

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF

TOWN OF

New York



Beaumont

I, *James Souhan* born in *July 18*
in the State of _____ aged *thirty five* years,
and by occupation a *Summer* Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have
volunteered this *twenty third* day of *October* 1863,
to serve as a Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, for the
period of THREE YEARS unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do
also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations and clothing, as are, or may be,
established by law for volunteers. And I, *James Souhan* do
solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United
States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully
against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and
obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the
officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at *Scheneca Falls N.Y.*

this *23* day of *December* 1863,

BEFORE *Horace A. Palmer*
Justice of the Peace

James Souhan

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above-named Volunteer, agreeably
to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and
mental infirmity, which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

Wm Davis 24 Dist N.Y.
EXAMINING SURGEON

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer,
previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judg-
ment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of
an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service. This
soldier has *Blue* eyes, *Light Brown* hair, *Light* complexion, is *five* feet,
five inches high.

Wm Davis
Regimental Surgeon,
RECRUITING OFFICER.
24 Dist N.Y.

(A. G. O. No. 74 & 76.)

the
24 day of *December* 1863, at *Beaumont N.Y.*

*McLaughlin 2nd
Recruiting Dept
Scheneca Falls N.Y.*

16 Regiment of *N.Y. Cavalry* Volunteers, on

*McLaughlin 2nd
Capt & Co. N.Y.*

WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR PENSION.

State of New York }
County of Seneca } ss.

ON THIS 9th day of July, 1887, personally appeared before me, a Clerk of a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid, Mrs. Ann Souhan a resident of Seneca Falls in the County of Seneca and State of New York aged 50 years, who being duly sworn, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the Pension provided by the Act of Congress approved **July 14, 1862**. That she is the widow of James Souhan who was a private in Company 1st commanded by Capt. Dudley in the 16th Regiment of New York Heavy Artillery in the War of 1861; that her maiden name was Ann Carney and that she was married to said James Souhan on or about the 8th day of June 1861, at Seneca Falls in the County of Seneca and State of New York by a Catholic Priest and that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage.

SHE FURTHER DECLARES that said James Souhan her husband, died at Seneca Falls, Seneca Co. in the State of New York on or about the 29th day of August, 1855 of Bright disease of kidneys and dropsy contracted while in service of United States during the late war. She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said James Souhan and that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints J. H. Mansel of Washington as her lawful Attorney, with power of substitution, and authorizes them to present and prosecute this claim. The following the name, date of birth, and place of residence of all the children of her deceased husband who were under sixteen years of age at the time of his death.

My Post Office address is Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., New York

If mark is made, two witnesses who write sign here.
Mary Souhan
Maggie Mansel
Ann X Souhan (Signature of Claimant.)

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SHE FURTHER DECLARES that said James Souhan her husband, died at Seneca Falls, Seneca Co. in the State of New York, on or about the 29th day of August, 1885, of Bright disease of kidneys and dropsy contracted while in service of United States during the late war. She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said James Souhan and that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints W. H. Kessen of Washington as her lawful Attorneys, with power of substitution, and authorizes them to present and prosecute this claim. The following the name, date of birth, and place of residence of all the children of her deceased husband who were under sixteen years of age at the time of his death

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ALSO PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Mary Souhan and Maggie Mansel residents of Seneca Falls County, and State of New York to me well known as credible persons, who being duly sworn, declare, that they were present and saw said Mrs. Ann Souhan

sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said applicant, and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and know that said deceased recognized said applicant as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the community in which they resided; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Mary Souhan
Maggie Mansel
Signatures of Witnesses

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Goulet on roll card

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PENSIONER DROPPED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

JUN 24 1914, 191

Certificate No. 245 018

Class WIDOW

Pensioner Ann Souham

Soldier James

Service L 16 NY Vol HA

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the name of
the above-described pensioner who was last
paid at \$ 12=, to APR 4 1914

has this day been dropped from the roll be-
cause of death, May 10 1914

725 S Elmwood Ave
Oak Park Ill

Very respectfully,

W. McLaughlin

Chief, Finance Division.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at
once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date
of death when known.

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PLATE DESTROYED

Check No. 4930 872 Dated July 4 Canceled

In the matter of the claim
of James Souhan late Co. L
16th N.Y. H Art. for Invalid
Pension, No. 454978

State of New York
County of Seneca

William W. Huff being duly sworn says that he is aged forty nine years and resides in the Village of Seneca Falls, N.Y. and that his occupation is that of farming and a day laborer.

