

Centerville Maryland

September 14, 1912

Hon J L Haverport, Commissioner of Pensions
Dear Sir -

I cannot explain the mistakes made in date of my birth as referred to in your letter of Sept 5th, the one who made it out for me (I cannot write) must in his hurry entered the different years 1842 & 1843, there is no record of my birth - but I was told I was twenty one a month after I enlisted in March 1864. I have always gone by what I was then told. There is no one now living who knew me as a boy and I can get no other proof. My enlistment paper will show I was mustered in as 21 years old. That would make my age 69 years old last March or April.

Jest - S Luther Riark -

H. Reddeman

Respectfully,

James ^{his} Taylor
marked

State of Maryland, Queen Anne's County, to wit:

On this 14th day of September 1912 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for State and County aforesaid James Taylor and made oath in due form of law that the above statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Wm E. Thompson
Justice of the Peace