

SECONDARY PROOF OF MARRIAGE.

STATE OF Maryland }
COUNTY OF Dorchester } SS.

ON THIS 4th day of May, A. D. 18 83, before the undersigned, a Justice of Peace, personally appeared Mary Jane Smith, who, being duly sworn, deposes as follows: I am the widow of late Smith, deceased, who was a private in Captain George R. Sherman's Company (6th) 7th Regiment U.S. Col'd Volunteers; that my maiden name was Mary Jane Bush; that I was lawfully married to said deceased at Cambridge, in the County of Dorchester, State of Maryland, by J. Z. Dennis, on or about the 6th day of February, 18 73; that I have by said marriage the following children, whose ages and dates of birth are correctly set forth, to wit:

Garrison & Henry (Luis) 8 or 9 years of age
and Dennis about six years old

That these are the only legitimate children now living of myself and my deceased husband; and that my said husband left no children by any former marriage. That I have made repeated and diligent efforts to procure a copy of the record of my marriage, but have been unable to do so, because which I have forwarded to the pension office

That I cannot obtain the affidavit of the party who performed the marriage ceremony, because I do not know where he lives

That I have never abandoned the support of my family, nor permitted any one of my children for whom increase of Pension is claimed to be adopted by any person or persons; that my said husband died on the 10th day of August, A. D. 18 81; that I lived with deceased from the date of my marriage up to the date of his death, and that I file herewith the best evidence of my marriage that I can obtain.

WITNESSES:

Thomas McFlint
Justus Adell

Mary Jane Smith
her mark

And also at the same time personally appeared Thomas Henson and Alexander Henson, of the County of Dorchester and State of Maryland, to me well known as respectable, credible persons, who, being by me duly sworn, do severally say that they have known the claimant Mary Jane Smith, and her deceased husband William H. Smith who was a private in Co. 6th, Md. Regiment of U.S. Col'd Volunteers

for years, * and that they were present and saw claimant and said deceased married, as above stated by claimant; that claimant's maiden name was Mary Jane Bush, and that she was married to said William H. Smith at Cambridge, in the State of Maryland, by J. Z. Dennis, on or about the 6th day of February

