

DOCUMENT 30 – PETITION OF A. C. BREDELL FOR RELIEF

May 9, 1855

TRANSCRIPTION

The petitioner has during the last Six years served the City of Chicago as Keeper of the Smallpox hospital and Pest house, very laborious and tiresome work at the small salary of \$12⁰⁰ per month.

Having had, and still having a large family to support, I have been unable to save, even with the strictest economy, a single dollar; and am now, on my being discharged from the place that has hitherto supplied my wife and children with bread, totally destitute.

I therefore petition my fellow citizens, and particularly those City officers, on whom fortune has smiled more than on me, and to whose lot more remuneration and honorable offices have fallen, and whose hearts can feel compassion for a poor old man, to assist me, in order to enable me to go to my friends, where I may be able to procure a livelihood for the few remaining days of my old age. I am an old man, having nearly run the time of three score and ten allotted to man. And may heavens blessing rest of the heads of those Christians that will help my old wife and my children, and do their share to Keep them out of the poorhouse which must otherwise

be their lot and mine.

Chicago, May 9th 55

A C Brendell