

General Affidavit.

STATE OF Maryland, COUNTY OF Talbot SS:  
 In claim No. 598 569 of Maria Gibson and <sup>Howell Gibson</sup> of Co. B of  
 the 7<sup>th</sup> Regt. of U.S. Col Vols. Personally appeared before the undersigned duly au-  
 thorized to administer oaths within and for said County, Salomon Shields  
 aged 69 years, whose P. O. is Jemis Mills, County of Talbot  
 State of Maryland, who being duly sworn, states in relation to said claim as follows to-wit:

I reside in Coppersville Talbot County Maryland  
 and a near neighbor to the claimant Maria Gibson and her deceased husband Horace Gibson for all  
 of fifty years I remember when they were married but not  
 the date of marriage they have lived as man and wife for a  
 good many years and reared a family of children. That  
 the said Horace Gibson was a poor man that the  
 property he left consisted of a small one story house or  
 shanty and a town lot in Coppersville worth not more  
 than one hundred and fifty or one hundred and seventy  
 five dollars and a few household goods and furniture  
 worth possibly forty or fifty dollars. That he had no other  
 property that the said Maria Gibson has no separate  
 property or income and has to depend upon her own  
 labor for support I know their child Greenberg  
Gibson that he is now living with his mother I  
 do not remember when he was born that is the date  
 of his birth I remember the fact of his birth and that  
 it was about fourteen years ago I have seen him almost  
 every day since he was born and that is about his age  
 I have lived within a few rods of the Gibsons for nearly  
 twenty years. This affidavit is written in my presence  
 and in response to questions asked me orally on March 21<sup>st</sup>  
1894 at Easton Maryland and carefully read over to me by  
 the Justice before whom it is sworn to. That I have not been prompted  
 or aided by any printed or written statement nor by any person or  
 persons in the above statements and I personally know  
 the above to be facts

And affiant further states that he has no interest in this claim.

John B. Fairbank  
Geo. A. Phillips  
If affiant signs by mark two witnesses sign here

Salomon Shields  
Affiant's Signature.

SWORN to and subscribed before me on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1894 and I hereby  
 certify that the contents of this affidavit was fully made known to the affiant be-  
 fore signing and I have no interest in this claim or its prosecution.

L. S.

H. Nichols  
Official Signature.  
Justice of the Peace