

State of Illinois }  
McLean County }  
David Benedict being

duly sworn deposes and says:

I was in camp south of Bull run  
battle ground. I do not recollect the exact  
date but was the last of November or  
first of December in the year 1862  
there came a little snow at night and  
the next morning went down to a little  
stream of water near by to carry up  
two Camp Kettles of water, and in going  
up a steep bank slipped and fell and  
struck on one of the kettles near my right  
groin and on my left side near my  
heart and it injured me so much that  
it was impossible for me to march more  
than one day and had to be put into an  
ambulance and sent back to Washington  
they sent me to a brick building near  
the Capitol, was there about two weeks  
when they sent me to Philadelphia  
to a hospital on Nine Street, was there  
about one month. Was so lame the  
doctors thought it was the rheumatism.  
My rupture did not show much until  
I came home and began to walk about.  
The doctors here call it the heart disease  
have been failing ever since and my  
rupture is so bad I am able to work  
but very little. David Benedict

Gidley Illinois Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1876  
I was on the march as a Federal  
Soldier from Washington D.C. to  
Fredricksburg. The ground was  
very slippery. I went to get  
two Camp Kettles of water and going  
up a steep bank - my feet slipped  
and I fell upon the Kettles  
I fell upon one striking near  
my right groin and the other  
struck me near my heart  
In the fall I was ruptured  
and took cold - and Rheumatism  
set in. The surgeons in camp  
call it Rheumatism. The doctors  
here say I have heart disease

Louis Benedict

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this year and day just above  
written

W. H. Borer  
Notary Public