

Claim No. 504060 of

James E. Bowen

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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 Sarah J. Parker. I am 38 years old, and

I reside in Baltimore, Md. at No. 840 S. Eutan Street.

I am next younger sister of Margaret the first wife of James E. Bowen and acted as her bridesmaid. She was married to soldier soon after he came out of the army. Rev Gross performed the ceremony down in Calvert Co. Md. I can't give the exact date but ~~his~~ ^{her} daughter Susan was born about 1873 and he had two children by my sister older than Susan and there was about two years between the children. I do not know how record of this marriage can possibly be traced because records were not carefully kept in those days and Rev Gross was only a local Methodist Minister but he married a great many people down there in Calvert Co. The children Susan now Sheridan Abram (full name was Abram Bowen) and John T. are all personally known to me and are still living and the only children of James E. Bowen under age 16 at his death. John T. and Abram are the only ones under age 16 at date of filing claim (18 Feb 1891). I know

that neither soldier James E. Bowen or Margaret ever married before they married each other. I don't know exact dates of the children's births but I recall that Abram and John were both born 8th May 1873. I am younger than Abram and John was nine years old when his father was killed. I have no interest in this claim.

1. *Ann Kurla*
2. *Sarah J. Parker* (Affiant sign here.)

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 _____ added

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* *is I believe a*

credible person, this *26* day of *January* 190*5*

5 30 pm *Gustav W. Lodge* [Official Signature.]

Notary Public.

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

