

# SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim.

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Pension Claim No.

761,637

Name of claimant.

John Armstrong

Address of Board.

Baltimore P. O.  
Maryland State.

Company B 39 Reg't U.S.C. Inf

Claimant's post-office address.

211 Dover St

November 16th, 1906  
[Date of examination.]

Names of disabilities.

Lumbago-rheumatism-disease of heart-obesity-general debility

He receives a pension of 8 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: Rheumatism, lumbago in back for years-cause exposure.

Birthplace, Kent Co Md; age, 64 years; height, 5-4; weight, 162 pounds; complexion, negro; color of eyes, brown; color of hair, gray; occupation, Stevedore; permanent marks and scars other than those described below, none

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

Pulse rate, 68-70-84; respiration, 18-20-26; 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 AND LUMBAGO**-Soreness and stiffness of shoulder and knee joints with crepitus-no enlargement of joints-no atrophy or swelling of muscles-no contraction or impaired motion-no lameness. Also complains of pain in lumbar muscles-stoops and recovers with apparent ease-no atrophy or swelling. All other muscles and joints normal.  
**DISEASE OF HEART**-The heart is normal in size, position and action-no dyspnoea, edema or cyanosis.  
**OBESITY**-No objective evidence-circumference of chest 40-abdomen 37.  
**GENERAL AND SENILE DEBILITY**-Vessels somewhat thickened-arcus senilis-no tremor-muscular and well nourished.  
**LUNGS**-Chest at rest 40-full inspiration 42-full expiration 39. 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-tests heat, nitric acid and Fehlings.  
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 and age, not due to vicious habits, and warrants a rate of \$10 a month.

Facts within the knowledge of the Board, or any member thereof, relative to the cause of any disability found should be stated.

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.

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.

C. H. Scudder, Pres. H. J. Jamett, Sec'y. Boony, Treas.