

Twille, Cecil Co, Md, regarding this soldiers early history, failing to find a single person who ever knew him or of him.

Mary Williams or Hall is dead, and Miss Lizzie Hunt of Ellcott City Md could not recall claimant when interviewed.

Claimant exhibited evidence of a weak or failing mind during the taking of her testimony, and besides is crippled in both arms,

with a dislocated shoulder, requiring the attendance of another person to assist her in preparing her food and in dressing, and I recommend the appointment of a guardian if favorable action is taken on the claim. Robert Bateman, white, from whom she rents, was commended to me as a reliable person to act as her guardian and I was favorably impressed with him during an interview.

Claimant seemed to think that her son Edward Jackson of Philadelphia would be able to furnish data for use in investigating the marital history of soldier prior to his location in Baltimore but his reply to my letter shows he is without knowledge on that point. I could not locate the comrades, William Plater, William Stephens, and Thomas Swan, who testified in the invalid claim. Soldiers description and birthplace, as stated in his application filed May 18, 1912, differ considerably with the record but I suppose is considered established by the evidence of the comrades.

These affidavits have no knowledge as to his service, and claimant also. The claim is returned for consideration of Chief, Board of

Review.

Very respectfully,

Special Examiner.