

Nashville, Tenn

May 2, 1885

Hon. J. C. Black

Commissioner of Pensions

Sir,

I have the honor to return the papers in the pension claim to 380.524, of James H. Montgomery of Co. B. 2 Tenn Mtd. Inf. a resident of Scott's Hill, Henderson Co Tenn with the deposition of Dr. L. D. Hoyle, late Asst Surgeon of 60th Regt, the case having been forwarded to me for that purpose. The testimony was taken without the presence of the claimant or his attorney, the right being waived by the party in interest - See the report of Special Examiner Sabraith;

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Dr. L. D. Hoyle, age 75, 29 Haslam St, Nashville Tenn was Asst Surgeon 2 Tenn Mtd. Inf from February 1864 to May 1865; recalls claimant's name but not the man; does not therefore remember treating him for the wound alleged nor anything else; denies the testimony which he had given in the case, in which he had sworn that he not only treated

the claimant for the wound alleged, but detailed the circumstances under which it was received, corresponding with the facts stated by the claimant. He also admits that he has received 10 dollars in some instances for making affidavits, and that it is no body's business if he charges or chooses to take 50 dollars. I endeavored to obtain from him the names of the persons from whom he had received such fees but he would not give the information. He is known as an abolitionist; reputation - below par. I recommend that the case be further examined at Henrietta, Clay Co. Texas to procure the deposition of Sergt A. H. Steagold. If the witnesses are reliable as Special Examiner Galbraith states, and it appears that he has made diligent inquiry into the case, I am satisfied that his opinion concerning the merits of the claim is well founded, and I must concur

Very respectfully

Milton C. Deut

Special Examiner

Approved.

The summary is a true reflex
of the testimony embodied in this report.

J. W. Edmunds

Sup'g. Examiner

Knoxville Dist.

May 5, 1886.