

August 29, 2006

Stones River National Battlefield
3501 Old Nashville Highway
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Gentlemen:

Per your request during my visit to Stones River National Battlefield on August 24, 2006, I am donating the enclosed copies of documents relating to William Wiley Gavin's involvement in the Civil War.

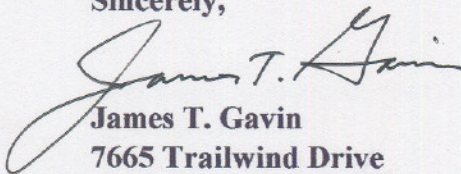
William Wiley Gavin was my Great Grandfather and one of his sons, Isaac Newton Gavin was my Grandfather. William Wiley Gavin was born in 1822 in Lincoln County, Tennessee and migrated to the Nashville area many years before the Civil War. He enlisted in the Union Army on August 19, 1862 in the 5th Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, Company A.

In his deposition in the pension application, he mentions his involvement in skirmishes in Brentwood and LaVergne before the Battle of Stones River. He claims to have received injuries in these actions that led to his application for a government pension in 1885. I don't know if he received a pension.

Following his discharge from the Union Army in August 1863 for medical disabilities, he migrated to Fort Worth, Texas where he raised his family. He died in 1904 and is buried in Fort Worth.

Please contact me by letter or email if you have any questions about these documents. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the Stones River Battlefield and seeing the actual battlefield where my Great Grandfather fought.

Sincerely,



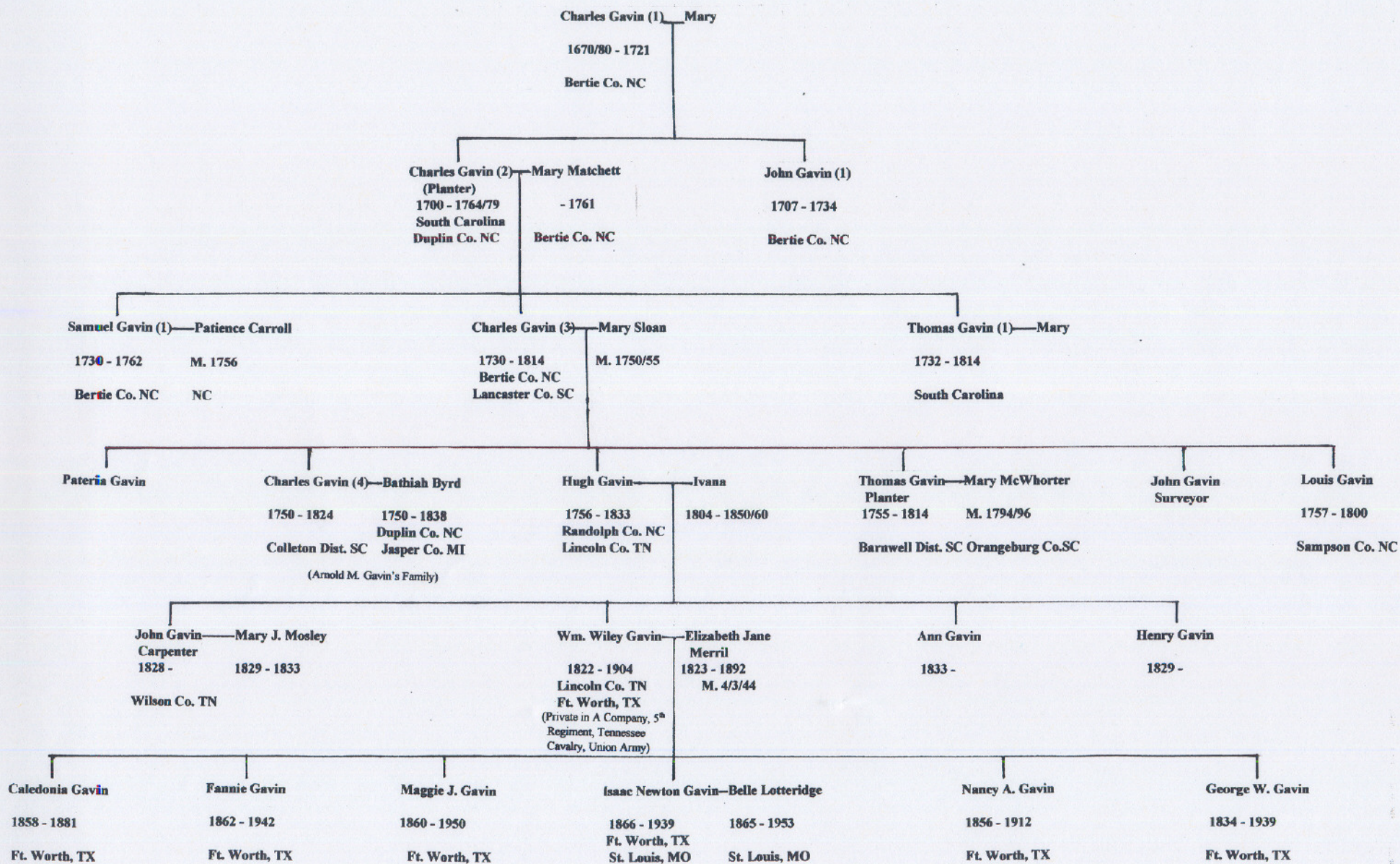
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Unit: 5th TENNESSEE CAVALRY REGIMENT COMPANY A



William Wiley Gavin
1822 - 1904
Fort Worth, Texas



Notes from William Wiley Gavin's

Civil War Pension Claim #518726

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1. Elizabeth Leek Deposition

W.W. Gavin lived in Nashville, Tenn. many years before Civil War - in good health then.

