

BALDWIN HOUSE,
McLAUGHLIN & HERBERT, Prop's.

Hagerstown, Md., *Aug 2nd* 1885

Mr O P Clarke,

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Replying to yours of 29th would say that my means of knowing of Joseph N. Lodes right foot being diseased, was as described in my affidavit. While working for me on the farm his right foot frequently became so swollen, especially in the winter that I had to send him to Hagerstown, where his family lived. Sometimes several weeks would elapse before he would be able to return to work - and thus was not able to make a full hand - Since I live in Hagerstown he very often ~~works~~ ^{helps} for me such as marking garden, and other light work.