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State of Maryland, County of Baltimore, ss:

In the claim of W.O. 1141.817 Della Brooks Widow of Charles Brooks  
late James Brooks, late of Co A, 9th M. S.C. Inf. Civil War

Personally came before me, a JUSTICE OF THE PEACE in and for the aforesaid County  
Notary, Justice or Clerk of Court

and State, Thomas Smellwood, aged 77 years,  
Name of Affiant

whose address is 1916 White St. Baltimore State of Maryland

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in  
relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

Note—Affiant must give age and Post Office address and means of knowledge of the facts to which he or she testifies.

I became personally acquainted  
and associated with the deceased Charles Jefferson Brooks,  
late husband of the claimant since 1869, He Enlisted  
in same Company and Regiment during the Civil War  
our acquaintance and associations continued till his  
death, never knew of the Soldier Contracting any Marriage  
prior to his marriage to the claimant had any other  
Marriage been contracted by him I honestly would have  
known it from my long associations with the Soldier in  
question, I further testify that I have known the claimant  
prior to her becoming of marriageable age and do know  
of my own personal knowledge that she was married  
at two times, her first Marriage was a man by the name of  
Briggs, who died prior to her marriage to the deceased Soldier  
Brooks, her former husband did not serve in the Army or Navy  
too young for the Civil War, the claimant and the deceased  
Soldier lived together as husband and wife from date of their marriage  
till the date of his death, they were never divorced, neither has the  
claimant remarried since the death of the Soldier, who died  
leaving no minor child or children surviving under  
the age of sixteen years surviving prior to the claimant becoming  
of marriageable age Her and I were employed by the same white  
people.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not  
concerned in its prosecution.

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2. [Signature]

If affiant signs by mark, (X), two witnesses  
who can write sign here



Thomas Smellwood  
Signature