

(No. 91)

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. 490607
of Sas Melson Compy 4th U.S.C.T., 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 John H. Bruce M.D.
whose Post Office address is Rt. 2 Republic 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 17 years, and that He did not know the
soldier prior to his enlistment but has known
the soldier since for the present 17 years
not only as his former physician
but as a neighbor, and has had daily
opportunities of observing his physical
condition. His home affords the unders-
igned I do not know that he was a sound
man when enlisted. That he never treated
claimant during his term of enlistment
either at his home or on a furlough.
But he has had for the present
ten years a very severe and persistent
attack of furunculosis which from previous
and professional observation is growing
more and more persistent, and that
the claimant is at times unable to do
any kind of manual labor and is
under my treatment off and on
all the time. My opinion is that
he is unable to do 1/4 of his usual
manual labor. In 1892 he was
able to do 1/2 of his usual manual labor
but since then his disability has
been more and more in the same
he is hardly able to do any thing
and believe he is pretty well
to the extent asked for.

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.