

Washington Toon

Certificate No.: 272,26

Co. I, U. S. C. Inf. (54th U.S. Colored Infantry)

State of Arkansas)
) SS.
County of Prairie)

On this day personally appeared before me the undersigned Notary Public duly commissioned and acting for the above-named county and state, Washington Toon to me well known and stated as follows:

I have heretofore been giving the date of my birth from memory, not having the record before me, and no doubt my memory has sometime failed to be correct. But I have misunderstood me when he made me say, Sept, 15th, otherwise I cannot account for September appearing in any affidavit.

I have not the original copy of my birth record. That was kept by the white people who owned me. I got a copy of it a good many years ago and wrote it in my family Bible Birth Record, which I have this day produced and which reads: "George Washington Toon, born-Aug. 15th, 1840." I was always called by Washington, so when I was enlisted, I did not give my full name, George Washington Toon, but only Washington Toon, as I was usually called.

Attest: Dr. H. C. Fowler Washington "X" Toon (his mark) Affiant.
R. B. Wilson

The above was this day subscribed and sworn to before me and I so certify. And I further certify that the Bible containing the above item of birth record, was this day exhibited to me and from the general appearance it has been in use for a good many years. I further certify that I am unable to tell in what year the Bible was published owing to its worn condition, but I should think from the appearance of the writing, as compared with other writing in the Bible, the affiants birth record was written a goodly number of years ago. I also certify that there are no erasures or alterations.

My commission expires March 20, 1916, W. A. Hardy
Notary Public.

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