

In Claim # 253,678 of  
Widow Johnson  
 of Henry Co H. 19 U. S. C. & T.

State of Maryland Baltimore City - S. D.

Before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Baltimore City personally appeared ~~John~~ <sup>702 Chestnut St. Alley</sup> Peter Banks residing at no 10 Gilbert Street in the City and State aforesaid whom I certify to be a very respectable Coloured Man and fully entitled to credit & belief and who being duly sworn says that the above noted Henry Johnson (deceased) husband of said widow was in a bad state of health having a Cough and a consumptive appearance (as far as affiant was able to judge) at the time he was discharged from service of the U. S. Sept. 13-1864 and said Cough and bad state of health continued, some times better, so as to earn a little to support his family (partially only), then worse again, until said ailment terminated in his death, that he (affiant) had then, and since, saw many persons similarly affected to that of said H. Johnson, whom were regarded by Doctors as Consumptive; hence he concluded from said Soldier's Cough & lean, delicate appearance, indicated said disease in early stage and he is satisfied he was not mistaken as other developments proved it to be Consumption; at least to said Dr. Baldwin; if affiant's memory serves him rightly; that said Soldier was clear from said ailment previous to entering the U. S. service; that he affiant derived his knowledge as aforesaid from personal observation of said Soldier's condition after (immediately) he was discharged from the service; that he came direct to affiant's house from the McKim Manicure Hospital at Baltimore City and continued to live in the same house with affiant for about 6 months and after removing therefrom he saw him often daily; and it was seldom that a week elapsed that he did not see