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I William Flanagan of Bangor in the County of Penobscot and State of Maine hereby on oath certify and say that on or about the 17th day of June AD 1861 I started under contract with Gen Berry then Colonel of the 4th Maine Regiment to take charge of the baggage train of that Regiment when that Regiment first left Maine for the field - I took charge of a part of the train at Bangor & the whole at Rockland I was with said Regiment in the above-named capacity in its march from Maine to Meridian Hill near Washington and so continued doing duty as aforesaid with said Regiment & under the aforesaid contract with Gen Berry & under his direction as Col aforesaid until about the 9th day of October AD 1861.

I have never received any pay for the services so rendered from any source whatever in whole nor in part -

The circumstances under which I returned home & left the service which I was rendering under the contract aforesaid are as follows to wit

~~At~~ before ~~on~~ the said 9th day of October aforesaid
I was notified by Gen Berry then Colonel as aforesaid
that he had been instructed by some officer
whose name I think I now do not remember but
whom I understood at the time had authority - that
men not regularly enlisted would not be further
employed by the U.S. Government or that there would
not be further need of men who in the pressing need at
the time, of the Government, had been hired, and were
not in the regular service of the U.S. - Gen Berry
then said he might find other employment for
me & gave me a regular voucher approved by
Gen. Howard upon which to obtain my pay -
and directed me to present it to a certain officer
in the Quarter-Masters department at Washington
who sent me to another officer ~~to~~ receive my pay
This second officer sent me to still a third officer
who it seemed was obliged to make some further
inquiry and being out of employ & short of funds
I returned to General Berry who assured me he
would see the officers aforesaid at Washington and
secure & ^{have} forwarded to me my pay - I then left for
home and soon afterwards I am informed & believe
the duties of Gen Berry were of such pressing nature

that he had no time or forgot to secure my pay
as aforesaid -

I therefore never having received any pay
for my services rendered as aforesaid & on account of
my detour from the rest of the U.S. Government
& the greater facilities which my State have for collecting
such claims of said U.S. Government - & the contract
under which the service was rendered being
made ~~xxxx~~ directly with the State of Maine & for its
honor in getting one of its finest Regiments into the
field - I respectfully submit that my claim should
be adjusted at first by said State of Maine -

William Flanagan

Recd of J. Aug 8 1864 Personally appeared
Wm Flanagan aforesaid & made oath to the
truth of the above certificate by him signed
before me

Daniel Lamborn Judge of the Peace

Dec 7, 1864

I, W^m Flanagan of Bangor in the County of Penobscot and State of Maine hereby do solemnly certify and say that I was employed in 1861 by Gen Berry then Col of the 4th Maine Reg of Vol's to take charge of the baggage train of that Regiment at fifty dollars per month - that I went with a part of the train from Bangor & the whole from Rockland and was with said Regiment doing duty as Wagon Master from the 17th day of June AD 1861 to the 2nd day of October AD 1861 and my wages amounted to the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars - I was then discharged and I received from Gen Berry a certificate or bill in regular form signed by Gen Berry & approved by G. A. Howard then Brigadier Genl of our Brigade - said Bill or certificate was certified to by Isaac Abbott of Rockland ~~Wagon~~ Master of said 4th Reg Maine Vols - and directed to Capt Dana Chief of Quarter - Muster Department in Washington - said Bill or certificate was approved by ^{Sgt} Col F H McKesson of said Regt - and - Owen Quarter Master of said Regt I delivered said Bill or certificate some time last Spring to A. B. Briggs Esq of Bangor with instructions to take the best measures to secure my pay - which I had never received from any source whatever - through the agency of the State of Maine - I do

Briggs delivered said Bill or Certificate or bill to Augustus C Smith ~~Esq~~ late of Brunyer deceased who then was an Attorney almost exclusively engaged in prosecuting & securing claims before the Governor & Council & U.S. Pay Agents at Augusta.

I had frequent conversations with said Smith about said claim & bill or certificate and know that he had it & was expecting to present it to the Gov^r & Council for allowance.

Mr Smith was taken sick & suddenly died some time in the summer of 1864 and his papers and all places ^{where such a paper would be likely to be left} both at Brunyer and Augusta have been thoroughly searched and said bill or certificate cannot be found. And I hereby certify that the foregoing is the substance of said Bill or Certificate. It was about the size of 1/2 sheet of paper such as this affidavit is made on and was a printed blank filled up.

William F. Lanagan.

I Andrew H. Briggs of Brunyer in the County of Penobscot and State of Maine hereby on oath certify & say that the foregoing statement of Wm Lanagan is true to the best of my knowledge & belief. I well recollect the paper & I believe Gen Howards approval was ex. dorned on the back of the same. I have searched and caused to be searched all papers & places of which the late A.C. Smith had control

both at Brainerd & at Augusta and all places where
such a paper would be likely to be placed & cannot
find it - I know Mr Wm Fleming & have known
him for twelve years as a reliable man of good char-
acter for truth and an energetic respectable citizen
of Brainerd

Andrew H Briggs

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I Daniel Sanborn of Brainerd in the County of
Penobscot and State of Maine hereby on oath
certify and say that I am a Counsellor at Law
and in such capacity took possession of all papers
& the books & safe of the late A.C. Smith as the
legal Adviser of his widow who is the Admin of
his Estate - I have at the request of A.H. Briggs Esq
& Wm Fleming thoroughly searched all the papers
& safe & books of said Smith & cannot find any
paper of the description named in the foregoing
affidavit of said Fleming -

Daniel Sanborn

Subscribed & sworn to before me
A.H. Briggs Justice of the Peace

I Priscilla Smith widow A.C. Smith Esq
have searched & cannot find any paper of the de-
scription named in the above named certificate of Wm
Fleming P.A. Smith.

Penobscot ss Personally appeared before me Wm Fleming
& Priscilla Smith & A.H. Briggs & made oath to the truth of the foregoing
certificates by them severally signed before me
Daniel Sanborn Justice of the Peace

A. H. Bruggel
affidavit
in case of
William Flanagan

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