

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS or NEAR NEIGHBORS of ~~deceased~~, (other than relatives) who have known ~~him~~ before his enlistment, ~~or~~ ~~his discharge~~ and return from the army.

State of Maryland, County of Howard, ss.

In the matter of the application for pension of Rhoda Collins mother of

John Dyers, late of Co- 2d 19th U.S. Troops

ON THIS 14th day of November A. D. 1910, personally appeared before me, a

Judge of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

Basil Beaton aged 32 years, a resident of Long Mt. Gibson

in the County of Baltimore and State of Maryland,

whose Post Office address is Reisterstown, Howard County and

Allen Green aged 51 years, a resident of Catonville

in the County of Baltimore and State of Maryland-

whose Post Office address is Catonville, Baltimore County, Md.

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid

case as follows: That they have been well and personally acquainted with Rhoda Collins

for 40 years, and 40 years respectively, and that John Dyers during

his lifetime contributed to the support of his mother Rhoda Collins

Instructions—read carefully.

The witnesses must state

1st. Their respective ages and occupation, the length of time they have known the soldier, and in what year or years of the said period they have employed, worked with or for him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him, and how near to him.

2d. If they know him before his enlistment, what his physical condition was at that time, and that he was then sound and free from disability, and especially free from the disease for which he claims pension.

3d. If he were employed or worked with him since he returned from the army, they shall state where it was, and what business, and if they have known him as unemployed only, they should state about what distance from him they lived, how frequently, on an average, each week, month or year, they saw him and conversed with him, and how near he was to them, and from what disease or disability he has suffered since all the time they employed him, worked with him, or lived near him, and how severely whether at any time during this period he was confined to his bed or house, or was wholly unable to do any manual labor, and if he gave days he was confined, when such ailments occurred, how long they lasted, and how severe they were. In this connection, if the witnesses have seen his employment or have worked with him for less than a month, they should state about what proportion of a month he was employed, and work as unemployed only, and if he was employed for less than a month, they should state what his physical condition was during such part of the

Statement made by Rhoda Collins, to wit: That John Dyers my son did contribute to my support at the time he entered the Army. Also promised to send me money as soon as he could but his death prevented it.