

MEDICAL AFFIDAVIT.

This Affidavit should be in the handwriting of the Physician, whose statement should conform as near as possible to the marginal instructions hereon, which he should read with great care. The diagnosis of the Soldier's condition should be so full and complete that a medical man will be enabled at once unmistakably to recognize the character of the disease, wound or injuries. The statement should be IN NARRATIVE FORM, and the marginal instructions should not be referred to by number in the affidavit.

STATE OF Maryland
 COUNTY OF Lutes Anne } ss:

In the matter of the Pension Claim of Robert Riley
 late of Co. B, Reg't, 7th Md Vols., personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace,
 Official title of officer administering oath.
 in and for said County and State, Dr. J M Contrace, of
Cecilville, County of Queen Anne, State of Maryland

who I hereby certify is a respectable and credible person, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim that his age is 41 years; that he has been a practising physician for the past 14 years; that he has made a careful medical examination of the above-named claimant, and find his present physical condition as follows:

Instructions.
 The physician will please add a statement IN NARRATIVE FORM showing the following facts:
 1. State the name and nature of any and all diseases, wounds or injuries with which the soldier may be affected at the present time.
 2. State what particular parts of the body are affected, and in what manner.
 3. State to what extent he is disabled thereby from performing the manual labor of an able-bodied man.
 Disability should be rated $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, or total, and, if more than one disability is found, a separate rating should be given each.
 4. If he has treated the soldier 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 or advice.
 5. IT MUST APPEAR, THAT IN THE PHYSICIAN'S PROFESSIONAL OPINION THE DISABILITIES OR DISABILITIES ARE NOT THE RESULT OF VICIOUS HABITS, TO ENTITLE THE CLAIMANT TO PENSION.

1st Chronic Rheumatism, from which I find soreness and stiffness of both shoulders, both wrists, knees, ankles & right hip joints making locomotion laborious and uncertain.
 2nd Heart has slight mitral Insufficiency due to the long continued rheumatic condition
 3rd Stomach, in Chronic Catarrhal Condition from which he suffers almost constantly
 4th Liver and Kidneys both very sluggish and inactive
 5th Eyesight very defective; Hearing moderately good. In fact the best organ in his body.
 6th Almost a constant sufferer with Piles, has they now, protruding $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch on each side of rectum.
 7th Lungs only in a moderately healthy condition, - some cough most all the time
 I have treated him for the past 14 yrs for all these various troubles and have failed more of them due to very vicious habits I should rate his disability from performing manual labor to at least $\frac{3}{4}$

