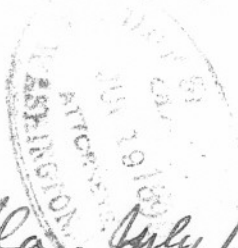


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Bridgeport, Ala. July 17<sup>th</sup> 1895  
Milo B. Stevens & Co.,

Washington, D.C.  
Gentlemen.

I herewith return you  
the order for <sup>my</sup> Examination  
at Scottsboro, Ala.

I was not feeling well enough  
to go, at that time. and since  
then this order has been

overlooked, it has been  
a long time, which I hope  
you will excuse the delay

I am feeling much better  
in this climate than in

the Northern climate by  
refraining from all laborious  
labor and taking ample rest.

I would be glad to hear from  
you Is my application still

holding good?

Answer and oblige

Yours very truly

Thacher T. Barton

P.S. Please inform me

who is now Commissioner of Pensions

I want to write for my discharge

papers that you filed in the

Pension Bureau.

What is the Number of my claim now  
pending

and Y. T. B.



West Dennis Apr. 13th 1872

Mr Milo B. Stevens & Co.  
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen: I sent you some time ago the affidavits of a Doctor and myself to have my old New Jersey claim reopened. If you think it important and necessary for me to be again examined (and I suppose it is) I would prefer to have you get the Hon. Commrs of Examiners order me for Doctors at New Bedford, Mass.

As my New Jersey was rejected because I was not in the service

90 days I want you to take up the old New Jersey but would wish to not be again sent before the

same board that once before ~~rejected~~ reported me not enabled

Please call the Hon. Commissioners attention to this and get me another Examination order as soon as you can.

Oldine number 965552

Very Respectfully  
Abner J. Bayler.

Dear Sir  
Washington, D.C.

West Dennis, Mass. June 15th  
Green B. Rains,

I understand from Milo B.

Stevens & Co. that there is with you an order on file, for me to have a re-examination before the Board of Examiners at New Bedford.

Will you please let me go as soon as possible as I am to move

my family to Bridgeport, N.H. and

shall get away very soon, it will be very difficult for me to do any

thing in reference to my New Jersey claim after I get away from here —

Oldine No 965552 Yours  
Abner J. Bayler

Commissioner of Pensions, Concord Junction Mass. October 1, 1921  
 % H. M. Vandewort.

Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Pensions,

Dear Sir: C. 965532 Washington D. C.

I am trying to assist a comrade in preparing a "Declaration for Pension, under the Act of May 1, 1920".

Thatcher Baxter, a Private of Captain R. H. Graham's Cavalry Company, attached to the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Missouri Vols. who was enrolled on the First day of August, 1861, for 3 years, and Discharged October 16, 1861, by reason of having been taken prisoner at the Battle of Lexington, September 20, 1861, etc. etc.

The blank form for "Declaration" carries a space for the insertion of the Original Number of a previous claim, if any has been filed. But while the comrade has correspondence indicating that attempts have been made, or contemplated, by members of Congress to secure a pension by a Special Bill, he has nothing that bears any claim number.

His "Discharge Certificate" now before me, bears the following data. to wit: (in circles) "Moilo B. Stevens & Co. Attorneys, Nov. 26, 1890; Same dated Nov. 13, 1891; and "Pension Office, Nov. 14, 1891," which indicates that the matter of pension to said Thatcher Baxter has been under consideration by both the firm of Attorneys and the Pension Bureau, but gives no clue to the Number.

I have written under date of Sept. 16, 1921 to the firm of Attorneys, but have received no reply, but from the part of the Editorial in the National Tribune of Sept. 29, 1921 relating to you, under the caption of "The Pension Bureau at Indianapolis" I believe that I may receive, without unnecessary delay, answers to the two following questions, to wit:

① Has there been a duly numbered claim filed at any time by or in behalf of said Thatcher Baxter, and if so, may the number be forwarded to me, for the purpose of insertion in the "Declaration" proposed to be filed under the Act of May 1, 1920?

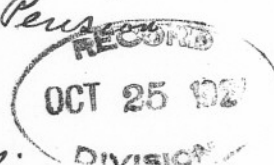
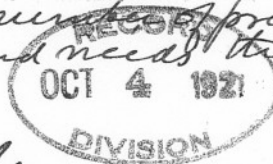
② Would the proposed Declaration receive the same degree of consideration if filed without the number of previous claim?

The comrade is 80 years of age, and needs the pension, and claim will be filed without file.

yours respectfully

Franklin E. Emery  
 (for Thatcher Baxter)

Justice of the Peace, with certificate on file at Pension Bureau. Member of Reno Post No. 9. G. A. R.  
 P.O. Address Concord Jct. Mass. Hudson. Mass.



INVALID DECLARATION



Invalid Division  
Orig. No. 965,552  
Thatcher T. Baxter,  
Capt. Graham's Cav.  
attached to 14 Mo. Inf.



*Ab file*  
*see file*  
Concord Junction, Mass. December 12, 1921.

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

*Dated December 5, 1921.*

I have your reply to my communication dated October 1, 1921 in behalf of the soldier Thatcher T. Baxter, and note your advice relating to the provision of the Act of May 1, 1920 which requires that in cases where "the period of service was less than ninety days" it must be shown that the soldier was "discharged on account of disability incurred in the service in line of duty etc".

I have before me a copy of a Bill H.R. 7215, presumed to have been introduced by Representative Andrew J. Peters, (the present Mayor of Boston) at the first Session of the 60th Congress, December 9, 1907, the purpose of said Bill having been as printed "Granting a pension to Thatcher T. Baxter."

I, also, Have before me a copy of a typewritten narrative addressed to Hon. Andrews J. Peters and dictated by Comrade Baxter, giving a detailed account of the service rendered by his Company up to the date of their surrender to a superior force of the enemy Sept. 20, 1861. Every paragraph being dated would seem to indicate that the statements were taken from a diary.

From the paragraph dated Sept. 21st., I quote the following extract, "About 10 A.M. we were ordered to fall in line. The oath of allegiance to the Southern Confederacy and State of Missouri, which was then not out of the Union, was administered".

His Discharge Certificate states that he was "Honorably discharged by reason of having been taken prisoner at the battle of Lexington (Mo.) Sept. 20, 1861 etc".

It seems likely that instead of taking the "oath of allegiance" as quoted, the oath taken related to a parole, the terms of which bound the parties "not to take up arms against the Confederacy etc. until exchanged."

The Comrade is now over 81 years of age and has no clear remembrance of facts relating to the matter of parole and exchange, in fact, does not appear to know whether he was ever exchanged, although he must have been paroled, or he would not have been mustered out with his company, which was captured as a whole unit with him included.

I respectfully wish to inquire as to whether the fact of having been taken prisoner, paroled and not exchanged, if such fact could be shown, would not constitute a bona fide "disability" within the meaning of the law?

I assume the facts relating to this particular case can only be shown by the records of the War Department, which as we know, are marvelously accurate, and are only obtainable by request of a Senator, or possibly by the Head of some Department of the Government. Also, as to whether, if the above condition as to parole can be shown to exist, Comrade Baxter would or would not be entitled to a pension under the Act of May 1, 1920, or any other Law relating to pensions.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

Dict. to V.M.B.

*Franklin E. Emery*

*or Representative in Congress*

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

Act June 27, 1890, and Amendments.

To be Executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.

State of Massachusetts County of Suffolk ss: 1

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, Charles G. Baxter aged 63 years, Name of Applicant.

who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical person who was enrolled on the First day of August, 1861, in R. H. Graham's Cavalry Company Here state rank, company and regiment in military service, or vessel in the navy. attached to the 14th. Regiment of Missouri Vol s. in the War of the Rebellion, and served at least ninety days, and who was honorably discharged on the 16th. day of October, 1861. That he has not served in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than averred.

That he is unable to earn a support by manual labor, by reason of He was born September 28 1841 Here name any and all diseases, ailments or injuries which disable you.

I enlisted to serve three years but was discharged from the service of the United States by reason of having been taken prisoner at the Battle of Lexington Missouri.

That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent.

That he has not applied for pension under application No. or not

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. If a pensioner, the certificate number need only be given, if not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890, and amendments, upon the aggregate disability from each and every infirmity including age.

"That whenever a claim for pension under the Act of June 27, 1890, has been, or shall hereafter be rejected, suspended or dismissed and a new application shall have been, or shall hereafter be, filed, and a pension has been or shall hereafter be allowed in such claim, such pension shall date from the time of filing the first application, provided the evidence in the case shall show a pensionable disability to have existed or to exist, at the time of filing such first application, anything in any law or ruling of the department to the contrary notwithstanding," (being proviso March 6, 1896).

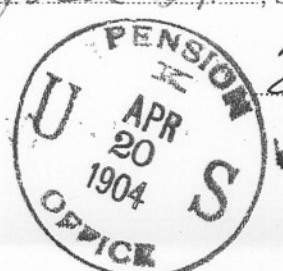
He hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation,

EDGAR T. GADDIS, of Washington, D. C.,

his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. And he hereby agrees to pay said attorney, Ten (10) Dollars, to prosecute his claim to a successful issue.

