

A General affidavit

State of Maryland County of Talbot to wit ss:
 In the Matter of Pension Claim No 401, for "of Claimant
 Sarah Gale widow of Joseph Gale Co B 7th regt U.S. C. I
 on this²² Day of July A.D. 1871" Personally appeared
 before me a Justice of the Peace "within And for
 the aforesaid County And state Only Authorized
 to Administer oaths" Richard Johnson age 45 years
 A Residence of Goldborough Neck Talbot County Md
 whose Post office Address is Easton Talbot County Md
 And Isaac Thomas age 45 years A Residence of the
 County of Talbot And state of Md" Post office is Easton Md
 the affiants well known to me to be respectable And
 entitled to Credit" All being by me first Only
 sworn According to Law makes the following
 Declaration" And Statement "As follows" in relation
 to the aforesaid Case As follows" As being personally
 Acquainted with the widow Sarah Gale" the late
 widow of Joseph Gale late of Co B 7th regt U.S. C. I. Colored vols"
 And that to our personal Knowledge And Acquaintance
 with the above named soldier are that "he had Not been
 previously married" but Claimant had been
 previously married" And that her former
 husband died long before the late war 1861 "his
 name was James Johnson A servant of Edward
 Aloyd of Miles River Neck Talbot County Md"
 we were personally Acquainted with Johnson
 to the Date of his Death" of which we have A personal
 Knowledge of" but No Date of the year or month