

# PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—This affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions should be 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  
City of Baltimore } SS.

In the Pension Claim No. 576473

of Nathaniel Hickman late  
a Private Co H 7th Regt USC I late of  
Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank, if the navy.

Personally came before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid  
City Baltimore (Official character of magistrate.)  
County and State Maryland a citizen of Baltimore  
in the County of 312 N Pearl St and State of Maryland

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 practising physician, and that he has been acquainted with said Soldier for about 4 yrs  
years, and that he has attended him professionally and  
(Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures  
is now attending him. That he has a totally  
or interlineations will be permitted unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)

broken down Constitution suffering with  
Consumption in an advanced stage having  
occasional Haemorrhages from the Lungs  
Also he suffers constantly with Rheumatism  
Heart Disease and Asthma And he  
also suffers with alternate Diarrhoea  
and Constipation That his powers of loco-  
motion are very limited and he exhibits  
partial Mental derangement That he found  
the pulse beat to be 80 per minute and his  
Respiration 27 to the minute. That by reason  
of these diseases he is totally disable for the  
performance of Manual labor He is in  
extreme poverty and entirely supported by  
public Charity. His wife he is informed  
died some years ago in the City Almshouse  
That this is a most meritorious case  
for immediate action. He would therefore  
respectfully ask the Pension Commissioner take  
immediate action in this case and make it special

## NOTES.

The Physician's Affidavit should show the following facts:

1st. 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 had he been unsound he would have known it.

2d. If he treated claimant while in the service, either as his regimental surgeon or while claimant was 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.

3d. If he has treated soldier since discharge he should so state, giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with a complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates, as near as possible of the prescriptions.

4th. The extent to which claimant has been able to perform manual labor since discharge.