GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Maryland, County of Baltimore City, ss:

In the matter of Orig Inv pension 796.787 of John W. Smith, Co E. 19th U.S.C.T. and U.S. Navy.

ON THIS 18th day of January, A. D. 1896, personally appeared before me John W. Smith a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid City, duly authorized to administer oaths John W Smith

aged 50 years, a resident of Baltimore City, in the County of, and State of Maryland whose Post-office address is No 1015 Race Street

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well known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows: that he enlisted in Co E 19th Regt U.S.C.T about December 8th 1863

(NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

for three years, and that he was transferred from said Co and Regt in 1864 to the Ship Allegheny Gunboat Ship and from thence to Steam Ship Potomac U.S.N., on which affiant made a cruise in the South Atlantic Squadron off Charleston S.C. and returned from thence to Philadelphia Pa. where he was put on board guard Ship Bonneville and about 19th August 1865 was discharged therefrom there was another John W Smith who enlisted in the same Company and regiment after affiants enlistment and that they were designated, affiant as John W Smith Jr and the other as John W Smith Sr, the latter remained as Sergeant in said Company and regiment after affiant was transferred to U.S. Navy, affiant also served in Co G 10 Regt U.S. Cavalry in 1880, and that my testimony was all written out in my presence and only from my oral statement made on the 18th day of January 1896 to W Rumbleson J.P. at Baltimore Md who reduced the same to writing, and that in making the same I 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 my testimony

further declare that no interest in said case and not concerned in its prosecution.

John W Smith

(If Affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who write sign here.)

(Signatures of Affiants.)

Istructions—Read Carefully. Under the order of the Commissioner of Pensions number 229 in the preparation of testimony in support of claims 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.

NOTE.—The above instructions do not apply to cases in which the affidavit is in the handwriting of the witness. In such case, the witness should state that the affidavit was written by him, and that he was not prompted thereto by any written or printed memorandum not attached as an exhibit to his testimony.

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