

State of Tennessee
Dickman County

This day
Personally appeared before me J. D.
Murphy County Court Clerk,
for said County; James Cheper
An Applicant for Pension under
Act of July 14th 1871 No 22502
who made oath in due form of law
that he was mustered into the
U. S. Militia Service, in Capt
Hills Company - (have forgotten his
given name) at Warren Court House
in Warren County Tennessee in the
year 18 - - And marched from
there to Nashville Tennessee, where
we took boat and went to New
Orleans - When we got to New
Orleans Capt Hills Company
was put in Col Hendersons
Regiment, Maj Simpson was
the Maj of the Regiment
did not get there in time to
be in the fight of the 23rd
of December, but was in
the fight on the 8th of
January - During the fight
there was a fence in the

Way of our Cannon, Col
Henderson said he would
take a Company of his men
and move it. He did under-
take to move it, and was
shot down by the enemy
while in the act - I saw
him fall - was shot through
the neck - died that night,
I loaded and shot for an
hour and a half by the
watch - John Surrat
was second man from
me, he was wounded in
the head by a ball -
a few days after the battle
John Surrat was discharged,
he was over age - he had a
brother in our Company,
James Surrat, who was
sick, John concluded to
stay and wait on him -
and proposed to take any mans
place for the balance of his
time provided he would pay
him for his service - I asked
him what he would charge
me to take my place, he

said he would take it for \$30
and my wages, I agreed to give
it — he took my place
and I started home — The
Army was disbanded in a
few days after I left.

John Sumrat did not see
any active service after he took
my place, and only remained
a few days after I left —

I paid him \$30 for his service
when he got home — Peace
was really made at the time
he took my place —

Jesse Chesson

I was to and subscribed
before me this 21st 1873

J. D. Murphy clk
of County Court.