

Claim No. 500240 of *Wid. of Phillip J. Rich* Co. 6 30 Regiment, *U.S.A.*

On this day and date below written, personally appeared the affiant whose signature is hereto affixed and who being duly sworn according to law testified as follows:

"My name is *Norace Downes*, I am *56* years old, and I reside in *Baltimore, Md.*, at No. *94* *Leadenhall* Street. I served in *Co. C 30 U.S.A.* with the claimant's husband *Phillip J. Rich*. I know that *Downes* arrived about *Petersburg* Summer & Fall of *1864* he contracted *colic* & *aching* in his limbs and *rheumatic* pains. I remember his suffering from pains in his limbs & shortness of breath all during rest of his service and after his discharge he continued to suffer. I was very intimate with him and I know he never fully recovered from exposure he underwent in the army -

*Original*  
*True*

I have no interest in this claim."

*Wm. B. Hammond* *Norace Downes*

(If witness signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

STATE OF MARYLAND, CITY OF BALTIMORE, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that said affidavit was read to said affiant, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_

and acquainted *him* with its contents before *he* executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant *is I believe a* credible person, this *24* day of *July* 18*9*

*Wm. B. Hammond*  
(Official Signature.)

Justice of the Peace.

If witness is personally known to the Magistrate as a credible person he should so testify in his own handwriting.

INSTRUCTIONS—Read Carefully.—Under the order of the Commissioner of Pensions number 229 in the preparation of testimony in support of claim in pension cases, all statements affecting the particular case and not merely formal, must be written or prepared to be type-written in the presence of the witness, and from his oral declarations then made to the person who then reduces the testimony to writing or then prepares the same to be type-written. And such testimony must embody a statement by the witness that such testimony was all written or prepared for type-writing (as the case may be) in his presence, and only from his oral statements then made; stating also the time, place, and person, when, where and to whom he made such oral statements, and that in making the same he did not use, and was not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person; and not attached as an exhibit to his testimony.