

- the request was mustered out there. He was not well when he first came home out of the service. I know this for the reason that he belonged to an order I did - A Soldier's Protective Society - and we had to pay him weekly benefits for some time. He was not married at that time. At that time he was troubled with a cough and could do no work. I think however before he left here he got so he could work, but was taken down again - he was a laborer. I know he worked awhile putting down pipes in the street, but he had to quit that work could not stand it.

Prior to his enlistment he was in good health. He was a slave and belonged to Mr. B. Wells. He and I were boys together and grew up together and we enlisted in the service about the same time. I am sure he had no symptoms of lung trouble prior to his service in the army.

I know his father and mother - they both died of old age. There was no lung trouble in that family that I ever heard of.

We were all examined by a surgeon at enlistment.

Yes, I recollect his father - I was about five years old when he died - I consider he died of old age.

I do not know that Bratton was wounded while in the service. I do not know much about the claimant since she went to live in Baltimore. I have seen her a few times. I have understood your questions and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Danice Brice

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of June, 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

N. N. Hill

Special Examiner.