

[No. 19.]

PROOF OF INCURRENCE OF DISABILITY.

NOTE.—This affidavit must be executed by a Commissioned Officer, or First Sergeant, of claimant's company, if possible; but if not possible to secure such evidence, then one of the soldier's late comrades should testify.

State of Maryland, County of Baltimore, ss:

Personally appeared before me, a Judge of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County and State, duly authorized to administer oaths

Martin, aged 43 years, a resident 105 St Paul Street in the County of Baltimore, and State of Maryland

who, being duly sworn according to law, states that he is acquainted with Valentine Jones, applicant for Invalid Pension, and knows the said Valentine to be the identical person of that name who served as a private in Company "F", 39th Regiment of M.S. Troops, and who

(Died or was discharged.) at _____ on or about the _____ day of _____, 186____, by reason of _____

(Here insert the reason of the soldier's discharge, if known; if not known, so state.)

That the said Valentine Jones, while in the line of his duty, at or near Wilmington, in the State of N. Carolina did, on or about the _____ day of _____, 186____, become disabled in the following manner, viz:

that after the Battle of Fort Fisher and on the arrival of the Command at Wilmington N.C. the Claimant walked with great difficulty complained of soreness in his arms and legs. More particularly in the left leg which at time is much swollen and when able to be out walks with a limp, and difficulty in going up and down steps

That the facts as above stated are personally known to affiant by reason of I having (Here state whether with the command at the time the disability was incurred, and in case of wound or injury whether an eye witness to the incurrence of the same, and the kind of duty claimant was performing at the time.)

been in Co B of same Regiment and saw the Claimant at the time and place mentioned above being an intimate acquaintance with the Claimant I have seen him at different times since my discharge he walks with a stiffness of his left leg, and in my opinion the result of rheumatism contracted in the service of the U.S. as aforesaid



(SIGN ON THE REVERSE SIDE.)