

Claim No. 632,324 of ^{Mary Rich widow} Phillip Rich Co. C 30 Regiment, ^{USCT}

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 Samuel Bond, I am 57 years old, and I reside in Baltimore, Md., at No. 1204 Jefferson Street.

I knew claimant's first ^{husband} Benjamin Pratt and I lived neighbor to him at the time of his death. He died as near as I recollect about the year 1868, on Temple St. Baltimore, I did not see the dead body of Pratt, but I know he died as stated I was informed of his death at the time and saw crape on the door of his house and saw his funeral leave the house.

These statements are made orally to F. E. Newton who wrote same in my presence at Baltimore Sept 16/96 and in making same I was not aided or guided by any statement prepared or dictated by any other person,

[Large handwritten scribble/signature area]

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

his
Samuel X Bond
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.....

erased, and the words "husband" added and acquainted ^{him} 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 I believe a}

credible person on this ¹⁶ day of ^{Sept} 1896
W. B. Hammond
(Official Signature.)
Justice of the Peace.

Good.

Death of old first husband.

Certificate of execution. Law Division.

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.