

He, claimant, walked stiff and like an older man than he was, still he did duty. while we were stationed at Ft Fisher.

He left Ft Fisher and moved, and to N.E. Station N.C. when I again was taken sick, and was sent to hospital at Wilmington N.C. where I remained until summer of 1865. when I was sent to a hospital at Smithville N.C. where I remained some time, up to the first of Sept 1865 I think, when I was sent to Kingston N.C. where my Co was stationed, remained with my Co from that time to muster out.

Did not see claimant from the time I left the Co. at N.E. Station early in 1865. until I joined my Co at Kingston N.C. in August, or Sept of that year. Claimant was then complaining of rheumatism, and was sent away to some hospital as I understood. he was stiff & lame.

I think claimant came back to his company about one month prior to muster out, and remember that he was complaining of pains in his limbs, and walked stiff from that time till we were discharged.

Have seen claimant each year since we came home from the army.

Some years I have seen claimant a dozen times and other years not more than two or three times, and each time I saw him he complained that the rheumatism troubled him. he walked stiff and hobbled along, and late years he has continuously used a cane.

Edward Smother

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of Dec, 1889, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J. E. D. Gray

Special Examiner.