

State of Maryland
County of Baltimore

SS.

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In the matter of

Nathan Hickman Private Co (H) 7th U.S.C. Inf.
Applicant for Invalid Pension No 576.473

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid County and State, Nathan Hickman, aged 42 years and Nathaniel Booker 541 Oxford street, aged 48 years citizen of the City of Baltimore, County of Baltimore, State of Maryland.

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who,

being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

I, Nathan Hickman, now testify for my self as follows - Enlisted at Benedict Maryland on the 3 day of November 1863 and was enlisted as of 18 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches black eyes, black hair & complexion & by occupation a farmer. Was discharged at Indianola Texas on 18 October 1866. I was a slave in 1861 & was a slave when I enlisted and by Richard Hickman & I took part of his name as was common in slave times, therefore when I made oath (as the Government says I did) that I was sick in the army in 1861 the same was a mistake of my attorney as I was not in the army at that time I was first taken sick at Benedict Md. about December 1863 I had a heavy cold, pain in my side from exposure, I was then sent to the Hospital at Benedict about the same time, possibly a week or a few days after I was taken sick (Dec 1863) from being there some five months I had while in the Hospital Phthisis & Rheumatism in the left side, I used to spit up a great amount of blood Dr Morris attended there, I was sent to Jacksonville Florida, I again taken sick I had still a heavy cold Rheumatism in my legs & left arm, I still was spitting and got to bleeding at the mouth, I was afflicted with bloody scurvy & stayed there some four months. We then went in front of Charleston S. Carolina I was not in Hospital but in the sick list. We then came to Deep Bottom and was there about a week still in the sick list, then went to front of Petersburg Va, sometimes we did a little duty about camp. I stayed here some time I cannot say how long, then came to Deep Bottom & stayed there some two months I was sick there I was in the sick list, then went in front of Richmond was still sick when the charge was made upon us, we then went into incampment at Fort Harrison still in the sick list, remained here all winter, we then went in Shannendoah Valley, I was then with the Regiment but in the sick list. I was sick list in the wagons on the march, we then came back to Petersburg, we remained about a week & then went to Texas where we were mustered out & discharged at Fort Federal Hill near Christmas 1866. all these disabilities were incurred by exposure at Benedict Md from which I never recovered & was never well after.

Nathaniel Booker, aged 48 years live 541 Oxford st Baltimore & by occupation a Shoemaker & was a Sargeant in Co H 7th Maryland. I was in the Regiment with Nathan Hickman, we enlisted about the same time, I know he & Hickman lost his health shortly after enlistment while at Benedict & he was a sick man from that time out, I know he was in the Hospital at Benedict, I know of his spitting blood & that he was very offensive, at Florida he was in this condition, he would be drilling & by reason of sickness had to go to his quarters, I know that at this time he is rather a sorry looking man, & any one can look at him & be forced to say he was a very poor looking man - I was one of the Sargeants & had to know the able men, he Hickman was nearly all his enlistment disabled - As far as I can recollect Hickman was a pretty good man - His habits were always good as far as I know, & his reputation is good.

I, Booker, further declare that he (Booker) has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

1 Wm B. Nelson
2 A. Murray

Signature of Affiants.

Nathan Hickman
Nathaniel Booker

NOTE - In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark (+), two persons who can write must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.

The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark.