

Very respectfully,

State of Maryland, County of Washington. SS.

On this 7th 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, Joseph Moxley, to me well known being Respectable and Entitled to Credit, who being duly Sworn, Says: that He was, A Member of Band of First Regt, U. S. I. from Maryland, and was well acquainted with James Hill, a Member of the same Organization above stated and that the said James Hill when Enlisted was a Man of good Sound, Physical Health, being when Enlisted a Farmer; this I know from my Personal knowledge. I have known the said James Hill from his boyhood, I further Swore that on or about the Second day of January 1865, He the Members of the aforesaid Band, was ordered by General Thomas, our Commander, to go and cut timber to build Quarters, in front of Fort Harrison, Va, and whilst He was a crossing the Swamp with the timber on our return to Camp the said James Hill, did then and there Slip and fall from off a small Tree, on which he was compelled to step, at the same time having on his shoulder, a piece of timber, the said James Hill did fall, A Stride, of a small Tree, hurting himself Badly, the fall did render him unfit for duty for a considerable time, and since the close of the War the said James Hill and myself did live in this place up to this date, and the said James Hill has frequently Complained to me, and I know that the fall has ruptured the said James Hill, and he is at times unable to perform manual Labor by reasons 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 was Eye witness, and on the spot where the said James Hill, did fall, I have no Interest whatever in the Prosecution of this Claim for Pension, My Post Office Address is Hagerstown, Washington Co, Md.

Teste
Wm. Chrissinger

Joseph Moxley
his mark

I have read and Subscribed before me this 7th Day of February A.D. 1881, and I hereby certify that the Contents of the above Declaration, &c., were fully Made known and Explained to the affiant, and that I have no interest direct or indirect, in the Prosecution of this Claim,

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Go. D. Oswalds,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
for Washington Co, Md.,