

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 Maryland County of Baltimore 55:

In the Pension Claim No. 409899 of Benjamin B. Smith
late of Company K 1st Regiment M. I. C.
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 unsound he would have known it.
2d. If he treated claimant while in the service either as his regimental surgeon or while claimant was home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown, as well as the NATURE of his 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 J. A. Shurtz of the County of Baltimore and for the aforesaid county and State Baltimore a citizen of Baltimore in the county of Baltimore 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 20 years standing, and has given medical advice and treatment to B. B. Smith 13 years as follows: for injury in his shoulders and left hip

[Here 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.]

J. A. Shurtz M.D.

I did not know this soldier prior to his enlistment & have known him 15 years & have been his family Physician 13 years Feb 11 I commenced to attend Benjamin B. Smith some time in the year 1872 for injury of his shoulders and hip he never been able to do manual labor since the time I have known him to the present time