

Claim No. 168400 Of Geo W Downs Co. D 30 Reg't.

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:

"My name is Edward Bennett. I am 59 years old, and I reside in Baltimore, Md. at No. 414 W. Hughes Street.

I have known George W. Downs intimately for last sixteen years. During this entire period he has been a man of good moral character of sober and peaceable disposition and I can testify that his disabilities asthma, shortness of breath and obesity are not due to vicious habits. His weight for last ten years has been just about the same varying only from 225 to 245 pounds except the last year during which he has fallen off about ten pounds. About July 16/90 he weighed 240 or 245 pounds and was very short winded. He could not stand steady exertion or regular employment and on an average he has been disabled fully half his time since July 16/90 for earning support by manual labor. His flesh during last year has decreased so rapidly that he has been weakened rather than benefited by the change and he is just as short winded now as he was when he carried more than twenty pounds more of flesh. His shortness of breath has been very pronounced & noticeable by any one with whom he has been thrown in contact since July 1890.

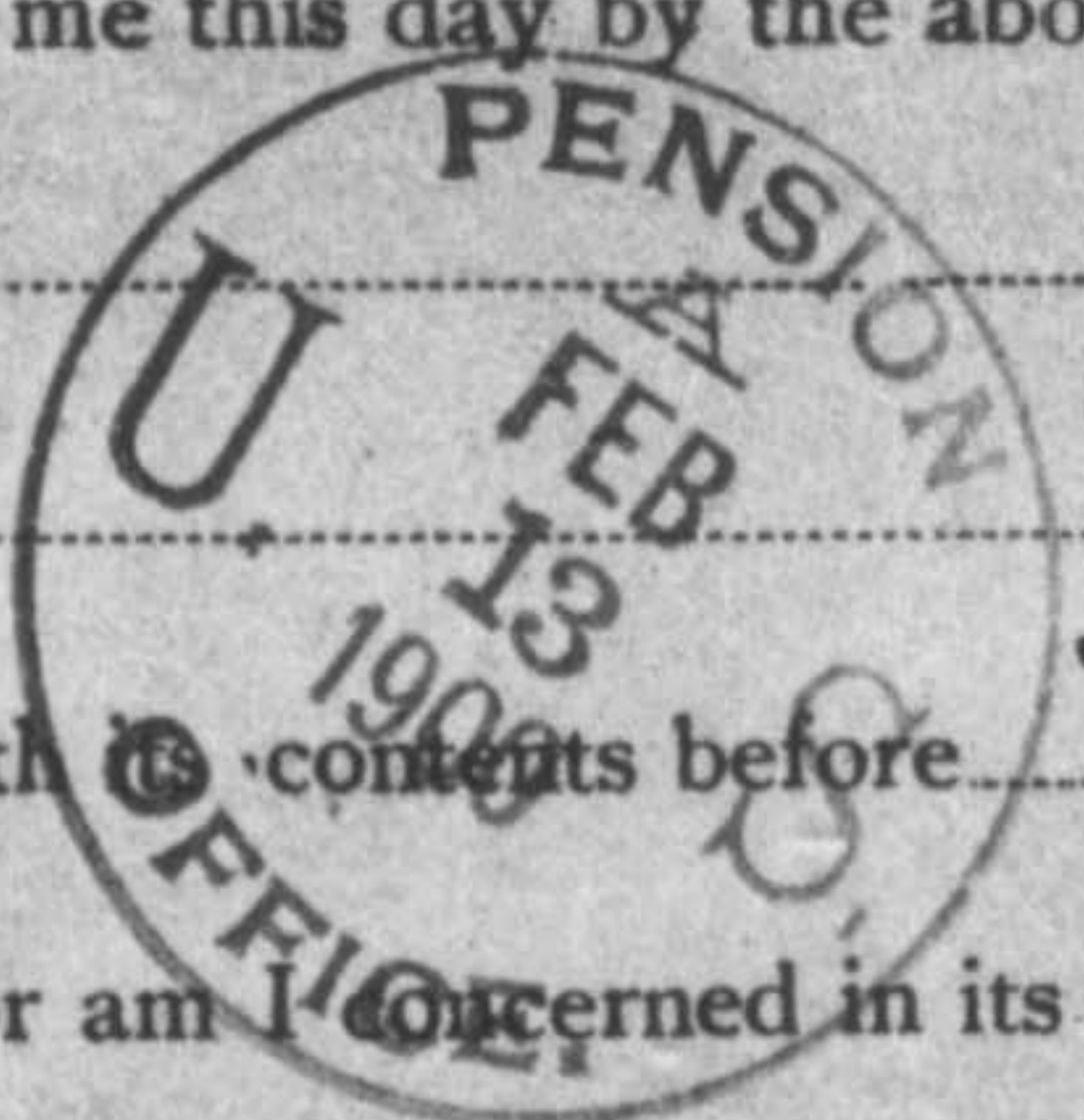
Witnessed Theo Lubman (If witness signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

I have no interest in this claim. Edward Bennett (Witness sign here.)

STATE OF MARYLAND, CITY OF BALTIMORE, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that said affidavit was read to said affiant including the words ... erased, and the words ... added

and acquainted with contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is a credible person, this 9th day of February 1900



Justice of the Peace.

If witness is personally known to the Magistrate as a credible person he should so certify in his own handwriting.