

Claim No. 822.171 Of Robert Barnes Co. N

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On this day and date below written, personally appeared the affiant whose signature is hereto affixed and who being duly sworn according to law testified as follows:

"My name is Frances Barnes I am 65 years old, and

I reside in Baltimore, Md. at No. 535 Clifford Street.

I am the claimant in this case. I was never married prior to my marriage to Soldier Robert Barnes and he had not been previously married. We were never divorced, but were not living together at date of his death. I bore him three children viz John, Mary & George but before the birth of George he deserted me and took up with other women the last one named Amanda Hopkins of Centerville Md. We were married at Mecklin Neck Dorchester Co. Md in March 1861 by Rev Turner a white minister of the Methodist Church. We lived together up to his enlistment, and after discharge in 1866 he returned home and I had the child George by him but prior to his birth he deserted me. He then took up with Harriet Pritchett, then with Peggy Rich and then with Amanda Hopkins whom he claims to have married in 1903. After his desertion of me I went through a marriage ceremony with Isaac Sandy who I have not seen for years but who has been reported dead. I have owned no property whatsoever and have had no income other than the results of my own daily labor upon which I am and have been wholly dependent. Ask waiver of Tax Collectors affidavit for reasons stated stating that I have no property and have no income. The life of Soldier was not insured for my benefit.

Witnesses to signature of affiant.

1 Isaac Sandy  
2 Gustav W Ridgely

I have no interest in this claim.

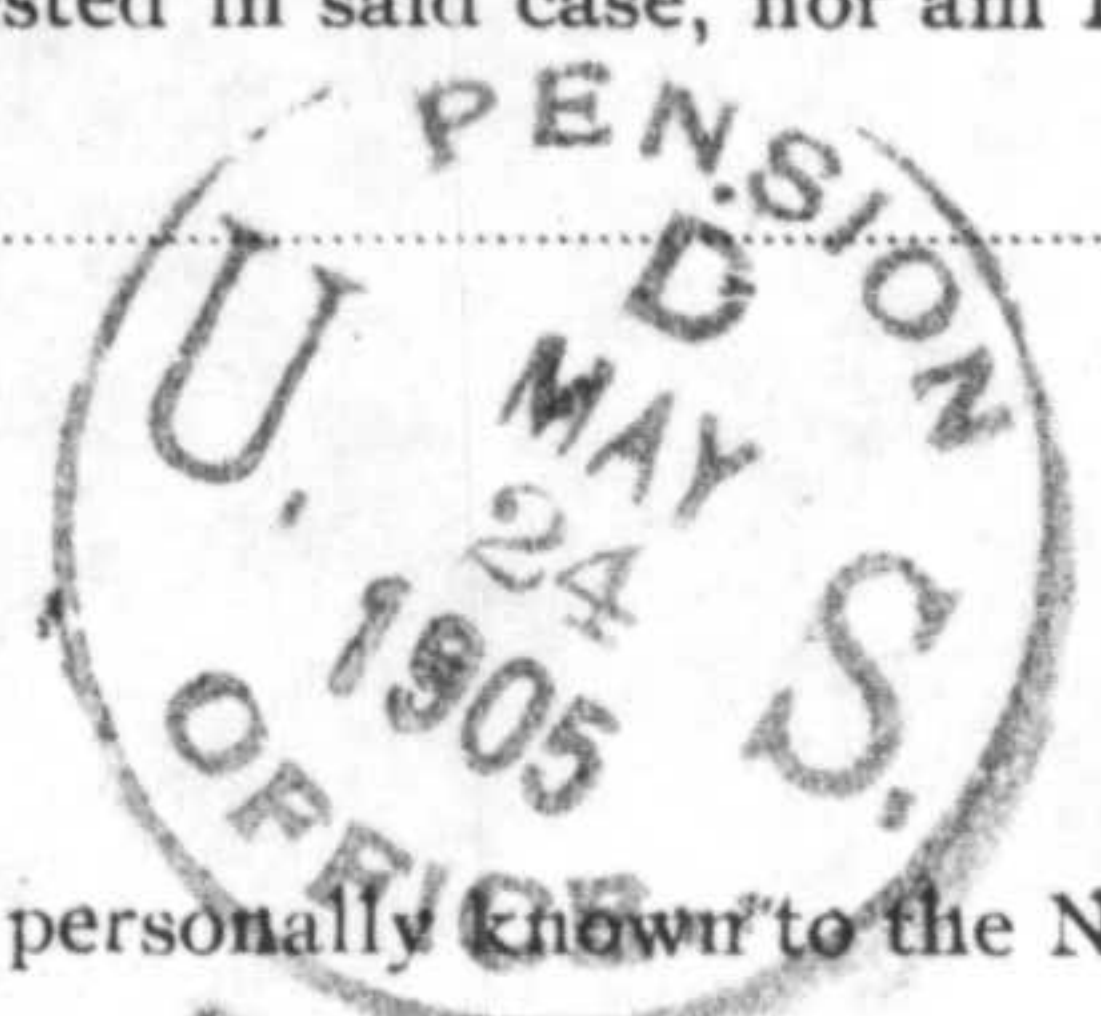
Frances x Barnes  
(Affiant sign here.)  
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STATE OF MARYLAND, CITY OF BALTIMORE, SS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant, and I certify that said affidavit was read to said affiant including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added

and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is I believe a

credible person, this 28 day of Feb 1905



Gustav W Ridgely  
[Official Signature.]  
Notary Public.

\*If witness is personally known to the Notary as a credible person, he should so certify in his own handwriting.