Enlisted in Union Army Aug 19, 1862 - Company A, 5th Regiment, Tenn. Cavalry.

Injured in head and back in 1862 - on sick leave in Nov. 1862.

Discharged from army in Summer 1863.

Returned to Nashville - lived with Madison M. Leek and family, #18 Washington St.

Gave up engineering trade because of injuries in war.

Moved to county in 1865 and set up a milling business.

Leeks last saw him in 1871.

2. M.M. Leek Deposition

W.W. Gavin was a steam boat engineer prior to war.

Discharged from Army in 1863.

Made several trips as engineer on Leeks steamboats.

Moved to Texas in 1871.

4. Captain M.M. Leek gave another deposition in Dec. 1893 - listed address as #18 Washington St., Nashville.

5. Deposition by son George, age 42, in Fort Worth, Texas - May 1895

W.W. Gavin resided at 903 W. 2nd St., Ft. Worth, Texas

Superintendent of a saw and flouring mill, 12 miles southwest of Nashville for 5 years.

- 6. Injured in encounter with rebel cavalry in Lavergne, Tenn. Oct. 6 or 7, 1862 - Knocked into a ditch with horses - head and other injuries.**
- 7. Description of this encounter.**
- 8. Another encounter with rebels around Brentwood, Tenn.**

Dec. 16, 1862 - Army of Cumberland moved toward Murfreesboro, Tenn - suffered cannon blasts while on courier duty - received medical attention at Carthage, Tenn.

In hospital at Gallatin, Tenn. May to Aug. 1863.

Tried steam boat engineer job after release from hospital but gave up after 3 months.

- 9. Leased a mill in Brentwood, Tenn.**

Moved to Ft. Worth Dec. 18, 1871.

Totally disabled after Fall, 1890.

- 10. Deposition by E. J. Calhoun - Met W.W. Gavin in Nashville in 1849 - were neighbors from 1849 to 1852.**

W.W. moved to Shelbyville, Tenn. In 1855. Then to Lebanon, Tenn. Until he enlisted in the Army.

- 14. Deposition by William Wiley Gavin, May 10, 1895, Ft. Worth, Texas.**

73 years old - Occupation, Engineer, Resided at 903 W. 2nd St., Ft. Worth, Texas.

Enlisted in Union Army Aug. 1862. - Discharged Aug. 1863.

Chief Licensed Engineer on Government boat Nashville in 1864 - Capt. Benj. Gorde.

Lived in Nashville in 1857.

Moved to Shelbyville for 2 years.

Moved to Lebanon until enlisting in Army.

Sick with fever in 1848.

- 15. Mentioned knowing steamboat men in Nashville - Capt. Calvin Cabler, Wm. Wyatt, Capt. Wm. Strong, Matt Leek, Benj. Gorde.**

In Shelbyville, knew Newt Calhoun, Tom Sharge, Jas. Calhoun.

In Lebanon, 1854 to 1862 - engineer at flouring mill. Knew Noah Mehaffey, Joe Mosely.

Member of Masonic Lodge.

First injury in Army, Sept 1862 - struck by horse on head.

- 16. Oct. 10, 1862 - Levergne, Tenn. (15 miles from Nashville) - battle with pickets - head inured when struck by his carbine - knocked into ditch with horses and head injured.**

Capt. Blackburn in charge - Lieut Hathaway, George Leever, David Barr, Crockett Patton, Bill Davis and one enemy also injured in incident.

- 17. Continuation of W.W. Gavin deposition - George Leever, bunkmate - Friends Lee Lefever, H.V. Richardson, Edw. C. Edwards, Graham, Independence County.**

After General Forrest, near Brentwood, Nov. 8 - 10, 1862.

- 18. Battle of Stones River - Cannon fire increased head injury.**

- 19. W.W. Gavin's ailments included rheumatism, headaches, bladder problems, back pain, dizziness, piles as result of injuries in war to back and head.**

Dr. Moore, Dr. Cook and Dr. Doris treated him.

Ran mill in Brentwood from Fall 1865 to 1871

Treated by Dr. Caroll Burnam, Waverly, Tenn.

Left Nashville for Texas in 1871

Supervised erection of mills and houses in Ft. Worth in 1871.

Treated by Dr. Bell in Ft. Worth in 1878 for piles.

Stopped work completely in 1890.

Treated by Dr. Pallard, Dr. Parker, Dr. Brayls.

Knew W.C. Danner, N.T. Calhoun, Tom Clark, R.C. DeHaven.

Wife died April 1892.

Lived with Son and 3 Daughters (all single).

Salary \$150 as Master Mechanic and steamboat engineer.

- 22. Capt. Strong, Capt. Cabler - members of firm that owned steamboats - Wm. Litterer, Chief clerk, B.S. Ray, Office clerk.**

Discharged for "General Disability"

- 23. Joseph Mosley Deposition - W.W. lived in Lebanon, Tenn. In 1854.**

Built boats in Nashville with Mosley after his discharge from Army.

- 24. W.W. moved from Nashville to Williamson County to run a mill.**

- 25. Susan Leek deposition, Feb. 1896. - 55 years old, resided at 411 S. Front. St., Nashville.**

W.W.'s brother married into Leek family before the war.

W.W. moved to Lebanon before the war.

Worked on steamboat for old man Leek, Father of M.M. Leek, Susan's husband.

- 26. W.W. complained of catarrh of head.**

W.W.'s brother John at Leek house.

