

# MEDICAL AFFIDAVIT.

This affidavit can be used by Regimental or Assistant Surgeon, or any physician who can testify in any way in behalf of claimant. The affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the Surgeon or physician testifying, and should embody all the facts in affiant's possession as to the origin and continuance of claimant's disability. The dates of treatment should be especially set forth, and also affiant's means of knowing the facts to which he testifies.

State of Massachusetts, County of Franklin, SS:

In the Pension Claim No. 50484

of French B White

late a Private in Co. D of the 1st Reg't of Ohio Heavy Art. Vols.  
(Company and Regiment of service, if in the Army; or Vessel and Rank, if in the Navy.)

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for  
the aforesaid County and State, H. J. Russell, a citizen of

Uxbridge Mass, whose Postoffice address is Uxbridge Mass, County of  
Worcester, State of Massachusetts, 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 a practicing physician, and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about 10  
years, and that he has treated claimant for Chronic

Rheumatism all this period. The joints are  
(Here state all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or inter-

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of the fingers, hands, elbows and shoulders  
and the knee and ankle joints are swollen sore  
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perosteal inflammation of the cranial bones  
set in just back of both ears and has been  
extending ever since until nearly 7/8 of the  
surface of the scalp has been invaded and  
has been opened down to the bone in 25-  
or 30 different places and there has been and  
is yet profuse discharge of pus from several  
of these places and at present the pus has  
thickened along the muscles of the neck  
and back of the neck which renders  
the neck very stiff and is unable to turn  
the head and the pain is so severe that operations  
are necessary all the time. The inflammatory  
condition has extended through the  
Post Pharyngeal region until larynx has become

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1st. Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment; the length of time he has known him; how intimately and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition; whether as his family physician or as a neighbor, and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state, adding, if true, that had he been unsound he would have known it.

2d. If he treated claimant while in the service, either as his regimental surgeon or while claimant was home on furlough that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown, as well as the NATURE OF HIS DISABILITY and dates of treatment.

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4th. Affiant should take especial care to state, to the best of his recollection and ability, to what fractional extent claimant has been disabled for performance of manual labor, whether  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ , or entirely during each year, from discharge to the present time, or such time as affiant's testimony covers.

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has been the case for over a year  
will be the case from this on and  
is in no way a result of claimant's vicious  
acts for a period of 12 months claim-  
ant has been under careful medical  
attendance. Claimant has been where  
he could be seen from 3 to 5 times a  
day and has been seen that often

He further declares that he has practiced medicine 11 years, and that he has no interest,  
either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

*H. J. Sutton M.D.*  
(Affiant's Signature.)  
*Family Physician*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D. 1893,  
and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician in good professional standing; that the contents  
of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known to him before swearing, including the words  
..... erased, and the words ..... added, and that  
I have no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

*A. Roberts*  
Official Signature.  
*Justice of the Peace*  
Official Character.

[L. S.] *Certificate filed*

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MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

CLAIM OF

*French J. White*

Date 1893 in No. 1 Reg't.

of 1st Regt. Art. Yols.

FOR

*Increase Pension*

AN AFFIDAVIT OF

*H. Suttle*

FILED BY

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