

was dropsy of the heart

I was not present when claimant was married to the soldier and do not know in what year they were married, but think it was 4 or 5 years before the war broke out

I was present at the house of the wedding party on the night that they were married and about half an hour afterwards and took part in a serenade that was given to them, and know that neither had been previously married. If I have had continuous personal knowledge of claimant since the death of the soldier, and consider that she has continued a respectable widow

Q Do you know whether the soldier suffered from scurvy or its effects after service

A He had it for about 3 months after we came home. It showed itself in his having a sore mouth, but his mouth got better then and I never heard him complain of it afterwards.

Q Had his pain of the left side any connection with his army service

A Yes, sir, I think it had. He never complained of it until we crossed the Rappahannock river while in service, and he always complained of it thereafter until he died.

Q Why do you think the soldier died of dropsy of the heart

A Well, sir, I had a son who died of that disease.

The doctor who attended him said he had emphysema but I had an autopsy performed on his body afterwards and it was then found that he died of dropsy of the heart. My son was sick a long time before he died and was unable to work.

I have heard Thomas E. McHenry

Deposent.

His statement read and understood by me and I am not related to claimant or the soldier. I have forgotten the date of the soldier's death.

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of September 1889, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

My finger

Special Examiner.

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