

DEPOSITION B

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Case of James G. Montgomery, No. 360521

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1887, at  
Harrisetta, County of Lela  
 State of Texas, before me, G. R. B. K. K. K., a  
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared  
U. W. Steagald, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer  
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of afore-  
 said pension claim, deposes and says: My age is 40 years. U. W. Steagald  
P.O. Harrisetta, Lela Co., Texas

I served during late war as Reg. Comd. Sgt. of 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Tenn. M'd. Infy. Bats.

I knew claimant from his boyhood to the end of  
 his service as private in Co. C. I recruited him  
 into the service. He was sound and able bodied  
 at his enlistment and acted with good use of  
 himself in all respects. I could not state of my  
 personal knowledge that he was subjected to a medical  
 examination at Muster into service, but I know all  
 my recruits were accepted and assigned to Cos. in  
 the regiment, and know the fact generally, they were  
 all examined one at a time. I was stripped naked  
 and subjected to a thorough examination and  
 believe all the men were examined including the  
 claimant. While in service I was sent on detached  
 service with a Squad including the claimant  
 who was shot <sup>during the trip,</sup> through the foot, at Browns Mills  
 Party Co. Tenn. on the Buffalo River, in 1864. I cannot  
 recall the date, and was disabled from the wound  
 for some months and in fact nearly to close of his  
 term of service.

2. Were you an eye witness to the wounding?

I was.

2. How near were you to him when shot?

Not over 15 or 20 feet from him.

2. State the particulars of the wounding as you saw it?

Q He was accidentally shot by the discharge of the Carbine of Bay Morgan, while he claimed, I think, was on his horse, and Morgan was remounting. I went to claimant's assistance immediately, had him removed to a house occupied by Jordan Brown and dressed the wound, temporarily, as best we could without medical aid, and left him at Mr. Brown's house. I next saw him at Clifton, Tenn. I am in ignorance. I have no personal knowledge of what treatment he had in the interval. Dr. Hogle, asst Surg. treated claimant for this wound in service, to my personal knowledge, after he arrived at Clifton, Tenn.

Q What knowledge, or information, have you of the claimant having been wounded in his foot in a house of ill fame before this matter you have testified to?

A None whatever, never heard of the matter you mention before.

Q Was the man wounded in the line of duty in the service as stated by you?

A Yes sir.

Q What was he at Brown's Mills for, and by whose military order?

A Under my immediate orders, by virtue of orders of the Col. Commanding our Regt. to scout and ascertain what opposing forces were in the country.

Q Have you any other knowledge, or information, which you can give that will throw more light on this case?

A No I do not know that I have.

A. A. Stragold  
Deponent.  
Capt.

Proc'n to and subscribed before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1885, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. B. H. [Signature]  
Special Examiner.