

CLAIMANT'S APPEAL TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

State of Maryland County of Baltimore, ss.

In the matter of Claim for Invalid Pension No. 590,178  
Samuel Johnson Claimant.

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Personally came before me a Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid County and State  
Samuel Johnson claimant for Invalid Pension  
late private Company (C), 39<sup>th</sup> Regiment United States Colored Volunteers  
a citizen of the town of Baltimore, County of Baltimore  
State of Maryland, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being  
duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

That his Claim for Invalid Pension No. 590,178 having been rejected for the following reasons:  
By letter of Pension Commissioner Black dated Washington DC  
[Here state the reason why rejection was made.]

Feb 25 1889 here with filed in this case as "not disabled in any pensionable degree"

and that the extent of his disability is as least one half as he is confined to his house  
[State fully the extent to which the disability interferes with manual labor.]

for weeks at a time and he has tried to prove the facts & as he thinks did prove them by competent witnesses, he is utterly useless to himself and this state of his health has appeared in Rheumatism, this was caused from exposure while in the Army as will be seen by the records. Claimant was never affected with Rheumatism prior to his enlistment nor was Rheumatism a disease common to his family, nor did he act imprudently while in the army or since

the Claimant appeals for a Reconsideration of his said Claim for the Reason that he was in the  
[Here state fully the reason why a review of the claim should be made.]

hospital during his service in the Army caused by Rheumatism where he remained about six weeks he was released and again ordered by the Dr of the Regiment and was made out while the Claimant was in the hospital so that he was a disabled man when he was discharged and has never been free from Rheumatism since and has to lose at least one half of his time by reason of his disability that he has furnished the Pension office with this evidence and can prove his condition if allowed. This claimant has always been a good character and has to depend upon his labor for his & families support. Claimant is at least one half disabled and his disease is increasing.