

Also personally appeared Washington Evans, residing at 117 Sterling St
Baltimore and James Cook, residing at No 8 Burn St
Baltimore Md, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who,
being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw John S. Barnes
....., the claimant sign his name (or 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.

John S. Barnes
James Cook

Washington Evans
James Cook
(Signatures of Witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me, this 22^d day of May

A. D. 1874, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully
made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the
words....., erased, and the words
between the 25th and 26th lines interlined added; and that I have no
interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

J B Gaither Deputy
Clk Superior Court
(Signature.)

(Official Character.)

1. "Was drafted," "enlisted," or "was enrolled."
 2. Here give place, time, character and nature of disability, and of treatment in hospital or otherwise.
- All the blanks in this form should be carefully filled and the requirements of the notes strictly observed.
An honorable discharge from the service in all cases is necessary.
Declarations of claimants, either for original pension or for increase of pension already granted, must be made before a court of
record, or before some officer thereof having custody of its seal; said officer being fully authorized and empowered to administer
and certify any oath or affirmation relating to any pension or application therefor.
The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credi-
ble, 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 as 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 em-
bodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while commu-
nicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.
The fees for the prosecution of claims for pensions will not be allowed to exceed twenty-five dollars; no part of which is payable
before the certificate for the pension has been issued.
Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be
recognized.
All facts, testimony of which is required to establish a claim, must be proven by the affidavits of two or more credible witnesses,
unless other evidence is specified.
The statements of claimants, unless duly corroborated, are not accepted as evidence.
Testimony, in support of allegations made in a declaration, may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are
certified and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.
Persons desiring to complete claims pending at the decease of the claimants, must furnish a duly verified certificate of their au-
thority as heirs or legal representatives.
With all claims for arrears, increase, or restoration to the rolls, the original pension certificate must be returned, or explanation
of its absence must be given under oath.
To facilitate the adjudication of claims, all the requisite evidence that is available should be forwarded with the application.

INVALID.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

ORIGINAL.

John S. Barnes Applicant.

4, 19th Co., 5th Regt.

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