

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of Employers or Near Neighbors of Soldier, (other than relatives), who have known him since his discharge and return from the army.

INSTRUCTIONS—Read Carefully.

The witnesses must state :

1. Their respective ages and occupation; the length of time they have known the soldier, and in what year or years of the said period they have employed, worked with or for him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him, and how near to him.

2. If they knew him before his enlistment, what his physical condition was at that time, and whether he was then sound and free from disability, and especially that for which pension is claimed.

3d. If they have employed or worked with him since his return from the Army, they should state where it was, and at what business, or if they have known him as neighbors only, they should state about what distance from him they lived; how frequently, on an average each week, month, or year, they saw him and conversed with him and how intimate they were with him during this time, and from what disease or disability he has suffered during all the time they employed him, worked with him, or lived near him, and how severely; whether at any time during this period he was obliged to stop work, was confined to his bed or house, or was wholly unable to do any manual labor because of his alleged disabilities, and give dates as near as recollected when such attacks occurred, how long they lasted, and how severe they were. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound able-bodied man's work he was able to do—whether $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, as the case may have been; what his actual earnings were, and whether or not the wages paid him were less in amount, and how much less, on account of his inability to labor, than were paid to others, physically sound and doing the same kind of work. They should also state how they are able to say what his disabilities have been and are now, and they should describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in this case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully during each year of their acquaintance with him.

State of Maryland County of Queen Anne's ss.

In the matter of Pension claim
of James Taylor Co R 39 Reg U S C T

ON THIS 30 day of April A. D. 1897, personally appeared before me a

Justice of the Peace Henry Dyres in and for the said County, duly authorized to administer oaths,

Henry Dyres aged 55 years, a resident of Centerville

in the County of Queen Anne's and State of Md

whose Post Office address is Centerville Md and

Charles Chamblain aged 47 years, a resident of Centerville

in the County of Queen Anne's and State of Maryland

whose Post Office address is Centerville Md

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in

relation to aforesaid case as follows: That they have been well and personally acquainted with

James Taylor for 40 years and 40 years respectively, and that

Henry Dyres lived in Centerville when

James Taylor was discharged and returned

home he was married in 1866 and I lived a

very near neighbor to him and I know

he suffered with rheumatism just about

that time and continues to suffer increas-

ing in its effects so much so he is ren-

dered at times entirely helpless. So much

so now he is not able to do half work

of Charles Chamblain saw James

Taylor soon after my discharge in 1867

we have within two hundred yards apart

ever since. He has been suffering from

gout ever since at periods of

spells which have been increasing

and getting worse each year, until

now he is made almost helpless

at times with it. He is not able