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Baltimore, Oct. 2, 1907.

Hon. V. Warner,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Department of Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of inquiry of Sept. 26, would say I have no authentic record of my birth, having been born at a time when persons of my color gave very little attention to time and place of the birth of their children.

The only evidence I have is what my mother told me, in the latter part of 1858, and that was that I would soon be 17 years of age, and that my time was come to go to work from home. She gave the same information to a lady to whom I was to be hired out at that time.

I was informed that I was born on or near Christmas, not however by my mother, who never gave me any information on that score.

My parents were married in August, 1839, and I was the only child, but was not born until a few years later. The only records we have are records made by myself of other members of my father's and mother's families, given to me by them and recorded when I was first able to write legibly, about when I was 10 or 12 years of age, and the Bible in which they were recorded bears the date of 1849.

This is as near as I can come to my age, and believe that I am at my next birthday, December, 1907, 67 years of age.

Very respectfully,

John H. Murphy

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this... day of... 1907
by *John H. Murphy*, who is, I believe, a credible person
Henry L. Lloyd Notary Public