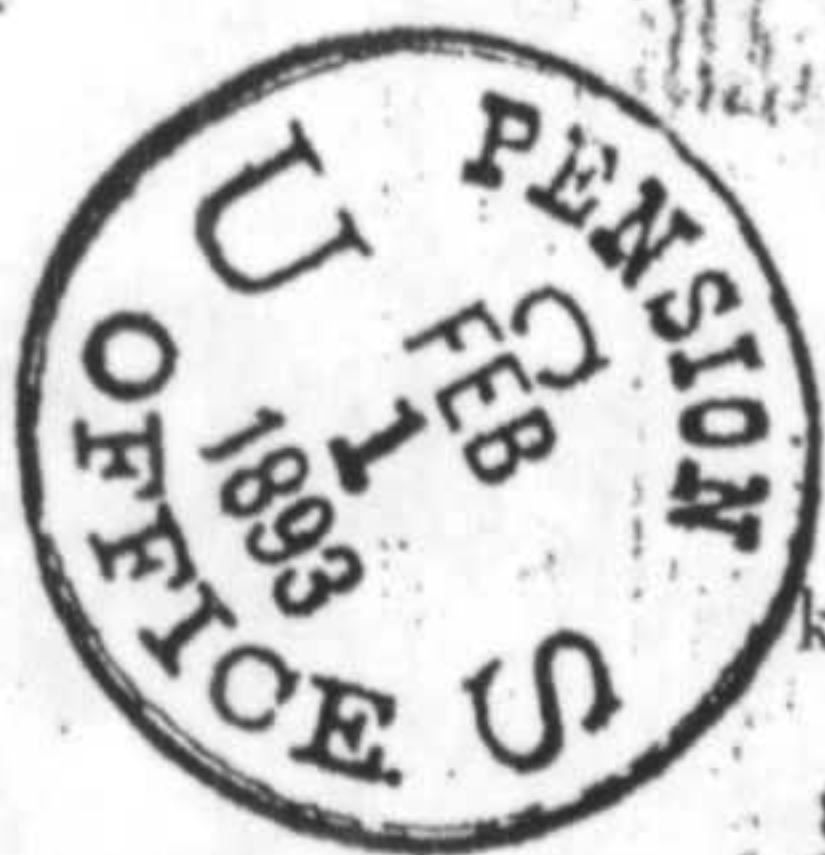




NEIGHBORS AFFIDAVIT.

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 Matilda Cole - widow of

Joseph Cole. Co F. 2 Regt USC Inf. No 361,388.

ON THIS 26th day of January A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety three, personally appeared before me, a Just. of the Peace,

in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths John W

Bowward aged 55 years, a resident of Stagertown

in the County of Washington and State of Maryland

whose Post Office address is Stagertown Md and

Stagertown Md aged years, a resident of

in the County of and State of

whose Post Office address is

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn declare in

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, 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 $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 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 during each year of their acquaintance with him.

relation to the aforesaid case as follows: That they have been well and personally acquainted

with Matilda Cole for 25 years, and

years respectively, and that The said Bowward sold the one story log house to Joseph Cole, the deceased husband of the said Matilda Cole for four hundred dollars. This included a lot upon which said house is located and which lot fronts on North Jonathan street, Stagertown, Maryland, forty-one feet and runs back one hundred and fifty feet. It consists of three rooms house and a small kitchen. This property is located in a portion of the town where very few improvements are made and four hundred dollars is a true and just estimate of its value. Affiant has lived along side of this property all his life and knows the value of the said lot and house and the value of all the surrounding property. I knew Matilda Cole's deceased husband for at least twenty-five years, and she and her husband lived together until his death, since affiant knew them, as husband and wife, and as such, and as such, by everyone in the community as such. The said house and lot is the only property which said Matilda possesses together with a small quantity of household furniture.

P. H. Hart