

AFFIDAVIT TO ORIGIN OF DISABILITY

TO BE EXECUTED BY AN OFFICER OR COMRADE OF THE SOLDIER'S COMPANY AND REGIMENT HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE DISABILITY WAS INCURRED ON ACCOUNT OF WHICH PENSION IS CLAIMED. COMRADES' EVIDENCE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF AN OFFICER'S CAN BE HAD.

Before filling in this affidavit the witness should read carefully the marginal instructions, and conform thereto in every particular as far as his knowledge of the facts will allow.

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STATE OF Maryland

COUNTY OF Washington

In the matter of Pension Claim of Joseph H. Gale, late a Private in Co. 2 Reg't, U.S.C. Vols.,

personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State,

Ben. J. Malone, late Private, Co. 2 Reg't, U.S.C. Vols.,

who I hereby certify is a respectable and credible person, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim that on or about the 27th day of September, 1865, at or near Free west, State of Florida, the above-named soldier

Instructions.
Witness will add a statement in narrative form showing such of the following facts as he has personal knowledge of:
1. State the name or nature of the disease or disability, wound or injury, and in what particular part of the body located, and if a rupture whether you saw it at the time, or at any time thereafter while in the service, stating about the date.
2. State what caused the disability and upon what particular duty the soldier was engaged at the time it was incurred. If on special duty, state by whose orders he was acting.
3. State how the soldier's disability continued to affect him so long as he remained in the service, giving dates or periods of time as near as you can.
4. State your source of information, whether present at time and place and an eye witness to the facts related.

was disabled while in the line of duty by a common ball falling upon his right foot, badly injuring the bone and from which he was disabled until mustered out of the service. That this is supplemental to an affidavit heretofore made by this officer, and is made in obedience to a requirement of the Pension Office for the purpose of stating his means of knowing the facts above stated, and which were by being present at the time and an eye witness to the accident, being at work in the same gang with the claimant, unloading a vessel laden with gunt. fragments.

He further declares that his post-office address is Eakles Mills, County of Washington, State of Maryland, and that he is not interested in said claim or concerned in its prosecution, and that his knowledge of the foregoing facts was derived from being present and an eye witness, as above stated.

If affiant makes his mark, two persons must attest by writing their names on the lines below.

1. David W. Jones with its 10 before he executed the same. I further certify that
2. Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read the foregoing

Ben. J. Malone
Signature of Witness.