

State of Pennsylvania County of Lancaster ss.

On this Eleventh day of April 1865,  
 personally appeared before me, John Seldomridge, Notary Public  
Common Pleas Court of Lancaster County in and for the  
 County and State above named, (1) Mrs Mary Ann J. Schenk who after being  
 duly sworn according to law, declares and says that she is aged thirty years, that she is  
 a resident of New Holland, County of Lancaster, State of  
Pennsylvania, and that she is the widow of (2) Christian J. Schenk  
 who was a (3) Private in Company (4) "A" commanded by Captain Bayhman  
 of the 203<sup>d</sup> Regiment of Penn<sup>a</sup> Volunteers, commanded by Colonel  
John W Moore, in the war with the so-called Confederate States, and that  
 she has not in any way been engaged in, or aided or abetted the existing rebellion in the United States, and that  
 her said husband enlisted at Lancaster, Penn<sup>a</sup> on or about the 22<sup>d</sup>  
 day of August A. D., 1864 for the term of one year and continued in actual service in said  
 war for the term of 7 months and died at Wilmington, N<sup>c</sup>  
Carolina, in Hospital on or about the twenty-first day of March  
 1865, and the cause of his death was Dysentery and Typhoid fever received while  
 in the service of the United States.

That she was married to the said (2) Christian J. Schenk or Schenk  
 on the twenty-fifth day of October 1854, at Lancaster, Penn<sup>a</sup>  
 by one Rev. B. W. Schrank, then Pastor of the  
German Lutheran Church of Lancaster Pa that her husband, the aforesaid  
Christian J. Schenk died on the day above mentioned; that her name before her said  
 marriage was Mary Ann J. Ziegler, and that she has remained a widow since the death of her  
 said husband, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. And she further states that she  
 believes there is a Church public record of her said marriage and her own private record of said  
 marriage (5) being the marriage record of the German Lutheran Church  
of Lancaster City Pa, and her marriage certificate, given to her when she  
was married

She further states that, at his death, her said husband left surviving him only the following named children, who  
 were then under the age of sixteen years, that said children, reside at New Holland, Lancaster  
County, Penn<sup>a</sup>, and at the date of this declaration were of the age herein stated, viz.,  
Roland Schenk born September 5<sup>th</sup> 1856 and Mary Schenk  
born April 2<sup>d</sup> 1861

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which she is entitled by reason of the  
 services and death of her said husband, under the Act of Congress approved July 14th, 1862. And she hereby con-  
 stitutes and appoints Jimmie B Kaufman of Lancaster Pa her Attorney,  
 to prosecute the claim and procure a certificate. My Post-office address is New Holland  
Lancaster County Pa

(8) Mary Ann Schenk  
New Holland P.O.  
Lancaster County  
Penn<sup>a</sup>

STATE OF Penn<sup>a</sup> County of Lancaster : ss.

Also personally appeared Isaac Hull and Joseph Mayer  
 residents of New Holland in the County of Lancaster State aforesaid,  
 who, being duly sworn according to law, declare that they are personally acquainted with Mrs. (1) Mary Ann  
J. Schenk widow of (2) Christian J. Schenk, say that they were present  
 and saw her sign her name, or make her mark, to the foregoing declaration, and were acquainted with her and her  
 said husband before he entered the service, and know that they lived together as man and wife, and were so reputed.  
 That she is the widow of the identical (2) Christian J. Schenk who performed the military  
 service mentioned in said declaration, and has remained a widow since his death. That said Christian  
J. Schenk died, leaving no child nor children under sixteen years of age other than the  
 above mentioned Roland Schenk & Mary Schenk That their knowledge of the  
 identity of her husband with the soldier is derived from (7) long and intimate personal acquaint-  
ance with him, being neighbors to him.

and from their acquaintance with her know that she is the identical person she represents herself to be.

And they further testify that they reside as above stated, and have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

(8) Isaac Hull  
Joseph Mayer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, nor concerned in the prosecution of this  
 claim; that I believe the affiants to be respectable and credible persons, and the declarant is the person she represents herself to be.

(9) John Seldomridge  
Notary

**WIDOW'S DECLARATION FOR PENSION**

State of Pennsylvania, County of Lancaster ss.

On this Eleventh day of April 1865 personally appeared before me, John Seldomridge, Prothonotary of the Common Pleas Court of Lancaster County in and for the County and State above named, (1) Mrs. Mary Ann J. Schenk who after being duly sworn according to law, declares and says that she is aged Thirty years, that she is a resident of New Holland, County of Lancaster, State of Pennsylvania, and that she is the widow of (2) Christian J. Schenk who was a (3) Private in Company (4) "A" commanded by Captain Baughman of the 203rd Regiment of Penna Volunteers, commanded by Colonel John W. Moore, in the war with the so-called Confederate States, and that she has not in any way been engaged in, or sided or abetted the existing rebellion in the United States, and that her said husband enlisted at Lancaster, Penna on or about the 22nd day of August A.D., 1884 for the term of one year, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of 7 Months and died at Wilmington, N. Carolina, in Hospital on or about the twenty-first day of March 1885, and the cause of his death was Diarrhea and Typhoid fever, received while in the service of the United States.

That she was married to the said (2) Christian J. Schenk or Shenk on the Twenty-sixth day of October 1854, at Lancaster, Penna by the Rev. B.W. Schmauk, then Pastor of the German Lutheran Church of Lancaster, Pa that her husband, the aforesaid Christian J. Schenk died on the day above mentioned; that her name before her said marriage was Mary Ann J. Ziegler, and that she has remained a widow since the death of her said husband, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. And she further states that she believes there is a Church public record of her said marriage and her own private record of said marriage (5) being the Marriage Record of the Zion German Lutheran Church of Lancaster City, Pa, and her Marriage Certificate given to her when she was married.

She further states that, at his death, her said husband left surviving him only the following named children, who were then under age of sixteen years, that said children reside at New Holland, Lancaster County, Penna with her, and at the date of this declaration were of the age herein stated, viz., Roland Schenk, born September 5th, 1856 and Mary Schenk born April 2nd, 1861.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which she is entitled by reason of the services and death of her said husband, under the Act of Congress approved July 14th, 1862. And she hereby constitutes and appoints Junius B Kaufman of Lancaster, Pa. her Attorney, to prosecute the claim and procure a certificate. My Post-office address is New Holland

Lancaster County, Pa.  
(6) Maryann J. Shenk  
New Holland P.O.  
Lancaster County  
Penna.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, nor concerned in the prosecution of this claim; that I believe the affiants to be respectable and credible persons, and the declarant is the person she represents herself to be

(9) John Seldomridge  
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