

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Maryland } ss.
County of Baltimore

In the matter of the Invalid claim No. 422,757
of Benjamin Welch

Personally came before me, a William E. Wilks in and for aforesaid County and State, William E. Wilks (2. E. Smith Ave. aged 52 years and Charles S. Stewart 48. Ty. Ave. St. aged 51 years citizen of the Town of Baltimore, County of Baltimore, State of Maryland Post Office Address.

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:

That they were both members of Company D. 19th Regiment U. S. C. Troops of which Company the Claimant Benjamin Welch was a private. The affiants William E. Wilks being Sergeant, and Charles S. Stewart a Corporal in said Company; That they were both, as well as Benjamin Welch engaged in the action in front of Petersburg on July 30th 1864 - That said Welch was wounded in said action, and was carried to the temporary Hospital where both affiants saw him under treatment for a gunshot wound he had received on his right leg between the hip and the knee the ball coming out in front. And the affiant Stewart swears that he was detailed to take charge of the wounded in the temporary hospital and remained in this duty from Saturday night until Monday morning; that during this time he attended to keeping the wound of Welch clean and cool and had full opportunity for examining it. And both affiants swear that when their Company was ordered away on Monday after the fight they left Welch in the temporary hospital, and that about three months after he rejoined his regiment and company, and continued in it until duly discharged. And they both further swear that they knew the said Welch at the time he was so wounded, and recognize him now as the same man who is the Claimant and affiant at the making of these affidavits. And both further declare that they have no interest in said case, and are not concerned in its prosecution.

1 William E. Wilks
2 Charles S. Stewart

Signature
of
Affiants.

Benjamin Welch

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.