

Declaration of a Widow for Original Pension  
when no child under sixteen years of age survives.  
State of Maryland Baltimore City ss.

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty personally appeared before me Depy. Clerk  
Superior Court

the same being a court of  
record within and for the city and State aforesaid  
Sophia Chambers aged 47 years who being duly  
sworn according to law makes the following declaration  
in order to obtain the pension provided by Acts of Congress  
granting pensions to widows. That she is the widow  
of John H. Chambers who enlisted under the name of  
John G. Chambers at Baltimore City on the      day of  
March 1864 in Co. D. 30th U. S. Colored Troops in the war  
of Southern Rebellion 1861. who during service contracted  
many colds from heavy marches and exposure. then  
received a furlough came home, was discharged.  
He died a few weeks after his discharge on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of January 1867. who bore at the time of his death  
the rank of Corporal in Co. D. 30th U. S. C. Troops.

That she was married under the name of Sophia Jones  
to said John H. Chambers on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1855  
by Rev. Nathaniel Peck at Baltimore City there being  
no legal barrier to such marriage. that neither she nor  
her husband had been previously married.

That she has to the present date remained his widow.

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