

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Maryland, Baltimore City, to wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 24th day of May

A. D. 1910, before me, the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the said State, in and for the City aforesaid, personally appeared Dillie Brown, Gen. Minn. Brig. No. 921, 659 of George Preston, late F. 30th U.S.C. Vol. Inf.

and made oath in due form of law that in filing my claim as Guardian of the Minor Children of the above named Soldier, I mentioned all the children who were supposed to be living at the death of the Soldier, viz Ida, Daniel, Dora, Reba, and Della, as the Soldier left no others, whilst I was aware of the fact that in April, 1901, Capt. Packer, took the children and had them committed to some institution. I was not aware of their location of either of them, except Della, who I took charge of and have her in my custody, and who is living at this date. I find from the affidavits of Gertrude D. Smith, Matron of the Maryland Home for Friendless Children, "Colt" Druid Hill Md. Balt. Md. that Dora, aged 2 years, died in that institution, March 14, 1903, and that Daniel, was born March 12, 1897, committed April 10, 1901, living and in the custody of said Home. I find from the records of St. Elizabeth's Home, St. Paul Street Baltimore Md, that the child Reba, aged about four months, was committed to said Home, April 10, 1901, and died April 26, 1901. I find from the statements of the Superintendent of the Inva. Home for Colored Girls, at Melvale Md, that Ida, who committed April 4, 1901, to said Home, born April 4, 1894. Affidavit of Maude Moore, Supt. of said Home filed - I further testify that the only children of the Soldier living at this date are Della, born May 10, 1902.

Daniel born March 12, 1897, dates furnished by Eliza White, Mid-Wife who attended their mother at their births, and Dan Preston, born April 4, 1894. (in Home for Col. Girls) And that I was in error in giving the dates in my application, which dates were given me by the friends of the parents of the children, which at the time given, were thought to be correct. I also desire to say that I was not aware that the boy, Reba, had died, or that Dora, was dead when filing the claim, and I mentioned all the children who we knew to the time they were taken from their parents and have finally been able to account for them, as will be seen; only three were living when their parents died and when my claim was filed.

I further testify that the Soldier's