

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Maryland, County of Baltimore, ss.

In the matter of the claim No. 253,678 of Melia Johnson

on THIS 29 day of September A. D. 1883 personally appeared before me a

Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

Martha Pinkitt aged 30 years, a resident of Baltimore

in the County of Baltimore and State of Maryland

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case

as follows:

I became acquainted with the soldier Henry Johnson when I was about eight years of age - he being then a slave - he was then and up to the term of his enlistment as far as I know a sound and healthy - at least I never heard to the contrary - After his discharge from the Army I saw him about March 1865 - he was then complaining of pains in the back which he said were caused by having been injured in the service - I also noticed that he had a lacking cough - he also wore a plaster on his back - he was a continuous sufferer from said complaints from the time I first saw him - he seemed to be on a gradual decline - He was of course at times able to do some work but not continuous or regularly - during the last four or five years of his life he seemed to grow rapidly worse - so much so as to prevent him from working more than one half of his time and then only at such light employment as was consistent with his strength - his strength gradually failed so to prevent him from doing any work - and finally died.

(Note - Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

Post Office address is 127 Bethel Street, Balto

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in

its prosecution.

Henry Johnson

M. D. Pinkitt

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(If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

(Signature of Affiants.)