

NEIGHBORS AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of Employers or near Neighbors of soldiers,

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INSTRUCTIONS—READ CAREFULLY.

The witnesses must state:

1st. Their respective ages and occupation; the length of time they have known the soldier, and in what year or years of the said period they have employed, worked with or for him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him, and how near to him.

2d. If they have employed or worked with him since his return from the army, they should state where it was, 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 saw him and conversed with him, and how intimate they were with him during this time, and from what disease or disability he has suffered during all the time they employed him, worked with him, or lived near him, and how severely; whether at any time during this period he was obliged to stop work, was confined to his bed or house, or was wholly unable to do any manual labor because of his alleged disabilities, and give dates as near as recollected when such attacks occurred, how long they lasted, and how severe they were. In this connection if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound, able-bodied man's work he was able to do—whether $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ or as the case may have been; what his actual earnings were, and whether or not the wages paid him were less in amount, and how much less, on account of his inability to labor, than were paid to others physically sound and doing the same kind of work. They should also state how they are able to say what his disabilities have been and are now, and they should describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully during each year of their acquaintance with him.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Armstrong, SS.

In the matter of the claim for Invalid Pension
of John Blough, late of Co. M. 14th Regt. Penn. Cavalry,

On THIS 19th day of May A. D. 1888, personally appeared before me, a

Clerk of Quarter Sessions Court in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths,
William W. Weckling aged 53, a resident of Valley Township

in the County of Armstrong and State of Pennsylvania

whose Post Office address is Kittanning, Armstrong Co. Pa. and

aged _____ years, a resident of _____

the County of _____ and State of _____

whose Post Office address is _____

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That ^{he has} ~~they have~~ been well and personally acquainted with John Blough
for 28 years, and _____ years respectively, and that he worked for me on the farm at harvesting, making rails &c. before he enlisted in the army. He was a stout healthy man and was able to do, and did a good day's work at that time. This was immediately before he enlisted. The last work he did for me was not more than a month or two prior to the date of his enlistment. When he returned from the army he came to my house in about a week after his discharge. He was unable to work at all; he had difficulty in breathing, could only breathe with great effort, and could not stand on his own work. He said it was Bronchitis. He was at my house for about three years after his discharge, not continuously, but off and on. From that time until the past year he has been at my house occasionally, rather making his home with me, and not being absent more than two months at a time. Within the last year I have seen him as often as once or twice a month. He has been suffering all this time with the same trouble in the chest. He could not rest at night and frequently got up to sit up at night. Never was able to do a half a day's work. He has tried to work for me, but I could see that he was not able to do it. From his appearance I believe him in the same condition of health at this time as when he came home from the army and as he has been ever since then.