

Claim No. 822171 Of *Robert Barnes* Co. *K 19* Reg't. *W. B. Dy.*

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 *Frances Barnes* I am *65* years old, and

I reside in Baltimore, Md. at No. *835* *Clifford* Street.

I am the claimant in this case. I cannot get public record <sup>of marriage</sup> for reason but little attention was paid to marriage of colored persons in those days. I enclose postal of Clerk of Court showing no record. The Robert Barnes married to Miss Georgeanne was evidently some other Robert Barnes probably a white man as the Georgeanne are quite well known there in Eastern there. There was no special ratification of our marriage under the Maryland Statute of March 22 1867 but I claim that his return to me by our cohabitation after the Civil War and birth of child ratified our marriage and is sufficient to legally establish same. I cannot find church record of my marriage. I lived happily and amicably with him and I do not know what his reason for leaving me was unless he got mixed up with another woman. He never gave any excuse for leaving me. He just walked off and that all there is about it. He always recognized my children as his own and gave my daughter a dollar out of his last pension. I can't fix exact date he left me. I do not know where Mary A. is.

Witnesses to signature of affiant

I have no interest in this claim.

*Gustav W. Ridgely*  
*Ann Sturte*

*Frances Barnes*  
(Affiant sign here.)  
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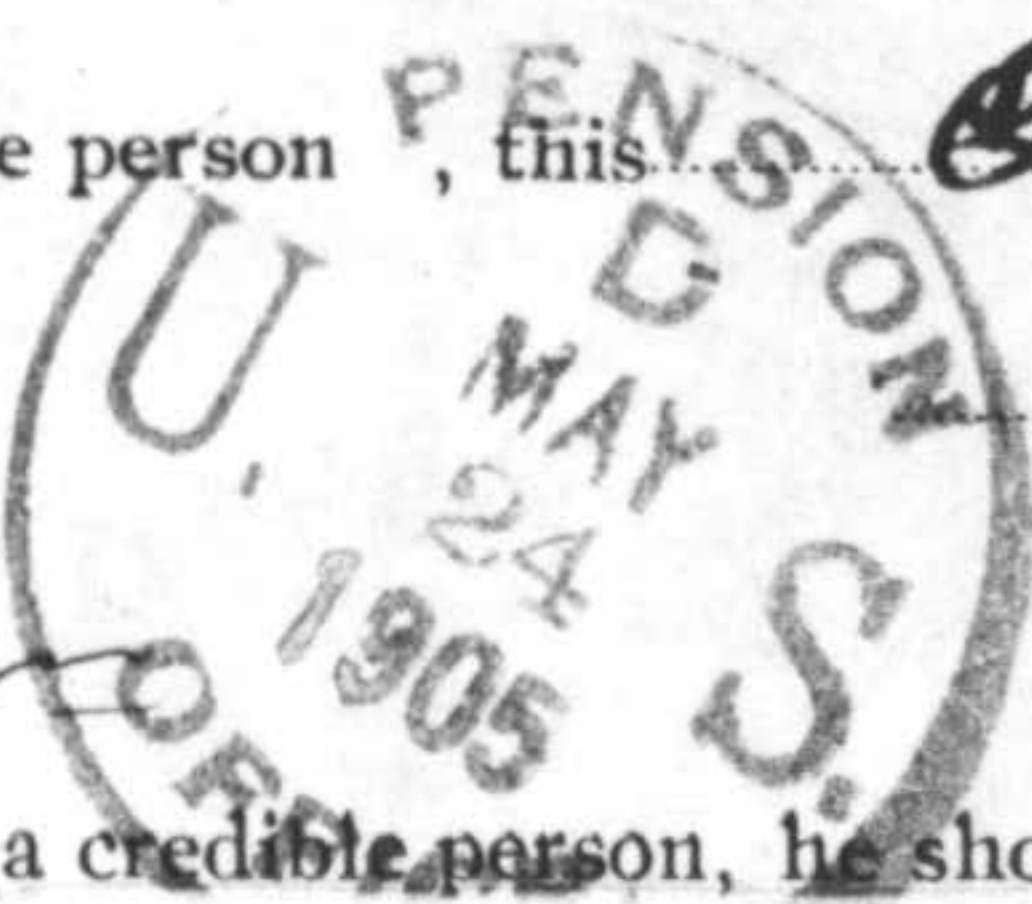
STATE OF MARYLAND, CITY OF BALTIMORE, ss.

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 *her* with its contents before *she* 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

credible person, this *21st* day of *Mar* 190 *5*



*Gustav W. Ridgely*  
[Official Signature.]  
Notary Public.

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

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