

was dropsy of the heart

I was not present when claimant was married to the soldier and do not know in what year they were married, but think it was 4 or 5 years before the war broke out

I was present at the house of the wedding party on the night that they were married and about half an hour afterwards, and took part in a serenade that was given to them, and know that neither had been previously married. If I have had continuous personal knowledge of claimant since the death of the soldier, and consider that she has continued a respectable widow

Q Do you know whether the soldier suffered from scurvy or its effects after service

A He had it for about 3 months after we came home

X It showed itself in his having a sore mouth, but his mouth got better then and I never heard him complain of it afterwards

Q Had his pain of the left side any connection with his army service

A Yes sir, I think it had. He never complained of it until we crossed the Rappahannock river while in service, and he always complained of it thereafter until he died

Q Why do you think the soldier died of dropsy of the heart

A Well sir, I had a son who died of that disease

The doctor who attended him said he had consumption but I had an autopsy performed on his body after death and it was then found that he died of dropsy of the heart. My son was sick a long time but his end was sudden

I have heard Thomas E. McHenry

Deponent.

his statement read and understood and am not related to claimant or the soldier

I have sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of September 1889, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

My father

Special Examiner.