

Beltzville, Md. Sept 29. 1890

J. M. H. Powell, <sup>Late</sup> Captain of Co "B" 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. M. Va. Cav. U.S. vols. did  
 Command said Co. "B" in said 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. M. Va. Cav. under a Com-  
 missioned Rank as Capt. issued by F. H. Pierpont Provisional Govern. of  
 West Va. Oct 8. 1861. from date of said Commission to June 25. 1862  
 at which latter date I was promoted to the Rank of Major in said Regt.  
 and subsequently promoted to Lt Col. and Col. in said Regt. and in 1864  
 was promoted to the Rank of Brig Genl. - U.S. vols. remaining in the service  
 until the Spring of 1865. - That I was personally acquainted with  
 George Ridout a private Soldier in Co. "B" of the aforesaid Regiment,  
 from the time of his enlistment in 1861. until his muster out of the  
 Service at Wheeling M. Va. in Dec. 1864 by reason of expiration of term  
 of Service. The said 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. M. Va. Cav. having been continued in my Com-  
 mands of Brigades and Division during the period of his Service,  
 And that I was in Command of said Co. "B" of said 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. M. Va. Cav. when  
 it made the Reconnaissance from Guyandotte M. Va. up Mud River  
 in M. Va. and am personally known to the fact that the said Geo.  
 Ridout a private Soldier in said Co. B. did meet with a serious  
 accident to his left leg. by his horse falling upon him whilst  
 crossing a ditch on the night of Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 1861. enroute ret-  
 urning to Guyandotte. Which accident disqualified him for Service  
 for over 6 months thereafter, and frequently during his term of Service  
 rendered him unfit for duty.

I will also add that the said Geo. Ridout  
 was a sound man. when he enlisted in 1861. and a good  
 earnest reliable Soldier when in the line of duty.

And that I have  
 no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of his Claim

J. M. H. Powell

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Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1890 and  
 I further certify that I have no interest in this claim.

Phillip Rhein  
 County Clerk  
 by Fred Lumbel Dpy