

General Affidavit.

STATE OF Maryland, COUNTY OF Talbot, SS:
In claim No. 590569 of Maria Gibson widow of Horace Gibson of Co. B of the 7th Regt. of U.S. Colored Vols. Personally appeared before the undersigned duly authorized to administer oaths within and for said County, Solomon Shields aged 69 years, whose P. O. is Turn Mills, County of Talbot State of Maryland, who being duly sworn, states in relation to said claim as follows to-wit:

That I live neighbor to the claimant Maria Gibson and was well acquainted with her husband Horace Gibson I was present and saw him die he died at his home in Coppersville Talbot County Maryland February 10th 1834. Dr Julius A. Johnson was the attending Physician I have known both Horace Gibson (now deceased) and Maria Gibson this claimant for more than forty years in fact ever since they were small children I have known them continuously and I know that neither of them were ever married prior to their marriage to each other, and I know that claimant has not remarried since the death of said Horace Gibson I know their child Greener Gibson remember the event of his birth, but not the day or month sufficient to swear to it but I do remember it was in the Spring of 1880 to the best of my recollection his father Horace Gibson was planting corn for Commodore Searns at the time he was born and that said child is now alive that the property left by Horace Gibson consists of a little shanty house and 1/4 acre of land worth possibly \$175 and household goods worth not over \$25 that claimant has no separate property or income and has to support herself by labor. That this affidavit is all written in my presence and from my oral statements and that in making the same I did not use any printed or written statements nor was I aided by any person or persons in the same.

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

John H. McHale
George S. Crosby
If affiant signs by mark two witnesses sign here

Solomon Shields
Affiant's Signature.

SWORN to and subscribed before me on the 24th day of April 1894 and I hereby certify that the contents of this affidavit was fully made known to the affiant before signing and I have no interest in this claim or its prosecution.

L. S.

H. Nichols
Official Signature.
Justice of the Peace

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