

receiving ship we were together on this ship about 3 months as near as I can now recall & then we were transferred to different ships. I don't recall the name of the one he was placed on. I went on the U.S.S. Oleander. I saw him after this at Fernandina Fla. he was then on a tug boat but I can't recall her name. While on this blockade I saw him several times, but after we went to other localities I did not see him any more till the close of the war when we both came back here & we both have made our homes in this locality ever since. I am confident that this claimant is the identical person who served with me as George Taster, and there was no other man who went by the name of Taster in the same Company or on the same ship New Hampshire at the same time with me & I know that this Edward Taster is one & the same person as George Taster. I recall making a statement in his pension claim about two years ago. This statement as now read to me is true to the best of my knowledge & belief - this man being a boy playmate with me. I was well acquainted & I knew him to be the same who served by this name. He was nicknamed as George but I don't know why his name was given as such. For I know he was always known as Ned before the war & after. I have been recorded correctly.

Edw. Harris

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.

W. H. Lockwood

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