appeared. Wesley Miller ..... and Merritt Johnson .....
residents of the (3). City ..... of Washington ..... in the ~~State of~~ District
of Columbia .... , persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me
duly sworn, say that they were present and saw ... Oliver Scott ....(11)
... make ..... his (12) .... mark ..... to the foregoing declaration; and they further
swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with him,
that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they further swear that they reside as stated, and that they have no
interest in the prosecution of this claim.

If the witnesses, or either of them make their mark, let two persons who can write their names attest the signature. The Officer administering the oath cannot be one of the attesting parties.

ATTEST:

R. J. Meigs
L. P. William

Two Witnesses. { his Wesley x Miller mark
Merritt x Johnson mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19 .... day of March ..... A. D. 186 6, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. I further certify that the foregoing declaration and joint affidavit were read over to and understood by the respective parties before they made their several signatures to the same.

R. J. Meigs, Clerk
of the Supreme Court. of
the District of Columbia.

NOTE.—If the Clerk of the Court (Deputy will not answer) takes the declaration and affidavit instead of the Judge, he signs the foregoing certificate, and places the seal of the Court thereto, and the following certificate then goes unauthenticated; but if the Judge administers the oaths, he signs the said certificate, and then the Clerk himself authenticates the certificate hereto following:

☞ This Certificate should be authenticated by the Clerk himself.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE.

State of _____ } SS.
COUNTY OF _____

I, ... Clerk of the ....
Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that ....
.... .before whom the foregoing Invalid Pension Declaration and joint affidavit were made, and who has
thereunto signed his name, was, at the time of so doing, a Judge of the ....
Court in and for the County and State above named, duly elected, qualified and sworn; that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature, as it above appears, is genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of .... Court at Office
in ..... this ....day ....A. D, 186

....Clerk

[L. S.] ....Court.

REMARKS.—In case the Deputy authenticates the Clerk's certificate, evidence may be required to show that the Deputy is duly appointed and authorized by law to sign the Clerk's name and use the seal of the Court—therefore, it is better to have the Clerk's own individual authentication at once, and thus save the trouble and expense of a general authentication certificate respecting the Deputy, which might be required if the papers were authenticated by him instead of the Clerk.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. "*Judge,*" or "*Clerk.*" 2. Name of the Court. 3. "*City,*" "*Town,*" "*Corporation,*" or "*County,*" as case may be. 4. "*Volunteered*" or "*Enlisted,*" as case may be. 5. *Cavalry, Infantry,* or *Artillery, Volunteers, of*..... ...(here give State) naming the troops as indicated according to the corps to which they belong. If of the regular service, in place of foregoing, add: "*United States Infantry,*" "*Cavalry,*" or "*Artillery,*" as the case may be. 6. Here give a particular and minute description of the wound or disability, stating when, where, and how it was incurred, and how it affects the applicant at this time. 7. "*Compulsory idleness from physical incapacity to perform manual labor,*" if such be the fact; if not, then state *what kind* of labor he has performed, and whether of very light character or otherwise.

8. Here state the occupation, trade, or profession which the applicant was engaged in.

9. Here insert "*one-fourth,*" "*one-third,*" "*one-half,*" "*two-thirds,*" "*three-fourths,*" or "*totally,*" as case may be.

10. "*House No.*.....*on*.....*street, between*.....*and*. .....*streets, in the city of*..... *in the County and State aforesaid,*" or if on the other hand, the applicant resides in the country instead of the city, in place of the foregoing, say: "*on the wagon* (*or rail*) *road leading from*.....*to*..... *about* .....*miles from*.....*the County seat of*.....*County, State above named.*

11. "*Sign*" or "*make.*" 12. "*Name,*" or "*mark,*" as the case may be.

FORM OF DECLARATION
FOR AN
INVALID PENSION.

Act of ..... A. D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Mar 20 1866
PENSION OFFICE

Oliver Scott Applicant,
Late a Private Co. E,
of the 30th Regiment of U. S. Colored Troops.

PENSION OFFICE CIRCULAR.

JULY 21, 1862.

EXTRACT.

"The forms should be exactly followed in every instance. No attorney will be regarded as having filed the necessary Declaration and Affidavits, as contemplated by the seventh section of the act, (July 14, 1862,) unless the forms, as well as the instructions given, *are strictly* complied with.

JOS. H. BARRETT, *Commissioner.*

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