

DEPOSITION

Case of William Hensley, D.O., No. 258,030

On this 9th day of October, 1905, at Greer's Flk. of So. Indian Creek, County of Union State of Tenn., before me, Henry B. Hazard a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Wm. J. Higgins, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I am 60 years of age; my post-office address is Flagford, Tenn. occupation,

1 farmer
2 I served in C. M., 8 Tenn. Vol. Cav. U. S. A., enlist-
3 ing September 15, 1863 at what was then Washing-
4 ton Co. near Union Co. Tenn., near Erwin, Tenn. I
5 was discharged September 11, 1865 at Stuyville,
6 Tenn. I served as private, corporal and sergeant.

7 I am a pensioner, Ref. No. forgotten now.
8 I have known claimant, William Hensley
9 ever since I was a small boy.
10 Ques. When and where did you first see him
11 in the U. S. military service? Ans. About the latter
12 part of November or 1st of December 1864, near
13 Knoville Tenn. at Cantonman Springs.

14 My regiment was brigaded then with the 13th
15 Tenn. Vol. Cav. and I came to it there from the
16 hospital at Gallatin, Tenn.
17 When I first saw claimant, William Hensley,
18 he was in U. S. uniform and claimed to belong to
19 the 13th Tenn. Cav. U. S. A.

20 He came to our camp, I think, here I first met
21 him, and afterwards I think it was in the camp
22 of the 13th Tenn. Cav. that I met him. The two camps
23 were not over a half mile apart.

24 I saw him frequently along through the winter of
25 1864 and 1865 about his and my camps but could

Page 7 I do not state the number of times I saw him.
I don't remember the last time I saw him in service.
I went in camp at Cantonman Springs, Tenn. in
November 1864 and left there March 23, 1865, to
the best of my recollection. My regiment then
started on the storeman raid to Salisbury, No. Car.
I saw him when you left Cantonman Springs, March
23, 1865, but long had it been since you had
seen claimant? Ans. I couldn't state, have no
idea. I saw him the winter of 1864 there and probably
the early part of 1865. I am satisfied that the
period in which I saw him covered a period of
a few months.

Ques. Could you state whether that period was
90 days or not? Ans. I think he must have been
there that long. I cannot be positive.

I don't recollect seeing him on duty. When
commanded me to go we were usually off duty.
We usually met when one or the other got
a pass.

Ques. Do you know in what manner claimant last
left his company and regiment? Ans. I do not
know. I don't know whether he was discharged
or left it in any other manner.

Ques. Do you know anything as to claimant desert-
ing his company and regiment November 20, 1863
or January 6, 1864 at Knoxville, Tenn. or March 19,
1865 or March 21, 1865 at Washington Co., Tenn.?

Ans. No sir, I know nothing about it.

Ques. Do you know anything of claimant leaving
his company and regiment to go on a scout
with Capt. Daniel Ellis? Ans. No sir.

Ques. Do you know of any disease, disability, wound
or injury contracted by claimant in the service
and in line of duty? Ans. No sir, I do not.

Claimant has been a sober, peaceable, moral
man of good habits since I have known him
and never knew his health to be affected by
vicious habits. I have seen him about once or twice

64 in year on an average since service
65 I am a 1st cousin of claimant, but I have no
66 interest in the prosecution of this pension claim,
67 directly or indirectly.

68 (Ques. to chmt. by Ex. Do you wish to question wit-
69 ness? Ans. by chmt. No, sir.)

70 I made an affidavit in this case inside of a
71 year. I don't recollect anything in it not stated
72 herein.

73 The questions are thoroughly understood and
74 my answers correctly stated herein.

W. J. Higgins
Deponent.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of October
1905, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Henry B. Hazard
Special Examiner.