

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Maryland County of Baltimore, ss.

In the matter of the claim No 253678 of Melia Johnson

ON THIS 12 day of September A. D. 1883; personally appeared before me a

Commissioner of Deeds - in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

Wm J Banks - aged 37 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 a small boy - while he was a slave boy & frequently visited him, I living but a short distance from him - after he was set free I associated more with him - lived near together - and saw him frequently - and know that he was a sound, healthy and hearty man and particularly free from injury to back or consumption - ^{and so continued} I saw him again in 1864 about one month after his discharge he was then living in Dallas St. Balt. he complained of an injury to his back - which he complained of having received in the United States service I also noticed that he had a fever cough - I lived near him at that time that is I lived in Chappel St. - saw him frequently there and know that he continued to complain of his injured back - which he claimed rendered him so weak that he could not work regularly - I know that he complained of suffering with his back and was affected with bad cough up to time of his death - during said period he was often unable to work on account of said complaints -

His Post Office address is Even so West of Highways No 133 McElderry St Balto

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

the prosecution. Joseph Baubert Wm J Banks

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[If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.]

[Signature of Affiants.]