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Claim No. 822171 Of Robert James Co. K

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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 Spence I am 64 years old; and

I reside in Baltimore, Md. at No. 121 Selvon Street.

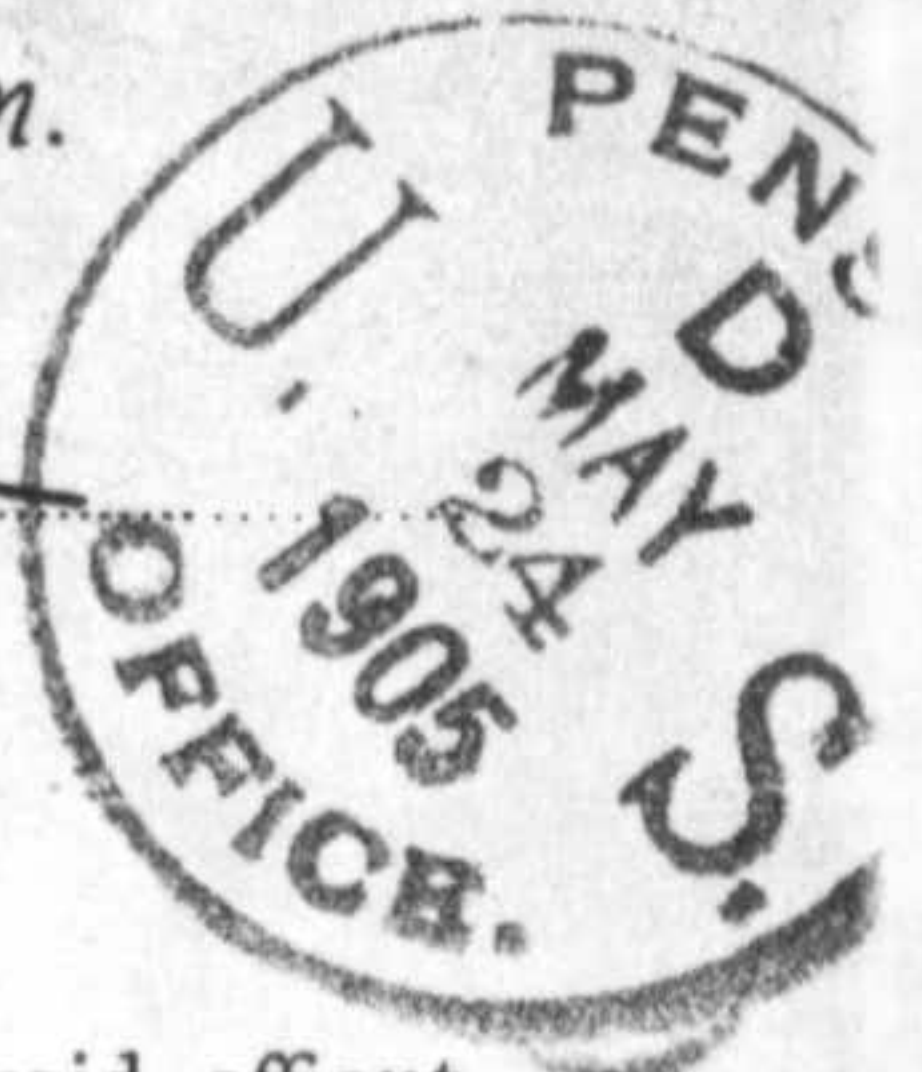
I have known Amanda and her deceased husband the Soldier from their youth and positively know that neither of them has ever ~~been~~ had even been married prior to their intermarriage. They were never divorced but had not lived together for a time prior to the birth of George their youngest child. We were all raised in same locality but at the time of their marriage in 1861 I was on Chesapeake Bay sailing at the time, and returned about one week after and heard of marriage when I returned from the date of ^{marriage} they lived together until his enlistment in U.S. Army and she bore him two children John & Mary. After discharge from the Army he returned to her and lived with her for a while but before birth of last child George, he deserted. Claimant and took up with a woman named Hattie Brickett, then with another woman named Lizzie Hicks and then I am told went through a ceremony of marriage with one Amanda Hopkins in Centerville Md in 1903, after Soldier has deserted this Claimant she went through a ceremony of marriage with one Isaac Hardy who also deserted her. I have not seen him for over 12 years and have heard he was dead. The Claimant has owned no property whatsoever and has no income other than the results of her own daily labor upon which she is and has been wholly dependent and has not been legally bound for her support. No insurance was paid Claimant for death of her husband.

Witnesses to signature of affiant.

I have no interest in this claim.

1. Mrs. M. H. H. H.
2. Gustav W. H. H.

Samuel ^{her} Spence
(Affiant sign here.)
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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 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, this 28 day of Feb 1905

Gustav W. H. H.
[Official Signature.]

Notary Public.

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