

State of Maryland City of Baltimore On this 4th day of February A.D. 1888
before me personally appeared Nathaniel Hickman late Co. H. 7th

Regiment of U.S.C.T. who having been duly sworn according to law, says that he
was a healthy man when he first enlisted in the army & had always been so &
was not afflicted in any way with Pleurisy, Pneumonia or Rheumatism, but
nor bleeding of the teeth he was a perfectly healthy man, he was first attacked
with sickness at Benedict Md from laying on the ground with nothing under him but straw
in about November 1861, I first had a heavy cold, then pneumonia, I had bleeding of the teeth
I was attacked in my left side arm and leg, I could hardly talk, I was sick this sick-
ness was the last of November 1863 - when I could not go about camp any longer it
might have been in the middle of December I think the Dr who sent me to the Hospital was
named Morris I was in the Hospital I think five months I could hardly turn over in bed, I suffered
from swelling in the throat, constant misery in the side, my left leg I had the Rheumatism they
rubbed me with colins - at times I remembered nothing I was supposed to be dying.
then I went to Florida to Jacksonville I could for a day or so remain up, but then was
sent to the Hospital I had the bloody scum & Rheumatism, & constant misery in side
we were then sent to Petersburg & Deep Bottom I was sick there with the same symptoms
was not in Hospital but among the sick list attended by Dr Morris. We then went
to Powder Horn on the River I think it was sometimes called Indianola - I was
much better but not able to do active duty I was always among the sick list
but when I could I did guard duty but often at Camp Hospital - The doctor
said I would never make a soldier & would never be a well man. - I never have, I am
I have since my discharge from Fort Federal Hill to this time suffered with Rheumatism
in both legs, sometimes my teeth bleed - the most of my teeth have gone - I sometimes
have bleeding at the nose & a constant cold. Nathaniel Hickman

Test:

Wm B. Nelson

State of Maryland City of Baltimore On this 4 day of February A.D. 1888, personally
appeared Nathaniel Hickman the affiant and acknowledged his name to the above statement of
facts, that the same are true & had been read over to him & certify he is a credible witness
and I certify that I have no interest in this claim save my fee of office as Justice of the
Peace. Affiant wrote his name. _____

Wm B. Nelson J.P. of the State of
Maryland, in & for Baltimore City.