- 27. Deposition of Wm. Strong, Feb. 1896 - 81 years old, steam boater, resided at 514 S. Summer St. Nashville.**

Met W.W. in 1848 - both on steamboats

Knew W.W. 12 to 14 years.

29. **Deposition of M.M. Leek, Feb. 1896 - 55 years old, resided at 621 S. Market St. Nashville.**

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5TH CAVALRY REGIMENT

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Tennesseans in the Civil War
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CYRUS M BROWN

Rank: Privt.
Age: 22

Mustered: Sept 9 62
Remarks: Disch by reason of disabil

WILLIAM W GAVIN

Rank: Privt.
Age: 39
Enlisted: Aug 19 62

Mustered: Sept 9 62
Remarks: Disch by reason of disabil

RICHARD M HAWKINS

Rank: Privt.
Age: 41
Enlisted: Sep 9 62

Mustered: Sept 9 62
Remarks: Disch by reason of disabil

HENRY MALONE

Rank: Privt.
Age: 35
Enlisted: Aug 9 62

Mustered: Sept 9 62
Remarks: Disch by reason of disabil

EDWARD PENNINGTON

Rank: Privt.
Age: 36
Enlisted: Aug 4 62

Mustered: Sept 9 62
Remarks: Disch by ord of Maj Gen 1

JOSIAH YOUNGBLOOD

Rank: Privt.
Age: 40
Enlisted: July 28 62

Mustered: Sept 9 62
Remarks: Disch by reason of disabil

Rank: Privt.
Age: 36
Enlisted: Aug 9 62

Mustered: Sept 9 62
Remarks: Disch by gen ord No 83 W
 May 8 65

JOHN MURPHY

Rank: 1 Lt
Age: 24
Enlisted: Aug 4 62

Mustered: Aug 31 62
Remarks: Pro fr 1 Lt to Maj Feb 1 63

PHILIP M RADFORD

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In pension claim No 578726
of Wm W Gavin Co A 5th Regiment -
Tennessee Cavalry

I was acquainted with William W Gavin for many years prior to the war. We were near neighbours in Nashville Tennessee knew him as in good health at the time of his enlistment - in Union Army 1862 knew that he was injured in head and back while in the Army. He was at my house sometime in November 1862 on furlow or sick leave of absence from his Regiment and was suffering from head ache, back ache and piles. After his discharge in summer of 68 made my house his home for some time. He and my husband were old friends. I knew that he was disabled while in the Army and had to give up his trade as an Engineer on account of his injuries. In 1865 he moved to the Country and engaged in the Milling business. Saw him as often as once every month from 1865 to 1871 for he made my house his stopping place when in City of Nashville. I knew that he was all the time suffering from his

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In pension Claim No 518726
of Wm W Gavin to a 5th Regiment - Tennessee
Cavalry, I hereby certify I was well
acquainted with Wm W Gavin about
ten or twelve years previous to the
war. That he was a first class
Steam Boat Engineer, and that
he was an able bodied competent
man in his trade, at the time of
of his enlistment - in the Union Army
in 1862, and that he was injured
while in the service. He was on
sick leave of absence and stopped
at my father's house about ten days
and was suffering with head ache
rheumatism & piles. I think it was
about the 15th or 20th of November 1862,
After his discharge from the army in Aug,
1863 he came to my father's house and
stayed until winter, after that remained
in the city until fall of 1865. Made several
trips as Engineer on my father's Boats.
Being unable to labour at his trade

NOV 20 1862

interest in the aforesaid claim

M. M. Leff

I swore to and subscribed before me this the 5th day of Sept 1885. I have no interest in this claim.

[Signature]

Clerk County Court Davidson

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Original

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Wm. M. Harris

A J Tenn Can

[Signature]

att.

Madison M. Beck

who, being by me first duly sworn to

answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him, deposes and says I am 53 years old
occupation Steamboating. Residence N.O. address
Washington St. Nashville, Tenn.

I was not a soldier but was running a boat
in U.S. Service during a portion of the war. I knew the
claimant Billy Green before the war for several
years. I do not know any disability that I know
of it. He was a steamboat engineer. Don't
know that he ever had to lay off from his work then.
I saw him at my father's house frequently during
the service. I think he had some sickness there
while the war was going on but it has been
so long that I cannot remember the nature
of sickness. Expect he was there three weeks sick.

When he returned he could not do regular and
hard work. He never went on the river much
after that. I would suppose that the nature of
the disability was what hindered him from
so. Don't remember whether he had anything
to do with the eye or not at anytime. I
can't say that I now remember his having
been or complaining of head.

I do know however that he did not do
a main work and am satisfied that he
quit steamboating on the account of health
as it would have paid him better than any
thing he could have engaged in. I have no interest
in claimant and am not related to claimant. I understand question asked
me and my answers are correctly recorded.

M. M. Beck Capt

Deponent



Witness

Witness

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Dec 1893 and I certify

T. M. Down

Special Examiner

DATE: _____ TIME: _____ PLACE: _____

DEPOSITION

Case of Wm W. Gavin, No. 599.568

On this 18 day of May, 1895, at
St. North County of Tarrant
 State of Tex., before me, G. S. Arnold, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Geo. W.
Gavin, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
 pension claim, deposes and says: I am 42 years of age

Occupation, Carpenter & joiner
 Residence & P.O., 903 W. 7th St. City.

I have always lived with claimant
 I am his son. We came to Texas
 at the same time in '71. I can not
 fix any positive time of hearing my
 father first complain of having the pike,
 but have a distinct recollection that
 it was before we came to Texas. With-
 in I remember when I first noticed my
 father was hard of hearing. I noted
 the disability has grown much worse
 during the last five or six years.

