

Claim No. *738989* Of *Benjamin Frisby* Co. *9* 29 Reg't. U.S. A

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:

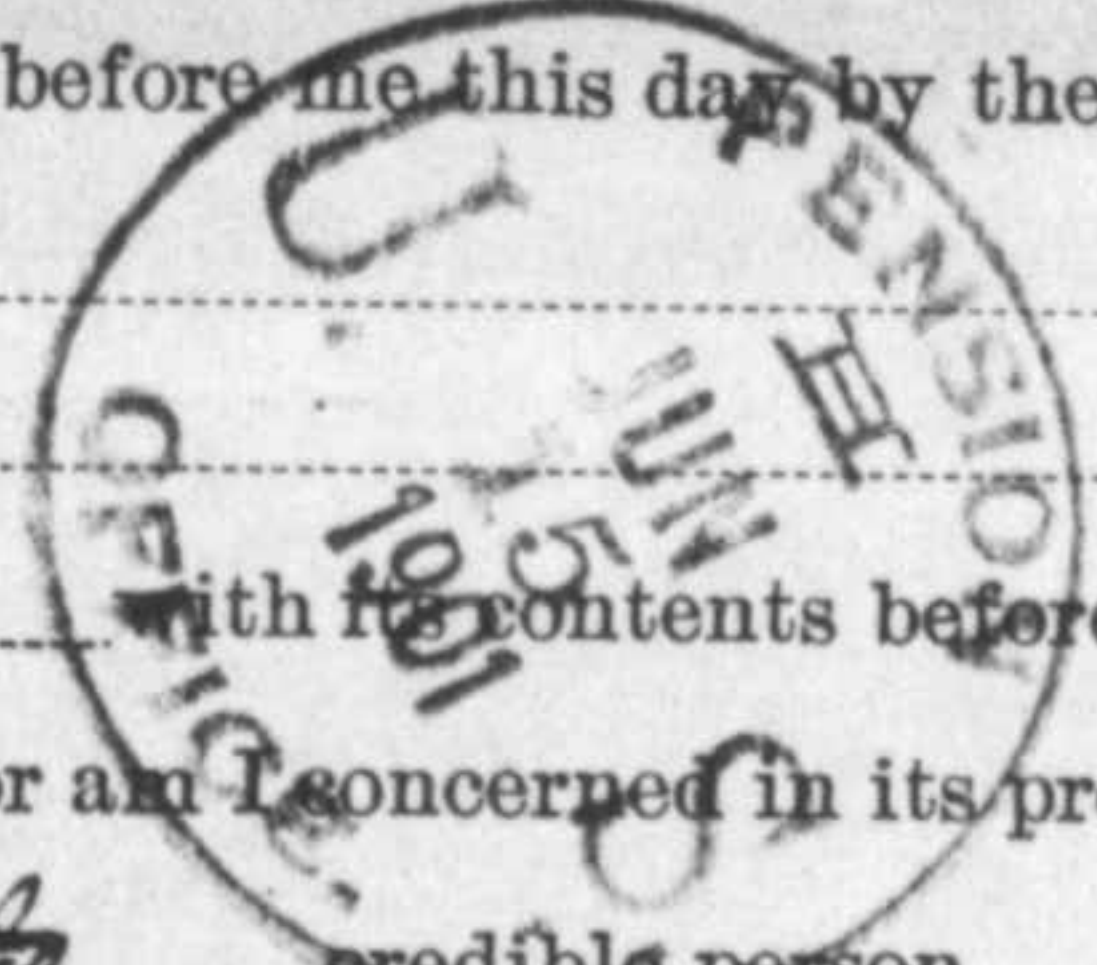
"My name is *Joseph Bowyer*. I am *65* years old, and ~~reside in Baltimore, Md.~~ at *No. 117 1/2* *McGinnis*, *Queen Anne Co.*, ~~State~~ *Maryland*. I knew Benjamin Frisby in his lifetime, and I also knew Henrietta Thomas, (present claimant) who became the wife of Benjamin Frisby the soldier. They were both reared in Queen Anne County, Maryland and I knew them well. They were married as near as I can remember, about ten years before the war of the Rebellion, according to Slave Code, that is by consent of owners. Neither Benjamin Frisby, or Henrietta Thomas had been previously married, prior to their marriage to each other. They always recognized each other as husband and wife ever afterward, and were so regarded by all who knew them. After his service in the army the soldier returned to her, and they resumed their relations of husband and wife, and this condition prevailed so long as they resided in Queen Anne County Maryland, and until they removed to Baltimore City, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, their relations continued up to the death of Soldier Benjamin Frisby and myself served together in Company *G, 389th* U S C Inf, during the Civil war. Benjamin Frisby was owned during his servitude as a slave by Mrs Charlotte Ann Meredith, of Queen Anne County, now deceased, and Henrietta Thomas was owned by Joshua Casden of Queen Anne County, who is also dead.

Witnesses to signature of Affiant.
1 *Shenon Merriess*
2 *E. J. Merrick*
Queen Anne County

I have no interest in this claim.
Joseph X Bowyer
Affiant sign here.

STATE OF MARYLAND, ~~CITY OF BALTIMORE~~:

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 *him* with its contents before *he* 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 to me well known* and is a ~~credible~~ credible person, this *seventh* day of *June* 190*4*.



Certificate on file in Pension Bureau

Benjamin F. Hartley, J. P. O. K.
(Official Signature)
Justice of the Peace.

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