

Deposition A  
Case of Brice S. Brumfield, No. 346.729

On this twenty first day of December 1889, at Russell, County of Greenup State of Kentucky, before me, H.C. Duncan, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Brice S. Brumfield, 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 47 years of age, P.O. above mentioned, occupation a farmer.

I enlisted as a private in Co. I, 18<sup>th</sup> O.V.I. on the 24 of Sept 1861 and was discharged at Columbus, O. on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1865.

I am now pensioned at the rate of four dollars per month on gunshot wound of left elbow and paid at the Columbus, O. Agency.

I am an applicant for pension on disease of eyes, which is a result of measles I suffered from in Feb 1862 at Bacon Creek, Kentucky. At the date of my enlistment I was a single man residing with my Father Sartain Brumfield, who resided on a creek called Sand Fork near the foot of the Greasy Ridge Hill and received our mail at the Greasy Ridge, Lawrence Co., O. P.O. I was born and raised at said place. I had always worked on a farm. Our neighbors was T.S. Tagg, who I went to school to. Wakeman Brumfield, Robert L. Massie, and Adrian Massie all resided near Greasy Ridge P.O. At the date of my enlistment I was a healthy man and my eyes were as good as any man's eyes, and had never had any trouble with my eyes.

I rendered no military service except as above stated. Warren Massie was the only person who enlisted with me from my neighborhood, know nothing of his present residence.

After my enlistment I first went to Camp Wool at Athens, O. was there five or six weeks and then went to Camp Dennison, O. and was mustered into service at said place. Think we were at Camp Dennison for near two months drilling then to Louisville by steamboat, was at Louisville about one week when we marched to Salt River, Ky about one days march, was there about one week. Then marched to Elizabethtown, Ky. Think this was in Jan 1862. Was at Elizabethtown about two weeks when we marched to Bacon Creek, Ky was at Bacon Creek until about April 1862. While at Bacon Creek in February (about the last) I took measles. I was detailed to go for hay with the teams and got wet – as it rained about all day. I was sick all that day and all night and on the next morning I was not able to go to sick call. Dr. Johnson our surgeon came to see me in my tent and he told me I had measles. That was the first I knew what was the matter with me. I was not sent to hospital but was excused from duty and remained in my tent for near two weeks. When I recovered and went on duty my eyes were affected while I had the measles and upon recovering from measles I had weak eyes, a cough and loss of smell. All of which has continued up to the present. My eyes have all the time grown worse and while in prison I almost lost the sight of the left eye and at date of my discharge it was gone, my right eye badly diseased. My cough has also each year grown worse. All of which I believe to be the result of measles and hardship of prison life.

*Where did your Regt go after leaving Bacon Creek, Ky?*

We went to Green River Ky was there about a week and from Green River to Bowling Green Ky, where we had a little fight; was at Bowling Green about a week then went to Nashville Tenn. Was at Nashville for quite a time when we went to Murfreesboro, Tenn and was in the fight at Stone River. From Murfreesboro we went to Chickamauga and was in that fight. In that engagement on the twentieth day of Sept 1863 being the second

day of the fight I was wounded in the left elbow. Upon being wounded I reported to Capt Ross and was by him ordered to the field hospital, during that night the hospital fell into the hands of the enemy and on the next morning all that were able to march were taken to the R.R. and sent to Richmond, Va. My wound was first dressed in Richmond Prison by Rebel Dr. Jenkins about 9 days after being wounded. That wound is what I am pensioned on. I was in Richmond until about Nov 1863 when I was sent to Danville, N.C. was at said place until about April 1864 when I was sent to Andersonville, Ga was at said place until Sept 9" 1864 when I was sent to Charleston, S.C. and on the 8" of Dec was exchanged and placed on the NY Steamer and went to Annapolis, MD, reaching said place Dec 16" 1864, was there a few days, got a 30 day furlough starting home and reached home the place I enlisted from Dec 29" 1864. Upon expiration of my furlough I reported at Columbus, O. to be mustered out of service being so instructed upon receiving it. Upon being mustered out of service I returned to my fathers where I enlisted from and was in that immediate neighborhood for about twelve years. I was married in 1866. I farmed on my fathers land during said time and my acquaintances and neighbors were the same as mentioned as my neighbors at my enlistment. I then moved to East Ironton, O. and kept boarders for near two years, working some at odd jobs. Amos Corn, Burton Massie, Ephraim Massie, Joseph Glyhouk, and Charles Smith were my neighbors and associates. From Ironton, O. I went to Ashland, Ky about 1879. Was in Ashland about three years and resided near Norton Iron Works and worked some at the works and at odd jobs in the town. Also kept boarders. George Naughton, Henry Dunlap, George Donnelson and Henry Compston were my neighbors. From Ashland about 1882 I went west. I was in Shawneetown, Ills. Was there about one year. We all took sick out there and came back to Ashland, Ky. I done no work to amount to anything out there. My acquaintances and niehgors while there were Edward Smith, William Ward, George Rogers, and Thomas Hawkins. They were all farmers except Hawkins who was the ferry pilot.

I returned to Ashland in October. In the following June in Ashland my wife died, after which I broke up house keeping and went to Greasy Ridge, O. was there about one year and farmed a little for James R. Brumfield. Everybody in that neighborhood knew me while there. After leaving Greasy Ridge I came to Isaac Compston and was about him for three or four months and after that time up to 1888 I had no settled house, but was occasionally at Compston's. William and David Webb also knew me between the date of death of my wife and remarriage. Since my second marriage I have resided at Willard and Grayson of Carter Co. Ky. And near Russell of Greenup Co. Ky where I now reside.

*In making your first application for pension why did you not apply at that time on the disabilities you now seek a pension on?*

At the time I made my first application I told my attorney, McKnight, of all of my disabilities and he advised me to make my application on the wound first as he could soon get that through for me and to make my application of my other disabilities after that. And very soon after I went to Walburn & Cranshaw and got them to apply on the remaining disabilities.

*Who messed with you previous to being captured?*

Warren Massie, Columbus C. Cherrington, James L. Baxter and Willson W. Miller. I do not know their residence. They messed with me first and at the time I had measles Warren Massie messed with me most. All of the above mentioned persons know of me

having measles and I think James M. Lyons also would remember it. Do not know his present residence.

*Did you have any treatment for your eye disease while in service?*

I did not.

*Who would know of you suffering from diseased eyes while in service?*

David Webb, William Webb who made affidavit for me also Warrington Massie.

*Who was captured with you?*

The only person I knew was Barney Taylor whose correct name was Brentnal Taylor of Co. C of my Regt. I know nothing of him and last saw him at Grafton W. Va. On our way from prison. I know nothing of the present residence of any of the above affidants in my case.

*Who would best know your condition upon your return from the army after being exchanged?*

The persons heretofore mentioned as my neighbors at enlistment. They would also know my condition from discharge for the following 10 or 12 years.

*What treatment if any have you had for your alleged disabilities since your discharge?*

I have had none but have used Patent medicines and herbs.

*Did you have any treatments while in prison?*

I had none except for my arm.

*During the examination of your claim do you desire to be present in person or represented by an attorney?*

I desire neither and have not the means if I so desired.

I understand your questions and my answers are correctly recorded in this deposition.  
Signed: Brice S. Brumfield, Deponent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1889 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.  
Signed: H.C. Duncan, Special Examiner