Before the war he was a steamboat en-
 gineer on the rivers in the vicinity of
 Nashville, Tenn. After the war he followed
 his occupation but a short time, and then
 leased a saw & flouring mill about 12 miles
 south of Nashville. I think his eyes were af-
 fected at that time but can't say positively
 that it was on that acct. that he gave up
 his occupation on the river. My father
 did no hard work since the war.

fined to his bed or unable to attend
 to his duties while in charge of the mill.
 Since living in Texas his disabilities
 have been growing worse and he
 was frequently obliged to quit work
 on account of the piles. He often
 complained of his head of dizziness swim-
 ming in the head, confusion, and at
 times would stagger like a drunken man.
 All I know of the cause was that my father
 said it was brought on by having a collision
 with soldiers during the war. It was dur-
 ing the night they had an encounter with some
 rebel cavalry and my father with others was
 knocked into a ditch men & horses together
 and he had his head hurt and was other-
 wise injured. I never heard that my father's mind
 was affected before the war, never heard that
 he was injured in any way before or after the war.
 He complained of his hip and back for a num-
 ber of years and seemed to have rheumatism.
 He complains very much about his head.
 He is unable to go away from home, but by
 remaining quiet and taking needed rest
 he gets along all right. I consider him
 able to attend to his business and would consider
 a contract signed by him as being legal. I
 never knew his mind to such as to consider
 him irrational. I would not consider it ad-
 visable to have a guardian appointed at any
 rate, not at the present time. I consider all his
 suffering due to the disabilities already described.
 I am correctly recorded.

Reply to call of



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History of injuries received while in ~~the~~ ^{United States} Army in 1862-63 by William M. Gavin Private. Co. A. 5th Tenn. Vol^t Cavalry.

Was enlisted Aug. 19th 1862 at Nashville Tenn. about Sep 15th to 20th one dark night, was ordered to mount in haste in adjusting bridle my horse threw his head around hitting me on left side of head knocking me down from which I suffered much but made no complaint.

About Oct 6th or 7th 1862. [In the night] a considerable force left Nashville to attack the Confederates at Laverne Tenn. Company A was in advance so drove their Cavalry until we came to their Infantry pickets at Laverne they fired on us this threw our horses into some confusion very soon their Cavalry charged down the tannike firing as they came in raising my carbine it hung in the Bost. (but even with my head in this condition we came together my carbine was jammed against the right side of my head several of my comrades and myself were knocked off the pike into a deep ^{ditch} ~~mass~~ and all together in this transaction I had my carbine jammed against right side of head received blow on top of head injured in

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we were ordered to southwest and pursued
them from Wash' to beyond Brentwood,
and at the latter place, all at full speed, a
cavalry on an unruly horse, came angling
into line landing against me knocking myself
and horse against Comrade William Davis,
breaking Davis left leg, and injuring me in
back and hips. it was a terrible shaking
and since this time have suffered from Piles as
well as injuries to head, Back and Hips and
Rheumatism. my eyesight and hearing were also bad.
but at my urgent request was not sent to Hospital
remaining with my Regiment.

but Dec 26th 1862. the Army of the Cumberland
marched towards Murfreesboro Tenn. I was on courier duty
along the line of battle on the right wing, was in
many days engagements, suffered intensely from
noise of cannonading, remained with Regiment
in all its movements until we took up quarters at
Carthage Tenn. when Dr Moore (of the Regiment) paid
special attention to my case, putting Seaton in back
of me with other needful remedies. was sent
from Carthage to Hospital at Gallatin Tenn. in
May 63. remaining there under treatment till
the first of Aug' 63. when I was discharg-
ed for general disability.

After discharge did no manual labor, attempted
to follow my trade (as stevens)

In fall of 65 leased a mill twelve miles southwest
 of Nashville (Brentwood Post office) remained there
 six years as proprietor. Dr. H. H. Morris of Nash,
 had been my family Physician for many years,
 consulted Dr. C. Cook of Nash two or three times
 for Hemorrhoids. Drs Cook and Morris have
 filed affidavits in Pension Office
 moved to Ft Worth Texas Dec 1876. have not at anytime
 been able to perform manual labor as a journeyman
 mechanic have not been employed half my time. at
 anything my knowledge of the mechanics art has given
 me as much light work as I was able to perform, such
 as setting up, repairing and putting in motion Cotton
 Gins and other mill machinery. Contracting for the
 erection of dwelling houses, had frequently to give up
 jobs incomplete on account of total disability, since
 the fall of 1890 I have been totally disabled for
 manual labor or mental efforts. My head troubles
 are gradually growing worse also my Backe are
 still troubled with Piles and Rheumatism, cannot
 lie on left Side. deafness about the same as for
 several years. Eyesight more dim, Cramping of my
 Op with cold benumbed feeling all the time
 It is impossible to give satis. facts you can get
 the affidavits filed in Pension Office in my chains
 in best satis I can give.

DEPOSITION

Case of William W. Gavin, No. 679568

On this 19 day of May, 1896, at Shelbyville, County of Bell, State of Tenn, before me, J. F. Hampton, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

J. C. Johnson, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am in my 64th year;

a marble workman and carpenter, I live in Shelbyville Tenn. my first wife I got acquainted with Wm W Gavin in the year 1849, in Nashville Tenn. He and I lived together in Nashville from that time until 1852 when I moved to Shelbyville Tenn. But I was in Nashville frequently in 63 or 64.

