

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS or NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier, (other than relatives) who have known him before his enlistment, or since his discharge and return from the army.

INSTRUCTIONS—READ CAREFULLY.

The witnesses must state:

1st. 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.

2d. 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.

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; 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 $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, or 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 his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully during each year of their acquaintance with him.

State of Maryland, County of Baltimore, ss.

In the matter of George Chambers late principal Musician
of 19th Regiment United States Colored Troops

ON THIS 4th day of September A. D. 1883; personally appeared before me a

Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
William Kell (9) 19th U.S.C.T. aged 38 years, a resident of Baltimore City

in the County of Baltimore and State of Maryland

whose Post Office address is 40 Diamond Street near Saratoga Street and

aged _____ years, a resident of _____

in the County of _____ and State of _____

whose Post Office address is _____

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case

as follows: That they have been well and personally acquainted with George Chambers

for 19 years, and _____ years respectively, and that I was in the same Regiment

with said Chambers and belonged to the same Band of which Chambers
was the leader & I played the (E flat alto) We were in Camp and
was at the Sutters tent to purchase some goods called rations soon after this there was
an outcry & I saw Chambers had been cut in the right wrist & he had his arm
wound up and he had to carry his arm in a sling for some weeks from this fact
Chambers could not carry his Bugle, & he had to carry his Bugle in the left hand
was the reason he did not go to the Hospital & he was excused from duty by the
Doctor—as I was only required to give my orders being the principal Musician
This assault happened about the early part of July in the year
1864 and in front of Petersburg—V.A. I have constantly heard
Chambers complain of the effects of this injury—I can further say
that I am of the decided opinion that said Chambers is
a man of good reputation & worthy of belief—and that I have
no interest of any kind direct or remote in the final
success of this Pension I further know the fact that after the
Petersburg battle I frequently heard the "Boys" that is the Soldiers
laugh at Chambers on account of his bad hearing & I knew
personally that said Chambers' hearing is bad.
I was a Private in Company (G) 19th U.S.C. Troops.