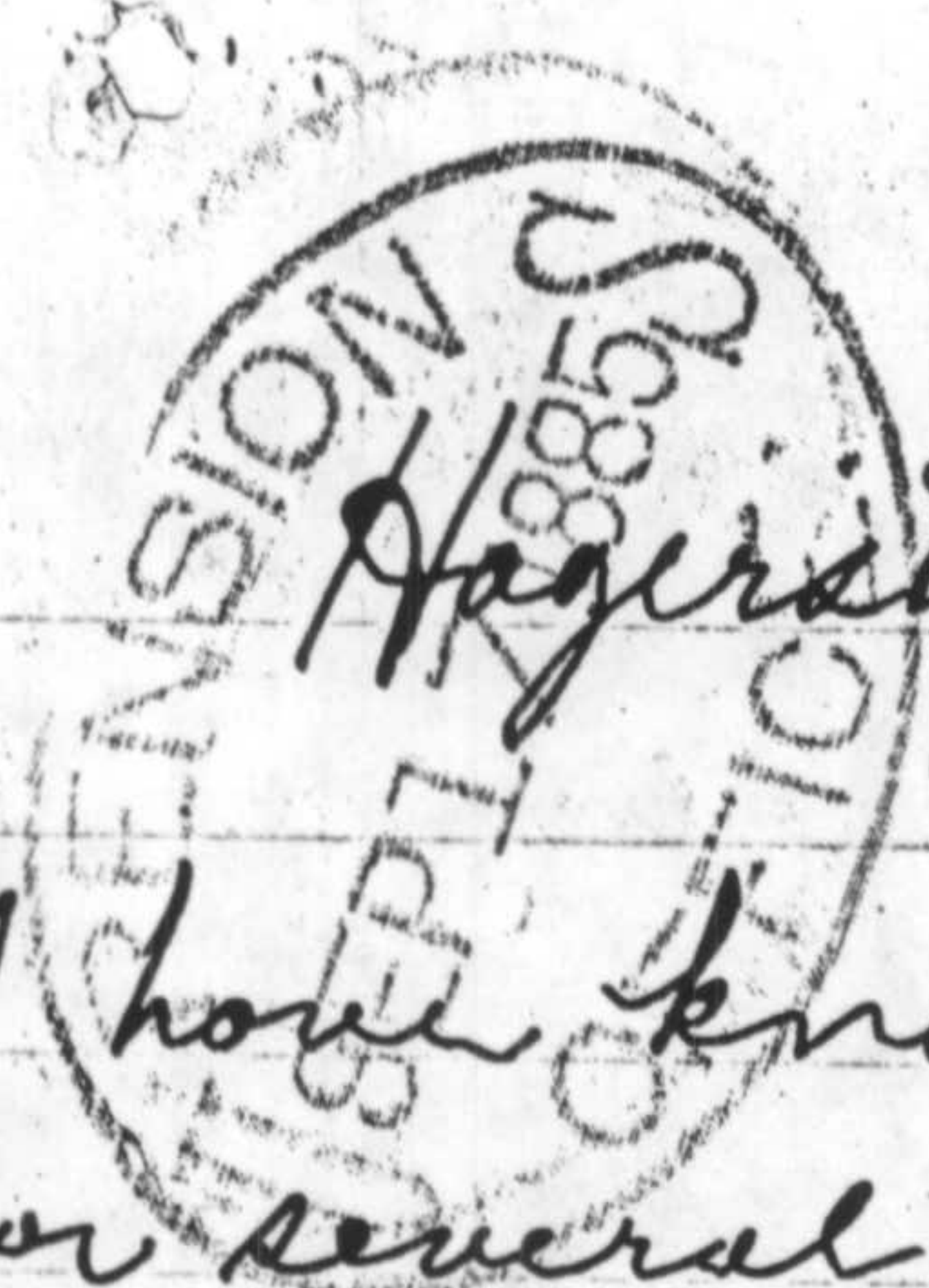




Hagerstown - Washington county
 State of Maryland -
 I have known Joseph H. Cole - col. d
 for several years before the late war and
 knew him to be healthy & strong & very
 good hand at any kind of labouring work -
 I seen him again in ^{January} 1866 when he returned
 home from the army & he seemed to be crippled
 in his right foot & otherwise Broken down -
 The reason I remember this - I have lived
 on the same street or nearly so ever since
 the war. & Cole has lived on the same street
 nearly ever since the war & for the last 5 or 6
 years has lived just a few doors north of me.
 This gave me an opportunity. I might say of
 seeing him nearly every day or at the furthest
 not more than a week or two ^{apart} & in that way
 I have seen him ever since the day he returned
 from the army. ^{to this date} I know nothing of how he became
 crippled or broke down. only seeing this since he
 returned from the army. I Built a small house a
 few doors from Cole about 3 years ago & would have
 employed Cole to do some labouring work. But I did
 not think him able to earn a days wages. really I do
 not think any body would be willing to pay him
 more than for a quarter of days work for a day - ever
 since he come home from the army. I have
 no interest in this claim what ever -