

WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR PENSION.

State of Maryland }
 County of Dorchester } ss.

ON THIS 23^d day of November, 1881, personally appeared before me, a
clerk of a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid Mary
Jane Smith a resident of Cambridge in the County of
Dorchester and State of Maryland aged 43 years, who being
 duly sworn, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the Pension provided by the Act of Congress approved
July 14, 1862. That she is the widow of William Smith who was
 a Private in Company "B" commanded by George R. Sherman
 in the 7th Regiment of U.S. Colored Volunteers in the War of 1861; that
 her maiden name was May Jane Bush and that she was married
 to said William Smith on or about the 6th day of February
1873, at Cambridge in the County of Dorchester
 and State of Maryland by J. D. Dennis and
 that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage except that of which
a true copy is hereto annexed.

SHE FURTHER DECLARES that said William Smith her
 husband, died in the service of the United States as aforesaid at Cambridge
 in the State of Maryland on or about the 10th day of
August 1881, of chronic inflammation of the
stomach, bowels and liver, contracted while in the
service of the U.S. She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of
 said William Smith and that she has not in any manner been engaged
 in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints
Alfred Stewart as her lawful Attorney, with
 power of substitution, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive her pension cer-
 tificates. The following are the names and date and of birth and place and of residence of all the children
 of her deceased husband who were under sixteen years of age at the time of his death Garrison
and Henry (Twins) about 8 years of age and
Dennis about six years of age all of whom
reside in Cambridge, Maryland.
 My Post Office address is Cambridge, Maryland.

If mark is made, two witnesses who write sign here.

R. S. Henry
Ogle Steele

her
Mary Jane Smith
 (Signature of Claimant.)
mark

ALSO PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, R. S. Henry
 and Ogle Steele residents of Dorchester
 County, and State of Maryland to me well known as credible persons, who being
 duly sworn, declare, that they were present and saw said Mary Jane Smith

sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said
 applicant, and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and know
 that said deceased recognized said applicant as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the com-
 munity in which they resided; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Signatures of Witnesses

R. S. Henry
Ogle Steele