In 1855 Wm W Gavin moved to Shelbyville and lived here about two years I think then he moved to Lebanon Tenn. where he spent until the war began or until he enlisted. I saw him one afternoon by the river and went to Lebanon and by the enlistment but I do not recollect when you it was. He was with the 5th Tenn Regt but I do not remember the letter of his company. My first wife was the sister of Wm W Gavin.

I never heard Wm W Gavin Captain of an regiment or regiment of an

1862 and was then six or eight months. The 37th Tenn Reg. was stationed in Nashville and I was at their encampment frequently and saw Wm W. Garrison. He appeared to be sound and well then. I know him from experience of everything and he looked to be well about heart. I have only seen him 3 or 4 times since he was discharged. I was at his home twice in 1866 or 1867 I forget which. That was the first time I had seen him since the year of 1862-3.

Wm W. Garrison's health was good when I saw him in 1866 or 1867 as far as I know and believe. I did not notice any change at that time in his physical appearance or manner evident from what it was before imprisonment. I next saw Wm W. Garrison in 1882. He was considerably broken in health when I saw him in 1882 and I thought his mind was affected. I do not remember what his physical ailment was and did not know what caused his mental trouble. I last saw him in May 1889. His mind was more impaired in 1889 than in 1882, and his bodily health was very bad. I think he was then suffering in health at J. Garrison's.

DEPOSITION

Case of Wm W Govin et, No. 599 578

On this 19 day of May, 1895, at Shelbyville, County of Bell State of Ky, before me, J. F. Hammons, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared

A. J. Balhorn, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says My brother I think he em-

plained a good deal of his back
and some of his head. I noticed
in 1882 and 1889 that his hearing
was impaired. I had not noticed
prior to 1882 that his hearing was
impaired. I never heard of Wm W
Govin getting in some way
at any time it strikes me that
he was complaining of it in 1882.
His eye sight seemed to be impaired
in 1882 and 1889. But as we know
what caused it. The first I noticed
of him of his feeling in hearing was
in 1882. I do not get
much of his complaining of this
matter since the back would
be the main thing.

I am satisfied Wm W Govin was sound and healthy before and at the time of his death. I do not remember that I noticed any change in his body or manner

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I made an affidavit in this case as Doctor in Person. I made the affidavit in this case which bears my signature. My knowledge of his condition as shown in the affidavit was from information I do not remember now that he was in my work physician or nurse in 1866 or 1867. I have been in 1862 or 63. He had left the boat but I do not know from where come. I have no interest in this claim. I have understood the question and my answer to the an affidavit I made in this affidavit.

C. J. Galton

Deponent

B. — Examiners should be particular to have affiants sign on the line next below the closing words of their depositions so as to leave little or no space between their signatures and the end of their depositions.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Wm. W. Gavir, No. 5-94-568

On this 10 day of May, 1895, at Wt. Worth, County of Tarrant State of Tex., before me, G. J. Asquith, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Wm. W. Gavir, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer

truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: My age is 73 years

next Aug. Occupation, Engineer Residence, P.O. 903 W. 4th St. Wt. Worth Tex.

I served in the late war as private in Co. A 3rd Tenn. vol. cav. I enlisted Aug. 19. 62 and was discharged in Aug. 63. I was never in any other service previous to that time. Sometime in 1864 I served as chief engineer on some government boat for one month. I don't know the name of the boat but the captain's name was Benj. Gorde. This was at Nashville Tenn. they took me only because they were obliged to have a licensed engineer and they could get no one else. I don't know what month this was. I claim pension for deafness, impaired eye-sight, injury to head, rheumatism, piles, and inflammation of the bladder. Before the war up to 1857 I lived in Nashville Tenn. I then went to Shelbyville Tenn. and lived there two years. I then went to Lebanon Tenn. and lived there until I enlisted. In 1848 I

Page 4 I had a doctor his name was Dorris he
 is now dead he is the same doctor that
 treated me during the war. I don't
 remember what fever it was or any thing
 else about it. I recovered in 20 days and
 never knew of any ill effects. I was not
 sick any more until I was injured in the
 service. My acquaintance before the war was
 mostly among the steam boat men. Capt. Calvin
 Cable, Wm Wyatt, Capt Wm Strong, Mat Peck,
 Benj Goode. These men knew me well and
 as near as I know they still live in Wash-
 ington, Tenn. I worked with these men. While
 in Shelbyville I knew Newb Calhoun, Tom
 Sharps, Jas Calhoun. I think these
 men still live there. I know positively that
 the Calhouns still live there. I think it was
 from '57 to '62 that I lived in Lebanon.
 While there I was engineer at a flouring
 mill. The owners are now dead. Noah McChaffe
 fired for me at the time. Joe Mosely knew
 me well and I think both of these men still
 live there. I think the members of my lodge
 (Masons) would remember me. I can not
 now recall any of their names. When I enlisted
 the whole company stood in line and two doc-
 tors came along and looked at us. I remember
 one of them remarked when they came to me
 "There's a little man that will stand it all right."
 They did not ask me any questions. The first
 injury I received in the service was in Sept,
 '62 don't remember the exact date. It was

the effects ever since. I don't remember that I mentioned this to any body but two of my messmates and they are both dead.

