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# NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS OR NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier (other than relatives), showing his present physical disability, as required under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

State of Alabama, County of Jackson, ss

In the matter of the application for pension of Gilly Sanders  
widow of John Sanders

ON THIS 4 day of February, A. D. 1897, personally appeared before me  
a justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer

oaths A. H. M. Sanders aged 70 years, a resident of Hytap  
in the County of Jackson and State of Alabama

whose Post-office address is Hytap Ala and  
C. J. Brewer aged 63 years, a resident of Alto

in the County of Jackson and State of Alabama  
whose Post-office address is Alto Alabama

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the  
aforesaid case as follows: That they have been well and personally acquainted with John

Sanders for 65 years, and 49 years respectively, and that they

know of this own personal knowledge that

John Sanders was married three times and that

his first two wives are dead. His <sup>first</sup> Charlotte

Bannon A. H. M. Sanders saw them  
married and knows she was dead before he

## INSTRUCTIONS—read carefully.

The witnesses must state:

1st. Their respective ages and occupation; the length of time they have known the soldier, and how long during that 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 they should state

Instructions—  
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Under the order of  
the Commissioner  
of Pensions number  
229, in the prepara-  
tion of testimony in  
support of claims in  
pension cases, all

him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him and how near to him.

2d. If they have employed or worked with him they should state where it was and at what business; or if they know him as neighbors only they should state about what distance from him they live; how frequently they see him and converse with him, and how intimate they are with him, and from what disease or disability he is suffering with at present, and whether at any time he is obliged to stop work by reason of his alleged disabilities. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with him or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound, able-bodied man's work he is able to do—whether  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , or as the case may be; what his actual earnings are, and whether or not the wages paid him are less in amount, and how much less on account of his inability to labor than is 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 are, and describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully, and show whether or not he is suffering from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character, not the result of his own vicious habits, and the extent which he is incapacitated from the performance of manual labor, or the degree he has been unable to earn a support since the filing of his claim.

Death form <sup>contents</sup>  
Non-remedy for <sup>him</sup>

W. Brannon A. H. M. Sanders saw him married and knows she was dead before his second marriage. He can't tell exactly the date as he can't write and keeps no account of time. He saw him <sup>the signature</sup> married at his house. He knows she is dead also, because he helped to bury her. He can't recollect exact dates. I am old and forgetful. He knows he married Gilly Anderson after the death of his second wife. I am the brother of John Sanders and knows these facts, <sup>by</sup> <sup>personal</sup> acquaintance with him and his wife and children. I have never lived more than five miles from him. This was written in my presence and as I stated in Garrel Jackson Brewer's statement:— I knew John Sanders during his first wife's lifetime and for about 40 years. His first wife died about 40 years ago. I know she is dead and know where she was buried. He was married the <sup>2nd</sup> time within three miles of my house and I lived a night with him during his life time. She died about (?) years ago. She was buried at the same grave yard of his first wife. Her name was Polly Freeman. I knew his third wife when she was a little girl. I know her first husband—John Anderson.

the commission of Pension number 229, in the preparation of testimony in support of claims in pension cases, all statements affecting the particular case and not merely formal must be written, or prepared to be type-written, in the presence of the witness, and from his oral declarations then made to the person who then reduces the testimony to writing or then prepares the same to be type-written. And such testimony must embody a statement by the witness that such testimony was all written or prepared for type-writing (as the case may be) in his presence, and only from his oral statements then made; stating also the time, place, and person, when, where, and to whom he made such oral statements, and that in making the same he did not use and was not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recited prepared or dictated by any other person; and not attached as an exhibit to his testimony.

NOTE.—The above instructions do not apply to cases in which the affidavit is in handwriting of the witness. In such case, the witness should state that the affidavit was written by him, and that he was not prompted thereto by any written or printed memorandum or attached as an exhibit to his testimony.

during his life time. I know he was dead before she married John Sanders. I know she has not married since John Sanders died because she is my neighbor. If she <sup>had</sup> remarried would have known it. This was written in our presence and according to our oral statements

They further declare that they have no interest in said case and are not concerned in its prosecution.

George W. Thompson

Abford Head Mash + Sanders

William A. Grider

Correl Jackson Farmer  
(Signature of Affiants.)

