

Paris, Sam Houston Co. Texas

Dec. 1883

Sir

I have the honor, herewith, to return the papers in Pension claim No. 38057 of James G. Montgomery, of Scotts Hill, Henderson Co. Tenn. and submit my report.

The claim was referred, in Oct. 1883, for special Examination, to determine whether gun shot wound of left foot, was received in the service and line of duty; and was submitted to me to take the testimony of Sergeant A. A. Steagald at Henrietta Clay Co. Texas. Notice waived by the claimant.

Summary

Exh. A Post Master, Henrietta, Tex. Verification of address of defendant
4 Steagald.

Dep. B Sergt. A. A. Steagald: age 40: Attorney at Law:
5 to 8 P.O. Henrietta, Clay Co. Texas.

Reputation fair only, Testimony is believed truthful, and depositions best recollection of the case - was biased, evidently, in claimants favor but on the whole I think his statement fairly reliable.

Exh. C Former affidavits.
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Exh. D David W. Claunch, reply to letter of Examination.
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Dep. E David W. Claunch, age : Farmer: P.O. address
2 Paris, Sam Houston Co. Texas.

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Reputation good. Testimony believed
truthful, unbiased and reliable.

Conclusion.

In view of the Record, Testimony and papers
in the claim before me, I am of opinion
the claim is meritorious, and that the testimony
is sufficient to establish the same; I therefore
recommend the case for admission, in
case a more sceptical view of the matter prevail at
the office, it is suggested that the case be sent to
Brown's Fork Landing, Deatur Co. Tenn. for deposition of
Joseph W. Clanshaw as to origin; also, to Cedar Creek
Perry Co. Tenn. for deposition of Widow Luman
and Mr. W. Clanshaw, witnesses suggested by
deponent D. W. Clanshaw

Very respectfully,

G. P. Hopkins,

Special Examiner

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D.C.