

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT

STATE OF Missouri

TOWN OF Butler Branch

I, **Hudson R. Staggs**, born in *Pike Co.*, in the State of *Missouri*, aged *Eighteen* years, and by occupation a *Farmer*, **DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE** to have volunteered this *[7th]* day of *April*, 1865, to serve as a Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, for the period of **one year**, unless sooner discharged by proper authority. Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing as are, or may be, established by law for volunteers.

And I, **Hudson R. Staggs**, do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the **United States of America**, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at *Butler Branch* this **7th day of April, 1865.**

Hudson R. Staggs

(Signature of the Volunteer)

J. W. Brownlee

2nd Lieut., 14th Regiment of Cavalry, Missouri Volunteers

Recruiting Officer

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above-named Volunteer, agreeable to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

A. J. Webster

Assistant Surgeon, U.S. Army

Examining Surgeon

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer, **Hudson R. Staggs**, previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service of the United States Army.

J. W. Brownlee

2nd Lieut., 14th Regiment of Cavalry, Missouri Volunteers
Recruiting Officer

[Right-margin notation:]

Mustered into the service of the United States as a **Private of Company D, 14th Regiment of Missouri Cavalry Volunteers**, on the **11th day of April, 1865**, by **Lt. W. F. O'Brien**,
Muster-in Officer.