

Chain no 253, 657 of  
 Maria Johnson Widener  
 Henry Johnson in Pen Co H.  
 19<sup>th</sup> Regt. U. S. C. T.

State of Maryland  
 Baltimore City

Before the subscriber a Justice  
 of the peace of the State and City a-  
 foresaid personally appeared Ben-  
 jamin Curtis residing at No 145  
 Welton Alley in the aforesaid City & State  
 whom I Certify to be entitled to full cred-  
 it and who being sworn in due form of  
 law, says that he was intimately ac-  
 quainted with the above noted sol-  
 dier both in the service and since dis-  
 charged. That he knows it to be a fact  
 that said soldier contracted a cold  
 accompanied with a cough and fever  
 at Benedict Maryland sometime in  
 the early part of Feb. (he thinks it was) 1864  
 while engaged at erecting barracks &c,  
 with affiant and hundreds of other  
 soldiers of different colored Regi-  
 ments who were stationed at that  
 encampment preparing and await-  
 ing orders to be sent pont for field and  
 other such duties &c, that he said  
 Johnson went under treatment by one  
 of the surgeons stationed there. That  
 affiant being ordered with his company  
 to the pont and went into battle, he