

SOUTH DIV.
APR 13 1907
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State of Maryland, County of Baltimore, ss:
In the matter of Increase of Pension Act Feb. 6, 1907 by

Phillip Stepney, late Co. I 30th Regt. U. S. C. Troops, Cert. No. 502835

Personally came before me, a Notary Public, in and for the aforesaid County
and State, Phillip Stepney, aged 76 years,
Name of witness.

and _____, aged _____ years,
Name of witness.

citizens of the town of 155 West Hamburg Street,
Post-office address.
Give Street and No. if in city or town.
County of Baltimore, State of Maryland

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

That I am the claimant in this case and hereby certify that my age

is 76 years, that I was born on Easter Day which came in April in

the year 1831; that I cannot account for the mistake made in my age,

unless in making my statement I referred to the fact that I was

three years younger, than the son of my former master (Richard Crisp)

and that I had been told by his son that he was born in 1828; that

I got my dates confounded, as I cannot read nor write, so must have

stated 1828 was my birth, when I was born about three years after;

I remember that my mother always told me I was born in April on

Easter Sunday; that I was born in slavery, and that my mother was the

mother of seven children before the war broke out, that I was the

third oldest child, and all the children were of good size at the

time of the war. That I have no record of my birth, but submit att-

ested of the sons of my former owner (who is now dead), with a copy

of the family bible of Wm. S. Crisp, containing a record of his

father's birth, who was three^{years} older than myself, which I pray to be

accepted and deemed sufficient to establish my age.

Further declare that _____ has no interest in said case and _____ are not

concerned in its prosecution.

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Phillip Stepney

(Signature of Affiant)

If Affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write, sign here.

NOTE.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark (t), two persons who can write must attest the signature by signing their names opposite.

The official before whom papers are executed is not a competent witness to a mark.

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