

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Maryland County of Calvert ss:In the matter of Pension Claim No 744,326 of William H Coats late Co. I. Y. U. S. C. Inf.

ON THIS 13th day of May, A. D. 1894, personally appeared before me
a Justice of the Peace, in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
Benjamin Coats aged 40 years, a resident of 1st Election Dist
 in the County of Calvert and State of Maryland
 whose postoffice address is Malville Md

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared, in relation to
 aforesaid case, as follows:

that he has known the above named claimant from

Note—Affiant should state how he gained a knowledge of the facts to which he testifies.

infancy and has resided within one half mile of him and have seen him nearly every day since his discharge: that at the time of enlistment and prior thereto he was considered a sound healthy man; that since his discharge he has been disabled from performing manual labor, fully one half his time by reason of rheumatism in the right knee and joints: that by reason thereof he has suffered very great pain which could be seen from his appearance; that ever since discharge and return home he has complained continuously of his sufferings from rheumatism in the joints, and has also complained of pain in his right shoulder caused as he said by a gun shot wound, or by being struck by a gun shot: that although he has never seen the joints yet judging from the way the claimant walks, he must have them very bad: the rheumatism in his right knee prevents him from moving around quickly more especially when it is swollen: that although he has never nursed him, nor sat up with him, yet he knows that claimant has been a great sufferer from his disabilities: and judging from his general appearance and lameness, should consider that he is fully three fourths disabled from performing manual labor

He further declares that he has no interest in said case, and that he is not concerned in its prosecution.

W. H. Peterson

Benjamin H. Coats
 Signature of Affiant.

R. Coates

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