

# CLAIMANT'S AFFIDAVIT.

State of Maryland, County of Kent  
On this Fifth day of October A. D., 1889 personally appeared  
before me, a \_\_\_\_\_ in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer  
oaths John F. Benton aged 47 years, late private Co. E 7  
Reg't. of U. S. Art. Vols., applicant for Original Pension No. 715677  
a resident of Chestertown County of Kent State of MD  
whose Postoffice address is as above and well known to me to be  
reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he is the claimant in the above  
described case.

[NOTE.—Affiant should state his means of knowing the facts to which he testifies.]

That he is capable to furnish testimony  
of a Commissioned Officer or 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant,  
for the reason that he cannot ascertain  
their whereabouts.

That he is capable to furnish testimony  
as to medical treatment in the service, for  
the reason that Surgeon Augustus, who  
treated him cannot remember same.

That he is capable to furnish testimony  
as to medical treatment since discharged, for  
the reason that being poor he has never  
employed a physician, but had doctored  
himself with patent medicines.

*[Large decorative flourish]*

John F. Benton  
(Signature of Affiant.)

(If Affiant signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)