

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

NOTE.—Write the affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places, as near as you can remember, according to the requirements in the case in which your testimony is to be used; also state *how* you know what you say to be true; whether from personal observation or otherwise.

STATE OF Massachusetts } ss. No. 385,505  
COUNTY OF Middlesex

In the matter of the claim for Pension  
of George W. Moulton,  
late of Company D, 38<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 51<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Volunteers,  
Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid County  
and State, William Holmes, aged thirty nine years,  
and \_\_\_\_\_, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
a resident of Melrose, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_

aforesaid, \_\_\_\_\_, who being duly sworn, declare s in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:  
that I reside in said Melrose and am employed as a clerk in the store of Oliver Ditson & Co., music dealers and publishers, Nos. 449 and 451 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.; have been in the employ of said firm since the year 1864: well know said George W. Moulton: he came to work for said firm as a clerk in or about the early Fall of 1865: understood that he had been in the employ of said firm before his service in the army: that at the time he reentered the employ of said firm, after his return from the army service, as above stated, I was employed in the store and on same floor with him and was brought in contact with him, when he was at work, almost daily up to about December 1877, when he left the employ of said firm, and did not subsequently re-enter its employ permanently; that when he went to work in 1865, he appeared to be broken in health, somewhat nervous and irritable and occasionally complaining of headache: shortly after this I noticed an agitation of his head, or sort of a quick tremulous motion of his head from side to side which would be increased when he was excited, or even in animated conversation: sometime after, I should say within a year or so after his return he complained of his eyes, or one of them, troubling him, and continued to complain of that trouble for two or three years— I cannot fix the exact period— when he was obliged to resort to the use of a green shade, which he wore for months, and ever after I noticed this eye trouble there was a peculiar appearance to one of his eyes; besides a somewhat inflamed condition, there was a sort of "flat" or "dead" look to it: that I frequently heard him speak of having had a sunstroke and some other trouble or disease while in the service: another trouble of which he complained— the first complaint about which I cannot fix, but it was many years ago, was a loss of use or power in one of his legs, which seemed to come a sudden giving away of his leg at the hip: that he was at times away from his work on account of his sickness; I think principally on account of his eyes: that the nervousness and irritability increased and became more apparent, until his condition in that regard attracted the attention of persons not used to his ways: that to the best of my recollection he was on account of his sickness, absent from his work, at one or more times in each year from 1865, to 1877. I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution, and am not related to said claimant.

Witness

Abel J. Seavard

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK 2 persons sign here.

Affiant's Signature,

P. O. Address,

Affiant's Signature,

P. O. Address,

William Holmes

No. 451 Washington St. Boston, Mass.  
% Oliver Ditson & Co.

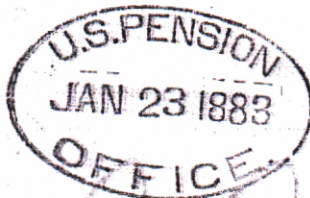
Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named amant ; and I certify that ~~I read said~~  
~~affidavit to said affiant~~ *acknowledged that he was* and acquainted with its contents before *he* executed the same: that said  
affiant *is* personally known to me; that *he is a* credible person and so reputed in the community in  
which *he* reside *s*. I further certify that the words "*I noticed this*" were written over erasure  
were erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ were added  
before execution, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Witness my hand ~~and seal~~ this *twentieth* day of *December* 188*2*.

~~ADD SEAL HERE.~~

{ Any erasures or inter-  
linations in the foregoing  
affidavit should be cer-  
tified by the Magistrate, in  
his jurat, as having been  
made before execution. }

*Adison J. Seaward*  
Magistrate's Signature.  
*Justice of the Peace*  
Official Character.



NOTE.—This may be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If sworn before  
a NOTARY or JUSTICE, then the official character and signature of such officer should be verified by certificate of the Clerk of  
Court, on the form which follows:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_ Court, in and for  
aforesaid County and State, do certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Esq.,  
who hath signed his name to foregoing affidavit, was, at the time of so doing, a  
in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn: that all his official acts are entitled to full faith  
and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188*2*.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk.

[L.S.]

Nature of Claim,	No.	Claimant,	Late	Co.	Reg't,	Vols.	AFFIDAVIT OF	FILED BY	Sold by C. K. DARLING, 13 Exchange Street, Boston.