

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYER or NEAR NEIGHBOR of soldier (other than a relative) who has known him since the date of his discharge and return from the army.

NOTE.—The witness, if not equal to the task of drawing the affidavit, should go to a Clerk of a Court, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or other officer or competent person, and have the blank filled out and properly executed.

State of Maryland, City of Baltimore, County of Baltimore, SS:

In the matter of William Boston, late a Corporal
in Company H of the 30th Regiment of Colored Volunteers,
for The State of Maryland

ON THIS 7th day of August A. D. 1891, personally appeared before me,
Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized
(Official capacity of executing officer.)

to administer oaths Alice Harris aged 32 years, a resident
of Baltimore in the County of Calvert and State
of Maryland whose Post Office address is 410th King St

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to
the aforesaid case as follows: That I has been well and personally acquainted

with William Boston for 19 years, and that I have
lived in the neighborhood & in
the next house to Wm Boston
when he was living & I saw
him & I talked with Wm Boston
& all his complaint was deep Cough
& Consumption & I have heard
Wm Boston coughing up ever
since I would be his last &
he had Consumption & that
Wm had & died with it
& that was his complaint
more or less ever since discharge
to the date of his death

Instructions.—Read Carefully.

The witness must state:
1. His age, place of residence, post office address, occupation; the length of time he has known the soldier, and in what year of the said period he has employed, worked for him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him, and how near him.
2. If he has employed or worked with him since his return from the army, he should state where it was, at what business; if he saw him as neighbors, he should state about at distance from him he lived; how frequently, on average, each week or month, he has seen him, how conversed with him, how intimate he was with him during this time, from what diseases or disabilities he has suffered during all the time he employed him, worked with him, or lived near him, and how severely; giving the common name of each disease, injury or disability; and if an injury, they should state if in the leg, arm, body or head, and on which side, and whether above or below the elbow or knee, giving the exact location and describing its appearance, whether swollen or sore, or as the case may be, and 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 work because of his alleged disabilities, and give dates near as recollected when such attacks occurred, how long they lasted and how severe they were. In this connection, the witness 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 whether totally disabled, 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. He should so state how he is able to judge what his disabilities have been and are now; and should describe fully and clearly the symptoms they appear to him in his case; in fact, describe fully his physical condition during each year of his acquaintance with him.

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