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of the older children examined by me, that the disabilities for which he was discharged existed before enlistment, and neighbors testify that they saw no difference in his health after discharge from what existed prior to enlistment, and it is shown that his death cause was chills and fever, or intermittent fever contracted about six weeks before he died, or about three years after discharge, from fatigue and loss of rest, from waiting on his wife's relations who were troubled with the same disease, indicating in my opinion that it was a result of local malarial. While I was in that neighborhood I heard of a number persons being down sick with fever, but none stated, I am of opinion that his army service was not the direct or remote cause of soldier's death, and recommend rejection on that ground.

The inscriptions on tombstones on old homestead farm read "In memory of Thomas B. Walker born June 22, 1810, died October 28, 1866. Elizabeth wife of T. B. Walker born August 18, 1820, died Dec. 27, 1875"

If the Bureau takes a different view from me and does not concur in my recommendation for rejection, a further question arises as to merits, and further examination will