

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Maryland }  
County of Baltimore } ss.

In the matter of Widows Pension Claim no 402,306  
of Susan Conner, widow of John Conner, alias Robert Siddeman, late Co D 1<sup>st</sup> USCT

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace, John Joyce, in and for aforesaid County and State, aged 45 years and 646 Smith Street, aged years citizen of the Town of Baltimore, County of Baltimore, State of Maryland, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

I was a Corp'l in Co "H" 1<sup>st</sup> Regt U.S. C. Troops. Was personally and well acquainted with the deceased soldier prior to our enlistment. We were both slaves owned by the same Master and raised together. And I do know of my own personal knowledge that the said John Conner was a sound and healthy man prior to his enlistment free from any kidney trouble, had such been the case I from my intimate association would have known it. My first recollection of his complaining was in front of Petersburg Va some time in 1864. Complained of cold, and severe pains in the small of his back, and had great difficulty in making water.

After our discharge in 1865, I saw the said Conner frequently the number of times and dates I do not remember. My facts are that on each occasion he complained of his kidneys and his appearance weak and haggard looking, unable to work which continued till he died in 1886. The said John Conner, enlisted under the name of Robt Siddeman to prevent his Master from finding him. His wife Susan Conner, has not remarried since the death of her husband John Conner, the children Mary E. and John H. are living at this date.

I know the above facts from my intimate acquaintance with the family and seeing the said children

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

George Meier  
Frank A. Bennett

Signature of Affiant.

John. X Joyce  
his mark

Note.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark (t), two persons who can write must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.  
The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark.