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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim.

Increase

Pension Claim No. 538 719

Name of claimant.

George C. Miller

Address of Board.

Baltimore,

P. O.

Private Company D, 30, Reg't U. S. C. Vol.

Maryland,

State.

[Rank.]

Claimant's post-office address.

#6 N. Pleasant St., Annapolis, Md.

February 20,

1900

[Date of examination.]

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Cause of disability.

Rheumatism, wound of left hip and results

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 receives a pension of Six dollars per month.

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

[Original, increase, restoration, etc.]

"Contracted rheumatism and received wound of hip while in service. Not able to perform manual labor on account of rheumatism."

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, 80, 88, respiration, 20, 24, 28, temperature, 98, [Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

height, 5 feet 3 inches; actual weight, 130 pounds; age, 55 years.

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

Rheumatism. Has crepitation in left knee and both ankles with pain on motion. He is unable to completely flex the left leg upon the thigh, owing to pain and contraction of tendons and ligaments at the knee joint. He walks awkwardly and with a shuffling gait, and limps slightly with the left leg. No other joints affected. All his muscles are sore to touch and lumbar muscles are painful in stooping and rising.

Heart normal in size, position and function. No hypertrophy or dilatation. No dyspnea, cyanosis or oedema.

Rheumatism. Rating 8/18.

There are no symptoms of wound of either Hip. No rating.

Hernia. Has a right, oblique, complete, inguinal hernia. Tumor 3 x 5 inches. Reducible, can be retained. The hernia passes through the external ring and descends into scrotum. The external ring admits the end of thumb. No left hernia. Hydrocele and varicocele excluded. Single inguinal hernia, which passes through the external ring. Rating 10/18.

External structures of each eye normal. Cornea clear. Pupils respond slowly to light and shade. He has a double cataract, nearly complete in the right eye and far advanced in the left eye. The deeper structures of the eyes can not be examined, owing to the opacity of the lens. He is illiterate, but with the right eye is able to distinguish fingers at ten feet, but cannot count them; with the left eye is able to distinguish fingers at twenty feet, but cannot count them. Impaired vision of both eyes due to cataract. Rating 12/18.

Except as above, all organs normal. Chest measures expiration 34, rest 35, inspiration 37. Urine dark. S. G. 1018. Acid. No albumen or sugar.

No evidence of vicious habits.

His disabilities are permanent.

D. J. White, Pres. Geo R. Baker, Sec'y G. Lane Panykell, Treas.

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

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."

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.

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