

Also personally appeared Javis Griffin, residing at Baltimore,
 and Wm H. Corse,
 residing at Baltimore, persons whom I certify to be
 respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw
William Hales, the claimant sign his name (make his mark) to the
 foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their
 acquaintance with him that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no
 interest in the prosecution of this claim.

W. M. Clintock Javis Griffin
Wm H. Corse
 (Signatures of witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of January
 A. D. 1885, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration,
 &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses be-
 fore swearing, including the words County

[SEAL.]

County erased, and the words County
 added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this
 claim.

W. M. Campbell
 Deputy Clerk Pension Office
 Official Character.

JAN 24 1885
 OFFICE

INVALID.
CLAIM FOR PENSION.

ORIGINAL.
Wm Hales, Applicant.
 Pri Co. J₁ Reg't.
7th Inf Vols.
 Enlisted Sept 27 1863
 Discharged Oct 13 1864

FILED BY—
A. B. W. F. B.
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.
 Declarations and other papers should be as legible and clear in statement as possible.
 Where any evidence is already on file in any Department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it will render it available in any subsequent claim.
 The POST-OFFICE ADDRESS (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office, or the pension agents, should be stated.
 Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.
 Testimony in support of all allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.