

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Maryland, City of Baltimore, County of Baltimore, ss:

In the matter of claim of Keester Ann Davis No 436, 875 as widow of Benjamin Davis deceased.

ON THIS 19th day of January A. D. 1891; personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County duly authorized to administer oaths, Basil Hawkins aged 45 years, a resident of Baltimore in the County of Baltimore and State of Maryland.

whose Post Office address is No 705 Chapel St. and William H. Jones aged 48 years, a resident of Baltimore in the County of Baltimore and State of Maryland. whose Post Office address is No 2207 Pennsylvania Ave.

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

That they were well acquainted with the said Benjamin Davis deceased; and also with his widow Keester Ann Davis the claimant; were acquainted with them both for upwards 25 years respectively; that the soldier, the said Benjamin Davis died about the 12th day of November 1887 at his home in Baltimore Md and that his widow the claimant, has not remarried since his death, and is still his widow; of our own personal knowledge we know that claimant and deceased lived and cohabited together as husband wife and were so recognized in the community in which they have resided to the date of the soldiers death; the said claimant has not remained a widow, still kept house for no other person but herself since the death of her said husband; that we know from personal knowledge that claimant the said Keester Ann Davis has no other means of support than her own daily labor, and which has been the case since the death of her said husband the soldier. We know these facts, because we have resided in the same community with the said parties during the time stated above, and therefore have personal knowledge of the facts to which we testify.

[NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.]

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Mr
Chaplin
Dyer

Affiants further declare that they have no interest in said case and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Andrew Carrick
W. W. Cunningham

Basil Hawkins
William H. Jones

[If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.]

[Signature of Affiants]