

State of Maryland }
County of Washington } ss

In the matter of Thomas Henry late of Band of First
Brigade U. S. A. personally came before the Clerk
of the Circuit Court in and for aforesaid County and
State Hon. J. W. Chester, Associate Judge of aforesaid
County and State aged 55 years, a citizen of the County of
Washington, County of Washington, State of Maryland
Well knowing to me to be reputable and entitled to credit
and who being duly sworn declares in relation to aforesaid
case as follows: To wit That I have known the aforesaid
Thomas Henry since the year 1854 or 1855, and from that
time up to about the year 1857 or 1858 he worked occasionally
for me doing various kinds of service such as waiting at table
on special occasions, gardening, cleaning traps and furniture
and doing some carpentering work, always a cheerful and
active person in light as well as heavy work. And
about the year 1857 or 1858 he was more constantly about
my house as a servant attending to fire, cutting wood,
placing coal in cellar, gardening, marketing, making re-
pairs about the house, yard and garden doing heavy and
light work, and continued in my service up to the time
I think in 1862, when he enlisted and went away in the
Union Army. And during all that time he was
noticeably active and he felt capable of accomplishing heavy
as well as light work. I never noticed anything about
claimant during all that time that indicated anything
like physical infirmity of any kind. I further state
that after claimant was discharged from the Army and
very soon thereafter he returned home and entered my
service. But on his return I did not fail to notice a
marked change in claimant's personal acclivity and his

vertical handwritten notes on the left margin, including the name "J. W. Chester" and other illegible scribbles.