

appeared George Covington and Dennis Nutter
 residents of the (3) City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland,
 persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me
 duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Francis J. Myers (11)
make (12) his mark to the foregoing declaration; and they further
 swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with him,
 that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they further swear that they reside as above stated, and
 that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

If the witnesses, or
 either of them, make their
 mark, let two persons
 who can write their
 names attest the signa-
 tures. The Officer ad-
 ministering the oath
 cannot be one of the at-
 tending parties.

ATTEST:
Saml. S. Davis
R. T. Covington

TWO WITNESSES

George Covington
Dennis Nutter

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1872, and I
 hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. I further certify that the
 foregoing declaration and joint affidavit were read over to and understood by the respective parties before they made
 their several signatures to the same.

J. B. Guther Deputy
 Clerk Superior Court
Baltimore

NOTE.—If the Clerk of the Court (Deputy will not answer) takes the declaration and affidavit instead of the Judge, he signs
 the foregoing certificate, and places the seal of the Court thereto, and the following certificate then goes unauthenticated; but if the
 Judge administers the oaths, he signs the said certificate, and then the Clerk himself authenticates the certificate hereto following:
 This Certificate should be authenticated by the Clerk himself.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE.

State of }
 County of } SS.

I, Clerk of the
 Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that
 before whom the foregoing Invalid Pension Declaration and joint affidavit were made, and who has
 thereunto signed his name, was, at the time of so doing, a Judge of the
 Court in and for the County and State above-named, duly elected, qualified and sworn; that all his official acts as such are entitled
 to full faith and credit, and that his signature, as it above appears, is genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of Court at office in
 this day A. D. 18

..... CLERK
 COURT.

[L. S.]

REMARKS.—In case the Deputy authenticates the Clerk's certificate, evidence may be required to show that the Deputy
 is duly appointed and authorized by law to sign the Clerk's name and use the seal of the Court—therefore, it is better to have the
 Clerk's own individual authentication at once, and thus save the trouble and expense of a general authentication certificate respecting
 the Deputy, which might be required if the papers were authenticated by him instead of the Clerk.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. "Judge," or "Clerk."
2. "Name of the Court."
3. "City," "Town," "Corporation," or "County," as the case may be.
4. "Volunteered," or "Enlisted," as the case may be.
5. "Cavalry," "Infantry," or "Artillery," "Volunteers of (here give State) naming the troops as indicated according to the corps to which they belong. If of the regular service, in place of foregoing, add: "United States Infantry," "Cavalry," or "Artillery," as the case may be.
6. Here give a particular and minute description of the wound or disability, stating when, where, and how it was incurred, and how it affects the applicant at this time.
7. "Compulsory idleness from physical incapacity to perform manual labor," if such be the fact; if not, then state what kind of labor he has performed, and whether of very light character or otherwise.
8. Here state the occupation, trade, or profession, which the applicant was engaged in.
9. Here insert "one-fourth," "one-third," "one-half," "two-thirds," "three-fourths," or "totally," as the case may be.
10. "House No. on street, between and streets, in the city of in the County and State aforesaid," or if on the other hand, the applicant resides in the country instead of the city, in place of the foregoing, say: "on the wagon (or rail) road leading from to about miles from the County seat of, County, State above named."
11. "Sign," or "make."
12. "Name," or "mark," as the case may be.

DECLARATION
 FOR AN
INVALID PENSION.

ACT OF A. D. 18

Francis J. Myers Applicant,
 Late a Private, Co. "A"
 of the 9th Regiment of U.S.
Colored Troops

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