It was about the 10th of Oct, 62 and not positive as to the exact date, at Seversque Tenn about 15 miles from Nashville my company was in advance after night the pickets fired in on us and a squad of cavalry rushed in on us and a man struck me on the head with something. It was while they were coming toward us, I was in the act of pulling my carbine from the boot and was holding it up on side of my head when they rushed in on us and besides being struck on the head with something else, my carbine was struck against the right side of the head and my whole side was injured. There were a number of us knocked into the ditch with our horses. I was knocked senseless and just before day light they took me some distance to the rear. I think it was about 12 o'clock we started back to Nashville. I was able to ride back. Capt. Blackburn was in charge. Those that were thrown into the ditch with me were ⁺Pvt. Hathaway, ⁺Geo. Reeve ⁺David Barr and one of the enemy. These men are now dead and I am told I think Crockett Patton and Bill Davis were there. After I reached Nashville I was permitted to go to a friend by the name of Lt Thomas Beck and was with him ten days. I was not treated during this time and not until I went back to the regiment.

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* Both killed during service

Wm Gavin
Deponent
Deponent

I sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of May

1895, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

DEPOSITION

Case of *Wm. St. Gavin*, No. *599, 568*

On this *27th* day of *October*, 189*9*, at
Putnam, County of *Putnam*,
 before me, _____, a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared _____,

who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
 pension claim, deposes and says: *Geo Leever was my bunk*

mate he is now dead. Lee Sefferer, H.

W. Richardson were intimate friends

at that time. I don't know the address

of these men. Edward C. Edwards of Graham

Independence Co. Ark. knew me well at

the time and was familiar with my accident.

While I was staying at the home of my friend Lee he

I suffered from pain in my head, back &

hips. When I was struck on the head it bled

freely but I don't know that it fractured

the skull. It was not badly cut. From there

I went back to the regiment, but was excused

from duty. I of course moved about with the

regiment when necessary. I was never

free from pain. It was about the 8th

or 10th of Nov. 62 while we were after Gen Worth

near Grantwood a soldier on an unruly horse

came angling in to him and struck me on

the left side and knocked me against front

comrade Wm Davis breaking his leg. The blow

shook me up terribly. When I got into camp

that night I discovered that my bowels

If any that I am positive knew it.
 It was about the 20 of Dec that the sur-
 geon ordered me to go to the hospital.
 Gen. Sever was sent with me, we were unable
 to find the hospital and returned to camp.
 The next day the regiment left camp to take
 part in the battle of Stone River. I begged
 the captain to take me along and he al-
 lowed me to go. We took part in the battle
 and it was during the engagement the firing
 of the battery in close proximity to where I
 was, increased the injury to my head.
 I remained in the regiment suffering
 from exposure and from the sound
 of cannon, my head growing worse all the time
 until the latter part of March or the beginning
 of April while in camp at Carthage.
 Dr. Moore examined me and put a seat
 in the back of my neck to relieve my
 head my hearing and eye sight having
 become impaired by this time. Dr. Moore
 was killed later on. They then sent the seat
 to Gallatin and compelled me to go along.
 As near as I can recollect this was in May
 63. I can't recall the name of the doctor
 that treated me there. I remained there in
 the hospital until I was discharged in August.
 I was there under constitutional treatment.
 I can not remember the name of the steward
 or others that were at the hospital at the
 time. My head was bad and I could not sleep.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mr. W. Lavin, No. 5-99-5-68

On this 9th day of April, 189, at Franklin County of Georgia before me

Wm. Lavin of the Pension Office, personally appeared

Wm. Lavin who, being by me first duly sworn to answer

truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I remember of taking consid-

erable may fibrous and then put Plasters on my back all my disabilities date from my injuries as the injury to hip & shoulder resulted in rheumatism. I was unable to mount my horse after my injury and my comrades assisted me. Pvt. Edwards, Bill Davis, and in fact all of them helped me and could not help knowing of my disabilities. Dr. Moore also treated me for the piles when he treated my head. I at one time thought the piles was the result of injury to back. I had inflammation of the bladder of God or ever since my injury I attribute that to injury to back. The fall in the ditch among those horses broke me up badly. After my discharge I went back to my old home in Nashville. I was unable to follow my occupation as an engineer and did a little work at odd jobs. Dr. Cook & Dr. Davis treated me after this service. Dr. Cook removed an apoplexy from my nose and also prescribed for the piles. Dr. Davis treated me for rheumatism & piles. These

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until 71. This was in the country and I never said much about my disabilities and made no complaint. Although the doctor visited me regularly Dr. Cassel Busman lived a near neighbor and practiced in my family. I talked to him about my disabilities although he did not treat me. I don't know where he now lives but think it is Waverly Tenn. Jos. Graham lived with me for 17 years but he is now dead. I have been living in Dk Worth since 1871.

When I came to Dk Worth, I superintended the erection of several mills and dwelling houses fixed up cotton gins etc. I could do this only from time to time by spells and was finally obliged to give it up entirely. Dr. Bell was the first doctor that treated me there. He was about 73 he operated on me twice for nasal polypus and treated me for piles in 84 or 85.

It was in 1878 April 24 as my diary shows Dr. Bell was called to my house to treat me for the piles, my bowels had come down and I was obliged to call the doctor to replace them.

I had done this many times before myself but on this occasion they were inflamed so much that I was unable to do so and had to call in the doctor. My diary also shows that De Haven called upon me the same evening. He testified in my claim I have done no work of any kind since 90. Of course I was unable to do any manual labor since

DEPOSITION

Case of Wm. St. Gavin, No. 5-995-6 ✓

On this 21st day of October, 189, at
County of _____, State of _____, before me, _____, a
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared _____

_____ who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
pension claim, deposes and says: time since the service, but
could only superintend and over see work.

Dr. Pallard lived near by me and treated me
at times. he is now dead. Dr. Parker treated
me several times but I can not now remember
the dates, he has left the city and I don't
know where he is now. Dr. Broyles operated
on me twice for piles and prescribed for
me on various occasions, I can't remem-
ber the dates. W. C. Danner, N. F. Calhoun, Thomas
Clark, R. C. Dehaven, these men knew me pretty
much ever since I have been here or almost
that long and know of my disabilities.

