

These notes are a transcript of Veteran's pension documents in Thos' own handwriting.

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY, Dec. 19, 1902

Thos Hassler alias Thomas H. Davis, Co I, 196th Ohio Infantry

Born? Nov. 15, 1840

Where? In Iron County MO.

When enlist? March 17, 1865

Where enlist? Urbanna Ohio

Where lived before enlisted? Miami County Ohio

What PO address at enlistment? Piqua Ohio

Occupation at enlistment? I had been working in lumber

When discharged? Sept. 1865 do not remember day

Where discharged? at camp Butler Columbus Ohio

Where lived since discharge? I went to school one year in Ohio after discharged. Then came west and worked timber, Madison County. MO and Monroe county and Randolph County Illinois until Feb. 1875. I came this county and been here ever since.

What present occupation? farmer

Height? 6 feet 1 5/8 inches, weight? 215

Eyes? Dark hazel Hair? Brown Complexion? dark

Full name Thos Hassler (in presence of two witnesses)

Signed and dated Jan. 5, 1903

INFORMATION FOR VETERAN'S PENSION

Thos. Hassler alias Thos. H. Davis

Are you married? wife's full name and maiden name. Amanda Mariah Hassler, A.M.

Cope maiden name, she was the widow Gardner when I married her.

When, where and by whom married? Nov. 18, 1877 in Ripley county by the Rev. John Epps

What record of marriage? Let the inclosed (sic) copy of record answer this question

Previously married? former wife and date and place of her death or divorce. Mary C.

Limbaugh died in a mile of where I now live in May 15th 1875.

Any children living?

Robert L. Hassler born 7 day Dec. 1867

Nelly Hassler Aug. 20, 1850

Jasper O. Hassler, May 14, 1884

Date of reply Jan 5, 1903, Signed Thos Hassler

Notarized statement in Butler County, Missouri 8th day of May 1903:

Thomas Hassler declares:

As to services in the Confederate Army I declare as follows I started to Texas in Oct. 1862. When down in Ark. I met a squad of cavalry who informed me that I could not go to Texas that I was inside their picket lines and had better not try to get out. A man in

their company with whom I had had some acquaintance advised me to go and join the Conf. Army and make the best I could of it. I made my plans before I had gone a mile. I took his advise. Walked into camp, joined the first Co. I met which I remember was Co. I, 3rd Reg. Trans Mississippi Infantry. This was about the 10th Oct. 1862. I told them my name was Henry Smith and was soon one of the boys. I do not think I was ever sworn in. I was not drilled a minute. Never had a gun until the day before the Prairie Grove battle which occurred Dec. 7th, 1862. After that they were badly demoralized and I saw my chance had come. I left them on the 15th Dec. 1862, at Logtown (Hogtown?) in Ark. I never gave them one minute's willing service, I never drew one cent of pay nor a particle of clothing. I lived 2 weeks on one ear of corn per day without a particle of [?]

Signed Thomas Hassler, 8th day of May 1903

I was examined at Urbana as to my physical condition but was sworn in with the company at Camp Butler, Columbus Ohio in April I expect. I think we had been at camp about two weeks when sworn in. I was appointed corporal when organized in Co. but took sick before we got in the field and was sent to a hospital at Baltimore. Had erysipalis(?) in face and had to stay there so long lost my position in company. I was there the Lincoln was killed.

NOTARIZED DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

State of Missouri, County of Bulter on 26th day of November 1902.

Thomas Hassler, aged 63 years, declares that he is the identical man who under the name of Thomas H. Davis was enrolled at Urbana, Ohio on the 17th day of March 1865 as Pvt. of I(?) Co, 196th Infantry Regt, Ohio Vol. was honorably discharged on the ___ day of September 1865. I did not enlist nor serve in the military Marine or Navel Service of the U. S. at any time prior to the 19th day of March 1865 nor subsequent to the ___ day of Sept. 1865.

Disabilities: Injury to knee from bone erysipalis. Rheumatism and general debility. These disabilities are permanent and are in no way due or chargeable to vicious habits or vicious conduct on my part.