

Claim No. 570597

State of Maryland, City of Baltimore, ss.

Wm Smothers

Co H 4 Reg U.S. Inf.

On this 4 day of Feb 1890 before me, a Justice of Peace in and for the City and State aforesaid, personally appeared Jacob Gibson

who, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

I am 45 years of age and reside at No. 203 Hard row Alley street, Baltimore, Md., and I have no interest in the claim above quoted.

I am intimately acquainted with the claimant, and served # in same company & regiment Co H. H U.S. C.T. - During the early part of 1864 while our regiment was stationed at Yorktown Va - we were on picket duty, claimant was sitting inside of a tent cleaning his gun, I was also inside the tent cleaning my gun, suddenly I heard a loud report, and looking towards Smothers, saw that it was his gun that had been discharged by having it accidentally knocked from his hands by one of his comrades - the ball had wounded Smothers in his left foot - from that time he was unable to perform regular duty on account of this injury # to his left foot - I testify from my own personal knowledge and observation.

Jacob Gibson

Affiant.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 4th day of February 1890 The contents were fully made known and explained to affiant, and he says they truly set forth what he knows of the case, and I have no interest.

Wm H. ...