

just prior to muster out. In fact there was something the matter with him before he went into the service, and he was not able to go with us when we left Baltimore after enlistment. We enlisted him at Camp Belzer. It was a month after we left Baltimore before he joined us - we were then in front of Petersburg.

I do not know what ailed him. I am not able to tell what kept him back here - whether it was rheumatism or not.

No, he was not a drinking man - he was a religious man, and I believe he is religious to-day. I never saw him drink anything intoxicating. I cannot tell how, when or where he incurred rheumatism or whether he had it prior to enlistment. I do not know whether he was in any hospital while in the service. I was on detail ~~last~~ duty for three months while in the service and did not see him. I do not know when the disease ~~of~~ affects him - I know when I saw him last summer he was walking with a cane and I suppose it affects his legs. I know while in the service he never could stand much hard marching - he was a young man too.

After our discharge I did not see him again for four years - I think he must have gone back into the country where he came from, and I witness

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Special Examiner.