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SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATE

No. 608866

VETERAN William Burch Field

RANK Pvt.

SERVICE Co. E. 98th Pa. Vol. Inf.

CAN No. 13125

BUNDLE NO. 26

(3–230.)

INVALID. (Series Act of June 27, 1890)

Cert. No. 608866

Name, William Burchfield

Rank, Prt ; Service, G Co 98th Pa Vol Inf

Agency. { Original Roll: Pittsburgh; Transf'd ...., 18 ...., to ....; " ...., 18 ...., to .... }

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1 Issue. Class Orig. Entered Feb 9 10 00

Issued June 17, 1891

Mailed July 7, 1891

Rate and Period, $ 8.00, from July 24, 1890

Deductions:

Disability: Cancer of upper lip.

Action completed by Board of Revision

Issue. Class. Entered

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Deductions:

Disability:

INDORSEMENTS.

REIMBURSEMENT SEC. 4718 R. S.

Accounting officer's settlement No. 7634 for $ 24 40/100

Secretary for requisition

Dec 10, 1892

J. J. K.

Tucker [3—216 a.]

Exr.

No. 879082

Act of June 27, 1890.

William Burchfield

P. O. Edinboro Erie Co. Pa.

Service: E. 98. Pa. Inf.

Enlisted: Mar. 6, 1865.

Discharged: June 16, 1865.

Application filed: July 22, 1890.

Alleges:

Any other Claim filed: No

7/241

Numerical No. 164843

Attorney: A. McGill MAY 13 1891

P. O. Saegerstown Crawford Co. Pa.

Recognized. Contract.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for , 18 .

C. E. H.

FILED

2. Apl 8/91 A.G. & referred to med. Referee for ex. at home), and on A. McGill atty Call No. 3.

Motfd 12/18/90 E.O.

1891. Apr. 21. Ex. ord. E. H. Denny, Meadville, Pa.

Pa.

Ohio.

Mich.

No.

(3—145 a.)

608866
Bu Pitts

Act of June 27, 1890.

INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, William Burchfield

P.O. Edinboro | Rank, Pvt.

County, Erie | Company, E

State, Pa. | Regiment, 98th Pa. Vol. Inf.

Rate, $ 12 , per month, commencing July 22" 1890

O.E.

Disabled by Cancer of upper lip

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name A. McGill | Fee, $ 10. Agent to pay.

P.O. Saegerstown, Pa. | Articles filed, , 189 .

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Adm., May 11, 1891, John G. Teider, Examiner.

Approved for | Approved for Cancer of upper lip, $12, O.E.

A.B.

Allowance

Gallagher Legal Reviewer — Collins — Medical Referee.

May 26, 189 1. — June 16, 1891.

now pensioned under other laws. Last paid to , 189 , at $

Pensioned from , 18 , at $, for

SERVICE SHOWN BY RECORD.

Enlisted Mch 6, 1865, honorably discharged June 15, 1865

Re-enlisted , 18 , honorably discharged , 18

Declaration filed July 22 1890, alleges permanent disability, not due to vicious habits, from Cancer of the face.

6—687 — 3982—100 m

Written — Statistical card furnished — M.C.

Act of June 27, 1890.

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

To be executed before a Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or any officer competent to administer oaths.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Erie, ss:

On this 18 day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-, personally appeared before me, John Proudfit Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid William Burchfield, aged 62 years, a resident of the Borough of Edinboro, County of Erie, State of Pennsylvania, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical William Burchfield, who was ~~ENROLLED~~ drafted on the Sixth day of March, 1865, in Company "E" Ninety Eighth Regiment of Infantry Pennsylvania Retrain Volunteers (Here state rank, company, and regiment, in Military service, or vessel if in the Navy.) in the War of the Rebellion, and served at least ninety days, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at defence of Washington DC on the sixteenth day of June, 1865. That he is totally unable to earn a support by reason of Cancer on the face (Here name the disease or injuries from which disabled.) which has eaten the bone away near the nose on the right side of face. That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent. That he has applied for pension under application No. ..... That he is ~~a~~ not pensioner under certificate No. .....

(If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.)

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, A. McGill of Sagertown of Crawford Co Pa his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS, as prescribed by law.

That his post-office address is Edinboro, County of Erie Pa, State of .....

