

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Maryland, County of Baltimore, ss:

In the matter of Increase of Pension Cert No 484828

of Nathaniel Hickman, Co H 7th U.S. C. T.

Personally came before me, a JUSTICE OF THE PEACE in and for aforesaid County and State, Nathaniel Booker, aged 51 years

and 511 Oxford St County of Baltimore, State of

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

That he was a Sergeant in Co "H" 7th U.S. C. T., that he was personally well acquainted with the claimant Nathaniel Hickman who was a Private in the Co. and Regt. as aforesaid; that both the Deponent and the claimant were present with their said command, then stationed at Benedict, Maryland from about December 1863 to about March 1864. That he was in a condition to know and does know that the said claimant Nathaniel Hickman was a severe sufferer with the mumps about December 1863 and was treated therefore in Regimental Hospital. The swelling was on the side of the neck and was evidently painful and continuous, about January 1864 the claimant Nathaniel Hickman complained to the Deponent of varicocele or enlarged testicle on the left side, in fact of great pain in both testicles and pain in the small of the back. When the claimant returned to his Regt. he was never restored to active field duty, thereafter, but put upon light camp duty and so continued up to the date his said Regt. was discharged from service Oct 13 / 1866. That subsequent to the Deponent and the claimant's discharge from the Army, they have been living in Baltimore, Md. with the exception of about two years when the claimant left Balto. about the latter part of the year 1866 and did not return until about 1869 and both have resided in Balto. ever since. During all these years, the Deponent would meet the claimant on average 2 or 3 times a year.