

STATE OF MARYLAND,

SS:

City of Baltimore.

On this 29th day of Sept. A. D. 1874, before me, a Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court,

in and for the State and City aforesaid, personally appeared Basil Bell, resident of 1st Seawards, County of Calvert, and State of Maryland, to me well known, and whom I certify to be

respectable and intelligent, and entitled to full credit and belief, and who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that the said injury to his back was received at Jacksonville, Fla. in March 1864, date of month not known, from belt & weight of Cartridge Box, also from over exertion in clearing up space for Camp, in lifting and rolling logs, and that he was treated for the alleged Hernia at Fortress Monroe, No 5, Chesapeake Camp, from Sept. 29th 64 for about eleven months. He also declares that he is unable to furnish the affidavits of a commissioned officer, by reason of their removal to parts unknown, but he herewith furnishes the affidavits of two comrades of the same Regt. The said injury was received while in the service of the United States & in the line of his duty as a soldier.

And have no interest in the claim of for

TEST: J. B. Guithere
F. A. Prevost
[Persons who can write sign here, where mark is made.]

Basil ^{his} Bell.
Mark,
[Signature of witnesses.]

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 29th day of September A. D. 1874, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration or statement were fully made known and explained to the affiant before his making oath thereto, (including the words erased, and the words added,) and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J. B. Guithere
Deputy Clerk Superior Court
[Official Signature.]

[Affix certificate and seal of Clerk of Court here, and impress seal through both papers.]