William Burchfield
(Claimant's Signature.)

1 E. W. Trickett

2 G. H. Connell
(Two witnesses who write, sign here.)

Also personally appeared E. W. Tyrrell residing at Edinboro. Erie Co. Pa., and G. R. Cornell residing at Edinboro. Erie Co. Pa.

persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw William Burchfield, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him for twenty years and twenty years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

E. W. Tyrrell
G. R. Cornell
[Signatures of witnesses.]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of July, A. D. 1890, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words Enrolled and a ~~was~~ erased, and the words drafted ~~was~~ added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.] (Certificate on file)

John Proudfit
[Signature.]
Notary Public
[Official Character.]

The Act of June 27, 1890, REQUIRES, in case of a soldier:

1. An honorable discharge (but the certificate need not be filed unless called for).
2. A minimum service of ninety days.
3. A permanent physical disability not due to vicious habits. (It need not have originated in the service.)
4. The rates under the act are graded from, $6 to $12, proportioned to the degree of inability to earn a support, and are not affected by the rank held.
5. A pensioner under prior laws may apply under this one, or a pensioner under this one may apply under other laws, but he can not draw more than ONE pension for the same period.

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

SOLDIER'S APPLICATION.

NAME: William Burchfield

SERVICE: Co E 98th Regt Penna Vols

ADDRESS: Edinboro Erie Co Penna

PENSION OFFICE JUL 22 1890

FILED BY: A. McGill Soldiers Town Penna

Printed and For Sale by JOHN F. SHEARY, Claim Blank Printer, 623 D Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

Executed July 16, 1890

State of Pennsylvania County of Erie ss.

In the matter of Invalid Pension Claim No 879.082.
of Wm Wm Burchfield Co E 98th Penn'a Infantry
under Act of June 27. 1890

On this 18th day of April A.D. 1891
personally appeared before me. Wm Burchfield
the above named Claimant who being
by me duly sworn according to law on
oath Saith; That he rendered service
in the late war of the rebellion in Co E
98th Regiment Penn'a Infantry and was
in no other military or naval service of
the United States and that he has not
been in the service of the United States
military, naval, or marine, since June 16
1865 And that this statement is made in
reply to Call No 3

William Burchfield

Sworn to and subscribed before me
and I hereby Certify that I read the
foregoing affidavit to Claimant and examined
him with its Contents by oral swearing; that I
know him personally and he is respectable and
entitled to Credit and that I have no
interest direct or indirect in the prosecution
of this Claim

John Broadfit
Notary Public

L.S.

Org Edw Mich Div.

No 879.082

Act of June 27 1890

Claimants Affidavit

In reply to Call No 3

Case of

Wm Burchfield

Co E 78th Regt

Penn's Infantry

Filed by

A. McGill

Saegertown

Penn'a

APR 9 252204 1891

Write nothing above this line.

(3–060 a.)

MILITARY SERVICE.

NAME OF SOLDIER: William Burchfield

MID. DIV. Div.
A. H. D., EX'R. Ex'r. Bureau of Pensions,
No. 879082 April 8, 1891

SIR:

It is alleged that the above-named man enlisted Mar 6, 1865, and served as a Pri in Co. E, 98 Reg't Pa Inf
also as a ____ in Co. ____, ____ Reg't
____, and was discharged at References of Washington on June 16, 1865.

No. of prior claim ____

The War Department will please furnish an official statement in this case, showing date of enrollment and date and mode of termination of service.

Very respectfully,
Andrew Ranson
Acting Commissioner.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,
WAR DEPARTMENT. 0—4

War Department,

Record and Pension Division,

APR 9 1891

Respectfully returned to the

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

The rolls show that William Burchfield
mentioned in the preceding indorsement, was enrolled
Mch 6, 1865, and Mo
June 16, 1865

PENSION OFFICE APR 10 1891 U. S.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

F. Ainsworth
Captain and Ass't Surgeon, U. S. Army.
May Per Mi

3855 b—50 m

Act of June 27, 1890

No. 879082.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

STATE OF Pennsylvania }
COUNTY OF Erie } SS:

In the pension claim of William Buchfield "E" 98th Penn's Vols

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County and State, Doctor J. C. Wilson, a resident of Edinboro, of the County of Erie State of Penn'a, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I am well acquainted with Claimant, Wm P Buchfield, have known him for the past thirty years. Have seen him this morning. It would respectfully inform any whom it may concern the claimant is incapacitated to appear before an examining board of Surgeons and he respectfully asks that an examining Surgeon be sent to his residence to examine & report upon his claim for Pension. Claimant is incapacitated to appear before a board of Examining Surgeons by reason of actual personal disability & physical prostration.

