

State of Maryland City of Baltimore. On this ~~third~~ ^{fourth} day of September A.D. 1884 before me a Justice of the Peace of the State in & for the City aforesaid personally appeared Basil J. Crane aged 39 years living at 170 Park Avenue & by occupation carrying on the Dairy & Cattle business who having been duly sworn deposes that he is personally well acquainted with George Chambers late Principal Musician of the 19th Regiment Colored Troops & has known him for the space of twenty years & remembers when he came out of the war his deafness was great then and was one of the causes of my refusing to employ him (but I did nevertheless employ him) to go as a waiter at the Union Hotel Saratoga kept by the Delands. He went and was discharged on account of his deafness. He suited in other respects but the Complaint was made at the Office of his bad hearing & after various trials he was finally discharged - I was one of the head waiters & Chambers was under me - there from that time which ^{was} in the summer of 1868 and have sometimes seen him as often two or three times a week since & find his hearing is no better. Chambers art or profession formerly was that of a waiter & to make a waiter of ability he must have good hearing. I further swear I have no interest in this Claim.

Basil J. Crane

Sworn to before me on this ~~4~~ ³ day of September A.D. 1884 and name written by the affiant & certify he is a witness of respectability - He writes his own name knows the contents of this Affidavit & certifies that he has no interest in this Claim.

~~Subscribed~~ ^{Changed from 4 to 3 Sept.}

Baltimore ^{William Connors}