

and that if Eli was dead when witness signed his voucher ~~witness was not~~ aware of that fact.

Special Examiner R. P. Fletcher, care of the Commissioner of Pensions, at Washington, D. C., will testify that he was instructed by the Commissioner of Pensions to make an investigation for the purpose of determining whether the pensioner in this case died prior to December 5, 1904, and, if so, who was responsible for the forgery of the voucher of that date, and for the subsequent forgery of the purported endorsement of the pensioner to the check issued in payment thereof; that he, in that connection, called upon William E. Temple on October 29, 1906 at Ridgely, Caroline County, Md., and Mr. Temple stated to him that Eli Fisher prior to his death had been coming to him to execute his pension vouchers; that he had known said Eli Fisher for a year or two before he died; that Eli formerly lived in Baltimore, but became paralyzed and then came to Ridgely to live with his brother, Thomas Fisher, and died at Thomas Fisher's house; that witness then exhibited to Mr. Temple the voucher purporting to have been executed before him by Eli Fisher on December 5, 1904, and Mr. Temple stated that that had been so long ago that he could not remember the details or ~~awear~~ that Eli Fisher had appeared in person and signed and executed that voucher, and then went on to explain that Eli Fisher was paralyzed and his brother Thomas would bring the voucher; that Mr. Temple would fill in the voucher and write Eli Fisher's name for him and make his mark, but