And he further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

J. C. Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day; and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician in good professional standing; that I am in no wise interested, either directly or indirectly in the prosecution of this claim; and that ~~I read~~ the foregoing affidavit ~~to the affiant, and acquainted him of its contents before he executed the same.~~ is in the handwriting of the affiant

Witness my hand and official seal this 6th day of December 1890

[L. S.] Sign here. John Brandfit Notary Public

PENSION OFFICE DEC 26 1890

(Certificate on file)

Act June 27, 1890

Orig! Inv. Middle DIVISION.

No. 879082

Special

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Affidavit of Dr J. C. Wilson as to Claimant's inability to appear before Board of Examining Surgeons.

CLAIM OF

William Burchfield

FOR

Disability Pension (Orig! Inv.) - Act of June 27 1890

FILED BY

A. McGILL, ATTORNEY,

SAEGERTOWN, PA.

STATE OF.. }
COUNTY OF.. } *SS:*

I, ..., Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that ...., Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing jurat, 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 thereto is genuine.

Witness my hand and official seal this...............................day of..........................., 18......

[*L. S.*] ....

Clerk of...

Edinboro Pa. Apr. 15. 1891.

Mr. B. Raum, Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

In the case of Wm. H. Burchfield, claim No. 879082. I would say that his claim ought to have special attention at once as his life is limited to a very short period of time at the most. Also that he is unable to meet the board of examiners at Erie without endangering his life, as he is suffering with an epithelial cancer of the face in its last stages which has destroyed the entire upper lip, nearly the whole of one side of his face, involving the eye and important blood vessels. That he is residing in an inland town 20 miles distant from Erie and would have to be conveyed in a carriage over a rough road. That he is in depressed financial circumstances and is dependent upon the charity of the public.

Yours truly,

J. L. Greenfield M. D.

The above statement sworn to before me this 15th day of April A.D. 1891.

John Proudfit Notary Public

Ohio Inv. Mid Div

No 879.082

Act 7 June 27. 1890

Special Medical Evidence

In case of

Wm Burchfield

Co E 98 Regt Pa Vols

Affidavit by

J G Greenfield M.D. V

J N. Taylor M.D,

Edinborough Pa

Filed by

A M Gill

Georgetown Pa

State of Pennsylvania }
County of Erie } ss

In the matter of
Invalid Pension claim. No. 879.052 of William Burchfield
of Company E. 98th Regt. Virginia Infantry

William Burchfield is not able to travel to Erie to appear before the Pension Board for examination without great danger to his life, by reason of exhaustion and imminent danger from hemorrhage

O. N. Taylor M.D.
late Asst Surg 145th Regt P.V.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the above named O.N. Taylor. on this 15th day of April. A.D. 1891.

John Brandt,
Notary Public

Asst Surgeon Med Div

No 879.082

Act 7 June 27, 1890

Special Medical Evidence

Case of

Wm Burchfield

Co E 98th Regt Pa Infty

Affidavit of

J. N. Taylor M.D.

Edinboro Pa

Filed by

A. McGill

Sergeant Pa

(3—105.)

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

April 17, 1891.

Nature of Claim Orig.

No. 879.082

Soldier: Wm Burchfield

Service: E 98th Pa Inf.

It is desired in this case that the examination be made with special reference to—

Cancer of the face

Dr.

Examine this man carefully and thoroughly and give a full description of his physical condition, stating explicitly and definitely whether this mans condition is due to cancer or syphilis.

Rate all disabilities found separately.

Thos D. Ingram
Medical Referee.

THE SURGEON WILL DETACH THIS SLIP FROM THE "ORDER" AND RETURN IT WITH THE CERTIFICATE OF THE EXAMINATION.
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Attention is ... figure upon the back of this certificate, and t... precisely the location of a disease or injury ...

The absence of a ... therefor, if known, and the name of the abser...

