

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of Employers or Near Neighbors of Soldier, (other than relatives), who have known him since his discharge and return from the army.

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 knew him before his enlistment, what his physical condition was at that time, and whether he was then sound and free from disability, and especially that for which pension is claimed.

3d. If they have employed or worked with him since his return from the Army, they should state where it was, and at what business, or if they have known him as neighbors 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 intimate they were with him during this time, and from what disease or disability he has suffered during 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 obliged to stop work, was confined to his bed or house, or was wholly unable to do any manual labor because of his alleged disabilities, and give dates as near as recollected when such attacks occurred, how long they lasted, and how severe they were. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound able-bodied man's work he was able to do—whether  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , as the case may have been; what his actual earnings were, and whether or not the wages paid him were less in amount, and how much less, on account of his inability to labor, than were paid to others, physically sound and doing the same kind of work. They should also state how they are able to say what his disabilities have been and are now, and they should describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in this case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully during each year of their acquaintance with him.

State of Maryland County of Queen Anns ss.

In the matter of Pension claim (Invalid) No 901.599  
of James Taylor

ON THIS 14 day of March A. D. 1892, personally appeared before me a

Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, duly authorized to administer oaths,

Rev Jas A. Mitchell aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of Centerville  
in the County of Queen Anns and State of MD

whose Post Office address is Centerville MD and

Pergrin Telghman aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of Centerville  
in the County of Queen Anns and State of Maryland

whose Post Office address is Centerville MD

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in

relation to aforesaid case as follows: That they have been well and personally acquainted with

James Taylor for 18 years and 40 years respectively, and that

J. Jas A. Mitchell have employed

James Taylor for eighteen years

he has but a slight from Rheumatism

for some time, for the last three years

has had severe attacks, he was afflic

ted on or about Christmas and has been

confined to the house ever since, with

it. I have given testimony before, but this is

given to say his attacks are worse and

longer, & more frequent.

I Pergrin Telghman live near neigh

bor to James Taylor he has worked for

me in down light work for 20 years

he has been affected with Rheumatism for a

number of years and it seems to be worse

each year. He was taken with an attack

about Christmas and has just been able

a few days ago to get out of his house