TO BE EXECUTED BY A COMMISSIONED OFFICER, ORDERLY SERGEANT, OR TWO COMRADES OF THE SOLDIER'S COMPANY AND REGIMENT, HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE DISABILITY WAS INCURRED, ON ACCOUNT OF WHICH PENSION IS CLAIMED. IF POSSIBLE GET THE EVIDENCE OF A COMMISSIONED OFFICER OR ORDERLY SERGEANT, BUT IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SECURE SUCH EVIDENCE, THEN GET THE AFFIDAVITS OF TWO OR MORE COMRADES.

State the nature of the wound or injury received, and in what part of the body located; or the name and nature of the disease or disability incurred. State what caused the disability, and upon what particular duty the soldier was engaged at the time it was incurred. If on special duty, by whose order was he acting. If the injury was a rupture, be particular to state its location, and whether you saw it at the time of, or immediately after, its occurrence, or at any time while in the service. State whether you saw him at the date of, or immediately previous to, discharge; also when, where and whether the disability named then existed. State whether the soldier was in sound bodily health, and especially free from the disabilities upon which claim for pension is based, at the time he enlisted, and immediately preceding the date of incurring his disabilities. State your source of information, whether present at the time and place, and an eye-witness to the facts related. If in command of company when the disability was incurred, so state.

Before filling in this affidavit, the witness should read carefully the instructions, and conform thereto in every particular, as far as his knowledge of the facts will allow.

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If possible, this affidavit should be in the hand-writing of affiant; if not, the affiant should state the reasons why. Prepare your statement on a separate sheet of paper, correct it carefully, and then transfer it to this blank. State of \_\_\_\_\_\_in In the matter of the Pension Claim of Vols., personally came before me, in and for the aforesaid County and State. who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim that his age is 4. 4 years; that he is the identical person who served as a  $\operatorname{Vols}$  , and knows the above soldier, who was a member of  $\operatorname{\mathsf{Co}}$ ..., 186.3, while in the line of duty, and without fault or improper conduct on his part, at or near. said soldier incurred. (Here state the time and manner in which the wound or other injury was received. 864

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