

# 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.

State of Maryland, County of Baltimore, ss:

In the matter of the application for pension of.....

ON THIS 8th day of February A. D. 1890, personally appeared before me a

Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

Henry Seal aged 28 years, a resident of Baltimore

in the County of city and State of Maryland

whose Post Office address is 1118 Hull St Baltimore and

Lohana Seal aged 53 years, a resident of Baltimore city

in the County of 1118 Hull St and State of Maryland

whose Post Office address is 1118 Hull St Baltimore Md

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

as follows; That they have been well and personally acquainted with Samuel Handy

for 15 years, and..... years respectively and that during that

time the said Samuel Handy has

"stopped" at their house. They do not consider

him (the said Handy) able to perform man-

ual labor to the extent of "a fea hand"

Said Samuel Handy has not during

the above named time worked for

any regular employer - doing only

odd jobs such as white-washing.

The said Samuel Handy has since

their acquaintance with him been

in a general enfeebled condition - suffering

principally from Rheumatism and sore

feet. I allege to have been caused by

marching while a soldier in United

States Army

affiants know the above from

personal knowledge.

Samuel Drury whose Address is 808 Headdenhall

St I have been acquainted with the said Samuel

Handy before the war and he was under employ

ment after his enlistment from United S. A for 6

years and he was always complaining of sore feet

having been caused by manual labor in

the United States Army my age is 51 years old

**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.

2d. 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  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 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 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.