

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

County of Dorchester State of Maryland ss:

IN THE MATTER OF Derriss Claim No. 756725 of Martha Stafford, widow of Robert Stafford, Co. G. 7<sup>th</sup> Reg. U. S. Inf.

ON THIS 26<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D., 1902, personally appeared before me,

Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths,

Heester Allen aged 75 <sup>at least</sup> years, a resident of Cambridge

in the County of Dorchester and State of Maryland

whose post-office address is Cambridge, Md. and

Esther Bryan aged 65 years, a resident of Cambridge

in the County of Dorchester and State of Maryland,

whose post-office address is Cambridge, Md. well known to me to

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

1<sup>st</sup> My name is Heester Allen. I have known the claimant ever since she was a little girl, and she was married to Robert Stafford the deceased soldier. She was never married to anybody before she married him, and has not been married since his death last winter. I know these facts because of living in the same neighborhood, and association, and I must have heard of it if she ever married anybody else.

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

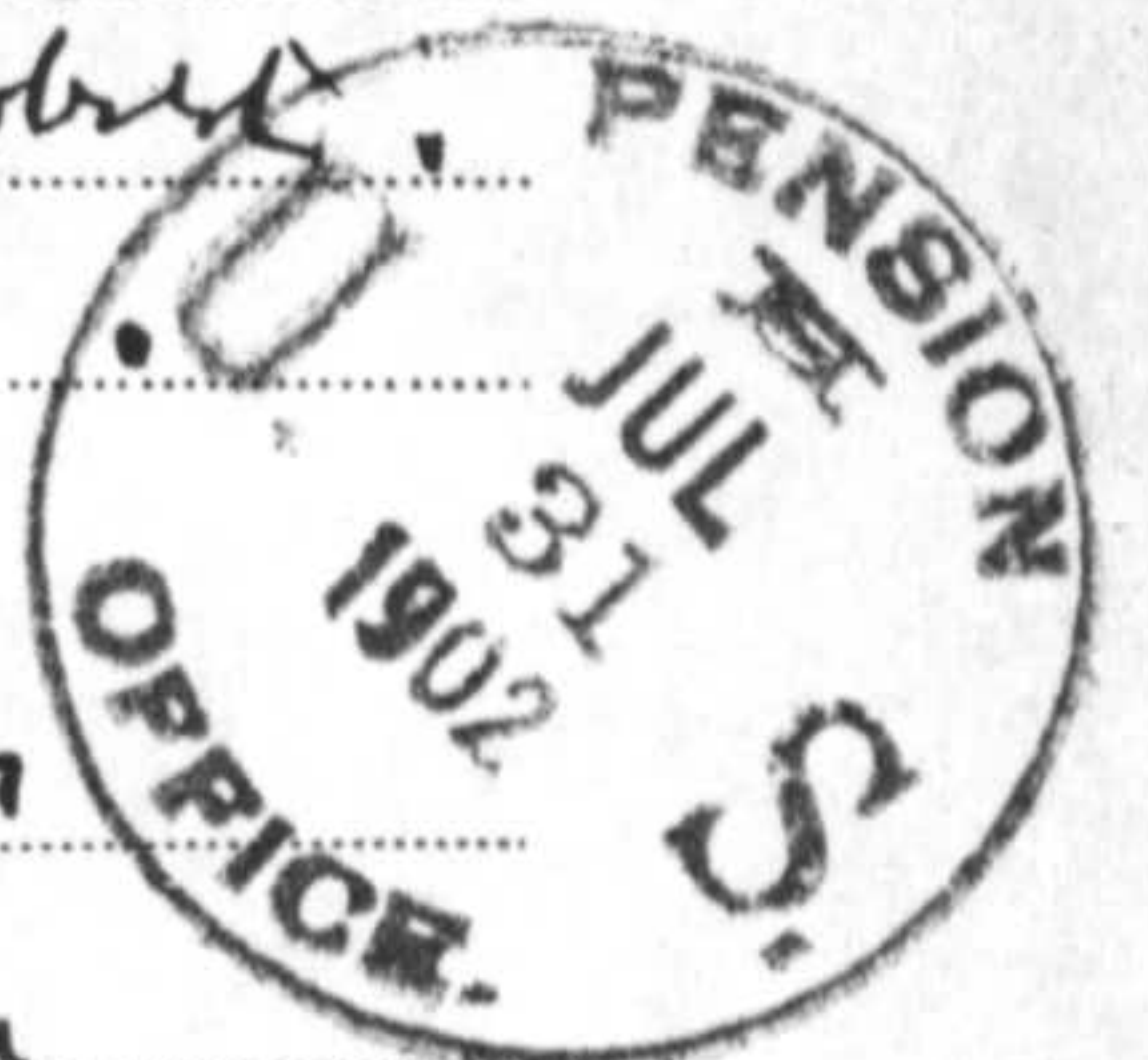
2<sup>nd</sup> My name is Esther Bryan. I have known Martha, the claimant, ever since she was a young girl, and she has never married anybody but the deceased Robert Stafford, and has been married since his death. I know these things because of my acquaintance & neighborhood, and living in same community. I couldn't help knowing if she was ever married to anybody but Robert.

I further declare that I have no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of said claim.

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

Heester Allen  
Esther Bryan  
[Signature of affiants.]



*no for wife claim -*