

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Maryland, County of Baltimore, ss.

In the matter of the claim No 253,678 widow of Harry Johnson

ON THIS 15 day of September A. D. 1883 personally appeared before me a

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

Peter Banks aged 55 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 was raised with the soldier Harry Johnson on the same farm - both being slaves - while living together I know that Johnson was a sound, healthy and hearty man - I being set free when 21 years of age after which was separated from Johnson, to some extent. About the month of October 1864 I was living at No 10 Edward Street Baltimore, Md and one day during that month Johnson came to my house - he told me that he had just been discharged from the U. S. Army on account of physical disability - he then complained of a severe pain in the spine of his back - I also noticed that he had a severe cough and cold - which was of such severity as to annoy myself and family at night - he remained at my house to the best of my recollection about six weeks - during which time his cough never left him - he was occasionally confined to his bed by said cold. Dr. Brooks was my family physician at the time and I advised him to go to see the doctor, which he did but appeared to get but little relief - He tried frequently to go to work in the oyster house - but he would be able to work possibly a day, when he would have a spell that would prevent him from doing anything for several days -*

His Post Office address is No 92 East Street Baltimore Md.

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

Thos. B. Baubert

Peter Banks

John N. [unclear]

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[Signature of Affiants.]