

AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIMANT.

Before executing this affidavit the claimant is requested to read carefully the instructions, and conform thereto every particular, so far as the facts will allow.

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STATE OF *Maryland*
COUNTY OF *Washington* } ss:

In the pension claim of *Joseph H. Cole*

Co. *F*, *2d* Reg't, *Cold* Vols., personally came before me, *Charles H. King*, late of

Title of officer administering oath.

in and for the aforesaid County and State, the claimant before named, who being duly sworn, declares that he is (the claimant in the above entitled claim, and his post office address is *Hagerstown*

County of *Washington*, State of *Maryland*; that he cannot furnish the evidence of _____ to show _____

for the following reasons:

State fully your reasons for being unable to furnish the evidence indicated. If the evidence wanted is that of a commissioned officer, and the same cannot be furnished, the name of each officer must be stated and the reason why his evidence cannot be had, clearly shown. The same rule must be observed, with regard to Regimental Surgeons, or physicians, since discharge. If addresses of officers or surgeons are furnished, and the same prove incorrect, that fact must be stated together with your means of knowing the same.

My claim No 349127 - was rejected all account not furnishing evidence of Hospital Record. I never was in Hospital at all as I stated before the canon ball fell on my right foot at Fort Taylor Key West Florida, and I was rescued from duty by Dr. Wertz & sent to my quarters by the ordnance sergeant a white man by the name of Kingston I think as near as I can remember that was his name - he was there when the blood came through my shoe - But I do not know how or where to find him - the colored man that let the canon ball fall on my right foot his name is Joshua Owens - I do not know how or where to find him - Malone - Brown - Maddox were eye witnesses - now if the commissioner of Pensions will permit me to come before

If claimant makes his mark, two persons must attest by signing him & the examining surgeons there will

say that I am not Pensionable. I will withdraw my claim -

I have been able to do my work all winter } *Joseph H. Cole*

Signature

Dr. W. Jones

*Witness
Fred W. Jones*