

NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS or NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier (other than relatives), showing his present physical disability, as required under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

State of Md, County of Talbot, ss.

In the matter of the application for pension of Horan Gibson

ON THIS 4th day of August A. D. 1897; personally appeared before me, a

Justice Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
Emmet Meene aged 25 years, a resident of Dunns Mills

In the County of Talbot and State of Md

whose Post Office address is Dunns Mills Md and

J. Harrod Wheeler aged 39 years, a resident of Talbot Co Md

in the County of Talbot and State of Maryland

whose Post Office address is Dunns Mills

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid

case as follows: That he have been well and personally acquainted with Horan Gibson

for 10 years, and 15 years respectively, and that

Instructions—read carefully.

The witnesses must state:

1st. Their respective ages and occupation; the length of time they have known the soldier, and how long during that period they have employed, worked with or for him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him and how near to him.

2d. If they have employed or worked with him they should state where it was and at what business; or if they know him as neighbors only they should state about what distance from him they live; how frequently they see him and converse with him, and how intimate they are with him, and from what disease or disability he is suffering with at present, and whether at any time he is obliged to stop work by reason of his alleged disabilities. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with him or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound, able-bodied man's work he is able to do—whether $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, or as the case may be; what his actual earnings are, and whether or not the wages paid him are less in amount, and how much less on account of his inability to labor than is paid to others physically sound, and doing the same kind of work. They should also state how they are able to say what his disabilities are, and describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully, and show whether or not he is suffering from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character, not the result of his own vicious habits and the extent which he is incapacitated from the performance of manual labor, or the degree he has been unable to earn a support since the filing of his claim.

Horan Gibson has done Criminal work for us and he is a good hand and a deserving man. Supper with Capt. and cannot work. I understand him. have not employed him since.
Emmet Meene

I employed him as farm hand for two years - and now employ him on odd jobs -
J. Harrod Wheeler