



and converses with said soldier from the date of coming out of the service as aforesaid up until his death being his said soldier's Class-Leader in all of said time; That the affiant was equally intimate with said soldier before the enlistment from the fact of being raised up together upon neighboring farms in Dorchester County Md and that not said soldier been healthy affiant is sure he would have known thereof; That he has given heretofore an affidavit somewhat similar to this present one and though he is unable to write his name yet his memory nor judgement is not affected thereby nor should his testimony be at all prohibited on that account nor because he is not fortunate enough to be a white man. That he has no interest in the prosecution of this widows claim in any way whatever,

Christian Adkins Peter ^{his} X Banks
 Adam ~~Stewart~~ mark

Attest

Subscribed to and sworn this 10th day of July A.D. 1886 and I certify that the above statement was fully read and explained to affiant before making his mark and sworn and that he understood the same and that the name John Allen erased was done before executing this paper

M. L. Diering
 Justice of the peace