

Page 5 I was born and raised in this County near Centerville, Md. I worked on a farm. Has lived in town ever since the war. I was a sound man at and prior to ~~my~~ enlistment in the army.

I had no Rheumatism and no Rupture, or any other disease or disability -

About August 1864, I took the mumps and was not able for duty, but I was not sent to the Hospital as we were on a ten days march. In about one month after I was taken with the mumps I first noted a little knot come, low down on the right side of my groin. It was only about as big as the end of my thumb when it first came - When it first came it used to sting and smart a little. The Surgeon did not make any examination but treated me for the mumps. I can't remember his name. The only comrade that is now living that I showed it to is Charles A. Wilson. My other two tentmates at that time were James Wilson and Louis Holladay. They are both dead.

I paid my little attention to it while I was in the army and did not wear any truss or bandage as it was only a very small knot and did not bother me - I never went to the Hospital with it and did not get any treatment for it -

After I came home I went to work and lifting caused it to develop in 4 or 5 years - About that time I showed it to Charles