PROOF OF INCURRENCE OF DISABILITY.

NOTE.—This affidavit must be executed by a Commissioned Officer, or First Sergeant, of claimant's company, if possible; but if not possible to secure such evidence, then one of the soldier's late comrades should testify.

State of Maryland, **County of** Charles, **ss:**

Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County and State, duly authorized to administer oaths, James S. Groff, aged 48 years, a resident near Bryantown, in the County of Charles, and State of Maryland, who, being duly sworn according to law, states that he is acquainted with Richd Butler, applicant for Invalid Pension, and knows the said Richard Butler to be the identical person of that name who served as a private in Company G, 7th Regiment of W. V. C. Infy, and who (Died or was discharged.) at on or about the day of, 186.5, by reason of being disabled on account of Rheumatism ~~Shortness of breath~~ (Here insert the reason of the soldier's discharge, if known; if not known, so state.)

That the said Richd Butler, while in the line of his duty, at or near Fort Harrison, in the State of in Virginia, did, on or about the Last day of Sept, 1864, become disabled in the following manner, viz: That Richard Butler became unable (Here state how the wound, injury, or disease, was incurred. Describe the wound, injury or disease, and state the location of the same.) to keep up with his Company on account of some attack of Rheumatism and was carried to the flying Hospital and from there to Pt of Rocks and he again joined the Command at Fort Harrison when we went into Winter Quarters in 1865 but was unable to drill or do much of anything and his Rheumatism grew worse and he frequently suffered with shortness of breath and after that he lost sight of him until he returned home and when he returned from the Army he found him home laboring under the same disabilities

That the facts as above stated are personally known to affiant by reason of his being (Here state whether with the command at the time the disability was incurred, and in case of wound or injury, whether an eye witness to the incurrence of the same, and the kind of duty claimant was performing at the time.) a Soldier in the same Company & Regt & that Richd Butler was not able to follow his Command to Texas when it went after leaving Virginia. That he found him at home on his return laboring with the same troubles which continued sometimes more & sometimes not so bad, but he was not able to earn a livelihood. He has lived in the same neighborhood and been intimate with him up to his death. That he cannot write (only his name) and requested Rufus Raley to write this affidavit for him in his presence and at his residence on this the 26th day of January 1895, from oral statements made to him. That he was not aided or prompted nor did not use any written statements or memorial or printed statement for that purpose or dictated or prepared by any other person

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