My wife died in April. 9/2. I am living here
with a son and three daughters, all single.
The fever I spoke of having before the service
lasted about 20 days. I don't know what it was
and don't know what brought it on. I had
been putting up machinery in a mill at the
time it came on. I don't know that it was
caused by heat and over exertion. I don't think
it affected my head. I never had an accident
nor contracted any injury before I went in
the service. I was very active and had

Capt. Strong and Capt. Pabler were members of the firm owning the boats. I already gave you their names. William Fitteser was chief clerk of that line of boats. B.S. Ray was office clerk of the same line. These men may still be living in Nashville. The disabilities of which I suffer most at the present time are piles. It was just 21 days since I had a natural passage from the bowels. I suffer much from pain in the back and head. The doctors told me it was concussion of the brain. I suffer from deafness, dimness of vision, rheumatism, and inflammation of the bladder. I consider my disabilities due to the injuries I received and from exposure while in the service. I have no particular witnesses that I desire examined. The Peck knew me well before the war and after, until I left Tennessee. When I recd. my discharge from the service the surgeon ask me whether I wanted a pension, stating that if I did he would mention some specific disability. I told him I did not want a pension and he then said he would make it "discharged by reason of general disability". He did not state just what he thought was the matter with my head but said "you may outgrow it but I doubt it". I can not remember his name. I have heard you read my statement and it is correct.

[Handwritten scribbles and signatures]

DEPOSITION

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Case of Wm W Gavin Cy No. 599568

On this 24 day of Feby, 1896, at Lebanon, Tenn, before me, L. J. Taylor, a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Jos S. Masley, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer

truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am 57 y old: Carpenter: Lebanon, Tenn.

I first got acquainted with the claimant about 1854. He made his home in Nashville at that time and I lived here in Lebanon.

His brother married one of my sisters way before the war and that caused me to form his acquaintance. I worked with him some before the war. My self and his brother worked together and he would work with us some times.

He came here to Lebanon before he enlisted in the army and was living here at time he enlisted. He came here at least 3 years before he enlisted and may be four. He was an Engineer.

After he came here to Lebanon, I was with him nearly all the time. Was very well acquainted with him.

Q Do you recollect of anything ailing him before he enlisted in the army?

A I cannot say that I do, and he was always Complaining. I cant say that I knew of his having any disease, but he was always Complaining of not feeling well.

I never considered him to be a stout man

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When he came out of the army he moved his family back to Nashville

I do not recollect ever hearing him say why he was discharged from the army, but after he was discharged and he happened to meet at Nashville before the close of the war.

The first thing we did was to build a boat there at Nashville, we worked together building that boat and that was before the war ended.

After that we ran on steam boats for a while he as engineer and I as Carpenter

A while after the surrender he moved out several miles from Nashville into Williamson Co, and began to run a mill. I went out there and staid with him a year or two

and some time after that he went to Texas.

I dont know the date that he went to that mill and cannot tell when he went to Tex.

He came here to see me 2 or 3 months before he went to Texas and that was last time I ever saw him.

He was still complaining all the time I was with him after he came out of the army, but I cannot recall any particular thing that he complained of.

I did not hear him complain so much before the war, but I did not consider him a healthy strong man before the war.

He complained of feeling bad a good deal more after he came out of the army than he did before.

I. S. ...

DEPOSITION

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Case of: Wm W. Gavin Cy No. 599568

On this _____ day of _____, 189____, at _____ County of _____

State of _____, before me, _____, a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Jos. D. Mosley com, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer

truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: No I cannot tell any

particular thing that I heard him complain of after he came out of the army.

I heard him say frequently while we were running on the boat that he would like to go home and stay because he was feeling so bad. and then I used to hear the boys on the boat talk about how hard he was to get up out of bed. He was not lazy either, it was because he felt bad.

I do not recollect hearing anything said about his having a catarrh of head either before or after the war.

I never noticed that he was hard of hearing, or that his eyes were sore while I knew him. I do not recollect ever hearing him complain of his hearing, or eyesight being affected.

I have heard his statement concerning his disabilities but it does not refresh my recollection.

I do not recollect ever to have heard him complain of his back or head, or of rheumatism.

In fact while I recollect that he complained a good deal after the war and did not appear to be a stout, healthy man, I cannot tell what particular thing he complained of at all. He complained worse after the war than he did before he enlisted.

I never knew of his mind being affected in any way while I knew him.

I have understood questions and my answers are correctly recorded.

J S Wooley
Deponent

DEPOSITION

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Case of Wm. W. Gavin vs No. 599568

On this 10 day of Feb, 1896, at Nashville, Tenn., County of Davidson

State of Tenn., before me, L. J. Taylor, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Susan Lee

who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: I am 55 years old; Housekeeper; No 411 D. Front St. Nashville, Tenn.

I knew the decedent a long time before the war, but I cannot tell when I first got acquainted with him.

He lived here in Nashville when I knew him before the war.

His brother married into my family way before the war, and that caused me to get better acquainted with him.

I was very well acquainted with him before the war. Visited his family frequently and he lived here in the City. ^{in the Spring} I thought a great deal of him he moved to Lebanon before the war.

If there was anything at all called him before the war I did not know anything about it. When he left the army he moved back here.

I married in the Fall of the year 1865, and in the Spring before I married in the Fall I came down here and staid at his house for some time, over a month.

