

[No. 21.]

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—The affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; and the marginal instructions 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 specifically given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

State of Maryland County of Calvert, ss:

In the Pension Claim No. _____
of James Wilson, late
Co H 7 U.S.C.T.
(Rank, company and regiment if in the army; or vessel and rating, if in the navy.)

Personally came before me, a Justice of Peace in and for the
aforesaid County and State: Philip Briscoe
whose Post Office address is Port Republic Md

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

That he is a practicing physician, and has been acquainted with the above-named soldier for about 15 years, and that _____
(Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions.)

Erasures or interlineations will not be permitted unless the magistrate certify in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)

(1) I did not know the Soldier prior to his enlistment

NOTES.
The Physician's Affidavit must show the following facts:
Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment; the length of time he has known him, how intimately and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition, whether as his family physician or as a neighbor, and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state, adding, if true, that had he been unsound, he would have known it.
If he treated the claimant while in the service either as his regimental surgeon or while some on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should 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 so state, giving the date of first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates as far as possible, of prescriptions, or visits.
The extent or degree to which the claimant has been unable to perform manual labor during each year from discharge or first acquaintance to the

(2) He is a now a neighbor of mine living on the joining farm, and I am his family Physician, and have been for the passed ten years.

(3) I never treated the Claimant during his Service, -

(4) I have treated James Wilson often since I have been his family physician. He suffers from Lumbago of an aggravated form, and at times he is kept from the performance of any manual labor -

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