

Also personally appear Isaiah Turner, residing at 33 Commerce St Baltimore, and George Heath, residing at Plum Alley Baltimore, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Couch Waters (Name of Claimant.) the claimant 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) Isaiah Turner
 (2) George Heath
 (Signatures of witnesses to identity of applicant.)

Two witnesses to signatures of identifying witnesses sign here, when either of them signs by mark:
 (1) J. B. Guithere
 (2) Peter Stevens

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 9 day of July, A. D. 1886; 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 thereto, including the words _____ (If any words have been erased in the application, enter them here.) _____, erased, and the words _____ (If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.) _____, added;

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and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

J. B. Guithere
 Deputy Clerk Superior Court
 (Official character.)

THE OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS DECLARATION IS EXECUTED MUST BE SURE AND NOTE IN HIS CERTIFICATE ALL ERASURES AND INTERLINEATIONS, AS INDICATED ABOVE.
 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 holden, upon being notified of the fact I will endeavor to have a suitable person designated, under an authority given to the Commissioner of Pensions for that purpose, before whom the declaration may be made.

As this 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 of political and military distinction and widely know throughout the United States:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
 WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1, 1870.
 We, the undersigned, having an acquaintance with Captain GEORGE E. LEMON for the past few years, and a knowledge of the systematic manner in which he conducts his extensive business, and of his reliability for fair and honorable dealing connected therewith, cheerfully commend him to claimants generally.

A. V. RICE,
 Chairman, Committee on Invalid Pensions, House Reps.
 W. F. SLEMONS, Member of Congress,
 Second Congressional District of Ark.
 W. P. LYNDE, Member of Congress,
 Fourth Congressional District of Wis.
 R. W. TOWNSHEND, Member of Congress,
 Nineteenth Congressional District of Ill.

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. HURLEBUT, Member of Congress,
 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, Member of Congress,
 Fifteenth Congressional District of Ohio.
 JAS. D. STRAWBRIDGE, Member of Congress,
 Thirtieth Congressional District of Penn.

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 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.

I REQUEST POSTAL STAMPS FOR REPLIES AND FOR RETURN OF PAPER.

PENSION CLAIM OFFICE
 ORIGINAL
 CLAIM FOR PENSION OFFICE
 JUL 17 1886
 INVALID.

Couch Waters Applicant.
Co. "A" 19th Regt.
U.S. Vols
Enlisted 26th Mar., 1863
Discharged 15th Nov. 1867

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