I did not know of anything calling him during the time I staid at his house.

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The next year after the war I moved from Lebanon to this City, and at that time Mr Gavin had moved out here in the Country and was running a mill, but he used to come to our house and put up frequently.

I recollect that at that time he complained of a catarrah in his head. That was about the year after the war. He came to our house and had been to see a doctor up town and he said that the doctor told him he had catarrah of head.

I know his brother John was at our house the same time and John told him that all his head needed was cleaning out. He staid at my house about a week that time, and the doctor was tending on him, I forget what doctor it was.

I do not remember hearing him say what caused him to have catarrah.

I do not remember of his complaining of his hearing or eyesight at that time.

I do not recollect of his complaining of rheumatism, or of his back or kidneys or of any bowal disorders. It has been so far back that I cannot recollect of anything ailing him except his complaining of catarrah while he was at my house that time.

I have heard above read and am correctly reported therein.

DEPOSITION

Case of Wm W. Gavin Cy No. 594568

On this 8 day of Feb, 1896, at Nashville, County of Davidson

State of Tenn, before me, L. J. Taylor, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Wm Strong, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer

truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: Sam S. Ely old: Steam boating; No. 514 S. Summer St, Nashville, Tenn.

I got acquainted with the claimant first about 1848. At that time I lived near him here in this City, and he and I both followed Steamboating. He was an Engineer on the boats and he and I frequently run on the same boat. I was well acquainted with him at that time, and he and I were associated together then I worked for 12 or 14 years.

Q Was there anything wrong with him when you used to know him before the war?

A Nothing that I know of.

He was a sound man before he went into the army as far as I know.

He got discharged from the army on account of getting something the matter with him. He staid about the city here right after he got out of the army and I learned then that he had been discharged on account of disability.

There was something the matter with his back. He got something the matter with his back while in service. I don't know what ailed his back

about his having a kidney disease, or of his having rheumatism

It is my impression that he got his back hurt. I do not know how long he lived around here after he came out of the army, he left here I think some time in the sixties.

He and I did not run on the boats any together after he came out of the army, but we were acquainted.

I don't think he did much work after he came out of the army. He was crippled up pretty badly.

- Q I do not recollect of anything else ailing him
- Q Did you ever know of anything ailing his head that is of his being flighty, or of his eye or hearing being effected?

A No Sir, I never knew of his having any trouble with his head, eyes, or hearing at any time.

His hearing and eye sight were good after he came out of the army as far as I know.

I do not recollect hearing him complain of piles, or of inflammation or trouble in his bladder.

He was in good health as far as I know before he went into the army and after he came out he seemed to be crippled up and complained of his back, that is all I recollect concerning them.

I don't recollect ever hearing of his having a spell of fever before the war.

I have not seen him since he left here.

I am not related and have no interest.

I have heard above read out and correctly reported therein
Wm. J. Brown

DEPOSITION *A*Case of *Wm W. Gavin* No. 599568On this *10* day of *Feb*, 189*6*, at
Nashville, County of *Davidson*State of *Tenn*, before me, *L. J. Heylor*, aSpecial Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *M. M. Neer*who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: *I am 55 y old; Steam Boateng;**No. 621 S. Market St. Nashville Tenn.*

I have known the decedent ever since I was a boy. He lived here in this city when I first got acquainted with him. I was tolerable well acquainted with him before the war only. I used to haul him wood out to his house and I knew him when I saw him but had no special acquaintance with him before the war.

I did not work with him any before he enlisted in the army, but he lived here and I knew him up until about the time the war came up.

I do not recollect of anything calling him before he went into the army. So far as I know he was a sound man before he enlisted in the army.

He was sick during the war at my father's house for a pretty smart time but I do not recollect what ailed him.

I do not know what time it was that he was at my father's sick, but it was before he was mustered out of the service. I think he was on furlough at that time. His family, I think was living in Lebanon

what ailed him when he was at our house sick. I dont know whether he had gotten injured or whether he had some disease. It has been so long that I cannot tell what ailed him, or how he complained at all. I was not at home all the time then would just drop in at night, and occasionally.

He lived around the City here for a few yrs after the war, and then he moved out here in the country a piece and run a mill for a few years and then he went I think from there to Texas but I cannot tell when he went to Texas. He ran on my father's boats some after the war but I did not run on the boat with him. I had no special association with him after the war, but would see him every once in a while.

He would be about my father's house occasionally. While he lived out here in the country he used to stop at my father's house when he would come to town, and I would see him occasionally during that time.

Q What was his physical condition while you knew him after the war?

A He was not very "stout" after the war and could not do as much work as he could before that, but I cannot tell what he complained of, or how he was effected at all.

DEPOSITION *H*

Case of *Wm W Gavin et al* No. *599568*

On this _____ day of _____, 189____, at
 _____, County of _____

State of _____, before me, _____, a

Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared _____

M. M. Leek, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
 truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid
 pension claim, deposes and says:

Q Did you know of his head being affected
 in any way, or of his eye sight or hearing
 being affected?

A No I did not. I cannot tell what ailed him.
 I do not recollect hearing him complain
 of rheumatism or kidney or back trouble,
 I cannot tell how he was affected now
 at all.

About all I can recollect concerning
 his disabilities at all is that he was
 sick at my father's house a while, during
 the time he was a soldier, and after
 the war he did not appear to be as
 strong as he had been formerly, but
 from what cause I cannot say.

I am not related and have no interest.
 I have heard above read and am
 correctly reported therein.

M. M. Leek
 Depoent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 this 10 day of Feb. 1896, and I certify that
 the contents were fully made known to the