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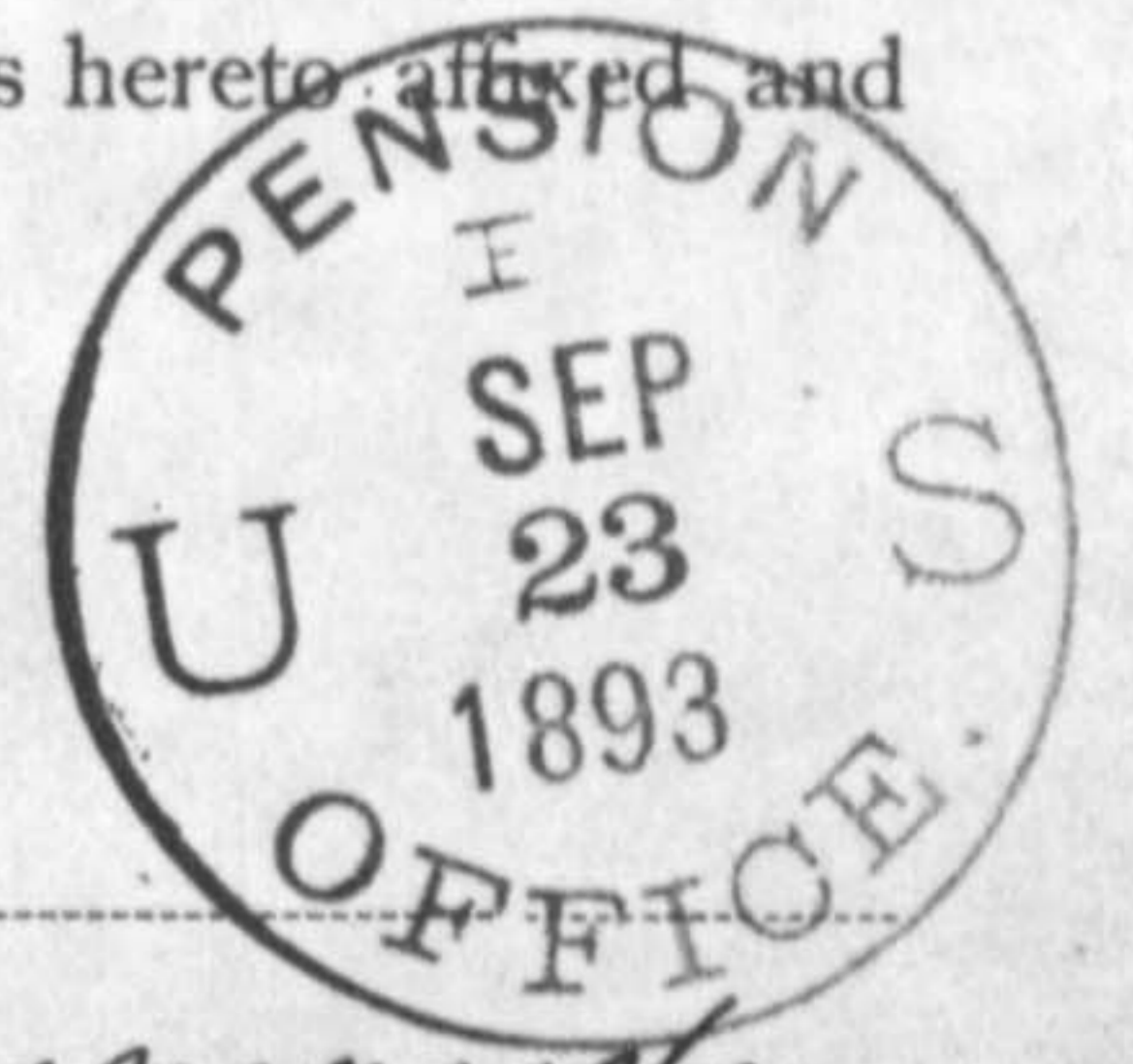
JACKET No.

Law Office of A. PARLETT LLOYD, S. E. Cor. St. Paul and Saratoga Streets, Baltimore, Md.

Claim No. Of *John E Grace* Co. *A 39<sup>th</sup>* Regiment, *USCT*

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:

*Bense VL*  
"My age is *54* years, I reside in *Baltimore, Md.*, at No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,



*I Albert F. Dodge late Captain Commanding Co A 39<sup>th</sup> Regt - USCT knew that on or about July 30<sup>th</sup> 1864 & for a while there after at Petersburg Va John E Grace then 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant of Co A 39<sup>th</sup> Regt USCT was suffering from dizziness caused from exposure at the Mine explosion July 30<sup>th</sup> 1864 & fatigue work, for a week or more we were working night & day & that is details from the 39<sup>th</sup> Regt & rest of the Brigade. I saw the said John E Grace every day.*

*I knew that the said John E Grace was suffering from rheumatism & diarrhea in the months of January & February 1865 at Ft Fisher & Wilmington N.C. I think the rheumatism were caused by exposure on Chapin's Farm Va the very last days Dec 1864 & first days of 1865. We arrived there on the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec 1864 in a rain & snow storm which ended in snow & covered the ground, we had no shelter except our small tents which were poor protection.*

*This statement is prepared & written by myself without assistance*

I have no interest in this claim

*Albert F. Dodge*

(If witness sign by mark, two persons who can write, sign here.)

State of Maryland, Baltimore City, Ss:

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* 1893, and I certify that the contents of the foregoing were fully made known and explained to affiant above named, (whom I certify to be credible) before his making oath thereto and I have no interest in prosecution of this claim,

*John W. Gordon*

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Commissioner of Pensions number 229 in the preparation of testimony in support of claims in pension cases, all statements affecting the particular case and not merely formal, must be written or prepared to be type-written, in the presence of the witness, and from his oral declarations then made to the person who then reduces the testimony to writing or then prepares the same to be type-written. And such testimony must embody a statement by the witness that such testimony was all written or prepared for the case may be) in his presence, and only from his oral statements, and stating also the time, place, and person, when, where and to whom he made such oral statements, and that in making the same he did not use, and was not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person; and not attached as an exhibit to his testimony.