

# DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION

Act of April 19, 1908, September 8, 1916 and May 1, 1920

STATE OF Maryland, COUNTY of City of Baltimore, ss:  
On this 22 day of March, 1923, personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Sarah J. Bennett, who, being duly sworn by me according to law, declares that she is 67 years of age and that she was born April 26th, 1855, at Baltimore, Maryland.

That she is the widow of Charles Bennett, who enlisted September 27, 1863 at Baltimore, Maryland, under the name of Charles Bennett as a private in Co. E, U. S. Col. Vol. Troops (Harlan P. Spauldine) company and regiment, if in the U. S. Army; or vessels, if in the U. S. Navy.) Oct. 13th, 1866, having served ninety days or more during the Civil War.

That he also served \_\_\_\_\_ (Here give a complete statement of all other military, naval, or coast guard service, if any, at whatever time rendered.)

That otherwise than as herein stated said soldier (or sailor) was not employed in the United States service.  
That she was married to said soldier ~~(sailor)~~ on June 12th, 1890, under the name of Sarah J. Bennett, nee Brown, at Baltimore, Maryland.  
by Rev. E.W. S. Peck, D.D. Asbury M.E. Church that she had \_\_\_\_\_ been previously married; that he had \_\_\_\_\_ been previously married, Sarah J. Bennett was married to Edward Brown, Died June 7th, 1881  
Charles Bennett was married to Lucy Bryan Bennett, who died Oct. 31st, 1888.  
(Here state all prior marriages of either, and give the names and dates and places of death or divorce of all former consorts.)

and that neither she nor said soldier (or sailor) was ever married otherwise than as stated above.  
(If any former husband rendered military or naval service, here describe same and give number of any pension claim based thereon.)

That said soldier (or sailor) died March 11th, 1923, at Baltimore, Maryland.  
that she was not divorced from him; and that she has not remarried since his death and is now a widow.  
or not

That the following are the only children of the soldier (or sailor) who are now living and under sixteen years of age, namely  
(If he left no children, the claimant should so state.)  
NO CHILDREN LIVING UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE, 1 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_

That she has not heretofore applied for a pension, the number of her former claim being \_\_\_\_\_, but is not now a pensioner; that said soldier (or sailor) was \_\_\_\_\_ a pensioner, the number of his pension certificate being 545,735

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the ACTS OF APRIL 19, 1908, ACT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1916, ACT OF MAY 1, 1920, and for accrued pension.

She hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,  
George T. Leech, of 708 American Bldg., Baltimore, Md.  
her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claims, and to receive therefor legal fees.

(Two attesting witnesses who know applicant and write.)  
(1) Fannie Day (Signature of first witness) Sarah Jane Bennett (Claimant's signature in full)  
571 Chestnut St Baltimore, Md. (Address of first witness.) Sarah J. Bennett (Claimant's address in full.)  
(2) Willie Bryan (Signature of second witness) 420 Somerset St.  
1631 Orleans St Baltimore, Md (Address of second witness.) Baltimore, Md

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 22nd day of March, 1923, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words nothing erased, and the words nothing added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[r. s.] Stuart M. Venturian (Signature.)

Justice of the Peace (Official Character.)

Certificate on file to cover \_\_\_\_\_ American Bldg., Balto., Md. Address of Official \_\_\_\_\_  
1922 to 1924 H. P. Willey



Declaration accepted as a widow's claim under Act of May 1, 1920. Power of attorney valid as to execution.

ATTORNEY FILES W. I. S. LAW DIVISION