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I recall that I made a statement that I had known him since we were boys and enlisted in the army & was transferred together into the Navy on board the USS New Hampshire & this was a receiving ship & he was transferred to one ship while I was put on the Orabank - but he went by the name of Ned Taster so far as I know - he is the identical person who enlisted with me & was on the USS New Hampshire and after the war was over came back here & has lived here under the name of Ned Taster. The only name I have ever known him by - he never told me that he served under the name of George. I know he now lives in Washington D.C. since last fall.

I don't know another man who served in the Army or Navy with me by the name of Taster if he served by the name of George he must have been the same man for I was with him & know he was the only man by this name on this ship at the same time I was & also in the same company of the 30 USC 7. The only man by this name was the Ned Taster I now know & have known as the same who served with me. I have understood questions and I have been recorded correctly.

attest C. Sunderland Thomas <sup>his</sup> Sarah <sub>mark</sub>

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of March, 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

H. H. Lockwood

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