That his Post Office address is Albiston Suffolk Co. County of #7 Ashford St. State of Mass.

Charles G. Baxter Claimant's Signature.

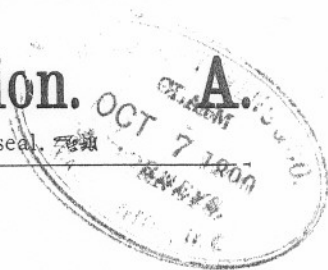


No fee until successful and then the law provides that \$10 be deducted for fee.

Applicants can succeed whether the disability was contracted in the service or since discharge.

# A. Declaration for Original Invalid Pension.

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal.



State of Massachusetts  
County of Barnstable } ss.

On the date hereinafter mentioned, personally appeared before me Justice of the Peace  
of the County of Barnstable, a court of record, within and for the County and State aforesaid  
Thatcher Baster resident of the town of West Dennis  
County of Barnstable State of Mass. who being duly  
sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Thatcher Baster  
who was enrolled on the 1st day of Aug. 1861, and served in Company R.H. Graham's Caval.  
of the 14th Regiment of Mass. & Co. and was discharged at St. Louis  
on the 16 day of Oct. 1861; that his personal description is as follows: Age 30 years; height five feet eight inches; complexion light; hair brown; eyes blue. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty, at Lexington in the State of Mass. on or about the first day of September 1861, he contracted asthma from sleeping in open air without sufficient covering.  
Here state name or nature of disease or the location of wound or injury. If disabled by disease, state fully its cause; if by wound or injury, the precise manner in which received.

That he was treated in hospitals as follows :  
(Here state the name or number, and the localities of all hospitals in which treated and the dates of treatment.)

That he has not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above.  
(Here state what other service, if any, was rendered, prior or subsequent to that stated above, and give the dates at which it began and ended.)

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in Mass.  
(Here state in detail the different places in which he has resided from discharge to present date.)

That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound physical health, being, when enrolled, a Saddler. That he is now greatly disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of the injury or disability, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution, MILO B. STEVENS & CO., of WASHINGTON, D.C., their successors or legal representatives, his true and lawful Attorneys to prosecute his claim. That he has not received nor applied for pension. That his Post-office address is West Dennis County of Barnstable State of Mass.

Claimant's Signature: Thatcher Baster  
Attest: Jos. M. H. Chen  
Edson D. Carroll



# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts  
County of Barnstable } ss.

In the matter of the claim for pension in the case of Thatcher

(Character of Claim.)

12/25/14 Mrs Wols

(Name of the Claimant and the Name and Service of the Soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the

(Title of the Officer before whom executed.)

County and State aforesaid, Thacher J. Baxter of West Dennis,

(The name of the Affiant, or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address.)

County of Barnstable, State of Massachusetts

person.....of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare.....in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

1892  
Tuesday Jan. 19th I had a very severe attack  
of the Asthma and sat up all that night untill  
10 o'clock the next night Continuous for 30 Hours  
before I could lie down or get any rest  
In about 2 weeks I was some better but not able  
to leave the house Feb 3rd. I was taken

with another attack more severe than the first  
Feb. 4th. I was obliged to call in a Physician  
Dr H. S. Kelly whose affidavit I send you with  
this. I was confined to the house for nearly  
seven weeks

I am totally unable to perform manual labor  
as it would at once bring on wheezing and cough  
-last attack of the Asthma and sickness has  
left me reduced in flesh and trembling nerves,  
so that I have some difficulty in writing especially  
after a little exercise

I would respectfully ask for  
re-examination, place preferred  
New Bedford, Mass.

.....further declare.....that.....no interest in said claim, and.....  
not concerned in its prosecution.

If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1.....  
(Name of one witness to X mark.)

2.....  
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Signature of  
Affiant or of  
each Affiant

Thacher J. Baxter



1) In Reply to Call No 13  
 To Mr Green B. Ramm.  
 Washington D.C. Commissioner

Dear Sir —

My only place of residence has  
 been West Dennis, Mass.

My occupation from 1861 to 1864  
 that of Harness making, during  
 which time I was obliged on several  
 occasions to give up entirely my  
 business, and finally to abandon  
 it altogether

From 1864 to 1872 Keeping a <sup>Restaurant</sup> ~~Restaurant~~  
 from 1872 to the present time  
 I have been dealing in House  
 furnishing goods.

