

## DECLARATION OF WIFE UNDER ACT OF MARCH 3, 1899.

STATE OF Md.  
 COUNTY OF Balto. } 88:

On this 2<sup>d</sup> day of February, A. D., 1901, personally appeared before me, a  
J. P. within and for the County and State aforesaid, Eliza J.  
Nicholson, aged 59 years, a resident of 206 W. Preston St.  
 County of Baltimore, State of Md., who being  
 duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain one-half of the pension due or to  
 become due her husband Benjamin Nicholson, who is a resident pensioner of the  
 United States, and who

If an inmate of a State or National Soldiers' Home, the name and location of the Home should be fully stated.

If not an inmate of a Soldiers' Home, but the pensioner has deserted his lawful wife for a period of over six months, the facts should be fully stated here.

That her said husband served as a private in Co. E 30<sup>th</sup>  
Regt. U. S. G. I. Md. Volunteers Rank. Here give full service of husband.

and is a pensioner by certificate number

That she was married under the name of Eliza J. Gibson to said  
Benjamin Nicholson at Baltimore, Md., on  
 the 21 day of September, 1882, by James A. Handy  
 that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had not been previously married; that the  
husband had twice been previously married. twice.  
His second wife died December 1881, in Baltimore.

If there was a prior marriage of either, the date and place of death or divorce of former consort or consorts should be stated.

That she has not been divorced from her said husband; that she is a woman of good moral character and in  
 necessitous circumstances, and is not an inmate of any institution or home provided for the wives or children  
 of soldiers and sailors.

That her post-office address is 206 W. Preston, County of  
Baltimore, State of Maryland

Eliza J. Nicholson  
 Claimant's signature.

ATTEST:

1 W. B. Hammond

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