That for a number of years prior to June 8th 1861 he resided in the Village of Canoga and town of Fayette Seneca Co. N.Y. and that James Souhan late of Co. L 16th N.Y. H Art. for several years prior to June 8th 1861 resided in the same town with deponent and that deponent then knew the said James Souhan well and intimately and that said James Souhan was then a single man and unmarried. That deponent also knew Ann Souhan (the widow of said James Souhan) and whose maiden name was Caveny for about a year and a half prior to June 8th 1861 and that she then resided for a time in the Village of Canoga aforesaid and during a part of said time she resided about one mile from deponents home in the said village of Canoga and that her occupation was that of a domestic or hand(?) servant and that she was then unmarried.

That about the month of June 1861 and while the said James Souhan was working on the farm of Andrew Bla??? a short distance from said village of Canoga and while the said Ann Caveny was working was working (sic) as a domestic on the farm of Cyrus Ga??? about a mile and a half from said village of Canoga this deponent heard of the marriage between said James Souhan and Ann Caveny. That in the fall of the year 1861 the said James Souhan and Ann Souhan moved into the Village of Canoga and began housekeeping and where they continued to reside until the spring of 1884 when they removed with their family to the village of Seneca Falls four miles distant. That deponent saw the said James Souhan from the time he began housekeeping with his wife as aforesaid, almost daily and sometimes several times a day until the time deponent enlisted as a private in Co. A 148 Regt, N.Y. in Aug. 1862

That this deponent was honorably discharged from the service in 1865 and returned to his home in the Village of Canoga aforesaid when he continued to reside until the Fall of 1883 when deponent and his family removed to the village of Seneca Falls aforesaid. That deponent has frequently worked with the said James Souhan in doing farm labor from the year 1860 until the date of deponents enlistment as aforesaid and from the date of deponents discharge from the service in 1865 until the Spring of 1884.

That deponent has worked with said James Souhan frequently in such year from the fall of 1865 to the Spring of 1884 and deponent has in each of said years heard the same James Souhan complain of sickness from chronic diarrhea and by(?) reason the(?) from the said James Souhan was unable to perform manual labor for at least one fourth of the time in each and every year from the Fall of 1865 to the Spring of 1884 when the said James Souhan moved to the Village of Secenca Falls. That from the Spring of 1884 to the death of said James Souhan in 1885 this deponent did not see him on an average more than two or three times in each week, but deponent was informed at the times by him and for about one year prior to his death that he was unable to perform much of any manual labor and deponent very believes that said James Souhan never recovered from chronic diarrhoea from which this deponent knew him to be afflicted. That this deponent never knew and never has heard it reported or intimated that the said James Souhan or Ann Souhan his wife prior to their marriage and co-habitation as aforesaid had ever before been married and deponent very believes that prior to their said marriage they were both single persons. That deponent acquaintance with them and each of them was such that he would mostly likely have known if they had not then been single, and if there had then been any legal bar or disability to their said marriage deponent would have heard of it.

That said James Souhan and Ann Souhan from the time of their said marriage in 1861 lived and co-habited together as man and wife until the death of said James Souhan in Aug. 1885.

That said James Souhan prior to the time of his enlistment in the service was apparently in good health and deponent had never heard him complain of his health. Deponent further declares that he has no interest in the result of this claim and makes this statement without any compensation whatsoever.

William W Huff (signature)

State of New York
County of Seneca

Be it remembered that on the 31st day of October 1886 before the sub??? notary public personally came William W. Huff to me personally known to be the same person mentioned in and who executed the foregoing instrument and made oath to the same and I do further certify that I read over to the said affiant the foregoing deposition and fully acquainted him with the contents therein before he executed and made oath to the same ???. I do further certify that the said William W. Huff is a credible person and worthy of full credence and I think have no interest in the ??? of this claim.

George W. ???
Notary Public

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ICE,

Washington, Oct. 27, 1883.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

James Lou Law, a Private of Company L,
 16 Regiment N. Y. Hy Arty Volunteers, was enrolled on the
 29 day of Dec, 1862, at Fayette, for 3 yrs,
 and is reported on Co roll from Muster-in
 (Jan'y 26. '64) to Feb'y 29, '64 present and same
 to June 20. '65 Mustered out with
 Co Aug 21. '65 at Washington, D. C.
 Returns for Jan'y, Mar, July, Sept &
 Nov '64 do not report him absent or
 sick. Return for May '64 incomplete
 No Evidence of alleged Disability.
 Regimental Hospital Records are
 not on file

SMB

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WJ

[Signature]

W. Paul
 Assistant Adjutant General.

No. 5.