

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—The affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions must be carefully observed before writing out the statement. All the facts in possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be fully set forth, and the dates of treatment should be specially given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

State of Maryland County of Anne Arundel, ss:

In the pension claim No. _____

of George C. Miller
late of Company D, 36th Reg Colored Troops
(Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank, if in the navy.)

Personally came before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid county and State, W. G. Lusk M.D., a citizen of Maryland whose post-office address is Annapolis Maryland

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a practicing physician, and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about Forty odd years and that the said George C. Miller was a slave

[Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or interlineations will be permitted unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.]

belonging to my Father at the time of his enlistment in the Army, and at that time this Soldier was perfectly sound and in good health - if otherwise I would have known it - I did not treat him while in the Army at any time. I have prescribed for him several times for Rheumatism - This trouble is the result of a wound at the Left Hip Joint from a Splinter from a Shell and exposure attending a Soldiers life. His disability is about 3/4 fourths. This affidavit was written by myself on the 2nd day of October 1893 at Annapolis, Maryland and I was not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital prepared or dictated by any person and not attached as an exhibit to my testimony.

NOTES.
The Physician's affidavit must show following facts:
Whether or not he knew the soldier or to enlistment;
Length of time he has known him;
How intimately and at what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition, whether in his family physician or as a neighbor, and how near he has lived to him;
Whether he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment;
Should so state, if true, that he has been unwell and he would have known it.
If he treated the patient while in service either in his regimental hospital or while on furlough, that he should be stated.
The claimant's physical condition at such times could be clearly shown, as well as the NATURE OF HIS DISABILITY and dates of treatment.
If he has treated the soldier since discharge he should state, giving the date of his first treatment, what his physical condition was at the time of complete disability; the period during which he attended him should be stated, with the medicines, as near as possible, of the prescriptions.
The extent or degree to which the patient has been able to perform manual labor during each year from the date of discharge to the present time. 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, or 1/2 of time or entirely, the case may be.