

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—This affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions should be 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 Baltimore } SS.

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In the Pension Claim No. 576473...

of Nathaniel Hickman late of
Private Company (H) 7 Regiment U.S.C. Troops
Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank, if the navy.

Personally came before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid
(Official character of magistrate.)
County and State Samuel H. Bell and a citizen of
in the County of Baltimore and State of Maryland
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 practising physician, and that he has been acquainted with said Soldier for about
years, and that

(Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures

or interlineations will be permitted unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)

NOTES.

The Physician's Affidavit should show the following facts:

1st. 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 long he has lived to him. If he knows that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state; adding, if true, that he had been discharged, and that he would have known it.

2d. If treated while in the service, either as a regimental surgeon or while claimant was home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such time should be clearly shown, as well as the nature of his disability and dates of treatment.

3d. If he has treated soldier since discharge he should so state, giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with complete details of the condition during the period during which he treated him, should be stated, with dates, as far as possible, of the prescriptions.

4th. The extent to which claimant has been able to perform manual labor since discharge.

My first knowledge of Nathaniel Hickman was on Dec 10th 1873, when I was called to attend him professionally. He was suffering with spinal irritation leading to Neuritis - and showing much emaciation. To the best of my knowledge I attended him two or three different times, but at what periods I cannot now state.

I have examined him this day (July 17th 1879) and find him far advanced in Phthisis -
Chest-Circumference 31 ^{inches} forced inspiration 1 1/2 inch³
Respirations 28 per minute pulse 98 - Respirations indicate organic disease of the Chest -
His general Appearance is weak and Emaciated - and in my opinion unfit for most any kind of Manual Labor -
And I do not think his Condition can be improved.