

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Pensions

March 24th 1913

Sir,

I cannot furnish you a record of my birth as I was born in slavery and no record was kept. The best evidence I can give you of my age is that I was entitled to vote (being 21 years old) the first time the colored people voted in the state of Maryland, I then produced evidence from my former owner as to my age and was allowed to vote, but the written evidence I received from my former owner has been lost and he is dead.

James Wilson

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State of Maryland Calvert County, to wit.

I here by certify that on this 24th day of March 1913 before me a Justice of the Peace of the state of Maryland in and for Calvert County personally appeared James Wilson and acknowledged the above statement to be true, he being duly sworn,

B. A. Duke J.P.