

[No. 21.]

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—The affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; and the marginal instructions carefully observed before writing out the statement. All the facts in possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be fully set forth, and the dates of treatment should be specifically given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

State of Maryland County of Calvert, ss:

In the Pension Claim No. 744326

of Wm. Cook
Co I - 7 Reg - U S A V. I, late

(Rank, company and regiment if in the army; or vessel and rating, if in the navy.)

Personally came before me, a Justice of Peace in and for the
aforesaid County and State Dr. Philip Gerson
whose Post Office address is Mutual Calvert Co Md

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

That he is a practicing physician, and has been acquainted with the above-named soldier for about 20 years, and that Wm. H. Cook is a worthy

(Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions.)

colored citizen of Calvert County and is

member of the pension for which he is asking
from the following reasons, that
he has been suffering for some time with
lateral curvature of the spine, which
is now causing him such trouble that
by reason of said trouble he is
not able to do his work for which
he has been used to doing, that is
some work also he has (Phantom)
in all the muscles of the back and
was wounded in the left shoulder, from
which at times he suffers
The curvature of his spine is giving
trouble and now is he getting older
and will soon be compelled to give
up any work and he will be
wholly dependent upon the charity
of his neighbors

William Cook is entirely
unable to perform any work

W. S.
Besides the above trouble he is suffering
with piles which at times he has to
stop all work

He also has a family dependent
upon him for support
and I am sure that his troubles
a devoid of any nervous habits
as I believe him to be a very sober
and free from any disease due to him

(SIGN ON THE REVERSE SIDE.)

NOTES.

The Physician's Affidavit must show the following facts:

Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment, the length of time he has known him, how intimately and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition, whether as his family physician or as a neighbor and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state, adding, if true, that and he been unsound, he would have known it.

If he treated claimant while in the service, either as his regimental surgeon or while home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown, as well as the nature of his disability and dates of treatment.

If he has treated soldier since discharge he should so state, giving the date of first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates as near as possible, of prescriptions, or visits.

The extent or degree to which claimant has been unable to perform manual labor during each year from discharge or first acquaintance to the present time.