I claim that my disease of the Asthma  
 originated by being exposed to the  
 chilly atmosphere and for want of  
 proper clothing while in the U.S.  
 Service at Lexington, Mo. Sept 1861

2) I received no treatment for Asthma, (but did receive " " a severe bowel complaint brought on by drinking Vinegar with the water which we were compelled to do. as we had to drink from

Muddy Cisterns, ~~as~~ we were besieged for 3 days) Until I arrived home I was then treated by our family Physician Dr Sarah Baker of South Dennis Map 1861 and 1862 who is now dead —

Dr J. M. Smith of Barnstable Map treated me in 1864 he is now dead Since 1864 I have <sup>had</sup> treatments from

Dr D. R. Linn of Dennis port Map

" C. H. Phillips " Harwichport "

" H. S. Kelley " West Dennis "

These are all living and can testify and have testified by affidavits confirming my disability

3)

I cannot give dates to all the different attacks of the asthma I can say that I have been troubled during the winter especially December, Aug. and Sept. every year since 1861 I have never attacks lasting from 3 to 6 days at a time and they usually come on by taking cold or Extra Exertion I am taking preventatives almost daily and carefully guarding against those ~~thing~~ things which bring them on

Yours very respectfully  
 Thacker W. Baxter

West Dennis, May 18th 1891



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*Southern* Div.

Inv. Orig. No. 965,552

Thacher T. Baxter

Co. *Graham's Cav.*Attached to 14 Mo. Vol. *48th*

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C., *May 22*

SIR:

Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully,

*Mr. Thacher T. Baxter**West Dennis**Mass.*

Commissioner.

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: *I am a married man. Mary Parker Baxter - Mary Parker Crowell*No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: *Dec. 10th 1863**West Dennis, Mass. Rev J. J. Smith.*No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: *None that I can find,**but can furnish the testimony of a good many eye witnesses*

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the

date and place of her death or divorce. Answer: *I have married but once*

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their

birth. Answer: *Alpheus T. Baxter, born Aug. 30th 1864**Lavinia M. Baxter, born Jan. 15th 1869**Charles T. Baxter born 9th 1878*

Date of reply, \_\_\_\_\_, 189\_\_\_\_

*Thacher T. Baxter.*

(Signature.)

DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., May 18, 1893

Respectfully returned to the  
Record & Pension Division  
War Department request-  
ing a further report  
showing full military  
& medical history of  
within named soldier  
for use in claim under  
laws prior to June 27, 1890.

Inv. Orig. No. 9655521  
Thatcher J. Baxter,  
Capt. Graham's Cav. Co.,  
attached to 14 Mo. Vols. (H. Gds.)  
Mansfield

Wm. Lochorn  
Commissioner.

Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

## Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

Thatcher Baxter  
Capt. Cav. Co. attached to  
Co. Graham's, 14 Reg't Mo. Inf. (H. Gds.)  
was enrolled Aug 1, 1861,  
and M. Q. Oct 16, 1861,

From enrt, 1861, to M. Q., 1861,  
he held the rank of private

and during that period the rolls show him present  
except as follows (Oct 16/61 - Co. M. Q.  
roll on which he was M. Q.  
taken prisoner at  
Lexington Sept 20/61. Re-  
leased on taking oath  
Sept 21.)  
P. of W. records furnish  
no information.

The medical records show him treated as follows

No record found



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Wm. Lochorn  
Colonel, U. S. Army, Chief of Office.

Per m;

Washington, D. C., MAY 19 1893

(COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.)

## SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. June 4, 1891.

Respectfully returned to the  
 officer in charge of the Record  
 and Pension Division of the War  
 Department, requesting an addi-

al report showing service  
 status in Co. E, 14<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav;  
 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Md. Inf. Cav.;

1<sup>st</sup> Ga. Cav. 14<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav.  
 in. Aug. 965552  
 Matthew Baxter.

965552

War Department,

Record and Pension Division,

JUN 6 1891

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

The rolls show that

mentioned in the preceding endorsement, was enrolled

, 186 , and

Name Matthew Baxter  
 was and was found on rolls  
 of Co. E 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. Cav.  
 There was one Co. E in 14<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav.  
 on 14<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. Cav.  
 from and on rolls of 14<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav.  
 1<sup>st</sup> of which is 12<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav.  
 was 14<sup>th</sup> Cav



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

John C. ...  
 Major Captain and Chief Surgeon, U. S. Army.

Per m.

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CALL No. 10.

N. M. McLaughlin  
 Division.

Department of the Interior,  
 BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1892

Respectfully requested of the ADJUTANT  
 GENERAL U. S. A. a report from the records of his  
 Office as to the presence or absence, on or about  
 September, 1861,

Andrew J. Abbott,  
 private, Capt.  
 Grayson's Co. of Cav.,  
 attached to  
 14<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav.

and the station, at that date, of the

Claim No. 965552.  
 Matthew J. Baxter  
 Capt. Grayson's Co. of Cav.  
 attached to 14<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav.  
 Andrew Anderson

Address: "Chief of the Record and Pension Office,  
 War Department, Washington, D. C."

