

General Affidavit

State of Maryland
County of Dorchester } ss:

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for aforesaid County and State,-----

Matilda Boulden aged 70 years
residing at Cambridge, County of Dorchester, State of
Maryland, who, being duly sworn, declares:

of my own personal knowledge that Lydia Bennett, was the only wife of Robert Bennett the deceased soldier, had before his marriage to Lavinia Williams now Bennett, with whom he lived until his death, I knew from my acquaintance with Robert Bennett the deceased soldier he did not again marry until his marriage with Lavinia Williams, I knew they were never divorced but did live together as husband & wife, until the soldier's death, he left no minor children under 16 years of age, by either wife, the present wife or widow has not remarried since the death of the soldier, I was personally acquainted with Lydia Bennett this first wife of Robert Bennett the deceased soldier, we were near neighbors and a frequent visitor to their home, was with her when she died assisted in preparing her body for the grave, attended her funeral and saw her body lowered in the grave in rough Chappel Cemetery located at Cambridge Md the date I do not remember, but the fact of her death and Burial I do remember as stated being present at the time I have no interest in this claim nor the prosecution thereof all of which I subscribe to and affirm my name to the best of my knowledge & belief

If the affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 Matilda Boulden
(Signature of affiant.)
Mark.

1 Henry Jennifer
(Name of one witness to X mark.)

2 Noah H. Peter
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 1 day of November, A. D. 1912, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto; that the affiant is to me well known and is credible. All erasures and words added before the affiant was sworn.

SEAL



Lavinia W. Bennett
(Name of officer before whom executed.)
Justice of the Peace