

Claim No. 632324 Of Wid. of P. J. Rich Co. Co 30 Regiment, 226th Inf

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 Horace Downs, I am 55 years old, and I reside in Baltimore, Md., at No. 942 Leadenhall Street. I served in Co. B 30 U. S. C. Inf with the soldier Philip J. Rich. We enlisted near about same time. He was then quite a young man. From that time on up to his death I continued on intimate terms with him, working with him a great portion of the time. To the best of my knowledge & belief he was never married before he married the claimant Mary Rich. I know he lived with her a number of years as his wife but I do not know when they were married. No sir I did not know her before she married Rich. She has not remarried since his death and has owned no property but been a poor woman dependent on her own daily labor for support. She has not remarried since. She was never divorced from him. This was all written in my presence & only from my own oral statements to A. Parlett Lloyd at his office this 22 Sept 1896 without aid or prompting in any way.

Shirley Good

I have no interest in this claim." W. B. Jacobs W. B. Hammond (If witness signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

Horace Downs mark

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 he 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 22 day of Sept 1896

No prior inquiry made No revenge No prejudice

Certificate on file to cover date of execution. Law Division

W. B. Hammond Justice of the Peace.

If witness is personally known to the Magistrate as a credible person he should so testify in his own handwriting. INSTRUCTIONS—Read Carefully.—Under the order of the Commissioner of Pensions number 229 in the preparation of testimony in support of claim in pension cases, all statements affecting the particular case and not merely formal must be written or prepared to be type-written in the presence of the witness, and from his oral declarations then made to the person who then reduces the testimony to writing or then prepares the same to be type-written. And such testimony must embody a statement by the witness that such testimony was all written or prepared for type-writing (as the case may be) in his presence, and only from his oral statements then made; stating also the time, place, and person, when, where and to whom he made such oral statements, and that in making the same he did not use, and was not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person; and not attached as an exhibit to his testimony.