

State of New York, }  
County of Ulster, } ss.

Catherine Becker  
being by me duly sworn doth  
on her oath depose and say that  
she is the widow of Meinert  
Becker and the identical person  
to whom Pension Certificate No. 17,004  
was issued. She further says that  
the true and correct date  
of birth in every respect of Mary  
A. Minor child of herself and  
said husband is the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
April 1856, that aforesaid original  
application for Pension was made  
out in the village of Poughkeepsie  
New York by her then Attorney  
a Mr. Shaffer; that she did not  
take her family record or any  
other record whatever as to  
the correct date of her said child's  
birth to said village of Poughkeepsie  
at the time she made out  
said original declaration and  
consequently she gave the date  
as near as she could approximate it from  
recollection not thinking it was absolutely neces-  
sary to give the precise date of birth. She  
further says that the date of birth as above given  
is correct and true in every particular.  
In Presence of }  
Thomas B. Smith }  
Charles Smith }  
Sworn to and subscribed before  
Catherine Becker  
my