

*South* Div.  
*Pat.* Ex'r.

[3-474.]

State:

INVALID.—Continuance of Disability.

*U.S.C.*

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., *Jan. 9*, 189*1*.

SIR:

In the claim for *orig. invalid* pension No. *409898*, of *Benjamin*  
*B. Smith*, of Co. *F*, *4* Reg't *U.S.C. Inf*, the

testimony indicated in paragraph No. *11* should be furnished—

**CIRCULAR CALL NO. 11.** The testimony of physicians who have attended him since the date of his discharge from the service, showing the history and degree of the disability from alleged *injuries to back, left hip and shoulders* during each year, the dates and duration of all treatment administered, and a full description of the disability in all its phases.

It is especially important that the physician who first attended the claimant after his discharge from the service should state the date at which his attendance commenced and his condition at

that time, especially if he then suffered from *effects of alleged injuries*.  
(The affidavit should be, as far as practicable, in the language and handwriting of the physician.)

**CIRCULAR CALL NO. 12.** If the claimant cannot furnish the *medical testimony* indicated in preceding Call, he should state the fact and reasons under oath, and there should be furnished that of persons by whom he was employed, fellow workmen, or neighbors, showing what his physical condition was at the date of their first acquaintance, and what it has been each year since to the present time, and especially to what extent he has been incapacitated for obtaining subsistence by manual labor in consequence of *result of said injuries*.

The statement of the witnesses in regard to the manner in which the claimant was affected should be full and definite, and relate especially the symptoms observed, in order that the medical officer may be enabled from such description of symptoms to determine the nature and character of the disability; and they should show how they obtained a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

Each witness should state his post-office address.

The credibility of witnesses and all erasures and interlineations in testimony must be certified to by the officer before whom the affidavit is executed, who may be any person authorized to administer oaths, his official character and signature being certified to under the seal of the proper officer.

This circular should be returned with your reply, and have evidence properly filed and state "in reply to call 11," or 12, as may be.

Very respectfully,

*Allen J. Quator*  
*Gen. B. Raum*  
First Deputy Commissioner.

*Benjamin B. Smith*  
*Baltimore,*  
*Md.*