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DECLARATION FOR AN ORIGINAL PENSION OF A MOTHER.

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STATE OF West Virginia, COUNTY OF Jefferson, ss: On this 20th day of June, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven

personally appeared before me T. M. Salinger, Clerk Circuit Court of said Co. the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Hester A. Bowman a resident of Shepherdstown, county of Jefferson, in the State of West Virginia aged 57 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by Acts of Congress granting pensions to dependent mothers: That she is the 1

widow of Garrett Bowman, and mother of George M. Harris who 2 Enlisted under the name of George M. Harris at Baltimore, on the day of July, A. D. 1863,

in 3 Company "B," 4th Regiment of Colored Infantry Vol. at the war of 1861-1865, who lost his index finger and his right hand at the battle of Petersburg Va

and died the 10th of October 1885 of Consumption contracted while in the service on the day of A. D. 1863; that said son Geo. M. Harris

5 left neither widow nor child under sixteen years of age surviving; that she was wholly dependent upon said son for support; that her husband, the aforesaid Garrett M. Bowman died June 11th 1878, aged 63 years 6 said Hester A. Bowman has not remarried

that there were surviving at date of said son's death, his brothers and sisters, who were under sixteen years of age, as follows: Sister Martha E. Bowman, born August 1st, 1870, born 18, born 18, born 18

That she has not heretofore received do not know the No. of claim, applied for a pension 7 Geo. M. Harris had been getting a pension before his death; that she has not aided or abetted the rebellion; that she hereby appoints John E. Salinger her attorney to prosecute the above claim;

that her residence is at No. street, in the Shepherdstown of Jefferson, State of West Virginia and that her post office address is Shepherdstown, Jefferson County West Va.

(Attest.) Thos A Moore Hester A Bowman (Claimant's signature.)

Also personally appeared Thomas A. Moore, residing at No. street, in Charlestown, and Charles Leonard D. Moore, residing at No. street, in Charlestown, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Hester A. Bowman, the claimant, sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Thos A Moore Gerard W Moore (Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 20th day of June, A. D. 1887 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words Jefferson, widow of Garrett Bowman, erased, and the words Shepherdstown, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

T. M. Salinger, Clerk of Circuit Court Jeff. Co. W. Va. (Official character.)

1 "Wife" or "widow." 2 "Enlisted," "was drafted," &c. 3 State company and regiment, if in the army; and vessel, &c., if in the navy. 4 State nature of wounds and all circumstances attending them, or the disease and manner in which it was incurred, in either case showing soldier's death to have been the sequence; also service and rank at time of death. 5 "Wholly," or "in part." 6 If husband is dead so state, giving date of death; also whether applicant has remarried. If still living, his inability to support applicant should be accounted for. 7 If either she or the soldier has previously applied, so state, giving number of claim.