three* years; he was born in *Germany* in the State of *Germany*, is *eighteen* years of age, *five* feet *eight 1/2* inches high, *Aurid* complexion, *hazel* eyes *Brown* hair, and by occupation when enlisted a *Laborer*.

During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for duty *61* days.* *Private Dolle contracted Malarial Disease while doing his duty with his Regt. in Helena Ark. July 1864. He has been in Hospital most of the time since & is now suffering from Dysentery and is in my opinion physically incapable of doing the duties of a soldier on account of disease contracted in the service & believe he cannot live two months in this climate*

STATION: *In the field Alabama*

DATE: *June 2^d 1865*

Chas. J. Stees Capt.
6th Minn. Inftry Vols.
 Commanding Company.

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said *Private Benedict Dolle* of Captain *Charles J. Stees* Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of *repeated relapses of jaundice and Remittent Fever and consequent debility and that in my opinion he will not be fit for duty during his term of service and is wholly unfit for service.*

DISCHARGED, this _____ day of _____

 Commanding the Reg't

The Soldier desires to be addressed at

Town *Peru* County *Lasalle* State *Illinois*

* See Note 1 on the back of this.

† See Note 2 on the back of this.

NOTE 1.

The company commander will here add a statement of all the facts known to him concerning the disease or wound, or cause of disability of the soldier; the time, place, manner, and all the circumstances under which the injury occurred, or disease originated or appeared; the duty, or service, or situation of the soldier at the time the injury was received or disease contracted, stating particularly whether the injury was received or the disease contracted in the line of his duty; and whatever other facts may aid a judgment as to the cause, immediate or remote, of the disability, and the circumstances attending it.

When the facts are not known to the company commander, the certificate of any officer, or affidavit of other person having such knowledge, will be appended—as the surgeon in charge of a hospital, the officer commanding a detachment of recruits, &c., &c.

NOTE 2.

When a probable case for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability—as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, &c., &c.; to describe particularly the disability, wound, or disease; the extent to which it deprives him of the use of any limb or faculty, or affects his health, strength, activity, constitution, or capacity to labor or earn his subsistence. The surgeon will add, from his knowledge of the facts and circumstances, and from the evidence in the case, his professional opinion of the cause or origin of the disability. In the case of discharges by Medical Inspectors, the last paragraph will state that the "discharge was given by consent of the soldier, after a personal examination, and for disability, the nature, degree, and origin of which are correctly described in the within certificate."

Par. 1260 Regulations, Edit. 1861.

Medical officers, in giving certificates of disability, are to take particular care in all cases that have not been under their charge; and especially in epilepsy, convulsions, chronic rheumatism, derangement of the urinary organs, ophthalmia, ulcers, or any obscure disease liable to be feigned or purposely produced; and in no case shall such certificate be given until after sufficient time and examination to detect any attempt at deception.

DIRECTIONS.

This certificate will be made out in duplicate by the soldier's company commander, or other officer commanding the separate detachment to which he belongs, and sent by him to the surgeon who has charge of the hospital where the soldier is sick. The surgeon will then fill out and sign the surgeon's certificate, and forward these papers to the regimental, detachment, or post commander, who will forward them, with his action endorsed thereon, through the proper channel, to his division commander; or, if the troops are not attached to a division, to his corps, department, or other commander or officer to whom the authority to discharge enlisted men may be specially delegated.

These certificates, after having received the action of the highest authority to which they are required to be sent, will be returned through the same channel to the regimental, post, or detachment commander, who will, if the discharge is authorized by the endorsement of the proper authority, sign the soldier's discharge, and the last certificate on this paper; see that the soldier is furnished with the proper final statements in duplicate, and forward BOTH of these certificates direct to the Adjutant General United States Army, at Washington, D. C.; they will not, under any circumstances, be given into the hands of the soldier.

Copy.

CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE

IN THE CASE OF

Benedict Dolle
 a Private Co. G
6th Infantry Reg't of Minnesota Vol.

Copy.

Respectfully returned to Capt
 Chas J Stees, without action after
 being signed by me, with the state-
 ment that the movement to discharge
 man from the Regt for cause
 stated was not approved by Comd'g
 officer of the Regt

(Signed) Obt Col
W P Belden
 Surgeon 6th Regt Inf

Copy.

Original forwarded to Dolle
 Jan 31 '87 with affidavit for
 Pension by Chas. J. Stees, late
 Capt. Co. G. 6th Minn. Vol. Inftry

Received (A. G. Office) _____, 186 .

Copy.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Minnesota, County of Ramsey, ss.

In the matter of ^{Pension} claim of Benedict Doll, private of Co "G" 6th
Regiment Minnesota Infantry

ON THIS 31st day of January A. D. 1887 personally appeared before me, a

Clerk of the Court Dick Bell in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths,

Charles J. Stees age 52 years, a resident of St Paul,

in the County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota

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 ^{captain} in command of said Co G in which Ben Doll was private &

[Note. Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.]

While camped at Helena Ark in low damp ground
overflooded every spring & full - malaria -
Fever & Ague, chronic diarrhoea,
which no doubt produced Rheumatism or
Rheumatism was result of such exposure

Can certify to these facts for the reason that
all - nearly all - the entire Company (G) was
down on their backs & in Hospital - were
so prostrated & we lost or buried so many
men there or who died after returning home
soon after that it left an indelible
impression upon my mind at the time
never to be obliterated & that Private Ben Doll
was one of the worst prostrated & emaciated
These facts are from memory - have no records
& refer to -

Have not seen Doll since mustered out in 1865 until
about 6 mos ago & he appears as a walking wick or skeleton
of his former self when enlisted -

His Post Office address is St Paul Minn.

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

Chas. J. Stees.

[Signature of affiant.]

[If affiant signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.]

Return all evidence direct to JOS. H. HUMMER.

State of _____ County of _____ SS:

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant including the words _____ erased, and the words _____ added and acquainted _____ with its contents before _____ executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant _____ personally known to me, and that _____ credible person.

[L. S.] _____ [Official Signature.]

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 _____, 188 _____

[L. S.] _____ Clerk of the _____

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. if before a JUSTICE or NOTARY then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, unless said JUSTICE or NOTARY has his CERTIFICATE on file in Pension Department.

Copy.

No. _____

General Affidavit.

CLAIM OF

Benedict-Galle

Late *Private*, Co. *9*
6th Reg't, *Miss. Inf.* Vols.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Chas. J. Steer
Capt. Co. "B" 6th Minn. Inf.
St. Paul, Minn.

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