

# PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—This affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions should be carefully observed before writing out the statement. All the facts in possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be fully set forth, and the dates of treatment should be specifically given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ SS:

In the Pension Claim No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

late of \_\_\_\_\_  
Company and regiment of service, if in the army, or vessel and rank, if in the navy.

NOTES.  
THE PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT MUST SHOW THE FOLLOWING FACTS:  
1st. Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment; the length of time he has known him; how intimately and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition whether as his family physician or as a neighbor; and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment he should so state, adding, if true, that if he had been unwell he would have known it.  
2d. If he treated claimant while in the service either as his regular or part-time surgeon, while claimant was home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such time should be clearly shown, as well as the nature of disability and dates of treatment.  
3d. If he has treated soldier since discharged he should so state giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates, as near as possible, of the prescriptions.  
4th. The extent or degree to which claimant has been unable to perform manual labor during each year, from discharge to the present time.

Personally came before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid City and State of Maryland a citizen of Baltimore in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Maryland well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a regular practising physician of 30 years standing, and has given medical advice and treatment to Benj. B. Smith as follows:

[These embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with marginal instructions. No erasures or interlineations will be permitted unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.]

Benj. B. Smith, Colored, makes the following statement to me: "In 1863 I enlisted, - at Camp Belger - for a three years service in the Army. - I was then in my 23<sup>rd</sup> year - was perfectly healthy & had earned my living on a farm as a 'Truck Gardener' - I served until the close of the war & received an honorable discharge. The expense incident to Army-life, and the severe labor imposed, in carrying heavy logs for a Corduroy road then being made near Richmond Va. so disabled me that I have since been unable to follow my former business and now earn but a scanty living as janitor of a few law offices." I have never before known nor have I ever attended this man; but from a careful examination am inclined to believe his statements. The "left shoulder" is much lower than the right, and the left hip, somewhat swollen, and near it, enlargement of Lymphatic Glands exist for which I can find no cause, other than the trouble of which he complains.

Wm. M. Eastman, M.D.

Eng. Lexington St.,  
Baltimore, Md., Aug. 26, 1886.