Insert character and number of claim. Original ... 082

(State ab... whether for ...)

Name and rank of claimant. Wm Burch...

Company E, 98 ... Pa State,

Claimant's post-office address. Edinboro E... [Board.] ... 4, 1891.

We hereby certif... law we have carefully examined this applic... disability, incurred

Cause of disability. in the service, viz: ...

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives ... dollars per month.

He makes the fol... original [Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible. Cancer of ... discharg... is severely and wors... no sense of smell ... er sleep well. ... ments. Unab...

Upon examinatio... rate, 76; respiration, 18; ... ches; weight, 145 pounds; age, 63 ... man

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with pars. 5, 6, 51, 52, &c., of Book of Instructions for 1889. appears n... actually is: erect, col... h and but little ... nervous irritabiliti... composed he seems ... And he is very w... bility considered.

Cancer. The upper lip to a line with margin of left ala nasi is absent: the right ala has an ulcerated opening and the nose back of it is excavated somewhat: along base to eye is in a state of ulceration; the hard palate to line with 2d left incisor is absent. also the vomer and inferior turbinated bones. The left cheek from level with lower lip to a line with outer canthus of eye and up to eye has disappeared and borders in a state of ulceration. At the angle the cheek has a scir-rhused edge. The discharge is rather

. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 2d gd.

Rate for EACH cause of disability. rating for the disability caused by cancer, ______ for that caused by ______, and ______ for that caused by ______

______, Pres. E. H. Dewey, Sec'y. ______, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.

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These special ins... ports you will read ...ur certificate.

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☞ Attention is ... ;ure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, &c.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim. Original Pension Claim No. 879082

[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]

Name and rank of claimant. Wm Burchfield, Rank, Pr

Company E, 98 Reg't Pa. In | Meadville Pa State,

[Post-office address of the Board.]

Claimant's post-office address. Edinboro Erie Co. Pa | April 24, 1891.

[Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from *the following disability*, incurred

Cause of disability. in the service, viz: Cancer of the face

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives a pension of ______ dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for original [Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

Cancer of right side of face which discharges constantly and pains severely and worse at night. Have no sense of smell, appetite poor, never sleep well. Have no other ailments. Unable to do any work.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 76; respiration, 18; temperature, nor; height, 6 feet — inches; weight, 145 pounds; age, 63 years.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with pars. 5, 6, 51, 52, &c., of Book of Instructions for 1889

In general this man appears much younger than he actually is: erect, color fresh hair soft, fresh and but little silvered. not the least nervous irritability. mentally unusually composed. he seems not more than fifty. And he is very well nourished the disability considered.

Cancer. the upper lip to a line with margin of left ala nasi is absent: the right ala has an ulcerated opening and the nose back of it is excavated somewhat: along base to eye is in a state of ulceration; the hard palate to line with 2d left incisor is absent, also the vomer and inferior turbinated bones. The left cheek from level with lower lip to a line with outer canthus of eye and up to eye has disappeared and borders in a state of ulceration. At the angle the cheek has a scirrhused edge. the discharge is rather ______. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 2d gd.

Rate for EACH cause of disability. rating for the disability caused by cancer, ______ for that caused by ______, and ______ for that caused by ______

______, Pres. E. H. Dewey, Sec'y. ______, Treas.

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Continue record of examination here.

profuse at this point and very fetid.
The superior maxillary is so excavated as to leave the inferior orbital plate standing out like a shelf. The lower lid and a half inch of tissue beneath is heavily oedematous: eye sight not impaired.
No appearance of discharge on all these uncovered parts except on borders of eyelids and nose. No engorged glands in submaxillary region; none in cervical or inguinal region. in fact those glands all seem atrophied or they are normally small. Skin of back somewhat irritated from contact with a hard bed. Not the slightest evidence of present or past specific eruption or ulceration. Not the slightest on penis.

Genital organs rather small but every way normal apparently.

Not the slightest eruption or any other disability and none to be found.

☞ Use this blank for a Certificate made special, or requested by telegraph, when directed to do so.

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

Wm. Burchfield

Co. E, 98 Reg't Pa. In.

Applicant for Original

No. 879082

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

April 24th, 1891.

