

State of Maryland }
Talbot County, to wit }

On this twenty fourth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, personally appeared before me a Clerk of the Circuit Court, the same being a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, George^W Laws, aged thirty-eight years, a resident of Easton, Talbot County, Maryland, and Edward Bidwell aged about 35 years and a resident of Easton, Talbot County, Maryland, who being duly sworn according to law, say that on or about Aug. 5th 1864 in the retreat along the railroad from Baldwin to Jacksonville, Florida, Joseph Gale sprained his ankle and in consequence thereof was not on duty with the company for two or three weeks; that subsequently, after his return to duty, in one of the battles around Richmond, but which battle they do not remember, their Regiment was drawn up in line of battle, said Gale was injured in the right ankle by being struck with a limb of a tree which was cut off by cannon shot or shell. That said Gale was so much injured that he never afterwards did duty with the company that they, said affiants, were members