

Claim No. 71.912 Of Benjamin Nichols Co. E 30 Reg't. U.S.A.

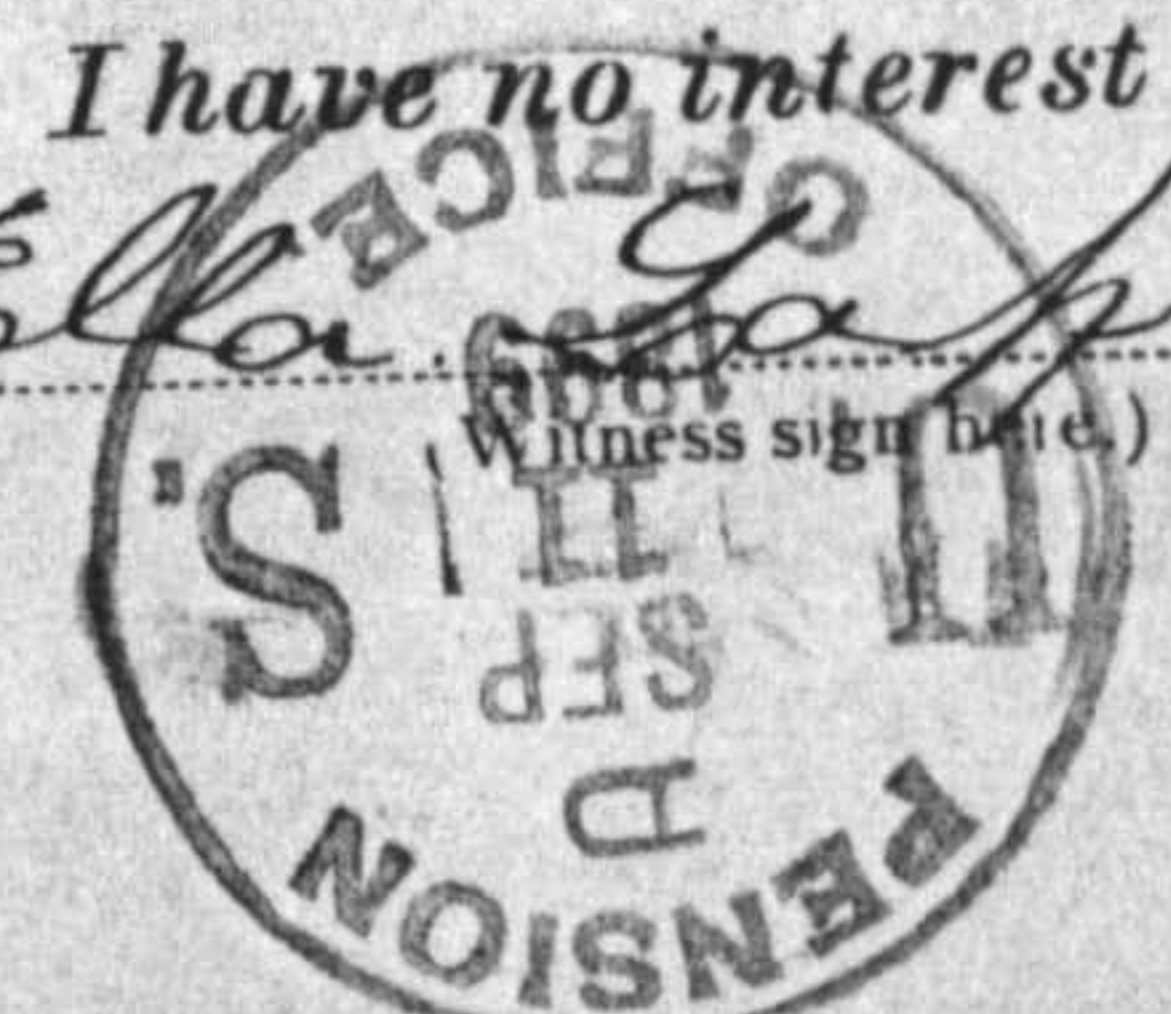
On this day and date below written, personally appeared the affiant whose signature is hereto affixed and who being duly sworn according to law testified as follows:

"My name is Ellen La Prade I am 33 years old, and I reside in Baltimore, Md. at No. 603 Gasper Street.

I have known Benjamin Nichols all my life, he being my uncle, & have known his wife the said Eliza Nichols for about 14 years; that I was in the habit of visiting the home of the said Benjamin & Eliza Nichols at frequent intervals, & from my knowledge and observation know that the said Benjamin Nichols treated his wife in a kind & affectionate manner & provided for her to the best of his ability & as his means would permit; that on the 5th day of August 1894 the said Eliza Nichols left the said Benjamin Nichols & his home, to go to Atlantic City; that the said Eliza Nichols did not return to Baltimore in two years afterwards, & when she did return she did not go to her former home or to the home of her husband, that up to the present time the said Eliza Nichols has never visited her former home or that of her husband, & has never requested any assistance or support at his hands. Further that she has heard the said Benjamin Nichols say on numerous occasions that if his wife the said Eliza would return to him that he would gladly provide for her; and further that she knows of no act on the part of the said Benjamin Nichols to justify the said Eliza Nichols to leave him & that the said Benjamin Nichols did not desert the said Eliza Nichols but on the contrary the said Eliza Nichols deserted the said Benjamin Nichols without any just cause or provocation.

W.B. Harrison

I have no interest in this claim. Ellen La Prade



(If witness signs by mark, two persons who can write must 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... and acquainted... with its contents before... executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is a credible person, this 7 day of Sep, 1894

W.B. Harrison (Official Signature.) Justice of the Peace

If witness is personal