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Mr John W Black
Comm of Pensions

Sir:

This appears that he enlisted at Benedict Md in January 1864. Date Co D 19th U.S.C.T. That he then and there formed Soldiers acquaintance Knows that Soldier got hurt by a piece of timber falling off his shoulder down his back while building winter quarters at Benedict Md. Shortly after appt joined the regt Appt knows of this occurrence only by what Soldiers told him the next day. That the Claimt was confined to his quarters unable to get up for a day or two. The Regt in Feby 1864 left for Baltimore but did not stop long. But when they left Baltimore Claimt did not go with them but was sent to the hospital on account of his back. (Rheumatism) Appt afterwards about March following was sent to the same hospital and was put in same ward with Claimt and knows that while there Claimt suffered greatly with his back as he used to massage the small of his back with both hands whenever he would sit a while.—

Immediately after Appt was discharged Claimt came to Soldiers home and boarded with him for two or three years and knows that Soldier was not able to do any hard work on account of his back.

Reputation for truth said to be good

Yours respectfully
J H Brooke
Special Agt