

State of Kansas, County of Douglas ss:

In the matter of application for pension of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Alfred W. Benson, U. S. Volunteer late 1st Sergeant Company H, 2nd Art, 1st Regt, & Captain 1st, and Major, 15th Regt, New York Volunteer Infantry

ON THIS fourteenth day of January A. D. 1891 personally appeared before me a clerk of the district court in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths.

H. Seymour Hall aged fifty-five years, a resident of Lawrence, in the County of Douglas and State of Kansas

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

affiant has been acquainted with the claimant, said Colonel A. W. Benson, about two and one half years; has seen him frequently since that acquaintance began; has often observed that claimant became very nervous, and appeared to be very much exhausted physically, after short periods of time, while presiding as judge of the District Court of Douglas County, at Lawrence, Kansas, during these two and one half years.

NOTE. - Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they certify. Affiant has often talked with Colonel Benson's friends, and stated to them his observation of the physical weakness manifested by claimant after slight exertion, and affiant is satisfied, from his own personal observations in other places, as well as in the court room, that claimant, said Colonel A. W. Benson, is totally disabled from the performance of manual labor.

Affiant was intimately acquainted with the late General James Shields for the last five or six years of his life, and was in charge as chief Marshal of the obsequies of General Shields at Carrollton, Missouri June 7th 1879; as affiant is informed and believes, the wound which General James Shields received in the Mexican war, at Cerro Gordo, and the wound received by Colonel A. W. Benson at Chancellorsville Va., were very much alike in their character. Having known both gentlemen personally, affiant states that the appearance of disability is much more marked in the case of Colonel Benson.

Colonel Benson's habits and moral character are above reproach. In the highest and best sense, his character is that of a cultured, consistent Christian gentleman who gave the best of his life and strength to the service of his Country when she most needed both.

His Post Office address is No 1025 Tennessee Street, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas

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

H. Seymour Hall

If Affiant sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.

Signature of Affiants.

State of Kansas, County of Douglas 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.....

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added and acquainted him with its contents before I executed the same. I

further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in the prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that he is a credible person,

L. S.

Ella Barbeau
Official signature.

Deputy Clerk District Court.
Official Character.

....., Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that....., Esq., who hath

signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was at the time of so doing.....

..... 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 thereunto 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 hercon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

No.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CLAIM OF

Robert Livingston Tolson, Attorney General, U.S. No. 6

State of Missouri, 15th Regiment, New York, 1861-62

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AFFIDAVIT OF

Dr. Eugene Hoell

Lawrence Kansas