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

SEP 9 1892

Washington, , 189

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

The rolls show that

Andrew J. Abbott,

mentioned in the preceding endorsement was present  
 during the period named in that endorsement except  
 as follows:

Co. M. C. R., dated Oct. 16/61,  
 only Roll on file, shows him  
 enrolled Aug. 1/61 and M. C.  
 Oct. 16/61. Remarks: Taken  
 prisoner at Lexington, Sept. 20/61.  
 Released on taking oath Sept. 21.

During the period named the station of the company  
 and regiment was as follows:

Ref. M. Recs. furnish no  
 add'l information.  
 Returns not on file.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

J. C. Anderson  
 Colonel U. S. Army Chief of



# Affidavit.

State of Iowa County of Delaware ss:

In claim No. 965532 of Thacher T. Baxter of Grahams Car. Co

attached the 14 Regt. of Mo. Cav. Vols. Personally appeared before the undersigned duly authorized to administer oaths within and for said County, Andrew J. Abbott aged 53 years, whose P. O. is Manchester, County of Delaware State of Iowa, whom I certify to be credible, who being duly sworn, states in

relation to said claims as follows, to-wit: That he was personally acquainted with Thacher T. Baxter during his service in said Grahams Car. Co. Affiant was also a member of said Company and bunked with said Baxter part of the time they were members of said Co. Affiant remembers that when the Co. were at Lexington Mo. in fall of 1861 the said Baxter took a severe cold from exposure and was badly stuffed up so it was difficult for him to breathe that he lost his voice at that time for a few days. Said Baxter was afflicted with Coughing and Wheezing during the remainder of the service of the Co. The affiant remembers that frequently said Baxter was unable to lie down <sup>at night</sup> owing to difficulty of breathing and was compelled to sit up or walk around to get breath. At times which were frequent the asthma was very severe. His condition continued <sup>the same</sup> until discharged on October 16 1861.

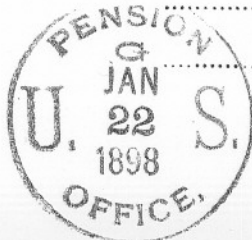
Affiant has not seen said Baxter since his discharge from said Company

And affiant further states that he has no interest in this claim.

If affiant signs by mark, two witnesses sign here.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 11 day of January 1898, and I hereby certify that the contents of this affidavit were fully made known to the affiant before signing and I have no interest in this claim or its prosecution.

L. S.



Andrew J. Abbott  
Affiant's signature.  
J. H. Dane  
Official Signature

## Affidavit.

State of Iowa County of Marshall ss:

In claim No. 96552 of Thacher D. Baxter of Co. Graham of  
the 60th Co Regt. of Mo. Vols. Personally appeared before the undersigned duly au-

thorized to administer oaths within and for said County, Name of Affiant.  
aged 58 years, whose P. O. is Gilman, County of Marshall

State of Iowa, whom I certify to be credible, who being duly sworn, states in  
relation to said claims as follows, to-wit:

I, Thomas J. Williams do hear certify  
that I knew said Thacher D. Baxter  
that he was in the same Company -  
Captain Graham Cavalry Company,  
we were taken prisoners at the battle  
of Lexington Mo., Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1861 and  
discharged from the Service of the U.S.  
Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1861. While in said command we  
did not draw tents blankets, or over coats,  
and while fighting for several days we were  
exposed night and day without shelter of any  
kind, some of the men were sick and no Doctor  
to give them medical aid. we were without water  
or rations for twenty four hours before we were  
taken prisoners, were held there twenty four hours  
without being fed, were parolled and no rations for  
twelve hours afterwards, we had to march about  
60 miles from Lexington to Hamilton after the  
battle was over, this journey nearly used up all  
the men, I served three years longer in  
Co. I 12<sup>th</sup> Ill., Cavalry and do say the exposure  
and hardship at Lexington was the most  
severe in the same length of time  
Comrade Baxter had a cold and a very bad  
cough at that time and I heard he  
was sick for a long time after he  
got home

And affiant further states that he has no interest in this claim.

If affiant signs by mark, two witnesses sign here.

Thomas J. Williams  
Affiant's signature.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1897, and I hereby  
certify that the contents of this affidavit were fully made known to the affiant before signing and I have  
no interest in this claim or its prosecution.

George F. Stansberry  
Notary Public  
Official Signature.

L. S.

