

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Maryland, County of Baltimore, ss:

IN the matter of the application for pension of John W. Smith late of U. S. Navy Certif 25668.

ON THIS 30th day of April, A. D. 1908, personally appeared before me,

a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

John W. Smith aged 62 years, a resident of Baltimore

in the County of Baltimore and State of Maryland

whose Post-Office address is 1015 - Race St. and

aged years, a resident of _____ in the County of _____ and State of _____

whose Post-Office address is _____

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

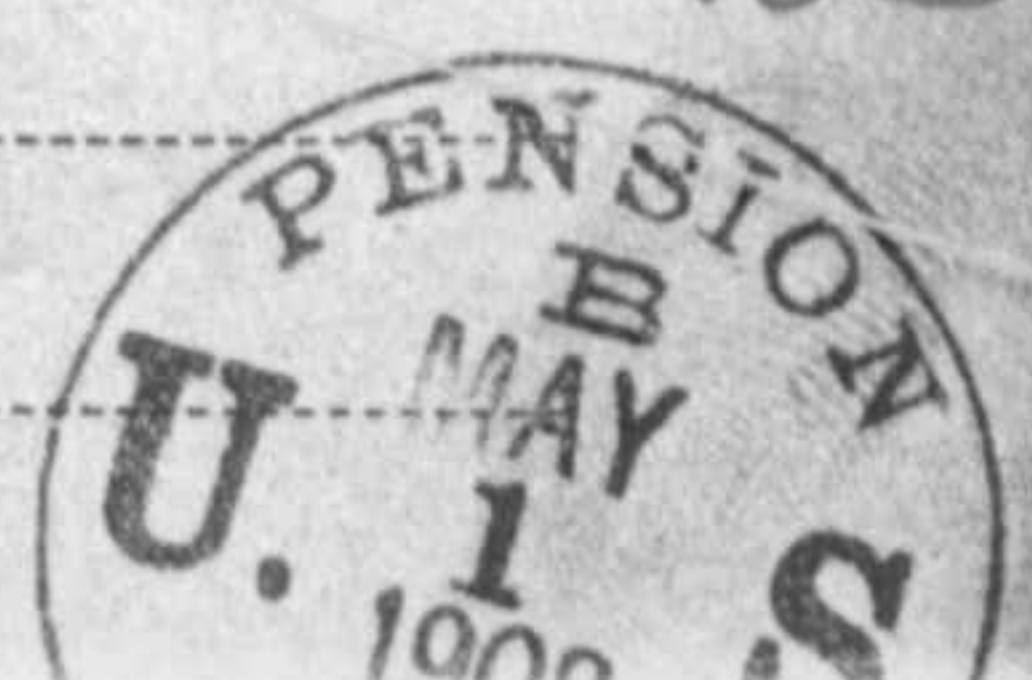
That to conform to requirements of official letter dated April 1st 1908. respectfully state I cannot furnish any record evidence of my birth or baptism for the reason the records which were kept by my masters family are lost or destroyed as I am informed by those living. Some of the family tell me I was born in or about the year 1840. but others say my oldest sister was born in 1840. a copy of record of birth of all the children of my mothers family was (myself included) was recorded in an old Bible which came into possession of my sister. and some ten or more years ago I had a copy of that record made & I now have that. but the Bible has got lost and we cannot find it. upon this copy of record it is shown I was born on March 15th 1844. My oldest sister is recorded as having been born 1840. she is some over four years older than I am. so I conclude my statement made from memory of what one of my master told me of my being born in 1840. is an error but I believe that of 1844. is my correct record of birth. I have some of my discharges where I serve in the U.S. Army & Navy they also show my age as then given. & I am now in my 63 year. this is the best evidence I can obtain.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and I am not concerned in its prosecution.

John W. Smith

If affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write must sign here

Signatures of affiants



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