

General Affidavit.

STATE OF Maryland, COUNTY OF Talbot SS:
 In claim No. 591 569 of Maria Gibson and Howell Gibson of Co. B of
 the 7th Regt. of U.S. Col Vols. Personally appeared before the undersigned duly au-
 thorized to administer oaths within and for said County, Salomon Shields
 aged 69 years, whose P. O. is Junis Mills, County of Talbot-
 State of Maryland, who being duly sworn, states in relation to said claim as follows to-wit:

I reside in Coppeville Talbot County Maryland
 and a near neighbor to the claimant Maria Gibson and her deceased husband Horace Gibson for all
 of fifty years I remember when they were married but not
 the date of marriage they have lived as man and wife for a
 good many years and reared a family of children. That
 the said Horace Gibson was a poor man that the
 property he left consisted of a small one story house or
 shanty and a town lot in Coppeville worth not more
 than one hundred and fifty or one hundred and seventy-
 five dollars and a few household goods and furniture
 worth possibly forty or fifty dollars. That he had no other
 property - that the said Maria Gibson has no separate
 property or income and has to depend upon her own
 labor for support - I know their child Greenberg
Gibson that he is now living with his mother. I
 do not remember when he was born that is the date
 of his birth I remember the fact of his birth and that
 it was about fourteen years ago I have seen him almost
 every day since he was born and that is about his age
 I have lived within a few rods of the Gibsons for nearly
 twenty years. This affidavit is written in my presence
 and in response to questions asked me orally on March 21st
1894 at Easton Maryland and carefully read over to me by
 the Justice before whom it is sworn to. That I have not been prompted
 or aided by any printed or written statement nor by any person or
 persons in the above statements and I personally know
 the above to be facts

And affiant further states that he has no interest in this claim.

John B. Fairbank
Geo. A. Phillips
 If affiant signs by mark two witnesses sign here

Salomon X Shields
 Affiant's Signature.

SWORN to and subscribed before me on the 21st day of March 1894 and I hereby
 certify that the contents of this affidavit was fully made known to the affiant be-
 fore signing and I have no interest in this claim or its prosecution.

L. S.

H. Nichols
 Justice of the Peace