

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 Anne's ss.

In the matter of Pension claim No 901599
of James Taylor Co K 39th Reg U.S.C.T.

ON THIS 13 day of Aug A. D. 1891, personally appeared before me a

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

Peppin Tiffman aged 68 years, a resident of Centerville
in the County of Queen Anne's and State of MD

whose Post Office address is Centerville MD and

Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell aged 52 years, a resident of Centerville
in the County of Queen Anne's and State of MD

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

for 50 years and 17 years respectively, and that

I Peppin Tiffman have employed Jas Taylor the claimant off & on for twenty

years since his discharge I have known him to be laid up on numerous occasions &

it was always reported to me as Rheumatism his attacks now are more frequent longer

and more severe I have Jas A Mitchell

Pastor of P.E Church of Centerville have had Jas Taylor the claimant attending

to my home, cutting wood, working garden and doing Sextons work at the church

for twenty years and has been immediately under my eye and he has seen

attacks of Rheumatism every year I have often seen him in these attacks

and he always said it was Rheumatism, his attacks are very regular and

longer now each year.

It is each estimate his failure