

Could not respond to his Comrades request as readily as in the past. Many of the men were suffering with sore eyes, I was one of them we lived in God houses and the smoke from this fat pine wood was very dense and strong and the men were more or less all affected causing the eye to run water profuse ly. Most of them as soon as free from the exposure to this smoke got well quick one. However it was different for my eyes have never been good since. When we were discharged together, I was intimate with him, and it is my vivid recollection that when he did read which was only when necessary he would hold the book or paper near his face as if near sighted and he complained of a shadow or something blinding his sight. He and I came home together and I have met him every year since and he has ever since then was been complaining of his sight.

Q Did you ever know of this man receiving an injury to his eye since the war.

A No sir, and I never heard of it.

Q If he had been seriously injured in either eye since the war do you think your acquaintance was such as to have given you a knowledge of it.

A Yes sir, I think I would have known of it.

Q Do you know when his eye was removed

A Well I met him soon after and that was maybe some five or six years ago. I was not with him at the hospital when it was

Stephen Tucker

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 189____, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Special Examiner.