

INSTRUCTIONS—Read Carefully.—Under the order of the Commissioner of Pensions number 229 in the preparation of testimony in support of claim in pension cases, all statements affecting the particular case and not merely formal, must be written or prepared to be type-written in the presence of the witness, and from his oral declarations then made to the person who then reduces the testimony to writing or then prepares the same to be type-written. And such testimony must embody a statement by the witness that such testimony was all written or prepared for type-writing (as the case may be) in his presence, and only from his oral statements then made; stating also the time, place, and person, when, where and to whom he made such oral statements, and that in making the same he did not use, and was not aided or prompted by any written or printed statement or recital, prepared or dictated by any other person; and not attached as an exhibit to his testimony.

If witness is personally known to the Magistrate as a credible person he should so testify in his own handwriting.

I certify to the
creditable person, this 19 day of
the month of March, 1897

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that said affidavit was read to said affiant, including the words
and acquainted with its contents before
nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant
added
erased, and the words

STATE OF MARYLAND, CITY OF BALTIMORE, SS.

(If witness signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.)

I have no interest in this claim.
Wm. B. Hammond
J. B. Gaffney

John W. Hammond
J. B. Gaffney

My name is Sharon Wilson, I am 32 years old, and
I reside in Baltimore, Md., at No. 11 Street.
I know Joseph Rice & claimant from
childhood. We were all raised in the
same neighborhood in Cambridge. I
know that neither she nor the other
people ever married prior to their
marriage, & that they were never
divorced. He declared that they were never
married before he died. She has not
since remarried & has owned and
operated her own dairy. Later on
upon her own dairy. Later on
she lived with her son & her son's
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