

Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc. The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Special character and number of claim. Increase Pension Claim No. Gert. 479 399.  
Name and rank of claimant. Samuel Johnson. Rank, Private.  
Company C., 39th Reg't U. S. C. Vol. Inf., Baltimore, Md. State,  
# 539 Orchard St., Balto. Md. March 30th, 1898.  
[Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz: Rheumatism, disease of heart and senility.

and that he receives a pension of Twenty-four dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase Pension. "Is unable to go about without aid, and requires assistance in dressing."

How give the claimant's statement as nearly and as completely as possible.

Rest 84  
Standing 96  
Exercise 112

How give a full description of the disability, in accordance with back of instructions.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, \_\_\_\_\_; respiration, 20; temperature, 98; height, 5 feet 7 inches; weight, 150 pounds; age, 72 years.

The actual or probable origin of every existing disability must be fully set forth. Whenever a disability is shown, or is believed to be due to or aggravated by vicious habits the opinion of the board must be stated. When not due to such habits this fact must be stated.

Rheumatism, heart and age. All his joints have lost their flexibility. The left hip joint is tender to pressure and the left knee is stiffened with calcareous deposits in the joint. Flexion of the leg is impaired 33%. His muscles are sore to touch. He cannot stoop over without falling. Uses a cane to aid in locomotion. His heart is normal in position and size; action is somewhat accelerated. Valves good. No hypertrophy or dilatation. No dyspnea, cyanosis or oedema. His age is the prime factor in his case; he is not able to do any work. He requires assistance in dressing and attending the calls of nature.

Each disability must be rated separately, the act of Congress of March 3, 1880, requiring "that the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which, in their judgment, the applicant is entitled to."

"This claimant is so disabled from rheumatism & effects of old age, as to require the frequent and periodical, (though not regular and constant), personal aid and attendance of another person, and is entitled to \$50 a month."

Except the above, all organs normal. Chest measures expiration 33, rest 34, inspiration 35. Urine light amber. S. G. 1020. Acid No albumen or sugar. No rating.

No evidence of vicious habits.

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A. A. White, Pres. Geo. R. Kahane, Sec'y. G. Lane Tompkins, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not. When sufficient space is not afforded for the necessary statements, an additional blank certificate should be attached and properly numbered. The backs of certificates must not be used except as it may be necessary