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Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., *May 14*, 1884

Sir:

In the claim for *Invalid* pension No. *508,970* of *Archibald Ross*,
Priv, of Co. *B*, *3* Reg't *Missi Vol*, the

testimony indicated in paragraph No. *1-2* should be furnished—

1. The affidavit of the family physician, (or other competent testimony,) which should show what the claimant's physical condition was at and prior to enlistment, especially whether he was free from

rheumatism.

2. The testimony of all the physicians who have attended him since the date of his discharge from the service, showing explicitly the history and degree of the disability from alleged *rheumatism*

..... during each year, the dates and duration of all treatment administered, and a full description of the disability in all its phases.

It is especially important that the physician who first attended the claimant after his discharge from the service should state the date at which his attendance commenced and his condition at that time,

especially if he then suffered from *the same*. (The affidavit should be, as far as practicable, in the language and handwriting of the physician.)

3. If the claimant cannot furnish the medical testimony indicated in paragraph No. 2, he should state the fact and reasons under oath, and there should be furnished that of persons by whom he was employed, fellow workmen, or neighbors, showing what his physical condition was at the date of their first acquaintance, and what it has been each year since to the present time, and especially to what extent he has been

incapacitated for obtaining subsistence by manual labor in consequence of *the same*.

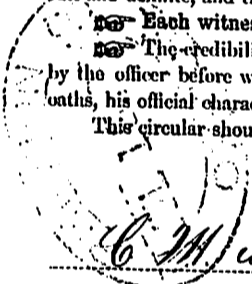
The statement of the witnesses in regard to the manner in which the claimant was affected should be full and definite, and they should show how they obtained a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

Each witness should state his post-office address.

The credibility of witnesses and all erasures and interlineations in testimony must be certified to by the officer before whom the affidavit is executed, who may be any person authorized to administer oaths, his official character and signature being certified to under the seal of the proper officer.

This circular should be returned with your reply.

Very respectfully,



C. M. McCarty
adjutant Genl.
St Paul, Missi

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Commissioner.