

## Iowan John Sivell Jr.'s Volunteer Enlistment Form during the Civil War, October 9, 1862

### VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

State of Iowa

Town of Farmington.

I, John Sivil, born in Lincolnshire, England, age 55 years, and by occupation a boot and shoe maker. DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have volunteered this ninth day of October, 1862 to serve as a SOLDIER in the Army of the United States of America, for the period of Three Years, unless sooner by proper authority: Do agree to such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be established by law by for volunteers. And I, John Sivil, do solemnly swear, that I will bear true and faithful allegiance to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all of 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.

John Sivel (signature)

Sworn and subscribed to at Muscatine  
this second day of October 1862  
Before Henry Swan 2nd Lieut and  
Mustering Officer

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.

(Illegible signature) Examining Surgeon

I Certify, On Honor, That I have inspected the volunteer, John Sivil, previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, that 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 in this case.

This soldier has hazel eyes, mixed hair, florid complexion, is 5 feet 4 1/2 inches high.

37th Regiment of Iowa Inf. Volunteers.  
Henry Swan  
Second Lieutenant and Mustering Officer.