

# SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim. Increase Pension Claim No. 999,545

Name of claimant. George Preston Address of Board. { Baltimore P. O. Maryland State.

Company D 30 Reg't U.S.C. Inf Claimant's post-office address. Ilchester, Howard Co., Md April 18th, 190 4  
[Date of examination.]

Names of disabilities. Rheumatism disease of feet and injury to left hand-senility

He receives a pension of 6 dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the date of origin and cause of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.  
He makes the following statement in regard to the origin of his disabilities and date when first discovered by him: Frost bitten feet during service-Rheumatism and injury to left hand contracted in service.

Birthplace, Maryland; age, 74 years; height, 5-4; weight, 155 pounds; complexion, Negro; color of eyes, brown; color of hair, dark-gray; occupation, light labor; permanent marks and scars other than those described below, None

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

Pulse rate, 76- 76- 88; respiration, 18- 20- 24; temperature, N  
[Sitting, standing, after exercise.] [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of instructions, and make a separate paragraph for each disability.  
RHEUMATISM-Soreness and crepitus in both shoulder and both knee joints with pain complained of upon motion-no enlargement of joints or atrophy or swelling of muscles-no contraction-no limitation of motion-no lameness. All other joints and muscles normal.

Facts within the knowledge of the Board, or any member thereof, relative to the cause of any disability found should be stated.  
DISEASE OF FEET-There is a loss of distal joint of great toe of right foot. The stump is not tender and is well covered and healthy-Condition of other toes normal.

INJURY TO LEFT HAND-There is a scar over palmar surface of left index finger running from proximal joint to metacarpo-phalangeal joint. The proximal and distal joints of this finger are ankylosed. There is a scar on inner side of left thumb two inches long. The distal joint of thumb is ankylosed. There is slight contraction and loss of tissue. When closing the hand the thumb and index finger stand out. The grasp of hand is slightly impaired.

SENILITY-No objective evidence of senility-muscular and well-nourished.

HEART-The heart is normal in size, position and action. Apex beat in 5th left interspace-no dilatation, hypertrophy, dyspnoea, edema or cyanosis.

LUNGS-Chest at rest 38-full inspiration 40-full expiration 38. Percussion and auscultation reveal a normal condition of lungs and bronchi.

KIDNEYS-Specific gravity 1020-acid reaction-amber color-no albumin, sugar or other abnormal deposits.

No other disability found to exist.

No evidence of vicious habits.

We find that the aggregate permanent disability for earning a support by manual labor is due to rheumatism, loss of great toe of right foot and injury to left hand and age, not due to vicious habits and warrants a rate of \$12 a month.

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

Single surgeons will use this blank, changing "we" to read "I."

Marginal entries must never be made.