

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS or NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier, (other than relatives) who have known him before his enlistment, or since his discharge and return from the army.

State of Maryland County of Washington, SS.

In the matter of the application for pension of Mary E. Moxley No. 368,984

ON THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May A. D. 1888; personally appeared before me, a

Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

Bartley Holmes aged 51 years, a resident of Hagerstown

in the County of Washington and State of Maryland

whose Post Office address is Same and

Samuel Coxn aged 25 years, a resident of Hagerstown

in the County of Washington and State of Maryland

whose Post Office address is Same

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 they have been well and personally acquainted with Joseph Moxley

for 19 years, and 19 years respectively, and that since the war he was

in bad health, suffering with a disease contracted

in the Army which he denominated Scurvy with

which he continued to suffer to the time of his death

He was not able at any time after his discharge from

the Army to perform any heavy labor and little of

any kind. Affiants know these facts from living

near him in the same town and seeing him at

most daily

*attest of disease*

**Instructions read carefully.**  
The witnesses must state:  
1st. Their respective ages and occupation; the length of time they have known the soldier, and in what year or years of the said 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 knew him before his enlistment, what his physical condition was at that time, and that he was then sound and free from disability, and especially free from the diseases for which he claims pension.  
3d. If they have employed or worked with him since his return from the army, they should state where it was, and at what business, or if they have known him as neighbors only, they should state about what distance from him they lived; how frequently, on an average, each week, month, or year, they saw him and conversed with him, and how intimate they were with him during this time, and from what disease or disability he has suffered during all the time they employed him, worked with him, or lived near him, and how severely; whether at any time during this period he was obliged to stop work, was confined to his bed, or house, or was wholly unable to do any manual labor because of his alleged disabilities, and give dates as near as recollected when such attacks occurred, how long they lasted, and how severe they were. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound able-bodied man's work he was able to do—whether  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , or as the case may have been; what his actual earnings were, and whether or not the wages paid him were less in amount, and how much less on account of his inability to labor, than were 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 have been and are now, and they should describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully