Claim No. 71,912 Of Benjamin Nicholson Co. E. 3d Reg't. U.S.C.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 Benjamin Nicholson. I am 74 years old, and I reside in Baltimore, Md. at No. 2147 Division Street.

I am the husband of Eliza Nicholson, who charges me with desertion which I deny and on the contrary aver that the said Eliza Nicholson, left me and my home without any just cause on the 5th day of July 1894 or thereabouts and has never returned. I have never refused to contribute to her support and remained in the house from which she deserted me from that time until April 1895 and moved from there to #2143 Division St and lived there until Aug 10th 1899; that during all this time my home has been open to her but she has refused to live with me and has not crossed my threshold since she left upon the day mentioned aforesaid; further that she has never asked me for any contribution to her support but on the contrary has avoided me in every way.

I have always treated her as a kind, loving, true and dutiful husband should treat his wife and have never been able to learn or understand her motives in leaving me.

Ella Day Grade
Mrs W Fleming
H. G. Anderson
(Witness signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

~~I have no interest in this claim.~~"
his
Benjamin x Nicholson
mark
(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 and which added

and accquainted ..... with its contents before ..... executed the same. I further certify that I am nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is I believe a ..... credible person, this 7th day of Sept 189 9

Witness Erasmus H Scott
W B Hammond
(Official Signature,)
Justice of the Peace.

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

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