

his mouth became very sore and his gums very red and appeared to be eaten away and full of little holes. His teeth, also, became loose and he was weak in the lower limbs.

I do not think he had any sores on his body or limbs and the sore mouth got something better before we were discharged but it was still sore at that time.

His mouth was never entirely well after service. It would sometimes heal up nearly but not quite and would then break out again and so continued as long as he lived.

But he always continued to complain of pain in his left side and of weakness of his lower limbs after service.

He was always able to be about and to do light work after service, but never could do hard manual labor after service.

I did not see him for some days immediately preceding the date of his death and his death was unexpected by me until I heard of it.

I do not know the cause of his death, but his two great troubles were the pain in his left side (I am not sure definitely of this) and the sore mouth and weakness of lower limbs.

He had diarrhoea when we were in Virginia during the war, but I do not think he had it after we went to Texas, and do not know that he ever had it after service. He coughed at times, but not steadily after service.

I have heard the statement read and understand it.

Perry Maples

Deponent.

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.

Wm. J. Hughes

Special Examiner.