

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 } SS.

Certificate 194780
In the Pension Claim No.

of Benj Adams late of

Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank, if the navy.

Personally came before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid
(Official character of magistrate.)

City and State a citizen of Baltimore

in the County of X X X 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 practising physician, and that he has been acquainted with said Soldier for about thirty years, and that

(Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures

or interlineations will be permitted unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)

NOTES.

The Physician's Affidavit should 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 had he 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 discharge he should so state, giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with a 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 to which claimant has been able to perform manual labor since discharge.

This man Ben. Adams came under my care professionally, in the year 1869, and I have attended him from time to time every year since, to the present. He had then (1869) a Hernia for which he was obliged to wear a truss all the time. Afterward the truss closed - but left the wall so weak that even now he cannot do any kind of manual labor without the truss, thus the rupture has caused and still causes him to be incapable of living by work. He had at that time (1869) and has had from time to time ever since - Rheumatism - the result of exposure and hardship - which totally disabled him for weeks at a time. My acquaintance with him began in 1869 - and I have lived within a few blocks of his home ever since.

