

capacity to perform every kind of labor, he was less active and did not move ~~as usual~~ ^{with} the same freedom and he was especially ^{and} most noticeably incapacitated for heavy work. He could not lift as formally in moving stoves and furniture, handling coal and wood, or any heavy lifting. There was a material change. He required assistance in all these things when formally he was capable of doing alone. Complained of weakness in his back and he said he was ruptured, and he frequently complained to me of his ^{rupture} and takes not his appearance as stout, heavy, strong, and active as before. And as years went on he grew more incapable to do as he formally had done. And so feeble and incapable did he become to do anything that required bodily strength. And frequently complained to me of his rupture. That I felt (and the said Thomas Henry acquiesced in the justice of it.) I could not give him the wages he was formally capable of earning. In the last two years claimant had to employ help to saw wood, and aid him in lifting and moving stoves, handling furniture and making garden-
ing, and in fact in doing every kind of service except the lightest work such as waiting at table etc. He had always been a man who never shrank from labor & I ^{am} ~~was~~ absolutely confident that his complaints and inability to work was not simulated. His appearance also indicated that there was some serious functional or organic disarrangement of his system and his loss of strength and activity was due to bodily infirmity & not bodily suffering. I further declare that I have no interest in said case and I am not concerned in its prosecution.

A. M. Seyster

signature
affiant.

A certification made before signing,
Test: Geo. H. Seyster Clerk