NOTE.—The witnesses if not themselves equal to the task of drawing the affidavits, should go to some Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or other officer or competent person, and have the blank filled out and properly executed.

STATE OF Alabama, COUNTY OF Jackson, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words

erased, and the words added, and acquainted them

with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant S. are personally known to me, and that they are credible persons.

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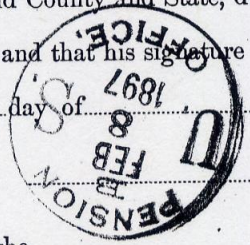
John H. McLondon  
(Official Signature.)

Justice of the Peace  
(Official Character.)

[L. S.]

I, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, was, at the time of so doing 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 seal of office, this day of 1897



[L. S.]

Clerk of the

NOTE.—This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF**

*A. H. M. Sanders and  
C. J. Brewer*

*Nature of claim Pension (wid)*

*Soldier John Sanders*

*Co. "D", 3rd Ohio Reg't.*

*Cav. & Fla. Ind. War Vols.*

*No. 640,763.*

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*Ala*

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must be attached.

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Carroll J. Brewer examined on Loyalty  
of John Dandas the Claimant in the case  
after being sworn as follows,

1 Carroll J. Brewer forty five yrs of age  
seven miles N.W. of Mainers Co. P.O.  
Jacksboro. Alabama Adventur yrs a Farmer

2 I assist Clint help me, I am not  
introduced in his claims

52 John Dandas,

53 I know him about twenty five yrs, for  
all the time,

54 About three miles from Claimant,

55 I met him often, until he went into the Army,

56 I did before he went into the Army,

I have heard him declare that he could not  
sustain the secession principle, & if it did  
come up we would be the worst times that  
was ever seen, all of his talk with me  
was on the side of the Union & we have always  
voted in opposition to secession & all its principles  
for our votes together

57 Claimant went in to the Regular Federal  
Army & served nearly three years. He carried  
nineteen men with him when he went

58 I do not

59 I do not remember

60 His public reputation was for loyalty,  
from the fact of his joining the Army &  
doing service for nearly three yrs.

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- 61 Andy & Jane Weston, Judge Dan Paton  
W.A. Austin, James Hankins, & others
- 62 I was, he died, by me keeping out of the way  
of the Anson & my conversation
- 63 I had Richd Carter, with Burtie both  
say they intended to come & take Sam as off  
for fear he would die the Hellards,
- 64 I do not think so, for he served two  
years in the Federal Army,
- 65 Truly mine then, I know that James & Burtie  
& others searched for him often & did take out  
his uncle Dr. Darius who was serving you old  
they take him out of the jail when he was at  
work & shot him on the side of the water

C. J. Brewer

I am an subscriber to before me this  
July 16<sup>th</sup> 1878 at Residence of Clam & Sam  
near north of Mainards Cove P.O. John  
County Ala

W. J. Stewart  
Sh. Comm. (S)

Query W. Sanders examination continued for  
Page 23 and now exam as to the Loyalty of  
his father the Claimant

- 52 In favor of John Sanders for the Claimant
- 53 All my life - I remained all the time,
- 54 I lived with him at home until we  
went to the army and was both in the army

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79 June 4<sup>th</sup> 9 I do not know as they were  
 passing often & how there was a picture  
 of the 15 Army Corps for two days,  
 10 Affairs are quiet but I was not  
 there myself

11 They burned the Ru's and I saw the  
 affairs would be steps than if it had  
 not been ~~arranged~~ by ~~the~~ officers  
 Gilley & Sanders  
 AMV

Sworn and subscribed to before me this  
 July 16<sup>th</sup> day 1878 at Clamts Residence  
 Seven Miles west of Manassas Co Va  
 Jackson Sea Albion W. J. Strath  
 J. C. Cummings

Barrel J. Brewer next Counselor  
 being sworn answers as follows

- 1 Barrel J. Brewer, Forty five years of age  
 Seven Miles west of Manassas Co Jackson  
 County Alabama, Seventy years a Farmer.
  - 2 I married a half niece of Clamts, but  
 I am not in any way interested in his claim
- 72 I was present in Camps when they had killed the  
 Hops & was eating them, I saw some of  
 the heads of sheep tatters I saw where they  
 were buying the wool, & eating ~~into~~ the wool.
- 73 Was that I know of