______, *Pres.*,
E. H. Dewey, *Sec'y*, BOARD.
______, *Treas.*,

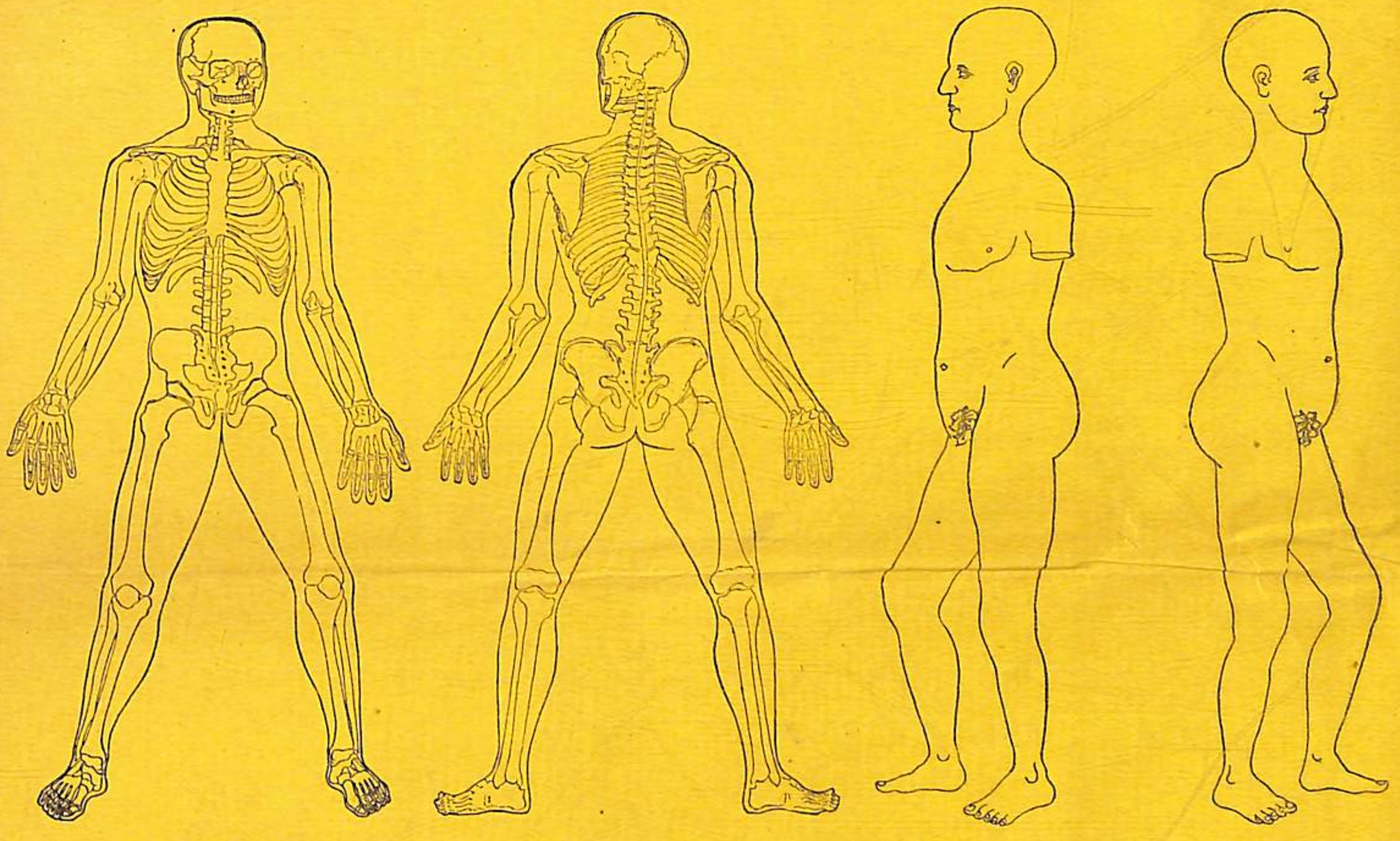
Post office, Meadville

County, Crawford

State, Pa.

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plainly and in full.

M.B.



Single surgeons will use this blank, changing "we" to read "I," and "our" to read "my." They will erase the words "Pres.," "Sec'y," "Treas.," and "Board" where the words appear, and sign at the foot of the certificate, and also on the back of the same.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [*Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.*]

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