

State of Maryland, County of Washington. SS.

On this 11th Day of February, A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty One, Personally appeared before me, Clerk of the Circuit Court a Court of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Robert Moxley, To Me well known being Respectable and entitled to Credit, who being duly Sworn, Says, that he was Leader of Band of First Brigade, United States Colored Troops, Volunteers, and was enrolled 21st day of August, 1863, with the balance of the band, from Hagerstown Washington Co. Md., and was well acquainted with James Hill, a Third class man, in the aforesaid Band, and that said James Hill was a member of his Band before the war and was a man of good sound Physical Health, when enrolled, a Farmer, I have known the said James Hill for years I further Swear that on or about the second or third day of January a.d. 1865, the members of the aforesaid Band was ordered by General Thomas under whose Command we was to go and cut timber and build quarters, at the the general head quarters for the use of the Band, this was in front of Fort Harrison, Va, and as we was returning with the timber, and crossing the Swamp we was compelled to slip in fallen timber which was covered with snow and ice, and the said James Hill, did then and there slip and fall, A stride, of a small Pine Tree at the same time having on his shoulder a cut of timber about 12 feet long and about 6 inches in diameter, I was about fifty yards behind the said James Hill when he fell I heard the noise, and when I came up to the said Hill I found him in great pain, the fall did Disable him and rendered him unfit for duty for about three months, and there after, at times he was compelled to be excused on account of his Injuries which did rupture him, he has lived in this town ever since his discharge, and is at times, unable to perform, manual labor, by reason of his Injuries above Described, which was received in the Service of the United States and in the line of his duty, as above stated I have no interest whatever in the Prosecution of this Claim for Pension.

My Post Office Address, is Hagerstown, Washington Co. Maryland,
 Test: *Geo. J. T. Beardslee,* *Robert X Moxley,*
 Clerk. *affiant*

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 11th Day of February, A.D. 1881, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above Declaration be, was fully made known and Explained to the affiant and that I have no interest direct or Indirect, in the Prosecution of this Claim.



G. P. Oswald, Clerk
 of the Circuit Court for
 Washington Co., Md.,
G. P. Oswald

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