

Testimony of Employers, Neighbors or Acquaintances of Soldier,

[OTHER THAN NEAR RELATIVES.]

State of *Maryland*, County of *Talbot* 53:
In the matter of the application for pension of *John Johnson late of*
Co. A. 7th U.S. Col.

ON THIS *25th* day of *January*, A. D. 19*00*, personally appeared before me a
Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
James Gibson aged *50* years, a resident of *Unionville*
in the County of *Talbot* and State of *Maryland*

whose Post Office address is *Easton Talbot Co Md* and
Charles Semley aged *44* years, a resident of *Unionville*
in the County of *Talbot* and State of *Maryland*
whose Post Office address is *Lewis Mills Talbot Co Md*

well known to me to be respectable and entitle to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, declare in relation to
aforesaid case as follows: That *they* have been well and personally acquainted with *John Johnson*
for *all their lives* and *years* respectively, and that *we* live near *Neighams*
to him and know his condition, that he is
not able to do manual labor, and has not
been for a number of years, that he is
unable to go about without assistance, and
is entirely unable to perform any work at
all, we have been called frequently to
assist him getting about, these facts are
known to us personally from being near
Neighams to him and seeing him almost
every day

Instructions.
Read Carefully.
The witnesses must state: How long they have known the soldier, and if they have employed or worked with or for him since his return from the army, they should state where 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 have seen and conversed with him, and how intimate they have been with him; from what disease or disability he has suffered during all that time, and how severely; whether at any time during said period he has been obliged to stop work; whether confined to his bed or house, or wholly unable to do manual labor by reason thereof, giving dates as nearly as possible when such attacks occurred, how long they lasted, and how severe they were, and stating the symptoms of his disease or disability as actually observed by them. They should state about what proportion of a sound able-bodied man's work he has been able to do, and should compare the degree of disability to that which would result from the loss of an arm or leg, hand or foot, thumb, finger or toe, according to their best judgment; what his actual earnings were, and whether or not the wages paid him were less than were paid to others physically sound.