

State of Maryland
County of Baltimore

SS.

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In the matter of

Nathan Hickman Private Co (H) 7th U.S.C. Inf.
Applicant for Invalid Pension No 576.473

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid County
and State, Nathan Hickman, aged 42 years
and Nathaniel Booker 541 Oxford street, aged 48 years
citizens of the City of Baltimore, County of Baltimore, State of
Post Office Address.

Maryland, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who,

being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

I, Nathan Hickman, now testify for
myself as follows - Enlisted at Benedict Maryland on the 3 day of November 1863 and was enlisted
as of 18 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches, black eyes, black hair & complexion & by occupation a farmer. Was dis-
charged at Indianola Texas on 18 October 1866. I was a slave in 1861 & was a slave when I enlisted and
by Richard Hickman & I took part of his name as was common in slave times, therefore when I made
oath (as the Government says I did) that I was sick in the army in 1861 the same was a mistake of my
attorney as I was not in the army at that time I was first taken sick at Benedict Md. about
December 1863 I had a heavy cold, pain in my side from exposure, I was then sent to the Hospital at
Benedict about the same time, possibly a week or a few days after I was taken sick (Dec 1863) I re-
mained there some five months I had while in the Hospital Rheumatism & Rheumatism in the left side,
I used to spit up a great amount of blood Dr. Morris attended there, I was sent to Jacksonville Florida, I
again taken sick I had still a heavy cold Rheumatism in my legs & left arm, I still was spitting and
got to bleeding at the mouth, I was afflicted with bloody scurvy & stayed there some four months. We then
went in front of Charleston S. Carolina I was not in Hospital but in the sick list. We then came to Deep
Bottom and was there about a week still in the sick list, then went to front of Petersburg Va., sometimes
we did a little duty about camp. I stayed here some time I cannot say how long, then came to Deep Bottom
I stayed there some two months I was sick there I was in the sick list, then went in front of Richmond was still
sick when the charge was made upon us, we then went into incampment at Fort Harrison still in the
sick list remained here all winter, we then went in Shannendoah Valley, I was then with the Regiment
but in the sick list. I was sick list in the wagons on the march, we then came back to Petersburg, we remained
about a week & then went to Texas where we were mustered out & discharged at Fort Federal Hill
near Christmas 1866. all these disabilities were incurred by exposure at Benedict Md from
which I never recovered & was never well after.

Nathaniel Booker, aged 48 years live 541 Oxford at Baltimore & by occupation a Shoemaker
& was a Sergeant in Co H 7th Maryland. I was in the Regiment with Nathan Hickman, we enlisted
about the same time, I know he & Hickman lost his health shortly after enlistment while at Benedict
& he was a sick man from that time out, I know he was in the Hospital at Benedict, I know of his
spitting blood & that he was very offensive, at Florida he was in this condition, he would be drilling
& by reason of sickness had to go to his quarters, I know that at this time he is rather a
sore looking man, & any one can look at him & be forced to say he was a very poor
looking man - I was one of the Sergeants & had to know the able men, he Hickman was
nearly all his enlistment disabled - As far as I can recollect Hickman was
a pretty good man - His habits were always good as far as I know, & his repu-
tation is good.

I, Booker further declare that he (Booker) has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in
its prosecution.

1 Wm B. Nelson
2 A. Murray

Signature
of
Affiants.

Nathan Hickman
Nathaniel Booker
Mark

NOTE.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark (+), two persons who can write
must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.

The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark.