

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Testimony is much better when the affidavit is wholly in hand writing of the affiant, in which event the affidavit must conclude with an averment that :

"This statement is in my own hand writing, and in the making of the same I used no written or printed statement, nor was I aided or prompted by any recital, prepared or dictated by any other person, and not attached as an exhibit to this affidavit."

If the affidavit is not in hand writing of the affiant, then the following averment must be added:

"And I further swear that the foregoing testimony was all written in my presence, and only from my oral statements then made. That I dictated said affidavit on the * * * day of * * * 189 * to * * * at the office of * * * in the town of * * * and that the same was then and there reduced to writing by him from said oral statements, and that in making the same, I did not use and was not aided nor prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person."

The proper averment must be written in the body of the affidavit by the same person who writes it as its last paragraph. This is required by "Order 229."

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

In the Matter of Claim No. _____ of _____

Edward Durham

ON THIS *5* day of *Jan.* A. D. 189*7* personally appeared before

me, an officer in and for the hereinafter named County and State, duly authorized to administer oaths,

Charles Bentley aged *53* years, whose Post Office address

is *919 St. Howard St. Baltimore* and who being duly sworn declares in relation to aforesaid

case as follows:

NOTE.—The Affiant should state how he gains a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

My name is Charles Bentley I live at 919

St. Howard St. Baltimore, Md. I have known

the officer Edward Durham ever since he was a child and know that he had no trouble with his ankle or foot up to the time he went into the Army. I was not in his company our Regiment but was a soldier myself in the Army. I also know that when he came home he was lame & had trouble with his ankle and that his foot was crooked. I make this statement to Wm. B. Hammond orally who wrote the same in my presence at Baltimore, Jan. 5 1897, and in making same was not aided by any statement prepared or dictated by any other person.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Witnesses to Signature :

W. B. Hammond
H. C. Jacob

If affiant signs by mark, two witnesses who can write sign here

Charles Bentley
make

Signature of Affiant.