

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

Insert character and number of claim.

Increase

Pension Claim No. 499,738

Name of claimant.

Samuel Hardy

Address of Board.

Baltimore

P. O.

Private Company C 9th Reg't U.S. Col.

Maryland

State.

Claimant's post-office address.

U.S. Col. Hill & Howard Sts

Aug. 24th 1900

[Date of examination.]

Cause of disability.

Rheumatism - disease of feet & kidneys - affection of back heart trouble - piles - general debility

He receives a pension of 8 dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the origin of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase

[Original, increase, restoration, etc.]

Rheumatism & disease of feet - affection of back and piles - occupation white washer.

Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, which should be used to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

Pulse rate, 72-72-78, respiration, 18-18-20, temperature, 98,
[Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

height, 5 feet 5 1/2 inches; actual weight, 120 pounds; age, 68 years.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of Instructions.

Rheumatism = There is rheumatic soreness & crepitation in both shoulder joints & left knee joint - no enlargement of these joints or atrophy or swelling of muscles - no contraction or impaired motion. There is contraction of the 2nd joint of Third finger of left hand, impairing the motion of extension. There is enlargement of 2nd joint of ring finger of right hand with contraction of this joint, completely impairing the motion of this joint. There is rheumatic soreness & stiffness of lumbar muscles without atrophy or swelling - There is pain complained of upon stooping & rising, all other joints & muscles normal. Vis. of heart = Apey beat normal. Auscultation reveals normal heart sounds & absence of murmurs - no dilatation, hypertrophy, dyspnoea, edema or cyanosis. Lungs = Chest at rest 33 - full inspiration 35 1/2 - full expiration 33. Percussion elicits a clear sound and auscultation reveals a respiratory murmur. The bronchi are normal.

The actual or probable origin of every existing disability must be fully set forth. Whenever a disability is shown or is believed to be due to or aggravated by vicious habits the opinion of the board must be stated. When not due to such habits this fact must be stated.

Each disability must be rated separately, the act of Congress of March 2, 1895, requiring "that the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which, in their judgment, the applicant is entitled to."

Kidneys = Specific gravity 1.020 - acid reaction - amber color - no albumin, sugar or other abnormal deposits.

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

Vis. of feet = There is enlargement of 1st joint of both toes & both larger toes are turned outward and overlapping. The three smaller toes -

Piles = The rectum is normal.

Affection of back = Described under rheumatism. General debility = There is emaciation & debility with malnutrition. The muscles are soft & flabby.

The claimant's disabilities which are permanent & not due to vicious habits entitle him to \$12 per month no other disability found to exist. No evidence of vicious habits.

W. J. [Signature], Pres. H. J. [Signature], Sec'y. D. C. [Signature], Treas.

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