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Declarations of William Todd

The said witness being first duly sworn to tell the truth the whole truth & nothing but the truth relative to the above Claim testified as follows My age is 56 years My residence Washington Co Ark My occupation a farmer & Justice of the Peace. Claimant is my Son. I have no interest in this Claim. I was Past Butcher ~~at~~ (employed by the Beef Contractor) at Fayetteville Arkansas at the time my Sons horse was killed. in November 1864 the place was attacked by a large force of Rebels under Genl Taylor. When the fight opened the horse was tied at the butchers Shop near the front end in range of the enemy, I was butchering some distance from the Shop <sup>when the fight opened.</sup> and was not able to get the horse out of range as the fight had fully opened when I got to the front. (I think my Son was with his Company on the side the front when the battle opened) I did not see the horse shot, but saw him strut everying when the fight closed and he was then wounded in the thigh