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PROOF OF DISABILITY.

NOTE.—This affidavit must be executed by a Commissioner, if possible, but, if not possible to procure, then two of the soldier's comrades should testify.

State of Maryland, County of Baltimore, ss.

ON THIS 19th day of January, A. D. 1897; personally appeared before me a

John W. Smith in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
Thos. E. Miller aged 42 years, a resident of Balt.

in the County of Md and State of Md and

Samuel Barnett aged 46 years, a resident of Baltimore

in the county of Md and State of Md who being

duly sworn according to law, state that we are acquainted with John W. Smith

applicant for Invalid Pension, and know the said John W. Smith to be the identical

person of that name who enlisted or volunteered as a Private in Company F

19 Regiment of Maryland U.S.C.V. vols., and who was discharged

at Baltimore on or about the 15 day of January, 1897

by reason of the expiration of term
[Here insert the reason of the soldier's discharge, if known; if not known, so state; or, if he died, so state.]

That the said John W. Smith while in the line of his duty, at or near

at Benedict in the State of Maryland did, on or

about the 28 day of December, 1863, become disabled in the following manner, viz:

& in January 8. in 1864 in the last part of 63 & first part 64

[Here state the time and place and manner in which the wound or other injury was received. Describe the wound or injury, the part of the body

John W. Smith contracted Disease of head at Benedict Md.

wounded or injured, and all the circumstances attending it. If sickness, state time and place when contracted, what caused it, the name of the

& he all ways complain with the Misery in the

sickness, and how it affected him.] Head after he first contracted the Disease

of head in the Army it never follow

him more or less all the time up to the

present time & he still complain with his

head & in the hot weather he can not stand

heavy much sun on the account of his Head

That the facts stated are personally known to the affiant by reason of that we was with

John W. Smith heard him say that he had a

claimant contracted his disability, or whether his knowledge was otherwise obtained. All the facts known to affiant relative to the soldier's medical

+ former telling a bout his head & that was in

Benedit Maryland in 1863 & 1864 & from

that date up to the Present time we have

seen John W. Smith on average a bout 6

times in each year since discharge from

u.s. service & he would all ways mention

something to a bout his Head being

affected in u.s. Army

Army feeling?